# Book 10: The Elliotts of Devon and Oxford County Samuel and Mary Ann Walker Family

**Preface:** Samuel was the last child 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

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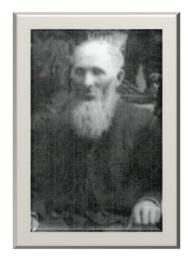
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### Children of John and Mary Elliott Ninth and last child: Samuel Elliott

Spouse: Mary Ann Walker

B 28 Aug 1826 in Hartland, Devonshire
D 11 Jan 1908 at Lot 6 Con 5 West Zorra Township.
Buried IRC
M 17 Oct 1849 West Zorra Township
B 09 Apr 1834 West Zorra
D 12 Apr 1922 age 88 Woodstock, Ont.
Buried IRC





Samuel Ellot in the England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

	Detail Source
Name:	Samuel Ellot
Gender:	Male
Baptism Date:	17 Sep 1826
Baptism Place:	Hartland, Devon, England
Father:	John Ellot
Mother:	Mary
FHL Film Number:	0874366 IT 1

Index of Samuels Baptism 1826.

Samuel was 16 years old and the youngest child of John and Mary to make the Atlantic crossing with his parents as noted in Book 1. It seems very likely he spent time living with his mother and brother James at a previously arrived relative's home (as noted in Books 1, 4 and 9) in Scarboro before moving to Lot 7 Con 1 of W Zorra township in the spring of 1844. The family's house had to be constructed by his brothers and father in the summer of 1843 and some records seem to indicated he spent the winter of 1843 in W Zorra.

Wilson's Ontario Marriage notice from Christian Guardian records.

October 1849

On 17th inst., Samuel Elliott & Mary Ann, third daughter of George Walker, all of Zorra. (Rev. F. Chapman)

Name: Samuel Elliot

Year: 1843

Place: West Zorra Township

**County:** Oxford **Province:** Ontario

Source: Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Oxford and Brant, 1876/75, Cumming Atlas Reprints, Port

Elgin, 1972.

I suspect that the property was chosen because of the fact that the middle fork of the Thames River runs through it, a necessity for cheese making. He helped on the farm and eventually married Mary Ann

Walker in October of 1849. She was the daughter of George Walker and Hannah Lloyd. George's grandfather was an Empire Loyalist that moved from Bucks County Pennsylvania to York (Toronto). George married Hannah Lloyd who was also from Bucks County and living in York in 1821. Hannah was 15 years old at the time and only spoke German. George and Hannah moved to near Niagara Falls, New York. George returned to Canada and filed a grant claim of 400 acres in Zorra of Crown Land. In April 1832, the Walkers travelled via wagon with all the household furnishings, a tethered cow





MR. and MRS. GEORGE WALKER

and five children under age ten on a week-long trip to their new home. Within a few kilometers of their goal, they had to stop at the home of B Munroe on the second concession of W Zorra to have a premature baby delivered. They convalesced there before moving into their new home at Lot 5 Con 2 W Zorra. The Elliott's moved into Lot 7 in 1843 just two lots to the north of the Walker family. The Walkers set about clearing the land, farming and with a substantial milking herd, went about producing, in limited amounts, cheese and butter for markets as far away as Goderich and Hamilton. The family

was considered well off in their later years



Daughter Mary Ann was well aware of making cheese, having been taught by her mother and father as she grew up and put the knowledge to good use when she married Samuel Elliott. Samuel also grew up in a cheese making family; his sister Eliza would marry Charles Wilson and start the Wilson cheese factory located south west of Ingersoll. Cheese making in 1850s and 1860s was a lucrative business that paid many a farm mortgage.

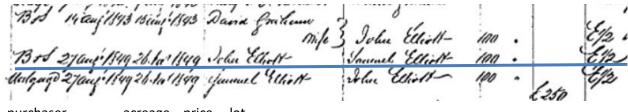
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Walker family homestead Lot 5 Con 2 W Zorra

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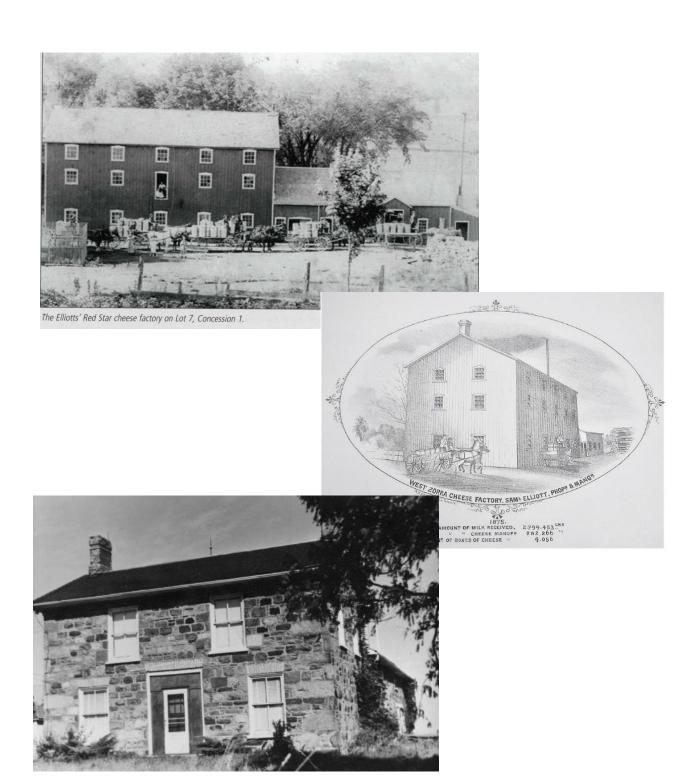
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In August 1849 at age 23, Samuel purchased the farm from his father who had move into Ingersoll and had developed the John Elliott subdivision on John St. (Book 1). Father John had purchased the East ½ of Lot 7 Con 1 in August of 1843 and sold the entire 100 acres to Samuel in August of 1849 for £250 which is equivalent to about \$30,000 CAD today. John held the mortgage until Sam paid it off in 1863. He would marry Mary Ann two months after the purchase. He proceeded to build the three-story Elliott Family Cheese Factory (later named the Red Star Cheese Factory) building. By 1866, he purchased 133 acres of property at Lot 6 Con 5 near Codys Corners in W Zorra for \$4000.00 in 1866 dollars. This property housed another cheese factory and he proceeded to operate it as well, under the banner of the West Zorra Cheese Factory. At the same time, he bought another 50 acres on the adjacent Lot 7 of Con 5. Several family members were involved in mortgages, grants and bills of sale for these properties over the years including Samuel's brothers James and Thomas and his nephew Thomas Seldon. Eventually portions were spun off to his children.

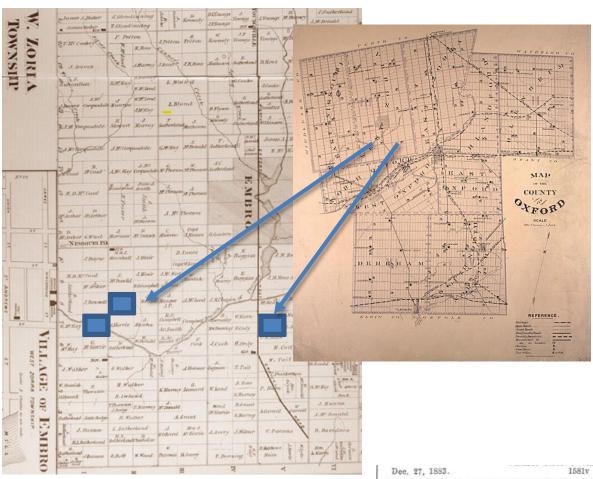
The cheese factories operated on co-operative basis. The farmers owned the milk and cheese and were charged a sum by Samuel to process, transport and sell the cheese via a set fee per pound. During the heyday of the operation in 1877 there was a meeting at the cheese factory by the co-op members. Three hundred farmers were present and were informed that they had supplied 2.8 million pounds of milk, thus producing 282,000 pounds of cheese and producing a cash profit of \$28,500.



Samuel Elliott farmhouse Lot 6 Con 5 W Zorra

The 1851 Census of W Zorra had Samuel and Mary Ann with their first child. Also living with them was servant Thomas Wilford and barn hand Thomas Hamlyn, Samuel's cousin via his aunt Elizabeth Hamlyn (Book 3).

The cheese making business thrived for a number of years as the Elliott Family cheese factory. After the American Civil War, American cheese competition for the British market increased, centralized cheese making in larger urban centers became prevalent and as well the location of the Elliott factory was not near any rail lines, thus increasing Samuel Elliott's shipping costs. By 1888 Samuel was in financial difficulty. This hard time later reared its head and caused a major family conflict. Any holds to the property left the Elliott family after brother James Elliott's 1905 death.



Various properties owned by Samuel Elliott in W Zorra. He held property in N Oxford as well. He also owned 65 acres of Lot 8 Con 7 not shown of the map. The Elliott Family cheese factory Lot 7 Con 1 was on the middle fork of the Thames River. His second cheese factory operated at Lot 5 Con 5.

NOTICE.

Sealed Tenders

Will be received by the Secretary, Wm McLeod, until noon, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1883,

FOR THE

Tolls on the Ingersoll and Northern Gravel Road for 1884,

Commencing on the 1st day of January, next, payable half-monthly. The highest or lowest tender necessarily accepted.

Signed,

SAMUEL ELLIOTT,

President,

December 27, 1883.



One piece of family history is commonly called the "Elliott Cheese Factory Feud" and is wrapped in a violent confrontation among family members over ownership of a cheese factory. It was the talk of the county in the early spring of 1889. (Photo I-r): 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 as per the book Historically Bound. I believe that publications have misnamed the boys. Edwin was born 1851 and he appears to be the oldest and standing to the right. Frederick born 1864 would appear to be seated and Arthur, born 1871 would appear to be the youngest boy on the left.

Hair parts seem to indicate the two boys on the left have the same side part as their photos taken when they were older (Pg 10).

### 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 Resiegers Skip 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 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 financial provisions and older 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 19th, 1889. Several items in the cheese factory were destroyed by the altercation. 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. Edwin promised them each a dollar and all the whiskey they could drink, but the whiskey would have to come after the job. The crew he hired included locals John Noe, James Noe, Percy Crotty, William Murray, Jonathan McGinnis and Duncan O'Hanley and all 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 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 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 armed. Shouting and pounding on the door started and soon rocks were flying through the windows.

William Murray and Percy Crotty had firearms as well 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." Edited excerpt from Ancestry stories

The local doctor reported to the Ingersoll Chronicle the next day that he did not expect one of the men to live. To the surprise of all he 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 arrested and charged, as were James and son John, but several of the hired men skipped town. Samuel's sons also were missing. 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 young men to act as they did. Edwin claimed he was unaware that any in his group had guns. Charges of intent to shoot to injure or kill, trespassing and injury to property were made by all parties over the following two weeks. The ongoing affair made the papers for several weeks. A full copy of the Ingersoll Chronicle story of the shootout is located as Book 11.

The most serious charges were withdrawn by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1889, as everyone had been in front of the Magistrate. Fines and misdemeanours were levied and the matter of property ownership was decided in court in favour of James Elliott. James Ireland then took possession of the cheese factory and it was renamed the Red Star Cheese Factory. He also operated the Galloway factory. I suspect that relations were chilly amongst the brothers and their families for some time after the event.



In the suit of Elliott ve. Eiliott, which was brought by the plaintiff James Elliott, to recover possession of the farm and cheese factory in East Zorra, judgment was obtained by the plaintiff with costs, and an order was issued by the Judge for immediate possession of the premises.

The Ingersoll Chronicle was in error. The cheese factory was in W Zorra.

To read about the events as the local residence did, go to the link from the front page of the Ingersoll Chronicle for Feb 21, 1899 under the heading "Hunting for Trouble".

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## DROPPED DEAD AT THE TABLE

Samuel Elliott of Cody's Corners, Called Suddenly on Saturday.

While eating breakfast Saturday morning with his family at his home at Cody's Corners, Samuel Elliott, aged 84 years, dropped dead. The cause of the aged gentleman's death is unknown, as he had not been ill for a great number of years; but it is thought it was the result of heart trouble.

The late Samuel Elliott was born in Hartford, England, and came 10 this country when 17 years of age.

Samuel and Ann moved to another family property soon after and Samuel died in 1908 while living at his Lot 5 Con 6 farm just a short walk north of present-day Codys Corners on Highway #6 south of Embro. This was the property that at one time held his second cheese factory.

Mary Ann Walker Elliott died in 1922 while living at 28 Beale St., Woodstock. She was living at daughter Hannah Tate's residence.



The feuding brothers' tombstones are in close proximity to each other in section H "the Elliott section" of Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Death has a way of making bygones permanent bygones.

Newspaper Oxford Tribune

Newspaper

Jan 16 1908

Date Surname

Elliott

First Name

Samuel

Town/Township Cody's Corners

#### DROPPED DEAD AT BREAKFAST TABLE

while eating breakfast Saturday morning with his family at his home at Cody's Corners, Samuel Elliott, aged 84 years, dropped dead. The cause of the aged gentleman's death is unknown, as he had not been ill for a great number of years; but it is thought it was the result of heart trouble. The late Samuel Elliott was born in Hartford, England and came to this country when 17 years of age. He settled first a Scarboro [sic], but in a few years he came to Zorra [township] and settled within a few miles of the farm on which he died. He was among the first to make cheese in the country. He built a factory for the manufacture of the product for which Oxford County is famous, on the first concession of West Zorra [township], 41 years ago. He followed cheese making at this factory for many years and afterwards built a factory on the fourth line. This factory was moved a number of years ago to the site where now stands the West Zorra Cheese factory, a few miles from Embro. He quit cheese making a few years ago and since had been engaged in farming. The late Mr. Elliott was a staunch Methodist in religion and was a member o the Embro Methodist church. He was a man of many good qualities and was much loved by his neighbours. He is survived by a large family; his wife and daughter having predeceased him by some years. The family are: Mrs. J. A. Tate, Woodstock; Mary at home; Mrs. Edwin Elliott of this town; Mrs. R. L. Sutherland, Woodstock; J. L. German, Embro; Fred, who lives at Embro and Arthur of Saskatchewan. The funeral took place from the family home at Cody's Corners this afternoon to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.



Samuel and Mary Ann (Walker) Elliott of Lot 7, Concession 1, and the nine children they raised. Mary Ann is seated second from left, and Samuel, a cheese-maker, second from right.

Mary	Lizzie (Mrs. Thos. Masters)	Maria (Mrs. James Tate)	Nettie Addie (Mrs. R.L. Sutherlan (Mrs. Ed. Elliott)	Arthur S.
Fred	Mrs. Elliott (née Mary Ann-Walker)	(Mrs. Jake German).	Mr. Samuel Ellioff	Annie Irs. John Sutherland

Names – courtesy: Thamesford Tweedsmuir Histories by Arthur S Elliott and Clifford Sutherland 1956

### **Children of Samuel and Mary Ann:**

Anna B 1850 D prior 1851

(the book Historically Bound: the History of Embro and Zorra lists a first daughter name Anna born in 1850 and her name was used again. This fact can be argued and the answer may be lost to time).

Anna Maria (Hannah) B 1852 W Zorra D 1924 Ingersoll Spouse: James Tate: B 1845 W Zorra D 1928 Woodstock

Mary B 1853 W Zorra D 1930 Woodstock (spinster)

Ada Jane B 1855 W Zorra D 1924 Ingersoll Spouse: Edwin Elliott B 1851 E Nissouri D 1930 Ingersoll

Edwin was Ada's first cousin (see Book 7 – the William Elliott and Eliza Rogers family)

Henrietta Verna B 1857 W Zorra D 1939 Woodstock Spouse: Robert L Sutherland B 1851 W Zorra D 1933 Woodstock Elizabeth Anne B 1859 W Zorra D 1933 Embro, Ont. Spouse: Thomas L Masters B 1862 Woodstock D 1937 Embro, Ont. Frederick Lloyd B 1864 W Zorra D 1918 W Zorra Spouse: Beatrice Ann Cleave B 1875 Cornwall D 1943 Toronto D 1907 W Zorra Annie Almeda B 1866 W Zorra Spouse: John M Sutherland B 1862 W Zorra D 1943 Ingersoll B 1869 W Zorra Lila Theresa D 1947 W Zorra Spouse: Jacob German B 1870 E Nissouri D 1945 W Zorra Arthur Samuel B 1871 W Zorra D 1961 Miami Florida Spouse: Almeda Rozelle B 1872 Bayham Ont. D 1942 Miami Florida Spouse: Cora Downey Burr B 1875 Iowa D 1948 Miami Florida Spouse: Ethel Elliott B 1894 W Zorra D 1983 Miami Broward Florida

Lillian Mabel B 1874 W Zorra D 1875 W Zorra

1871 West Zorra census of Samuel Elliott family

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Samuel and Mary Ann's children went to SS No 1 Walker School. Before the school was built, students held class in George Walker's barn. The school was built on donated land parceled from the farm of Mary Ann's father in 1850. This property was just two farms to the south of the Samuel Elliott farm. A new replacement school was put in service from 1869 – 1966 on another portion of George Walker's farm. The second school property was bought by the school trustees. There is an interesting history of this school at this website:

https://history.ocl.net/Portals/OxfordCountyLibrary/documents/Walkers School OCR.pdf?ver=2020-11-09-100345-707



ack Row:

John Sutherland, Lizzie McDonald, Frank Walker, Annie Sutherland, Fred Bennett, — Murray, Louis Gunson, Willie McDonald, Fred Elliott, James Murray, — Murray or McDonald, William Herry Sutherland.

ront Row:

Lila Elliott, Annie Walker, Violetta Harris, Agnes Elliott, Bert Cunson, Minnie McDonald, James Felton, Allie Sutherland, Hubert Thornton, Robert Walker, — McDonald, Maggie Sutherland, John Ireland, May Walker, Alfred Harris.



Photo of Walker School courtesy Oxford County Library

**Walker School Trustees** Samuel Elliott, James Walker, George Murray, John Sutherland.



Lot 7 Con 1-31<sup>st</sup> line road at the middle fork of the Thames River north of Ingersoll: Elliott Family Cheese Factory.

Top Photo – present day. (north east elevation)
Bottom Photo – 1895 photo of same house with likely the Ireland family. (east elevation)

After the cheese feud, the house and barn acreage was severed from the farm. The old farm barn was torn down or burnt down in the 1950s. The cheese factory ran in some capacity until 1967.

The building seen at the rear is now housing and may have been a part of the original factory that was converted to an auto repair shop.



1895 photo courtesy: Ingersoll Cheese Museum. The Elliott Family Cheese Factory was renamed the Red Star Cheese Factory and was owned by James Ireland who purchased it from Thomas Brown via James Elliott after the Elliott family feud court case was resolved. The family in the photo is not the Samuel Elliott family as they were living at Cody's Corner by 1895.

## **Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Child of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

First Child: Anna Maria (Hannah) B 02 Feb 1852 West Zorra

D 25 Jan 1924 Ingersoll

Spouse James Alfred Tate B 07 Jun 1845 West Zorra

D 18 Oct 1928 Hamilton

There is no consensus of her birth year. Death, census and marriage paperwork have her being born sometime between 1850 and 1852. The 1851 census (below) did not start until January of 1852 which confuses the issue. The 1911 census has Hannah confirmed to have been born in February of 1850. The book Historically Bound: the History of Embro and Zorra claims a 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1851 birth.



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As a note: this census shows that a Thomas Hamlyn boarded with the family. He was Samuel's cousin and son of aunt Elizabeth Hamlyn.

Hannah was living at the Codys Corners home when she met James Tate. He was born just south of



Codys Corners near to the Lot 6
Con 5 property that Samuel
purchased from the Karn Family
to operate his second cheese
factory. James was a farmer in W
Zorra. The Tate's worked on his
father's farm after he and Hannah
married. Although the 1881
census has them listed as farmers
in N Oxford, no property could be
located in their names at that
township and time. Around 1891,
they moved to Woodstock where
James worked in a factory and by
1911, they lived in a small home:

today converted to a duplex, at 87 Metcalf St. Woodstock.

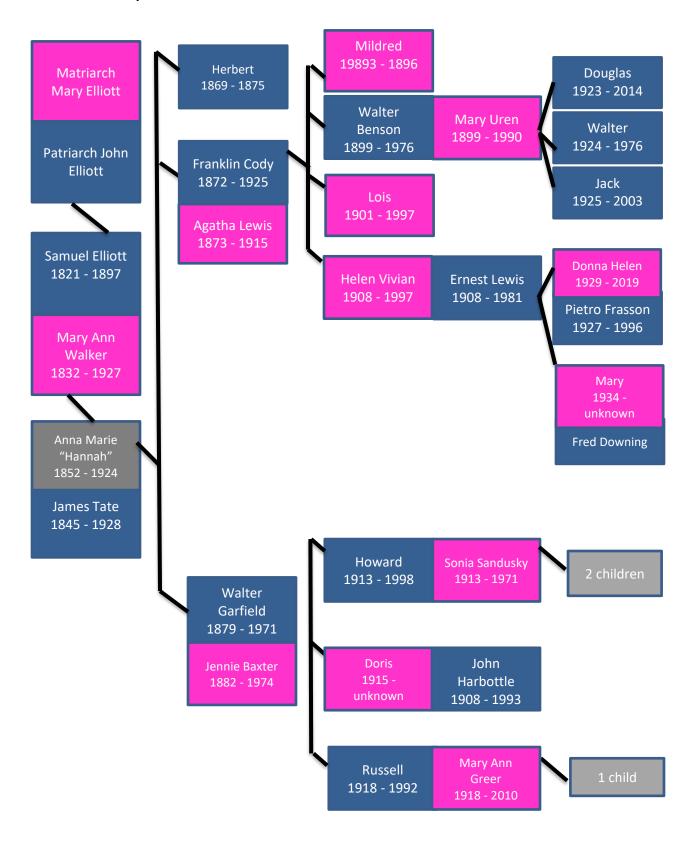
They retired to Ingersoll to 231 Wonham St. South in 1916. This was the home of son Franklin and his two daughters after Franklin's wife had died.



231 Wonham St. Ingersoll home of Hannah and James Tate

There is confusion in the records regarding Anna's name. On marriage documents of her sons, she is listed as Anna Marie. The census had her being named Hannah. This name may have come from the confusion caused by her name sounding so much like her sister's while growing up. Hannah became her nickname. Her tombstone has her listed as "Anna". Hannah died in Alexandria hospital in Ingersoll in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year. The 1871 census for the family indicates that the family religion was "nothing" which was an unusual notation for the time. James Tate died in Hamilton at his son's house at 314 Wilson St. in 1928 after living with his son for a year.

### Children and Spouses of Anna Hannah Elliott and James Tate



### **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Hannah Elliott and James Tate**

**First Child: Herbert James** B 28 Aug 1869 W Zorra D 01 Jun 1875 W Zorra

Herbert lived only 6 years. He died of Inflammation of the lungs and buried at IRC

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Type of Notice **Death Notice** 

Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Newspaper Date Jun 3 1875

Surname Tate First Name Herbert Date of Event June 1, 1875

TATE--In West Zorra [township], 1st inst., Herbert J., son of Mr. James Tate, aged 6 years Text of Notice

### **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Hannah Elliott and James Tate**

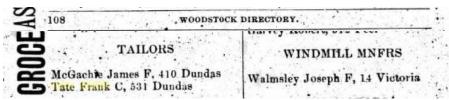
**Second Child: Franklin Cody** B 12 Jan 1871 W Zorra

D 21 Apr 1925 Ingersoll

Spouse: Agatha "Lottie" Lewis B 01 Oct 1874 Amerliasburg, Prince Edward County

D 24 Nov 1915 Ingersoll

Franklin was born in W Zorra. His older brother Herbert would die three years after his birth. Wife Lottie was from Amerliasburg, Prince Edward County just south of Belleville, Ontario. Her father died while she was young and she quit school to work as a pant maker. Her widowed mother was a seamstress and her sister a dressmaker. This would give Lottie something in common with her soon to be tailor husband. They were seen as married in the 1901 census and lived in Brant County with one son Walter. Daughter Mildred had been born in 1894 but died in 1896. Two more children would arrive later. By 1894 Frank was living in Woodstock and was a tailor.



1894 Woodstock business directory.



From at least 1891 to 1896 the family lived above and operated a clothing and tailor shop at 531 Dundas St in Woodstock. From 1897 to 1899 they lived in Drumbo, a village to the east of Woodstock where he continued as a tailor. Ten years later, the family was in Tillsonburg where Franklin owned another clothing store. Not long after that, Lottie fell ill with meningitis (IRC index) and

passed away in 1915 leaving a number of young children age 16, 14 and 7.

DRUMBO-Continued.

Soho Cheese Factory Tate F C, tailor

Taylor Charles, planing mill

After his wife's death, he moved back to Ingersoll to live with his parents and two daughters aged 19 and 14.

#### LAID TO REST.

The funeral (private) of the late Mrs. F. C. Tate was held Friday afternoon from the family residence, Thames street north, to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Rev. L. W. Hill officiated and the pallbearers were Messrs. B. L. Scott, A. W. Huntley, J. W. Sowler, S. Brady, F. Wright and Thos. Waterhouse. Many floral tributes were indicative of esteem and sympathy.

Frank suffered from heart disease in his last years and at age 55 died of heart issues while living in Ingersoll. He is buried in IRC with wife Lottie. He died ten years after Lottie and a year after his mother and only four years after his father.

F C Tate in both the 1897 and 1899 Union Publishing Directory

## Grandchildren of Hannah Elliott and James Tate Children of Franklin Tate and Agatha "Lottie" Lewis

**First Child: Mildred**B 03 Oct 1893 Woodstock
D 01 Apr 1896 Woodstock



Mildred died of Peritonitis – a bacterial infection of the bowel. Today's antibiotics have made this condition rare. After Mildred's death the family moved to Drumbo.

## **Grandchildren of Hannah Elliott and James Tate Children of Franklin Tate and Agatha "Lottie" Lewis**

**Second Child: Walter Benson** 

B 10 Apr 1899 Drumbo Ont. D 20 Aug 1976 Rosedale, Toronto M 15 Oct 1921 Ingersoll

B 1898 Ingersoll D 1990 Toronto

Spouse: Margery Evelyn "Mudge" Uren



Born in Drumbo when his family spent a few years there, he grew up in Tillsonburg. He was 16 when his mother died in 1915. With WWI in progress, he enlisted in the armed forces. He enlisted in 1916 at the age of 17. After the war he moved to Hamilton and was a boarder on West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. He was listed as a sales agent according to the 1921 Hamilton census. He returned to Ingersoll in 1921 to marry local girl Margery "Mudge" Uren. At some point in the 1920s, Walter left for work in the US.

Sylvia Mayberry, knew Mudge as her husband's great aunt. The Mayberry's were also relatives as well via the Eliza Wilson

(Book 5) family. Mudge was very elderly when she passed on her memories to Sylvia.

"Walt has always gotten mixed reviews in the Uren family as he left Mudge for a number of years when the boys were young to seek his fortune in the USA. He did not send money for her survival and she was dependent on her siblings to live. She stayed with several of her sisters off and on and they funded an apartment in Ingersoll for her and the boys for a while. I am not sure if they were actually separated or if he simply left and then came back once he was financially able to take them back. Unfortunately, all the people who knew the information directly have passed away and I am simply recounting what was told to me after I had met Mudge. She adored Walt (no matter what anyone else might have thought) and was happy to be reunited with him. I know very little about where he went of what he did when he was gone except that he worked for IBM, or even the time frame of their time apart. All the photos that we have of Mudge and the boys in Ingersoll are when they were apart. It must have been a few years at least." Apparently Mudge also had a wicked sense of humour.

After Walters return, they moved to Hamilton where he worked before living in Ottawa, during the war years of the 1940s. The family then moved to Vancouver in the late 1940s and early 1950s where Walter and family were absorbed into the upper echelons of society in Vancouver.





Walter and Margery "Mudge" third and fourth from left

Far right photo: "Mudge" with sons Doug, Keith and Jack in Ingersoll when Walter was in the US.

During the late 1940s, the family lived at 1988 Cedar Crescent in the exclusive Shaughnessy area of Vancouver (see house photo). They later moved back to Toronto. He was retired and living on Mt Pleasant Blvd near Yonge and St. Clair streets when he died.





Vancouver home

Tate family with cousin Jim McKay at right

Sons Douglas and Walter both served in the RCAF during WWII. The 1945 voters list had the family still in Vancouver. The three boys were still at home. Douglas was a student, Keith, now married, was a salesman and Jack a machinist.

**Child: Douglas Uren** B 15 July 1923 Hamilton

D 26 Dec 2014 Toronto

M Nov 11 1949 New Westminster BC

B unknown

D 1999 Toronto

Spouse:Gertrude "Trudie" Price



#### DOUGLAS UREN TATE July 15, 1923 - December 26, 2014

Fifteen minutes after the end of Christmas Day, 2014, Douglas Uren Tate, in his 92nd year while in palliative care. His devoted daughters, Deborah and Patricia each held a hand as Doug exhaled his last breath.

Doug was a young boy when the depression descended. The culture of that period shaped his character of saving the pennies to allow the dollars to take care of themselves. This forward-looking, positive attitude helped Doug in his future pharmaceutical career following graduation from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) degree in 1949. While at university, Doug met Trudy at a bridge game. One game led to another and to a happy marriage. Both bridge and the marriage continued for many decades until Trudy's passing in 1999. Along the way they produced three children: Deborah (Brian), Keith (Heather) and Patricia (John). The children, in turn, allowed Doug and Trudy to enjoy 8 grandchildren: [Rebecca, Emily (Dustin) and Ben Bruser; Katelyn and Bronwyn McIntyre; Kyle, Ryan and Joel Tate]. Doug, unfortunately, will miss the birth of his first great-grandchild to be born to Emily and Dustin in February, 2015.

Dad grew up in Ingersoll, Ontario and enjoyed the fellowship of a large and supportive rural clan. Stories abound of their youthful shenanigans and our father's beautiful blue eyes would twinkle as he shared these with us. His rural

roots informed his life-long love of agriculture and of the natural world. Dad loved to be active and outside whether at the cottage or on outings with his beloved walking stick club.

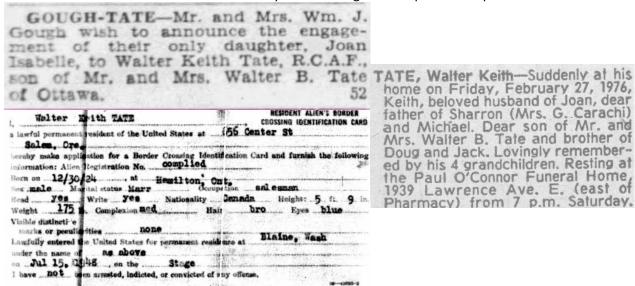
Doug began his career as a salesman with Kraft cheese and then selling pharmaceutical products. After the obligatory period as a travelling salesman, Doug quickly rose to various management positions finally moving to Toronto where the young family was raised to adulthood in Don Mills. Under his direction as President of McNeil Laboratories Canada and during his tenure with Ortho Pharmaceuticals, Canadians benefited from a variety of drugs introduced, including psychiatric medications, Tylenol and birth control pills - Doug, in this way, helped shape the demographics of Canada.

Although a darling with the crowd at social events, Doug also had a private side; this was most evident at the family cottage on Gloucester Pool. He cherished his times there from the 1960's until his last visit in the early autumn of 2014. Until then he continued to drive himself either alone or with his close companion of fifteen years, Barb Vallieres, to the cottage for extended periods. In fact, always the optimist, Doug purchased a jazzy sports car just a month before his passing. He was thrilled with its acquisition and commented that it had so many computerized operations that he would have to book a special driving lesson to learn how to operate it. Dad's professional achievements and accolades were many but nothing mattered as much to him as family, relatives and friends; he was a superb connector staying in touch with people as far away as Australia and spending quality time with his beloved cousin Doreen Uren Simmons and nephew Mike Tate even as his health and energies declined. Doug's presence at any gathering acted as a magnet, drawing people together to bask in the glow of his humour and incredible optimism.

**Child: Walter Keith** B 30 Feb 1924 Hamilton

D 26 Feb 1976 East Toronto - Don Mills

He lived in Hamilton working as a salesman just before going to war. During the war, RCAF Sergeant Tate married Detroit born Joan Gough on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 1944 in Ottawa. Joan's family had moved to Vancouver in 1931. After the war, he returned to Vancouver with his wife. He was a travelling salesman that lived in Vancouver, Salem, Oregon and Pittsburgh. He was on the voters list of 1953 in Hamilton. He moved to Toronto and died there suddenly in 1976 at age 52 and prior to his parent's deaths.



Walter moving to Salem, Oregon 1948.

Child: John F "Jack" B 30 Dec 1924 Hamilton

D 2003

I have not located much of Jack's life. He was a machinist in Vancouver as per the 1949 voters list.

## Grandchildren of Hannah Elliott and James Tate Children of Franklin Tate and Agatha "Lottie" Lewis

**Third Child: Lois Winnifred** 

B 09 Jul 1901 Drumbo D 28 May 1997 Woodstock

TATE - Peacefully at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock on Wednesday, May 28, 1997. Lois W. Tate of Woodstock and formerly of Ingersoll in her 96th year. Beloved daughter of the late Franklin and Agatha (Lewis) Tate. Dear aunt of Donna Frasson of Woodstock and Marie Downing of Woodstock and her two nephews Doug and Jack. Predeceased by one brother Walter and two sisters Vivian and Mildred. Lois was the Chief Operator of the Ingersoll Telephone Company for many years. Funeral

A bit of a mystery here. I assume she was single her whole life and appeared to live in both Ingersoll and Woodstock. She spent her unmarried life working for the telephone company in Ingersoll as a phone operator. She is buried with her sister Mildred and her father and mother in the family plot at IRC.

The Ingersoll phone company where Lois worked was established in the mid 1900's by a group of local investors.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING PHONES

### PLEASE DESTROY OLD DIRECTORY REPORT ALL LINE TROUBLE TO NO. 300

Speak in an ordinary tone of voice and directly into the mouthpiece of the transmitter, with the lips close to it.

Call by number-integers separately-as 106, one-oh-six, and have the number you want ready before taking the receiver off the hook.

Hang up the receiver when through talking. Do not hang up the receiver with the large end up.

When calling a subscriber, remain with the receiver at your ear until the party answers or until the operator reports. This avoids delay, and promotes quick service. If the line is in use the operator will say, "Line is busy." Don't blame the Central Operator because the party called for is slow in answering.

Don't ask, "Who called me a few moments ago?" The operators have no means of knowing, and you are only occupying their time when some one else is waiting.

Don't ask the operator to call up when such and such a one is through talking. Their memory is limited. Wait awhile and call again.

Don't allow children to use the telephone unless an adult first gives the call and gets the subscriber.

Answer promptly when called. This is essential to good service.

Avoid loud or harsh talk, and under no circumstances will profane or abusive language be permitted. All ordinary conversation should cease for business messages, or when the central operator wants the line.

Never under any circumstances take down the receiver and listen to the conversation of others. If, when you take down the receiver you find the line is in use, hang it up and wait till they are through.

## **Grandchildren of Hannah Elliott and James Tate Children of Franklin Tate and Agatha "Lottie" Lewis**

Fourth and last Child: Helen Vivian B 09 July 1908 possibly Hamilton

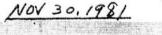
D 1987 Woodstock M 11 April 1928 Foldens

Spouse: Ernest Christopher Lewis B 20 Aug 1907 Foldens, Dereham

D Nov 1981 Woodstock

Vivian's timeline would indicate she was born in Hamilton before the family moved back to Ingersoll. When she was 8 years old, her mother died leaving her to live with her sister and father at her grandparent's home in Ingersoll. By the time she turned 17, both her parents and her grandfather had also died. She likely lived with her unmarried older sister and grandmother in their Ingersoll home until she married in 1928 at age 20. Ernie Lewis was born at Lot 3 Con 1 Dereham to the William Lewis family. He was the youngest of nine children. Helen and Ernest appears to have spent their lives in the Woodstock area. Their last location I noted was at RR#1 Woodstock. He was an employee of the Oxford Regional Center Hospital, then called the Woodstock Mental Hospital. It operated from 1906 to 1996. The link below is a tour of the old buildings before they were torn down for a housing development.

### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVas2T3CPWE



### **ERNEST LEWIS**

Ernest Chris Lewis of Huntingford, died at his residence Monday. He was 74.

He was born at Foldens, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Lewis. He had been a resident of Huntingford for the past 15 years.

He had been employed with the Oxford Regional Centre for 10 years, retiring in 1971. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Forresters.

He was predeceased by a brother, Delbert Lewis, and a sister, Mrs. Olive Carpenter.

husband of the former H. Vivian Tate. Dear father of Mrs. Pete (Donna) Frasson; Mrs. Fred (Marie) Downing, both of Woodstock. Brother of The couple had two daughters:

Donna Helen (Frasson)

B 15 Jun 1929 D 03 Feb 2019 Stratford



FRASSON (nee Lewis), Donna H. Passed away at Stratford General Hospital on
Sunday February 3, 2019 in her 90th year.
Beloved wife of the late Pietro "Pete" R. Frasson
(1996). Dear mother of Heather Blancher and
Trina (Victor) Pimentel. Loving grandmother of
Rick (Kathy) Jones, late Shari Jones (2015),
Diana Jones, Ryan Pimentel and will always be
remembered by several great grandchildren.
Dear sister of Marie Downing



Rose Maria (Downing) B 1927

D 19 Feb 2017

Spouse: Wm. Fred Downing B 1926

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D 25 Nov 2014

### Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Hannah Elliott and James Tate

Third Child: Walter Garfield Tate B Sept 1878 W Zorra

D 1971

M 01 Jul 1908 Drumbo

Spouse: Janet "Jennie" Brims Baxter B 04 Dec 1882 Blenheim township, Oxford

D 1974

Walter was born 8 years after his older brother Franklin at the Codys Corners family farm. He helped on the farm. Jennie Baxter was a Drumbo area girl, daughter of Scot James Baxter. James Baxter was a clothing merchant in Drumbo according to the 1901 census. Both fathers being tailors in Drumbo, would he be the link to Jennie and Walter meeting? The couple were married in Drumbo in 1908. A witness to the marriage was a Hugh Baxter Elliott. Coincidence? There were a large number of Elliotts in the Drumbo area but they were of Scottish descent. It was known that Walter's brother Franklin lived in the village at that time. It is possible that Walter knew Jennie from his time visiting in Drumbo, as he was working in a hardware store in Hamilton at the time of his marriage. Because some of his children were born in Hamilton prior to 1921, it appears that, by 1921, Walter and Jennie had three children and were living in Ingersoll. They owned a house at 188 Earl St. (which is now an empty lot on the corner of Earl and Francis streets) as per the 1927 Ingersoll Phone directory. He was a clothing store employee. They were living with Jennie's elderly aunt in 1921, perhaps a reason they returned to Ingersoll. By 1930, the family were back living in Hamilton at 85 Haddon Crescent where Walter was still employed as a salesman in a men's clothing store. The are buried in Hamilton with daughter Doris and her husband.

They had four children:

**Son: Howard Wesley** B 05 Aug 1912 Hamilton D 21 Apr 1988 Ottawa Spouse: Sonia Julie Sandusky **B** Capreol Ontario D 14 Feb 1971 Ottawa

Ottawa Citizen Jul 17, 1948

### Sonia Jule Sandusky Bride Of Howard Tate

The marriage of Sonia Jule Sandusky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Sandusky, to Howard W. Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Tate of Hamilton, took place this morning in the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Rev. Father Patrick Mann performed the ceremony.

Mr. Sandusky gave his daughter in marriage and she was attended by her cousin, Miss Anne Mae Pasco as bridesmaid. Best man was Warren Lalonde of Capreol, Ont.

The bride wore a wedding gown fashioned with a sleeveless blouse

model picture hat was trimmed Ottawa. with American Beauty streamers Guest.

of white hand-drawn nylon or of heavy linen, bolero jacket trimganza cut on Puritan lines. The fitted bodice featured a fischu acolar finished with a pleated ed wore a small off-the-face cap of ging of matching material, and she wore long matching mittens. The boutfant skirt was floorlength. Her matching crownless matching bag, Her corsage bounded the property of the property of

Guests from out of town at the reaching to the waistline, and she wedding were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses. A necklace of pearls, gift of the bridegroom, completed her costume.

To New York

A reception was held at the Standish Hall Hotel, after which the couple left on a motor twich the

Standish Hall Hotel, arter which the couple left on a motor trip to ed from New York, and Larch-New York city, Mrs. Tate's travelling costume was a pure silk visiting her sisters for the past brown and white polka-dot suit, tx weeks.

### TATE, Howard

At Ottawa, on Thursday, April 21, 1988, in his 76th year, Howard Tate, beloved husband of the late Jule Sandusky. Dear father of Michael and his wife Colleen of Nepean. Jennifer (Mrs. Michael Dunn) of Kanata. Loving grandfather of David and Jason. Brother of Russell Tate of Toronto and Mrs. Doris Harbottle of Hamilton. Funeral ar-

In the 1931 census, Howard was 18 and living at his parent's home. He was a student finishing high school. He moved to Ottawa where he married Julie in July 10 1948. She was born in Capreol which is a village 20 km north of Sudbury. He was a civil servant in Ottawa and Julie as a hairdresser. He was living in Ottawa with or near his daughter when he died.

**Daughter: Doris Muriel** B 12 Feb 1915 Hamilton (at home)

D 2006 Hamilton

Spouse: John Harbottle B 09 Aug 1908 Nelson, Halton Co.

D 1993 Hamilton

John sold real estate in the Hamilton area. In later life he was a farmer and a labourer before retiring. Doris worked as a bookkeeper through the years.

Son: Russell Baxter B 07 Jun 1920

D 1992 Burlington Ont.

M 27 Jul 1951

Spouse: Mary Alice Greer B 11 Oct 1919

D 2010 Burlington

Russell was a printer living in Toronto until retirement when they moved to Burlington.

Son Aubrey E B 1926 Hamilton

D 1986 Hamilton

Spouse: Shirley May Moore B 28 May 1927 Hamilton

D 04 Apr 2018 Stoney Creek

Aubrey grew up on Hamilton where he worked as an electrician.



At Heritage Green Nursing Home, Stoney Creek on April 4, 2018, Shirley May Tate (Moore) beloved wife of the late Aubrey Tate (1986). Loving mother of Harvey of Toronto and Ralph and his wife Gloria of Thomasville, Nova Scotia. She will be remembered by several nieces and nephews, as well as, her faithful companion Harry Robins of Wellandport.

## **Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott Children of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Second Child: Mary B 31 Jan 1852 West Zorra

D 29 Jan 1930 at 23 Beale St. in Woodstock

She spent her life as an account bookkeeper and was known to have managed her father's cheese factories. Mary was basically the financial brains behind both her father's cheese enterprises in W Zorra. Mary's business acumen was noted at the time. Her name was found on onland.ca in March of 1908, as Mary purchased her deceased father's portion of Lot 7 Con 1 W Zorra from Elizabeth (Poole) Elliott, widow of Samuel's brother Thomas who held the mortgage. Mary paid \$6500 and later sold the 59-acre property in 1915. Her brother Frederick bought another portion at about the same time. She moved into Woodstock and became a dressmaker working out of the 23 Beale St. house, across the street from First Baptist Church where she lived with her mother and older sister Hannah Elliott Tate. Mary never married. She is buried at IRC with her parents and younger sister Lillian who died at nine months of age.

The West Zorra annual meeting in 1875, on the second floor of the Concession 1 factory, was attended by about 300, most of them shareholders. They were told that in the year previous, the factory had received 2,794,453 pounds of milk and manufactured 282,266 pounds of cheese. And that the cash value for that season's production was \$28,499.77. At the end of the meeting, Samuel's daughter Mary was presented with a writing desk for her secretarial duties. She also supervised the Concession 5 factory.

At the annual meeting in March 1888, the patrons learned that in the previous year the factory had sold 59 tons of cheese at 9.02 to 12.5 cents per pound. By then, Samuel was in some



Samuel's daughter Mary was presented with a writing desk for her secretarial duties. She also supervised the Concession 5 factory.

## 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



### Children:

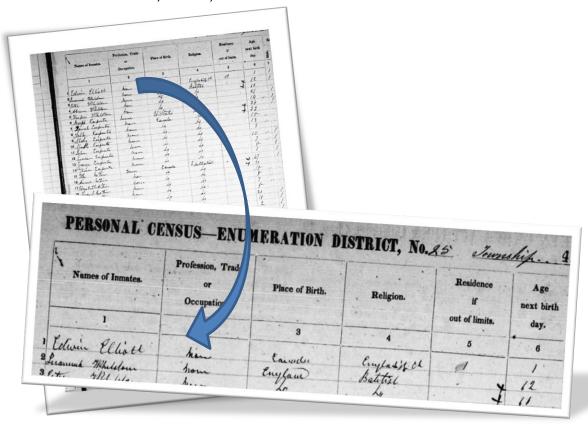
Bertha May	B 10 Mar 1877 Ingersoll	D 13 Mar 1956 Ingersoll
Ernest Osbourne	B 11 Dec 1879 Ingersoll	D 29 May 1930 Ingersoll
Lillian Alameda	B 15 Jun 1881 Ingersoll	D 10 Apr 1986 Ingersoll
Cora Maude	B 12 Dec 1882 Ingersoll	D 11 Dec 1926 Cambridge (Galt)
Wilbur James	B 01 Mar 1884 Ingersoll	D 01 July 1969 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.

in the Can	Edwin Elliott ada, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

Text of Notice

Elliott

Surname

Associated First Ada

Name

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.



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 Hattie 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 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1933, three years after Edwin's death and 7 years after wife Ada's death, the children are 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,

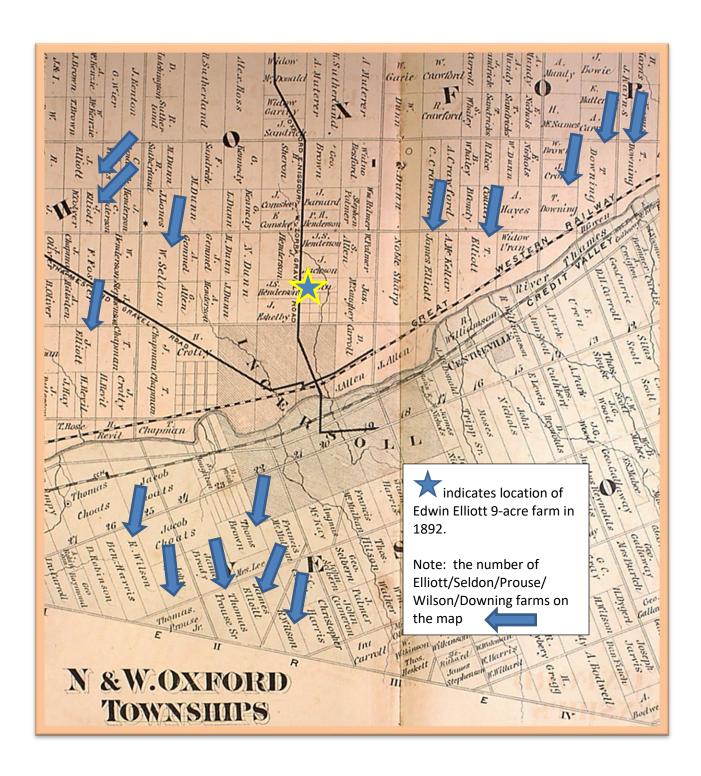
Edwin's daughter Bertha then held the property until 1958 when her estate was being wrapped up. Bertha had returned to Ingersoll in 1936 after her husband's death. Edwin's son Ernest and wife Ethel purchased the land in 1958 from Bertha's estate. The property then passed to the next generation as Freda 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. 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/31<sup>st</sup> 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 be the family home of Edwin and Ada Elliott.



Sacred Heart Cemetery





### The Famed Elliott Cheese Factory Feud

The tale of the Elliott feud has been noted in the James (Book 9) and William (Book 7) Elliott family stories but is worth repeating here. This version has a slightly different take than that starting on page 7 as 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. 10<sup>th</sup>, as Samuel was raising funds to repurchase the factory, his brother James agreed to sell the West Zorra Cheese Factory to James Ireland.

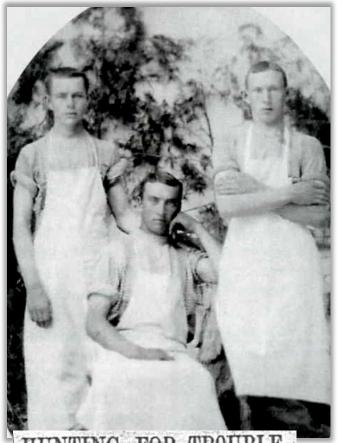
That's when matters began to heat up.



Photo of Samuel Elliott's Cheese Factory



Samuel Elliott



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 Resiegers Skip 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 in tending to 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 that 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

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.

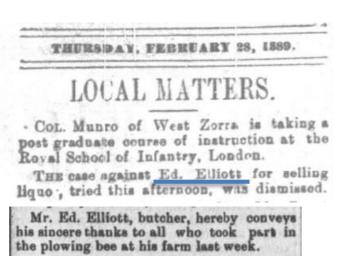
The Elliett Ricting Cases Come Up for Trial.

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 rictous 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

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1	G.H. Cook	Edwin Elliott	Vio Bemp	

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.



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 shated 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

Chronicle Nov 1896

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.

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

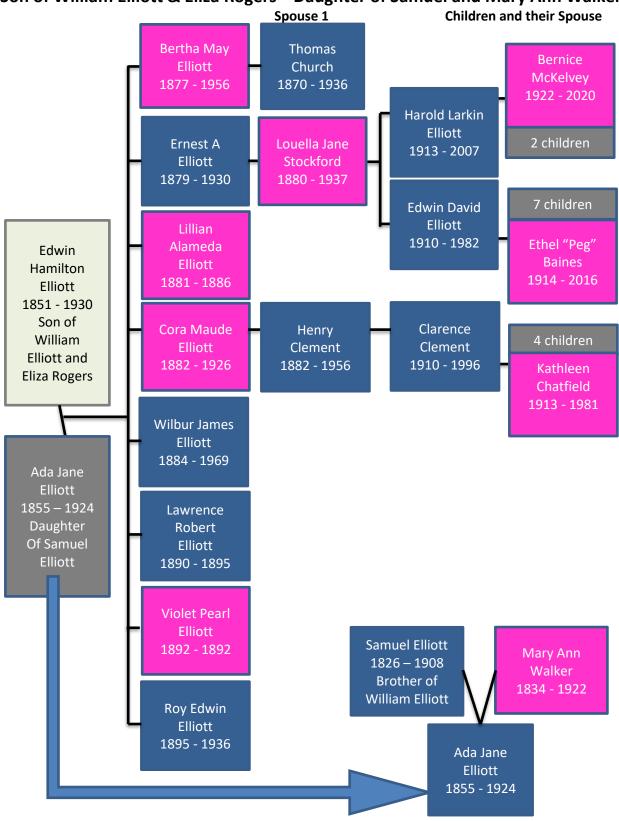
There is no record of Ada in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery index.

#### 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 broach 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 Church Suppose Bertie is making
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snymore till you hear from mef so good-by for now Bertie sent me of home Dry one thing
From Roy. Missing-the windmill, July tis con engher

to hear about Berlie withing the gold watch. It is likely to be a lovery good one too. Is she taking a thanking a thanking course at the collegate.

When Bertha was married and living in Galt she often wrote to her mother. Here is an excerpt from Dec 17 1916

It was not so in here last eight no at Sugarsoll but of this knowning people could hardly get around. I had to pour a teakettle of hot water down front door to get it open. It shows like a spring day since from said there was grute a bit of snow law came down on develop, here lit I can't remember that there was count of any at home. Ettington, sohat they speaks at mit, is allies probeffice or what it went to ke palled at I suppose he will not get to see her.

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Bertha.

The 1931 census shows Thomas as working at 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 Forn Church. It left her and returned to England where he died. She died in 1956, in Ingersall.

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

r 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. B 14 Aug 1890, Port Huron, Mi.

D 25 Nov 1937

Ingersoll Buried IRC

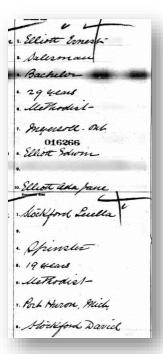
Spouse: Luella Jane Stockford

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.

an Sorry to hear that Cruet is laid up but better weather will likely come Southy soon. Hope you can make but 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?

Dear Whither + all M.C. May and 20.

Dear Whither + all Merille last

Luesday formoon after a very interesting trip. Whelt Detroit monday morning and the country became greenente for farther south I went. When I reached springfield Ohio, a line big city in southern Ohio, the trees were lin leaf and the fruit trees and flowers were all in blooms. Olso passed through Playton and Cincinnati two preatleities with buildings reaching towards the sky.

Ernest in Ashville? – asks his brother

hardwood Jogs are floated up the Mystic fiver to the smill sharist of have the same kinds of jobs if he is still in Oskeville. It have I written him my address & hope to dear to hat seemed to be the trouble in Oskeville or was it just simply too hot. The heat here than been I fierre also ever since I came. 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 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 hus-

and 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.

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#### **Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Great Grandchildren**

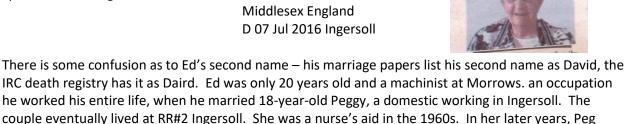
## **Grandchildren of Edwin and Ada Jane**

## 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,



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

lived at Woodingford Lodge in Woodstock and saw her 102nd birthday.

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.

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. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Luella May Prodgers to pay them a last tribute.

# 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

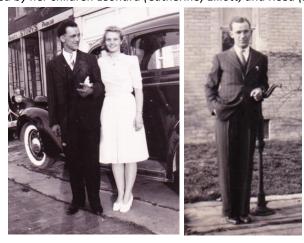
D 02 Feb 2020 Ingersoll buried IRC

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.



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. school teacher and part time farmer living on his father's property near the cement plant. "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 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 Death Notice

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

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

Fourth child: Cora Maude B 12 Dec 1882 N Oxford.

D 11 Dec 1926 Galt

M 31 Dec 1908 – N Oxford

Spouse: Henry Clement B 14 Aug 1882 Exeter, Ontario

D unknown -possibly 1956



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. 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 Clement. Henry was also deaf and mute.



"The Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf was founded in 1870 in Belleville, Ontario, known then as The Ontario Institution for the Education of the *Deaf and Dumb*. It was renamed in 1913 as the Ontario School for the Deaf. It has been known as the Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf since 1974."

YouTube video – 1925 tour of the

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of a happy event on Thur day afternoon, when their youngest daughter Cora was united in marriage to Henry Clements, of Galt. Rev. T. L. Kerruish pastor of Charles St. Church per-formed the ceremony. The bride who was daintly and becomingly attired in white was given away by her father and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and fern. After the ceremony the party repaired to the dining room, where a dainty repast was served by a few of the young friends of the bride. Guests to the number of forty wer resent from London. Stratfor present from Stratford Woodstock, Galt and Ingersoit. The couple left in the evening for their new home in Galt, carrying with them the well wishes of their host

CLEMENTS-ELLIOTT

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

Newspaper Newspaper Date

Newspaper Oxford Tribune and Canada Dairy Reporter

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.



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 and 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

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 chargfie 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."

#### **Clarence Henry**

Spouse: Kathleen "Kay" Chatfield

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.



Cora's death was doubly tragic in that she died on her birthday. It would have shaken the family core. 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 hours as per the 1931 census. Henry was not buried with her 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 Clement**

B 11 Jan 1910 Waterloo D 25 Mar 1996 Morrisburg M 13 Jun 1931 Woodstock B 1913 N Oxford

D 1981 Ingersoll

I expect 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". He was known to have mastered some sign language to honour his grandparents. He married

Kathleen Chatfield of Woodstock on the 13th of June 1931. He was a machinist living at Lot 2 Con 3 of W Zorra at the time. The property was in possession of his cousin Harold Elliott. Kay's family had emigrated from England in 1908 prior to her birth. Her father, Ed Chatfield, was a market gardener in Woodstock. It appears that Clarence and Kay were back in Galt after their wedding as several children were born there and yet in 1935, Clarence was living with 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 Burnett and moving to England while sons Robert and Roy stayed with their father in Ingersoll. 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 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 an 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.

George Henry B 1932 D 2016 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. He worked for Morrows Screw and Nut for many years and later at Timberjacks in Woodstock.

**Robert Edward** B 1932 D 1956 He was living in the prairies at the time of his death.

**Roy** B 1925 D 2010 Dundalk Ont. Lived in Toronto and operated a garbage truck business

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)

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

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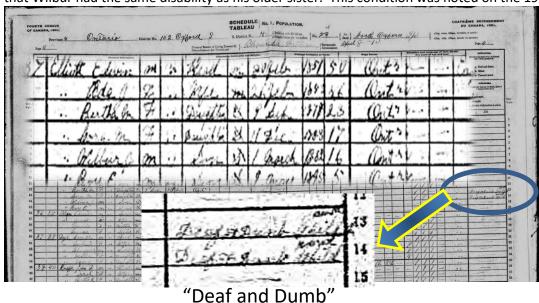
In 1970, Clarence had to self-declare his birth in order to obtain a birth certificate.



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

**Fifth child: Wilbur James**B 01 Mar 1884 N Oxford.
D 01 July 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 disability as his older sister. This condition was noted on the 1911 census:



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.

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

San Francisco Palif Dec 12/17
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in answering your welcome letter which to
some time bego while you were at home. a letter
from mother a few days ago, said you were again
back at Kitchener, working at the tice factory until
it closed. also about the riot at Kitchenerwhen
Bremer Borden attempted to speak there I think
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On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1926, Wilbur left home for Detroit, via train. On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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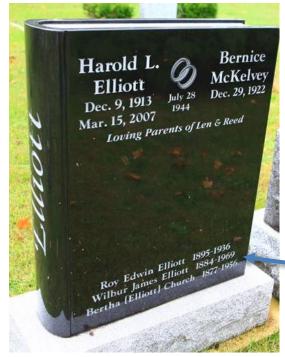
When he went to work in Detroit, the auto industry was in full swing. When he arrived, he became an assembler on a production line – probably dealing with the automotive industry. By 1930, he was living in a large multi-story boarding house in downtown Detroit. He was 46 years old at this point. According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

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Surprisingly, the 1931 census has 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.



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. His death location doesn't appear to be Ingersoll according to IRC records. The writing is hard to read – perhaps.



Elliott Wilhus 31

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IRC register location?

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 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** Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Newspaper Date Sep 5 1895 Surname Elliott First Name Lawrence Middle or Maiden

Name

Robert

Date of Event September 3, 1895

ELLIOTT--In Ingersoll, on Tuesday, September 3rd, 1895, Lawrence Robert, son of E. Elliott, Text of Notice

aged 5 years, 7 months and 18 days



## **Brothers William Elliott and Samuel Elliott Grandchildren** Edwin and Ada Jane 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 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.

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 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.

ps. Just bause t 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.

I didn't start, out to see howfor I could walk but I awaged up god

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.



Roy's letter home about bombing.

after the explosion the street ivas backed with surious people, and movie men were still on the job grinding out pictures of the knowds The dead now total 35. There is great excitment all up the allantic does about every city having received warnings probably sent out by jokes. It seems to have been a bomb that exploded in the let 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 went which is held every fatriots hay and has been for the last 25 years is the 25 mile marathon road race from the town of a hland into Boston which is under the auspice of the Boston all over a merica take part from all over a few book junner. I was love a few book junner. I was love of the hundred of thousand who line at the fined. The streets as they came in.

Roy also attended the Boston marathon. A co-worker finished 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 fearned 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.

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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 hill into Ingersoll every day on his bicycle to purchase a newspaper.



at the time of the accident.

Provincial Officer Rawlins is in charge of the case. An inquest

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.

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#### LAID 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 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 youngers 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.

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Transcribed: "I know another year has rolled around since our last Birthdays. I do wish you many more Happy Returns of the 20<sup>th</sup> but, oh Mrs. Elliott I hope yours as not been as sad a one as mine and I hope never will be. Such a nice letter you sent us last year and how pleased we were to get it. You don't know how sorry we were to hear about Cora and her sickness. We do hope she is so much better. We do hope everything is better for both her and Henry. Does their boy still live with you? I am sure he is quite a boy."

by by this. I do hope Bertha & her Husband are with well + doing alright also we hope the boys are all well so often I Strink of Roy + wonder where he is did he have to Jom up + leave you oh what Sad Hearts their are in the world today I bornder + yet- I almost think you must have heard from Some one that our Boy our Clair will Sleep In Grance He Evas Killed Oct-30 th Dear tono Elliott will for Jorgioce me I really Cannot See to write any more trought I will try twite for a longer letter Some other time Ive do hope both for and Mr Elliott are both well Harry + Jace alright our love to Birdie Jan Sure She must-. be a big gul now ilmost a found homen love to all the restwith live + good wishes to for from Jour Friends Harry & Smita Real

"I do hope Bertha and her husband area both well and doing alright. Also, we hope the boys are well. So often I think of Roy and wonder where he is, did he have to join up and leave you? Oh, what sad hearts there are in the world today. I wonder and yet I almost think you heard that our boy Clair will sleep in France. He was killed Oct 30<sup>th</sup> (1917). Dear Mrs. Elliott will you forgive me, I really cannot see to write any more tonight. I will try and write you a longer letter some other time. We do hope both you and Mr. Elliott are both well. Harry and 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 and good wishes to you from your friends Harry and Orinda Neal."

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

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

# **Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott**

## **Child of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Fourth child: Henrietta Verna B 10 Mar 1857 W Zorra

D 02 Jun 1940 in Woodstock. Buried Embro, Ont. Cemetery.

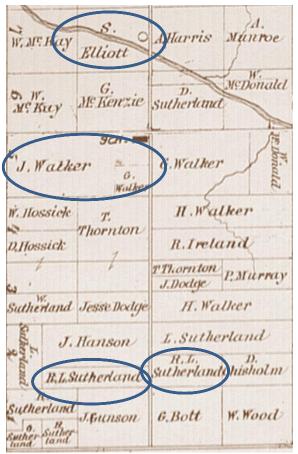
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Spouse: Robert Laughlin "Bob" Sutherland B

B 02 Jun 1851 W Zorra D 11 Sept 1933 in Woodstock, residence 595 Princess St.

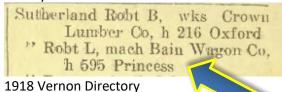


Henrietta, also know as Nettie, was born on the Lot 7 Con 1 family farm. She was the fourth confirmed daughter in a row that father Samuel experienced. Sons did not seem to be in the cards. Henrietta was a few years older than her soon to be husband Robert Sutherland who lived due south down Con 1 past the Walker family farm and Walker school. Henrietta would have known the Sutherland family from the number of Sutherland children attending Walker school.



Robert Laughlin Sutherland's grandfather, Laughlin Sutherland, purchased crown land in 1845 at Con 1 Lot 2 of West Zorra. He and his wife Anne Matheson arrived from Sutherlandshire, Scotland. The Sutherland and Matheson names are intertwined in early history of West Zorra township and the families were original settlers in the early 1820's from Scotland. The Sutherland clan arrived on mass. Laughlin's son John Sutherland was sold 50 south west side acres of the family lot by his father. John then sold to his son and Henrietta's husband Robert Laughlin the Con 1 Lot 2 (50 acres) lot. The Thamesford-Tweedsmuir histories claim he farmed and lived at Lot 7 Con 3 W Zorra as well at a later date. McGill maps show that he was still holding a number of properties in 1876. In 1905 the farm was passed on to nephews and the couple moved to Woodstock

In his 60's Robert worked in Woodstock at a wagon factory.



There does not appear to be any records of Henrietta and Robert having any children. She died on Brights Disease and senility.





Princess St. Woodstock home of John and Henrietta Sutherland

**Embro Cemetery Grave marker** 

## **Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott**

## **Children of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Fifth child: Elizabeth Ann B 19 Oct 1859 Lot 7 Con 1 W Zorra

D 26 Mar 1933 in Embro Buried Embro, Ont. Cemetery

M 12 Apr 1882

B 29 Mar 1858 in Woodstock Spouse: Thomas Masters

D 23 Nov 1937 in Embro. **Buried Embro Cemetery** 



Again, Mary Ann and Samuel had another daughter. Elizabeth Ann "Lizzie" was born at the cheese factory farm in W Zorra. She attended school at the Walker school. At age 23 she married farmer Thomas Masters. Thomas was one of ten children of John Masters and Mary Ann Keates. John Masters was from England, either Cornwall or Somerset. Their 85-acre farm was located at Lot 5 Con 9 of East Zorra which is about 2 kilometers north of highway 2 (Governor's Rd) on what is today the Zorra-Tavistock Line.



#### DIED IN WOODSTOCK.

Word has been received here of the death Tuesday in the Woodstock General Hospital of Thomas Masters, well-known resident of Embro for many years, and brother of John Masters, Brantford. The deceased was 79 years of age, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James Sanders, Woodstock; one son, Orval Masters, in the U.S.; one sister, Mrs. John Smith, Brooksdale, and six brothers, Isaac, Saginaw, Mich., Richard, Chatham, Edward, Kitchener, John, Brantford, Harry, Braemar, and David, Woodstock. The funeral is being conducted this afternoon at Embro.

The Thomas Masters family moved to the village of Embro by 1885 when son Irwell was born. They lived just north of the old Embro Mill. The 1891 census confirmed he continued to work as a farmer commuting from the village. In 1909, he purchased the house pictured above at 114 Huron St. Embro for \$800 (Con 5 Lot 11). In the 1911 census he was a teamster working in Woodstock. He died in Woodstock Hospital in 1937. The Huron St. Embro house was sold by his estate in 1938. Elizabeth Ann died previously in Embro in 1933 after suffering from a decade of heart issues.

# Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Elizabeth Ann Elliott and Thomas Masters:

First Child: Frederick George Masters B 1883 E Zorra
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Spouse: Sarah Hineman

Young Fred only lived for eight days. His death schedule indicates he was sick for only two days and the coroner, Dr. Howe, was unable to identify a cause of death.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Elizabeth Ann Elliott and Thomas Masters:**

Second child: Irwell Elliott Masters B 12 Sept, 1885 Embro

D Mar 1954 possibly Shidler, Oklahoma

M 09 Dec 1919 B Oct 1876 Texas

D unknown

An interesting fellow was Irwell. He moved to the US in 1914 via the Sault Ste. Marie border crossing. He would have been 29 years old and may have been trying to avoid going to WWI. In 1918 he moved from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Joplin, Missouri to work as a mechanic at a Packard Dealership before returning to Tulsa in 1919.

How he met his wife Sally Hineman is unknown but both lived in Tulsa in 1919. Sally was previously married to a John Hineman in Cooke County Texas, just north of Dallas. That couple had a young daughter, Mattie, that did not accompany Sally in further censuses. When Sally married John Hineman in 1892, she was 16 years old and he was 30 years her senior.

## Masters Orwell E mech Ratcliff-Sanders Co rms Alva Hotel. Tulsa directory 1919

In the 1920 Census of Oklahoma, Irwell is shown working and living with his wife, Sally Hineman who was a decade older than Irwell. They were living at the Dawson Oklahoma Poor Farm outside Tulsa, Oklahoma where the couple worked as cooks. He received his US citizenship in 1946.

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Border Crossing Register for Irwell age 26 in March of 1914.



Example of a poor farm circa 1890.

1920 US census.

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Tulsa Oklahoma Marriage license for Irwell Master (age 34) and Sallie Hineman (age 45) in 1919.

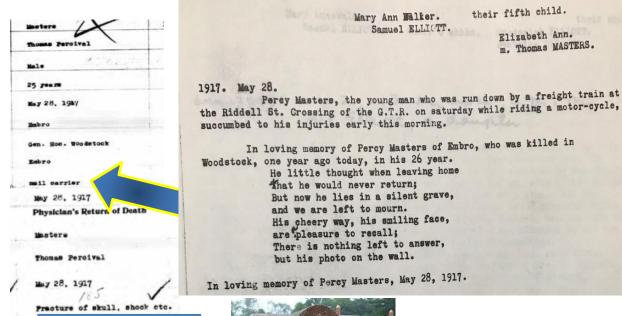
According to the 1950 census Irwell (Earl) Masters was still living in Shidler (population 400) with his wife Sally and at age 64 he was employed as a janitor in a theatre. US social security records indicate that he may have died in 1954. Sally's life after 1950 is a mystery.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Elizabeth Ann Elliott and Thomas Masters**

Third child: Thomas Percival Masters B 08 Feb 1892 Embro

D 28 May 1917 Woodstock: Age 27

Thomas worked as a labourer according to the 1911 census but later during WW1 was a letter carrier in Embro. From his death certificate it appears he meet a violent death. The typed page below from the family records compiled by his cousin Roy Elliott around 1918 tells what happened.



Thomas Percival Masters is buried with his parents in North Embro Cemetery.



their fifth child.

Elizabeth Ann. m. Thomas MASTERS.

## **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Elizabeth Ann Elliott and Thomas Masters**

Fourth Child: Annie Alberta "Jeanette" Masters B 05 Sept 1894 Embro

D 09 Sept 1956 Buried Embro

M 21 May 1914

Spouse: Lorne Willard Williams B 22 Feb 1880 Embro

D 06 Jan 1917 WWI killed in action

M 7 Mar 1923

B 22 Feb 1880 Embro Spouse: James Asa Sanders

D 29 Jan 1940 Buried Embro

Died of a perforated ulcer Woodstock Hospital

Annie was born in Embro. There is some confusion about Annie's middle name. Her marriage certificates indicate it was "Jeanette", her tombstone offers up "Alberta".



She was raised in the village and eventually married another local, Lorne Williams. Lorne worked for the railroad and volunteered for the Great War and left for Europe in October of 1914 when Annie was pregnant. He was a signaller/gunner in the artillery.

He was killed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 1917. Son William was born Dec 12, 1914. I suspect that Lorne was able to make it home to meet his son before his death.

Commemorated:
Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent, England; Cenotaph, Memorial Park Embro, West Zorra Township, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada
Years of service:
October 4, 1914 - January 6, 1917
Country enlisted with:
Canada

#### Biography

Lorne Williams was born Jan. 22, 1892, son of John Williams. He was a railway worker, who on May 21, 1914, in Ingersoll, married Annie Jeanette Masters of Embro. On Oct. 4, 1914, he enlisted and on Jan. 6, 1917, he died overseas. He is buried in the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent, England.

Courtesy: Heroes of

Zorra website

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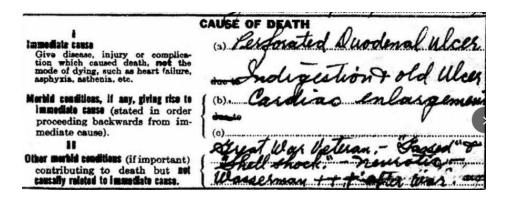
Roy Elliott's family records

Annie was a widow and working as a 29-year-old housemaid when she married James Asa Sanders. James was a milk plant engineer according to their marriage certificate. They lived on John St in Embro as per the 1931 census. He was ten years her senior.

James was a widower. His first wife died of Tuberculosis in 1911 leaving him with three small children. He was also another war veteran having served in France. He returned suffering from being gassed and shell shocked. His death certificate indicated he suffered from Wasserman syndrome or survivor's guilt and was racked by suicidal thoughts throughout his life.

## Biography

James A. Sanders (Feb. 22, 1880-1940), son of James and Ann (Grant) Sanders, married Margaret Alexander, who died at age 25 on Nov. 8, 1912. As a widower, James enlisted on Jan. 10, 1916, and served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He listed his mother, Annie Smith, as next of kin. As of 1911 they were living on Commissioner Street in Embro.

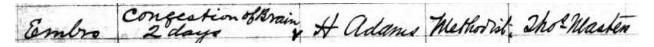


# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Elizabeth Ann Elliott and Thomas Masters**

Fifth child: George Carson Master B 22 Dec 1888 Embro

D 05 Feb 1889 Embro-lived 6 weeks

He is buried with his older brother Frederick and sister Annie (Masters) Sanders in the Embro Cemetery.



N. Embro Cemetery Index> James A SANDERS 1880 – 1940 his wife Annie Alberta SANDERS born Sept 5 1894 died Sept 9 1956. Frederic T., **George C**. children of Thomas & Elizabeth MASTERS

# **Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott Children of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Fifth Child: Fredrick Lloyd B 14 Mar 1864 W Zorra

D 30 Sept 1918 Embro Buried Embro M 4 Oct 1893 (he was 26, she was 19).

Spouse: Beatrice Ann Marshall Cleave B 26 Nov 1876 Marhamchurch, Cornwall

D 06 Nov 1941 Toronto Buried Embro



After a number of daughters, Fredrick was the first son born to Samuel and Mary Ann Elliott. In his youth he was one of the group of relatives involved in the family cheese factory feud. In ensuing censuses, he was found to be a farmer in W Zorra township.

The Ingersoll Directory of 1895 had younger brother Arthur working at his father's home (Con 5 – Lot 6) and Frederick at his 50-acre property in W Zorra (Con 5 – Lot 6). Frederick had bought a portion of Lot 7 from his father in 1895 for \$1950 according to Onland.ca. Frederick's widow sold the 50 acres property for \$6000 after his death in 1918. The Onland.ca paperwork lists a convoluted group of mortgages, grants, releases and bill of sales for these properties from 1867 when Samuel first bought land on lot 6 and lot 7. Samuel's brother Thomas Elliott, nephew Thomas Seldon and cousin George Walker held



mortgages on both lots for this time period. Sister Mary, who ran the cheese factory businesses, also had her fingers in ownership of both properties.

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Courtesy of Ingersoll Library: 1901

W Zorra concession and property lot.

James Elliott held the Con 1 Lot 7 property in 1901 after the Cheese Factory Feud.

# TOWN GRIPPED By Epidemic

MANY CASES OF DISEASE CALL-ED SPANISH "FLU" CRIPPLE FACTORIES, SCHOOLS AND THE-ATRE CLOSED—CHURCH MEET-INGS BANNED BY M.O.H.

For some days Ingersall has been in the grip of the disease called the Spanish influenza. Whether that is the proper name for the epidemic or not can be left for the medical men to decide. The fact remains that several hundreds At people are down with something that seems an exaggeration of the old fashioned la grippe, It started last Friday night and spread very quickly throughout the town. By Sunday, the local decters were working at highest speed to copa with the disease and many hundreds of cases had developed. On Monday morning, many of the factories were well-nigh crippled because of it. The Thos, Waterhouse milis started with about 15 hands out of 65; the Ingersoll Machine Company had about 35 cases and on Tuesday it had increased to nearly 60; the Morrow Company was about 60 men short, and on Tuesday there was no improvement; the Borden staff was about four-lifths short; and the Ingersoll Packing Co. and the Royal Broom factory suffered in about the same preportion, Most of the cases are of four or tive days

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Beatrice Cleave had emigrated to Canada in 1882 at age 6. She was born in Cornwall, England and travelled with her father Robert and mother Hannah and a few siblings. Her family lived in W Zorra and her father was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad. Like a number of local residents, Fred died of complications of the Spanish Flu that was brought back to Oxford Co. with returning WWI veterans. He was 58 when he died and left five daughters between the ages of 24 to 7 years of age.

After Fred's death in 1918 from Spanish Flu, Beatrice moved the family to Toronto. Why the move to Toronto is not known as her siblings all appeared to have never left the Oxford County area. They could be found on the 1921 Ontario census living at 2439 Dundas W. Toronto. The 1920 Toronto Directory confirms this. She ran a small boarding house.

# -Beatrice (wid Fred), h 2439 Dundas w



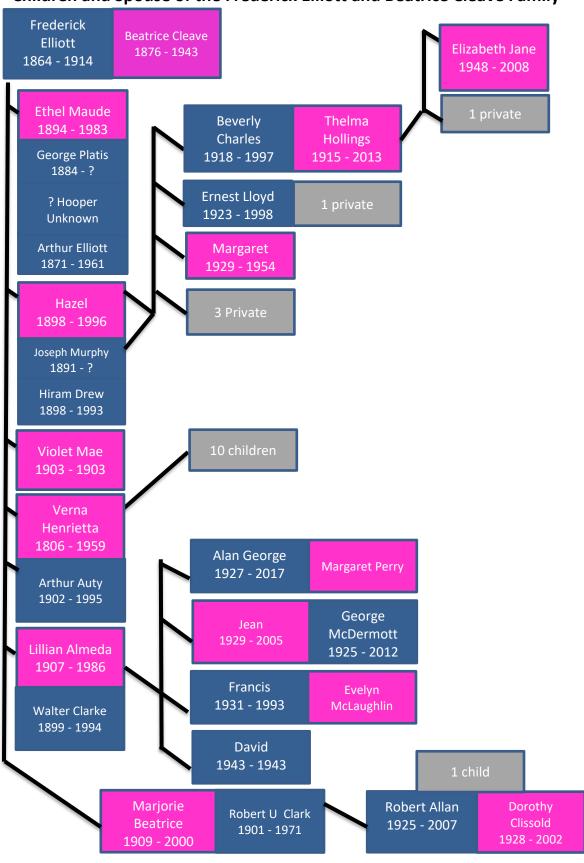
She would have had 4 daughters living with her in 1921. They all married and lived in the Toronto area. Beatrice was living with her daughter Verna in the New Toronto and Long Beach area of Toronto at 2439 21st St. when she died. She had been

suffering from congenital heart issues, was diabetic and had recently broken her hip in a fall. She was 65 years old and is buried in Embro with husband Fred.

2439 Dundas W Toronto



## Children and Spouse of the Frederick Elliott and Beatrice Cleave Family



## **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Fredrick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

Oldest Child: Ethel Maude B 18 Aug 1894 W Zorra Lot 7 Con 6 Codys Corners

D 14 Jul 1983 Miami, Florida

M 24 July 1918 Toronto

B 1886 Greece D unknown

Unknown





Sisters Ethel and Hazel

Spouse: George Platis

Spouse: Hopper

Ethel was born 10 months after her parent's marriage and was raised on her grandfather's farm. There is no record of her education. Her father died when she was 25 years old and she had recently married

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George Platis. She originally listed Toronto as her residence on the marriage paperwork but it was changed to Embro. An unknown, George was Greek Orthodox and she was Methodist. He was a confectioner but no real confirmed records can be found of him other than the marriage certificate that shows his Greek birth. Toronto Directory and census records in that era cannot locate him. His story and whereabouts are unknown. Ethel's marriage to her third husband seems to indicate that there was a second husband. Florida marriage records note that when she married Arthur Elliott in 1949, her last name was

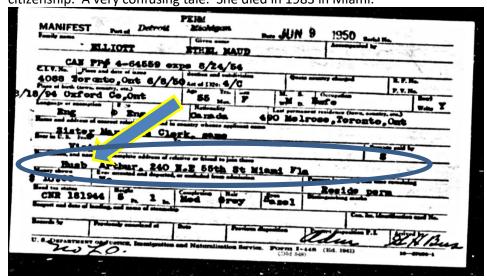
Hooper. No Ethel M Hopper in ancestry records seems to locate her with any degree of confidence.

#### Spouse: Arthur Samuel Elliott (Uncle of Ethel's)

In 1948, Ethel went to visit her Uncle Arthur in Miami. At that point she was using her maiden name of Elliott. This leads one to believe she had divorced George Platis and/or the man named Hopper or was a widow. Ethel's life story gets complicated and confusing by the time she reaches the age of 60. Records indicate she crossed the border to visit Florida in 1950 at age 66. She was listed on the border crossing document as a petite 5'1". It appears she moved permanently to Florida at that point and lived there until her death in 1983. The 1950 census also locates her there and other border documents show the same thing. The real surprise is who she was going to see. Both the 1950 census and the 1950 border paperwork show her living at 54<sup>th</sup> St. in Miami with her "husband", Arthur Samuel Elliott. Other documents signify she was his housekeeper. Arthur was her uncle. When she married Arthur, her legal name was Hopper thus indicating a second marriage had taken place before marrying Arthur. More can be found on Arthur in the upcoming pages.



Her US emigration papers of June 1950, indicate that she had been living with her sister Marjorie Clarke in Toronto and was moving to Miami to be with "husband" Arthur and was seeking permanent citizenship. A very confusing tale. She died in 1983 in Miami.



Maude crossing to USA to see: "Husband Arthur"

# ELLIOTT, Ethel M., 88, of Miami. Services 11 a.m. Monday, Van Orsdel Northside Chapel.

Ethel died in 1983.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Frederick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

**Second Child: Hazel** B 05 Feb 1898 W Zorra, Oxford Co.

D Nov 1996 Whitby, Ont. M 04 Nov 1922 Toronto

Spouse: Joseph Murphy B 22 Feb 1890 Buffalo, NY

D unknown M 1970ish

Spouse Hiram Drew B 27 Feb 1899 Whitby

D 01 Dec 1993 Whitby



Hazel was born and lived on the property at Lot 7 Con 3 W Zorra township. Her grandfather Samuel owned the property but it was farmed by her father Frederick at that time. When Fred died in 1918 due to the Spanish Flu, she moved to Toronto to live with her mother and sisters. She would have been 20 years old at the time. She went to teacher's college, likely at U of T in Toronto and received her



teacher's licence. Her marriage certificate with James Murphy confirmed that she was a school teacher in Toronto. James was listed as Roman Catholic Irish and she was Methodist. He had arrived in Toronto from the US sometime after 1918 and was listed as a teamster and the son of Norman Murphy and Mary Hackett.

The marriage certificate indicated they lived at 4 Fermanagh Rd. Toronto. This address was shared with her sister Marjorie Clarke and her husband

when they married in 1925. In 1931, they lived on Osler St in the St Clair Ave and Keefer area. The house is not standing today. A Joseph and Hazel Murphy were also located in the voters list in Toronto for 1953. He was a truck driver at the time. Following voters lists had him listed as retired.

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From Ancestry member's pages and the 1931 census it appears they had at least five known children.

**Child: Beverly Charles** 

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1952 Toronto phone book

He was supervisor at a paint manufacturer in Newmarket, Ont. There has to be some caution including him as a child as he would have been born out of wedlock four years before the couple married. That would have been extremely unusual as convention at the time would indicate that the father and mother were married as soon as the pregnancy was known.

### MURPHY — Kenneth Lewis 1925 - 2004

Our Beloved 'Bumpa' went to the party without permission on October 8, 2004, at the age of 78 years. He will be greatly missed by his wife of fifty-nine years, Reta June; his two daughters, Barbara Lynn (David), Kathryn Eileen (Jim); as well as four grandchildren, Cherise (Orazio), Michale, Andrea and Geoffrey; along with two great-grandchildren. Also feeling the loss will be his brother Jack (June) and sister Ruth. Ken was born in Toronto, Ontario, November 29, 1925 where he resided until his transfer in 1978 to Calgary, Alberta with Prestolite Batteries. He then moved his career to Southcentre Mall where he headed building maintenance and made many friends for ten years before his retirement in 1990. Since that day he had immersed himself in the lives of his family. Friends wishing to share

### **Child: Ernest Lloyd**

B 03 March 1923 Toronto
D 12 Aug 1998 Tucson, Arizona
He was a golf club manager who arrived in the US in 1963.

#### **Child: Kenneth Lewis**

B 25 Nov 1925 Toronto D 08 Oct 2004 Calgary

### **Child: Margaret**

B 13 Mar 1929 Toronto D 1954 Toronto

# **Child: Ruth Josephine (Simms)** B 16 Mar 1931 Toronto D 23 Feb 2020 London



Quietly, with grace and dignity, at Victoria Hospital, London, Ruth Josephine (Murphy) Sims, formerly of Kintore and Toronto, in her 89th year. Survived by her sons David & Michael, brother Jack, and daughter-in- law Ruth Ann Sims. Grandmother of Ryan (Kinga), Melissa (Ben) Stanley, Christy (Ulldricks) and Stephen (Shawna). Great-grandmother of 13. Predeceased by her beloved daughter Gaye, infant son Stephen, parents Joseph & Hazel Murphy, sister Eileen, brothers Bev (Thelma), Ernie (Lillian) & Ken (Rita), and daughter-in-law Melanie. Ruth's career, as a teacher at Woodstock Collegiate Institute, and then her many years with The Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services, was spent in the service of others. She touched many lives and made it her mission to help those who needed it most.

DREW - Hiram Joseph. At Sunnycrest Nursing Home, Whitby on Wednesday, December 1st, 1993. Hiram, in his 95th year. Loved husband of the late Clara Kemp, deceased 1966. He is survived by his second wife Hazel Drew; his daughters Helen (Mrs. Frank McClure) of Oshawa, Eunice (Mrs. Bruce Ewart) of Stoney Creek; his son Joseph H. Drew and his wife Lilah Hampton and predeceased by son Frederick William Drew. Survived by twelve grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was a good generous neighbour who farmed all his adult life at Stevenson's Road North, Oshawa. He served as a school board trustee for many terms at U.S.S. #5 (Thornton's Corners). Private

Mrs. Clarke was also active in her church, senior citizen group and the Progressive Conservative

Among those she leaves are children Alan of Woodbridge, Jean of Islington, Frank of Mississauga and Ron of Keswick; sisters Hazel Drew of Oshawa and Marjorie Clark of Florida; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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The funeral service will be held in the chapel tomorrow at 2,30 p.m., with interment to follow in Prospect Cemetery.

Although more substantiation is needed, Hiram Drew may have married Hazel around 1970 after the death of his first wife in 1966. He lived his life in the Whitby area. The couple would have been around 70 years old at the time of marriage. Hazel's sister, Lillian Clarke's obituary, stated that she was survived by sister Hazel Drew. This gives more credence that Hazel was married a second time.

Hazel was not buried with Hiram. Her burial location has not been confirmed.

First husband Joseph Murphy's burial site has not been found either.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Frederick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

**Third Child: Violet May** B 1903 lived 10 days and is buried with her parents at Embro Cemetery.



# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Frederick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

Fourth Child: Verna Henrietta (Ettie) B 07 June 1905 Woodstock or W Zorra

D 27 Dec 1959 Toronto M 23 Oct 1923 Toronto

Spouse: Arthur Harley Auty

B 06 Aug 1902 Gloucester, England
D 25 Jul 1995 Barrie, Ontario



Verna married Arthur Auty who arrived from England in April of 1913. He was the son of farm labourer Richard and mother Isabella Auty. Arthur was 10 years old when they landed in Halifax. Father Richard had his mind set on heading to the Prairies to buy and work his own farm but the family ended up staying in Toronto. Both Verna and Arthur were living in a boarding house in Toronto when they met. Verna and Arthur's marriage certificate indicates that he was a lab assistant and she was a domestic in Toronto. "Arthur was born 6 August 1902 in Gloucestershire; he was 10

years old when his family emigrated to Canada. His elder brother, Richard, signed up for service in the Great War, but died during an unfortunate accident while enlisted. She was 18, he was 21, so they were very young to get married. Their eldest child, Evelyn, was born less than 9 months later, so it's most likely she was already pregnant when they got married." Granddaughter family remembrances. Arthur worked for the Goodyear Tire Co. for 47 years. Verna would become a stenographer. Over that span, he and Verna raised 10 children. When they married that did not live far from High Park Toronto but retired to 39 Twenty First St. Etobicoke, Ont. Verna's mother Beatrice lived with them at the end of her life in 1941. After Verna's death, Arthur married again in 1969 until his second wife's death in 1984. He moved to Barrie, Ont. to live out his life.

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1937 Toronto directory – Arthur and Henrietta (Ettie) and some of the 10 children still at home.



The children were:

**Evelyn** 1924 – 2001 **Frederick** 1926 – 1970

Frederick Auty, born 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1926 in New Toronto, died 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1970 in Toronto. "He is my grandfather. He married Patricia Jean Baylis 4 July 1953. They adopted one daughter, and had one biological son - my father. Fred was actually a professional magician in the 1950's, he called himself "The Bellboy" and did straightjacket escapes dangling off cranes for business openings. He eventually retired from that and opened up the Auty Printing Company, which continued on after his death. His wife, who went by Jean, took over the company and kept it going until my father took over. The company eventually merged with another company in the late 90s because of the economy at the time." From Catherine Auty.

Harold1927 - 1997Edwin1928 - livingNorman1930 -1932Beulah1931 -1998

**Bruce** 1934 - 2002 worked for his brother Fred at the Auty Printing Company.

Doreen 1936 - living Russell 1939 - living Harley 1944 - living





# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Frederick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

Fifth Child and Fifth Daughter: Lillian Almeda B 03 May 1907 Woodstock, Ont.

D 25 Nov 1986 Toronto Buried Toronto

M 24 Dec 1926 Toronto

Spouse: Walter George Clarke B 13 Jun 1899 Birmingham or Manchester, England

D 08 Dec 1984 Toronto

**Buried Prospect Cemetery Toronto** 







### British War Medal

#### Context

This First World War medal was authorized on 26 July 1919. It was possible to receive this medal alone but all gallantry medals would receive the British War Medal (BWM) and the Victory Medal (WM) as well.

#### Eligibility and Criteria

The medal was awarded to all ranks of Canadian overseas military forces who came from Canada between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918, or who had served in a theatre of war. Those who had enlisted in the Overseas Military Forces of Canada (OMFC) in the United Kingdom and had not served in a theatre of war were not entitled to this medal.



Walter arrived in Canada from Birmingham, England. The year is unknown but likely 1911. He ended up in Manitoba as a farm labourer in 1916 and attestation papers were served there. He served as a private in WWI. After the war, Walter lived in Toronto. The couple were married in Toronto in 1926. He was listed as a labourer and she, like her sister, Verna was a domestic. The couple was living at 41 Nesbitt Drive in Islington by the 1930s. Lillian was active in the Legion, Sunnybrook Hospital Medical Center for Veterans and various church groups.

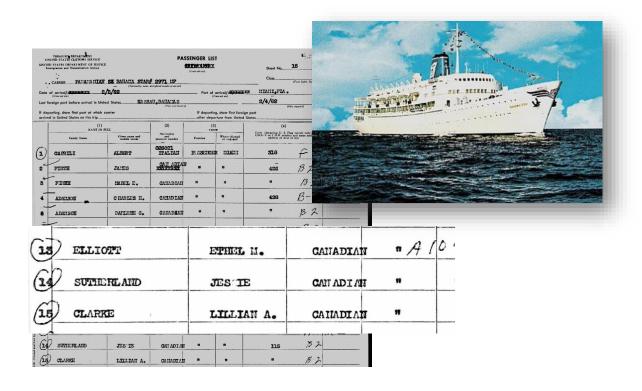




Tragedy befell the couple just before George went off to serve in WWII. On May 22, 1939 – twins were born prematurely. One was still born and the other lived 20 hrs.

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As well, on June 28, 1943 a baby boy, Ronald, was born 2 months premature and he lived for 13 hours. They later had four more children. Lillian and her older sister Ethel and cousin Jessie Sutherland were close friends. On the  $2^{nd}$  of April, 1962 they docked in Miami after a woman's only cruise to the Bahamas on the SS Bahamas Star. Ethel was married to her uncle Arthur by then.



# Lillian Clarke aided veterans

A funeral service will be held tomorrow for Lillian Clarke, 79, who received the Royal Canadian Legion's meritorious service award for her community work.

award for her community work.

Mrs. Clark, 79, died Tuesday in
Queensway General Hospital. She
was predeceased by her husband
Walter.

As a life member of the Legion's Col. Streight Branch 210, she received numerous awards for her tireless efforts on behalf of others, both in Islington and Metro.
"She was always willing to give a

"She was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone and was a friend to everyone who knew her," Mrs. Clarke's daughter, Jean McDermott, said yesterday.

Mrs. Clarke was president of the ladies' auxiliary of the branch from 1955 to 1958 and at various times also held the posts of first vice-president, second vice-president, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer.

For 25 years, she visited Sunnybrook Medical Centre monthly as an auxiliary representative and oversaw the preparation of "treat" packages for veterans.

**Spouse: Robert Urquhart Clark** 



**Lillian Clarke:** Islington woman was a life member of the Legion's Col. Streight Branch 210.

She also served as the branch's caterer for a number of years.

In 1980, the Legion recognized her contributions by awarding Mrs. Clarke the meritorious service award.

### **Obituaries**

Born in Embro, Ont., she moved to Toronto shortly after her father died in a 1919 influenza epidemic and was married in 1926. In 1937, the family settled in Islington.

Mrs. Clarke was also active in her church, senior citizen group and the Progressive Conservative party.

Among those she leaves are children Alan of Woodbridge, Jean of Islington, Frank of Mississauga and Ron of Keswick; sisters Hazel Drew of Oshawa and Marjorie Clark of Florida; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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At the request of the family, remembrances may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Lillian and Walter had five surviving children and all lived in the Toronto area.

David	1943-1943
George	1925-2012
Alan	1927-2017
Jean	1929-2006
Francis	

"Frank" 1931-1993

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Frederick Lloyd Elliott and Beatrice Cleave**

Sixth Child and Sixth Daughter: Marjorie Beatrice B 02 Apr 1909 Lot 7 Con 5 W Zorra.

D 24 Oct 2000, Hollywood, Florida

M 17 Jul 1925 Toronto, Ont.

B 13 Jan 1901 Gairloch, Scotland

D Oct 21 1971 Hollywood, Florida

Marjorie was the youngest child of Frederick Elliott and Beatrice Cleave. The family were living in Toronto when Robert Clark arrived in 1921 from Scotland. He had \$250 in his pocket and his fare was paid by his mother Louisa Clark who lived on Dufferin St in Toronto. It appears Robert was a lodger at Marjorie's mother's boarding house and took a shine to young Marjorie. It can be noted that the couple married in August of 1925 and son Robert was born in December of the same year. Likely, this would be the real reason for the wedding. She was a "salad maker" and Robert was an auto mechanic according to their marriage license. He was 24 and she was only 16 at the time of their marriage and both continued living with her mother Beatrice in Toronto. Later it appears that they lived at same house as sister Hazel according marriage certificates.

-Robt U (Spark Plugs Service & Equipment Co) h 4827-29 Yonge (Lansing)
ph Willowdale 470

1940 Toronto Directory

## --Robt U (Marjorie B) hlpr Sea Banks Hotel h6140 SW 16th (WH)

1957 Hollywood, Florida phone book

I have not located the year they moved to Florida. We do know that Robert was in his late 50s when they were located in Florida. He was supplementing his income by working at a hotel. Later directories seem to indicate that he was no longer working. They lived in Hollywood, Florida until their deaths and likely socialized with Marjorie's uncle Arthur and Marjorie's sister Ethel. They are buried at Fred Hunter's Memorial Gardens, Hollywood, Florida.

It is possible that they had 2 children – known son Robert Allan

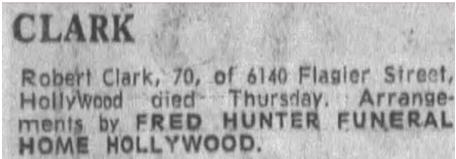
B 1925

D 2007 in Napanee, Ont.





Robert Allan Clark U of T 1948 photo



# **Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott Child of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Fifth daughter: Annie Almeda B 18 Apr 1866 W Zorra

D 25 Jun 1907 age 40

M 24 June 1891

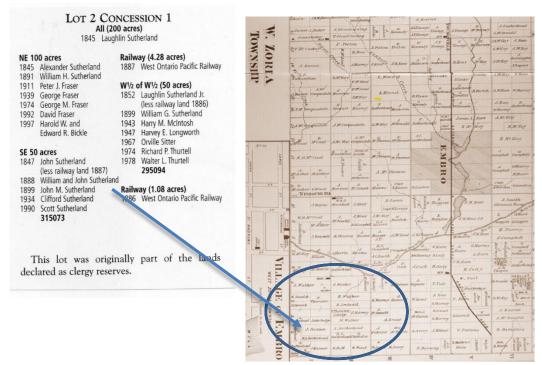
**Spouse: John Matherson Sutherland** B 21 Sept 1862 Zorra

D 27 Apr 1943 Ingersoll hospital

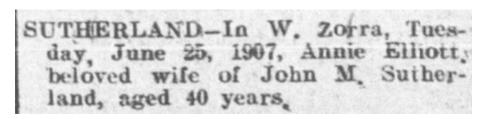


John and Annie were also W Zorra farmers. John was not a brother of Robert Sutherland who was married to Annie's sister Henrietta. I suspect he was one of the many Sutherland cousins living in W Zorra. John and Annie ended up farming just down the road from the W Zorra Lot 7 Con 1 farm owned by her father Samuel Elliott. They farmed at Lot 2 Con 1. The Lot 2 farm was first in the Sutherland family hands when his grandfather Laughlin Sutherland purchased the 200 acres from the Crown in

1845. The 100 acres were divided amongst various sons and grandsons with John taking ownership of south east 50 acres around 1890.



John had two spinster sisters living with his family when in 1894 the family home burnt down and they moved to John St. Embro. They returned to the rebuilt family home a few years later. In 1934, the property was granted to his oldest living son Clifford. Retired John lived on the property with his son until he was 81 years old when he fractured his hip. He was transported to Alexandria hospital in Ingersoll and a month later died of pneumonia while in the hospital.



ELLIOTT--In West Zorra [township], on Tuesday, June 25, 1907, Annie Elliott, beloved wife of John M. Sutherland, aged 40 years. The funeral will take place from her late residence, Lot 2, Concession 1, West Zorra [township], on Thursday afternoon, and proceed to the North Embro Cemetery. Service at the house at 1 o'clock

As noted, Annie and John lived a small distance apart when they were growing up. They married in 1891

In 1891, John M. married Annie Almeda Elliott (born April 18, 1866) of Lot 7, and they farmed here.

They had six children: Irene; Quincy (killed in the Second World War); Randolph; Clifford (married Alice Pounds, farmed here); Earl; and Roberta Jean. Annie died while giving birth. and had 4 children between the ages of 18 and 1 when she died. It is noted in the History of Embro and W Zorra book that she died during childbirth in 1907 at age 40. John M never remarried nor did it appear that he had his sisters acting as surrogate mothers while he lived on his farm.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Annie Elliott and John Matherson Sutherland**

Oldest Child: Irene Catherine Sutherland B 07 May 1892 W Zorra

D 21 Aug 1977 Hamilton M 02 Dec 1922 Ingersoll

Spouse: Fred Edgar McDiarmid

B 24 Feb 1890 Woodstock

D 30 Sept 1973 Ingersoll

Irene was born on the farm and was 14 years old when her mother died. She would have to grow up quickly as it appeared she was the woman of the house in the 1921 census after her mother's death.

Irene was Fred's second wife, he had 4 small children when his wife **Grace Pullen** died in 1920. He married Irene in 1922 and as she had done with raising her younger brothers, she inherited another family: Clark age 8, Bruce age 6, Eva age 4 and Ruth age 1. Fred and Irene had at least 1 daughter of their own, Muriel born in 1926. The names Russell and Dorothy appear in the publication Thamesford – Tweedsmuir histories that confirm that they were also children of Fred and Irene.

Fred was born in N Oxford to Delevan McDiarmid and Lexi Clarke. Lexi died when Fred was 8 years old. He first helped farm the McDiarmid property in N Oxford but moved off the farm with his four children from his marriage to Grace Pullen and moved to Ingersoll when he married Irene in 1922. The couple first lived on Catherine St. in Ingersoll. He went to work as a labourer and by 1945 was living at 249 Harris St in Ingersoll. He later worked as a caretaker and downsized to a smaller house at 108 King St. Both Fred and Irene died at the home of one of their children living in Hamilton. He is buried with both wives in IRC.



HARRIS STREET

249 McDermid, Fred, laborer

249 McDermid, Mrs. Fred —

249 McDermid, Bruce, Canadian Army

1945 Ingeroll voters list

Fred and Irene McDiarmid



249 Harris St.



# Great Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Grandchildren of Annie Elliott and John Sutherland Children of Fred McDiarmid and Irene Sutherland

Child: Russell B unknown

D unknown

M 16 Aug 1943 Ingersoll

Spouse: Margaret Dutton B unknown

D unknown

He married during his war years when he was a gunner based at Petawawa. It appears that they were living in Hamilton after the war and he was a certified accountant for many years.

#### MARGARET DUTTON WEDS GNR. RUSSELL MCDIARMID

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage, on Monday, August 16th with Rev. R. H. Parr officiating, when Margaret [Marge] Dutton became the bride of Gunner Russell McDiarmid of Petawawa. The bride was lovely in a frock of Romance blue with matching accessories and wore a corsage of Briarcliffe roses. Gnr. and Mrs. McDiarmid left later on a short honeymoon to be spent in Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, the bride donning a smart dressmaker's suit of rose crepe with navy accessories

**Child: Muriel Clare** B 24 Aug 1926 Ingersoll

D 02 Jan 2012 Dartmouth, N S M 14 May 1949 Ingersoll

Spouse: Charles Reginald Rennie B 02 Feb 1926 Dorchester

D Apr 2011 Dartmouth N S

The couple's marriage was a gay affair in staid Ingersoll.

TRACTOR, WAGON IS 'CHARIOT' AS NEWLYWEDS PIPED AROUND

A group of neighbours of the McDiarmid's, Harris Street, got a bright idea last Saturday and as a result a pair of newlyweds, Muriel McDiarmid and Reginald Rennie, got a wedding procession just out of this world. They dashed out of Trinity United Church in a hail of confetti to find drawn up at the curb a rubber-tired farm wagon gaily decorated and drawn by a tractor with a silk-hatted driver. On the wagon was a cozy, decorated love seat with a top-hatted escort, and the chariot was all set to go. The newlyweds were flabbergasted at first, but then piled aboard and off they went around the town, with a young piper, Bruce Fraser, piping merrily. Piper Fraser, who piped the couple from the church after the ceremony conducted by Rev. C. D. Daniel, didn't realize he was about to board the chariot. Neither did anyone else in the party. Muriel, the bride, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McDiarmid. Reginald is the son of Mrs. John Rennie and the late Mr. Rennie, Putnam. The couple will reside in Verdun, PQ, but where they went on their honeymoon, no one knows.

Although speculative, there is some potential to believe via voters lists that Charles R Rennie entered the RCMP and was stationed in Ottawa and Halifax during his career and retired to Dartmouth N.S. around the year 2000.

**Child: Dorothy** B unknown

D unknown

The only information I can locate on Dorothy is that according to the Thamesford -Tweedsmuir histories she was a daughter of Fred and Irene McDiarmid

her younger daughter. here married Fred M. Diarmid. They have in Ingersall and had Russel, muril and Dorocky.

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Annie Elliott and John Sutherland**

**Second Child: Quincey Rudolph** 

B 17 Oct 1896 W Zorra D 05 Mar 1918 France

The oldest son, Quincey volunteered for action in WWI in January of 1915 at age 18.

Field report of battlefield conditions the day Quincey was wounded:

Field Dairie Report France

February 28

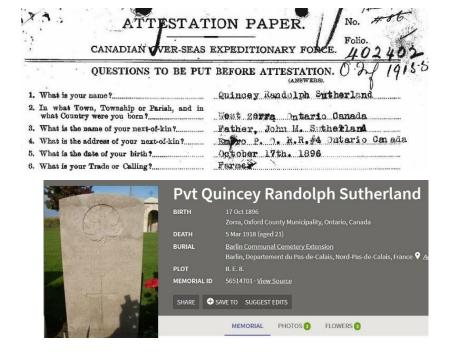
Patrols active throughout the night, enemy attack not taking place. Shell exploded at "D" Company's advanced Headquarters at 11.00 A.M., 5 O.R. (other ranks) being shell-shocked, 3 O.R. (other ranks) of whom were evacuated. Stokes mortars put over a salve of 50 rounds from each gun at 8.30 P.M., very little enemy retaliation.

Weather - Fine.

Quincey may have been one of the "other ranks" mentioned above.



He was taken to No.1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station suffering from severe shrapnel wounds and compound fractures to his skull and both legs. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March an infection had developed and the doctors were forced to amputate his right leg in an attempt to save his life. Unfortunately, they were not successful; Quincey succumbed to his injuries and died two days later. He was just 21 years old. Buried in Nored-pas-de Calaie, France



# Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Annie Elliott and John Sutherland

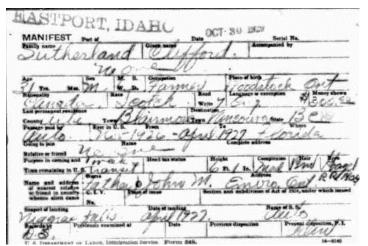
**Third Child: Clifford Carl** B 01 July 1889 W Zorra

D 16 Mar 1978 Ingersoll M 04 Jun 1930 Ingersoll

Spouse: Alice May Pounds B 26 Mar 1910 Lot 5 Con 1 N Oxford

D 2008 Ingersoll

Before settling down at age 30, Clifford had been travelling through the US, starting in Florida, from November 1926 to April 1927. He then travelled cross county and was found in Eastport, Idaho on Halloween day 1929. He crossed the border into Canada on his way to Vancouver, BC. The border paperwork indicates he was a tall man of 6'1".



After his trip west, he was back in Ingersoll in 1930 to marry 19-year-old Alice Pounds. At that point he was a farmer working in W Zorra on the farm he was granted from his father. When son Stanley took over the farm, Clifford and Alice retired to Thamesford. Later still, Stanley's son Scott was granted the property in 1990 and Stanley and his wife moved to 164 S Wonham St. in Ingersoll.



164 Wonham St. Ingersoll



The Sutherland house on Lot 2, Concession 1. It took Clifford Sutherland and his son Stanley about five years to build the wrap-around veranda, using stones gathered on their fields and the fields of their neighbours. Playing on the launt are current residents Sonya (left) and Lesley Sutherland.

### **Children of Clifford Sutherland and Alice Pounds**

Stanley Scott B 19 Feb 1939 W Zorra

D 05 Jul 2007 (Wife: Ann Bole D 2018)



(Wife of Stanley)

SUTHERLAND, Audrey Ann Boles- Peacefully with her family by her side at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in her 77th year. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Sutherland (2007). Loving mother of Shirley Grass (Mike), Sandy Sutherland, Scott Sutherland, and Sue Sutherland.

Retired to 164 S Wonham St, Ingersoll

Margaret Arlene (Walpole)

B 1943 W Zorra-

D 25 May 2012 Newmarket, Ont



Margaret Arlene (Peggy) Walpole - On Friday, May 25, 2012, after a long brave fight with cancer, Marg a determined lady, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket. Predeceased by her loving husband Keith (1981). Loving and caring mom to Kim (Kevin) and Cindy (Aaron) all of Keswick.

**Anna Doreen** 

B 1943 W Zorra D 2021 London



Anna moved with Clifford and Alice to Thamesford in her twenties. She moved to London in the mid 1960s and worked as a stenographer.

SUTHERLAND, Anna Doreen

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Anna Sutherland, in her 80th year. Cherished mother of Sharri (John) Jobin and Christina (Scott McIntyre) Jolliffe. Dear Nana to Jennifer (Justin Hay) Sutherland, Rebecca James, Katherine James, Lilah Jobin, Hayley Jolliffe, and Allison Jolliffe. Great-grandma to Charis, Emily, and Callen.

Predeceased by her parents Clifford and Alice Sutherland along with siblings Margaret Walpole and Stanley Sutherland.

# Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Annie Elliott and John Sutherland

Fourth and last child: Roberta "Bobby" Sutherland B 25 Jun 1907 W Zorra

D 1979 either W Zorra or Guelph M 22 Aug 1942 Owen Sound B 02 May 1905 Owen Sound

Spouse: Ernest Nelson Gilbank B 02 May 1905 Owen Sound

D 10 June 1944 WW II France killed in action

(Age 39) Buried in Normandy.



### ROBERTA JEAN SUTHERLAND

The deed I intend is great, But what, as yet, I know not.

It has been rumoured that much may be made of a Scotchman if caught young—or even if not so young. Be that as it may, after deserting the Scotch Zorras at an early age, Bobby, still true to her race, took all that was forthcoming of education from Ingersoll public schools and Collegiate Institute, as well as various prizes, particularly in Art. However, Art was exchanged for Arts when a General Proficiency Scholarship brought her to Western. Here she registered in Library and Secretarial Science, and later decided to specialize in the Library option, and graduates as one of the two members of the final class.

Phi Eta Sorority has Bobby as a charter member, and this year as Vice-President.

Moreover she is one of the Old Originals of Alpha House where she has not only acted as treasurer, night watchman and what not, but also has gained many lasting friendships.

Annie died while giving birth to Roberta. It appears that Roberta was not raised by her widower father. The 1911 census has only father John and his three oldest children living on the farm. Roberta was farmed out to another relative. She was found in the 1921 census living with her aunt Ada and Ada's husband Edwin Elliott of the cheese feud fame. Also living with them was Ada's son Wilbur who was a deaf mute. Jean was fourteen and going to school in Ingersoll. I envision that she took an interest in Wilbur's disabilities as the inquisitive girl that she was. She went to university in London and was soon to be a teacher and librarian. It would be safe to say that Roberta was the "smart" one. She excelled at school and earned a scholarship to UWO now Western University. She studied in the Library Science program, being only one of two graduates.

In her youth, she was only 10 years old when her brother Quincey was killed in WW1 in France. This likely scarred her and she would be scarred once more in 1944.

Roberta took her education to and accepted work as the head librarian at the Owen Sound library. While in Owen Sound she met and married Ernest Gilbank in 1942. Within months he was off to fight in WWII at the age of 37.

He would not survive the experience.



Roberta's life started with the first of many tragic events that would follow her life journey. She

was born in April of 1907. She never met her mother as

# Chief Librarian, Miss Sutherland, Weds in Church

Bride of Ernest Nelson Gil-Bank Early Saturday Afternoon at Division St.

A marriage of interest to a very wide circle of friends is taking place quietly at Division Street United Church Saturday at 2 p.m., when Miss Roberta Jean Sutherland, daughter of Mr. John M. Sutherland and the late Mrs. Sutherland of Embro, Ont., becomes the bride of Mr. Ernest Nelson Gilbank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gilbank of this city. The bride is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Library Science and has been Chief Librarian of the Owen Sound Public Library for the past 12 years. She is a past president of the Owen Sound Business and Professional Women's Club, and also an active church and Sunday School worker.

Harold McNeill, A.T.C.M., organist of the church, is rendering the wedding music. Miss Sutherland is wearing a smart woollen suit in Salute blue with touch of braid. Her hat is a wide matching blue felt and her flowers are white roses, arranged in a shoulder knot.

Miss Alice Gunton, librarian of the public library at Simcoe, Ont., and a class mate of the bride at the University of Western Ontario, is her only attendant and has



The following is a horrifying account leading up to the death of Ernie Gilbank.

Courtesy Owen Sound Times.

Ernest Gilbank's story is one of an ordinary man serving his country who became a victim of the infamous 12th SS Hitler Youth Division. Ernest was born in Owen Sound on May 2 of 1905, where he finished grammar school and then attended Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute for one year. Dropping out of high school Gilbank took to sailing on the Great Lakes and by 1922 he completed a navigational training course obtaining his "mates license for inland waters." He would sail the Great Lakes for the next eight years. As the Great Depression took hold, Ernest Gilbank returned to Owen Sound working at a number of jobs for the next five years as steady employment was very hard to find. During these years he also attended night school, completing a three-year woodworking course. This led to a job as a carpenter in the late 1930s, and Ernie would continue in this occupation until he enlisted

for military service. In fact, some of his handiwork still remains in the family today. Gilbank was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and owned a large gun collection. He was also an avid fisherman who particularly loved to fly fish. His other pastimes included curling and reading fiction and biographies as his wife, Roberta "Bobby" Gilbank, happened to be the town librarian. Ernest Gilbank volunteered for active military service on March 4, 1943. At the time Ernie had achieved the rank of sergeant with the local militia unit, the Grey and Simcoe Foresters. Even though it was determined he had "flat feet" he passed his medical examination and was accepted into the regular ranks. His previous militia experience with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters must have helped his cause as he had attended two summer camps where he completed basic training and qualified for six-pounder anti-tank guns. Given his experience with woodworking, it was suggested by the recruiting officer that he join the military as a tradesman but a personnel report stated, "he does not want to join as a tradesman (and the) recruit feels that he can take the infantry training." The report he is very keen to advance in the army and now he is desirous of taking NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) instructor's course particularly for infantry weapons." On Sept. 1, 1943, Ernest Gilbank was promoted to corporal. A few months later he was busted back to a private "for failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his commanding officer." Several months later he would regain his corporal status temporally "for conducting purposes" of troops to the United Kingdom. On April 27,1944, Gilbank was transferred overseas to the 3rd Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit. During his voyage to the United Kingdom, he met his brother Howard aboard the transfer ship. Gilbank arrived in the U. K. and spent the next month completing more intensive training for the invasion of France. Ultimately, he was to be a reinforcement for one of the assaulting regiments and landed on Juno Beach later on June 6 after the initial assault. He was assigned to the Royal Regina Rifles on June 7 given the casualties the Reginas had experienced on D-Day. As part of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade the Regina Rifles were stationed near Bretteville l'Orqueilleuse and were attempting to expand the beachhead further south and firm up the connection with the neighbouring British forces on their right flank. As fate would have it, Ernie Gilbank arrived at the front just as the 12th SS Hitler Youth Division was planning a counterattack towards the Reginas' lines. Riflemen Lloyd Lee and Gilbank were ordered to man an outpost in front of the Regina front lines by their platoon sergeant, Sergeant Wood. They were to relieve the two men on duty and continue to look for any signs of German activity. The only means of communication with the outpost to their platoon was made through visual signals or voice. On June 9, 1944, an advancing battle group of German tanks from the 12th SS Panzer Division overran their outpost. The remaining Regina Rifles were ordered to hold their fire until the flanks of the tanks were fully exposed to their antitank guns. When they finally opened up fire several tanks were disabled and the remaining German tanks started to retreat as they realized they could not continue to mount their attack. A tank crew from one of the disabled tanks was making their way back by foot to their start line and discovered Lee and Gilbank, who were hiding.

Sergeant Wood watched from his position as Lee and Gilbank were marched off with their hands over their heads behind the Caen-Bayeux railway. They were taken approximately 500 yards behind the German lines where the tank commander began to question Gilbank, Rifleman Gilbank did not understand his captor's questions very well and did not provide appropriate answers. The officer became very agitated and grabbed a machine pistol from a nearby soldier and shot Ernie three times in the stomach. Ernie fell to the ground and the officer walked over to him and shot him fatally in the head. Just as the officer turned his attention to rifleman Lee, shells from approaching British tanks began to fall in their midst. The officer fired a round at Lee, wounding him in the upper thigh and he fell to the ground. As the barrage intensified the officer in his haste to retreat fired two to three more rounds towards Lee, but missed only hitting his water bottle. Lee feigned death lying on the same spot until after dark. It took Lee 36 hours to crawl to his front lines, where he was able to tell his fellow Reginas about his terrifying ordeal. News of Ernest Gilbank's death hit the family hard. Ernie's mother was devastated by the loss of her son and wrote to the Canadian government demanding that her other three sons be released from any further military obligation to serve, two of her grandchildren related in a recent interview. Fred Gilbank remembered "how my grandmother slit a mattress open and shoved all of Ernie's guns (into the mattress). She sold the mattress to some quy and he had to have three people help him load the heavy mattress into his truck." Janice Gilbank recalled how Bobby, Ernest's wife, was also upset by her husband's death and "she did not talk about Ernest for a long time after his death." In fact it is only until recently that Janice and Fred learned of the full circumstances of Ernie's death of being murdered as a prisoner of war. They explained that their family was a "private family" and Ernie's parents probably did not wish to pursue further details of their son's death. Ernest Gilbank was one of 156 Canadian soldiers murdered as a prisoner of war by the Nazi 12th SS Panzer division in Normandy. Unfortunately, another Owen Sounder is on that list. Francis David Harrison was murdered as a prisoner of war at the Chateau d' Audrieu on June 8, 1944. The perpetrators of many of these crimes were never brought to justice. Only



SS Brigadier General Kurt Meyer would face a trial for the above war crimes. Ernie's family can take some solace in the fact the Regina Rifles played a major role in withstanding the vigorous German counter-attacks during those early days, while they were trying to establish the Normandy beachhead. As military historian Terry Copp related in a recent e-mail, "Gilbank was part of C Company RR (Regina Rifles) commanded by Major Stu Tubb, the company's role at Norrey was crucial to the defence of the bridgehead." Ernest Gilbank's remains were interred at the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery.

Newspaper Ingersoll Tribune

Newspaper Date Jul 27 1944

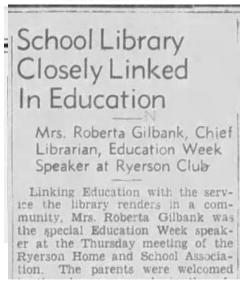
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Notice

Word has been received that Pte. Ernest Gilbank of Owen Sound, has been killed in action in France. The official notice came to his wife, the former Roberta Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, North Oxford [township]. While the late Pte. Gilbank had not lived here, he was well known in this district because of occasional visits. He was 35 years old and leaves besides his wife, his parents and brothers and sisters

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After Ernest's war death, Roberta continued to work as a librarian in Owen Sound. She had a successful career which included moving temporarily to Nova Scotia to set up a mobile book library system in Cape Breton.

She returned to Ontario where she was the head librarian for the new Scarborough city library (now part of Toronto) from 1955 until 1963 and later still was in charge of the University of Guelph Library research wing until at least 1971. She was recognized for her work in the Toronto library system with a plaque located at the main downtown Toronto library. Her name is attached to several research and PhD papers as a researcher and archivist that assisted with their publication. Her other achievements include being an executive of the Bruce County Ancestry Society, and was an executive of the Bruce Outdoor Association.

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From Gilbank, Roberta. "Guelph and the Telephone." Guelph Historical Society Publications 10, No. 5 (1970).

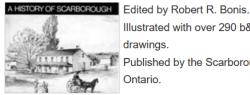
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# **CFUW Guelph Presidents**

1969 1970 Roberta Gilbank



Illustrated with over 290 b&w photographs, maps and drawings.

Published by the Scarborough Public Library, Scarborough,

Paperback, 389 pp. \*Reprint of 1968 enlarged edition

A History of Scarborough - Edited by Robert R. Bonis.

"This History of Scarborough is itself the product of our Township's history, the result of research and writing by many interested persons over many years. The first History of Scarborough appeared in 1896, the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the Township. It was published by the Centennial Executive Committee and edited by David Boyle, Curator of the Ontario Archaeological Museum.

As the years passed, the decrease in the number of available copies, the new and more exciting history made by the remarkable development of the Township, and an increasing demand for information on local history proved that something new was needed.

In 1956 interest in local history resulted in the organization of the Scarborough Historical Society. The Society printed a seven page "Brief Outline of Scarborough's History" based on Boyle's book. To meet the requests of teachers and pupils of local schools for local history, Mrs. Roberta Gilbank, Chief Librarian of the Scarborough Public Library and Secretary of the Scarborough Historical Society, printed and circulated the historical notes prepared by other members of the Society and compiled numerous sheets of information based on Boyle's book supplemented by more recent data.



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Roberta was also an excellent painter, having her paintings shown in several exhibitions.

left: photo of one of her paintings.

She has been recognized by the Famous Woman of Canada Association

https://www.famouscanadianwomen.com/job/academics.htm

### Roberta Gilbank 4023

née Sutherland. Born 1907, Ontario. Died 1979, Ontario. Roberta married Ernest Nelson Gilbank (1905-1944) who died in military service in France. It is not known where or when Roberta studied library science but it may have been at the University of Toronto. She seems to have worked for a time at Owen Sound Public Library, Ontario. By the fall of 1951 she was working at the Regional Library System Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Back in Ontario, it is known that she taught library skills courses for the Ontario Government of Education. It is known that some of these courses were for people working in small public libraries\*. On August 15, 1955 she was appointed as the first Chief Librarian of the newly formed Scarborough Public Libraries (now part of Toronto Public Libraries. She left this position in December 1963. From 1961 through to 1968 she kept records for the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Ontario. By the late 1960's she was living and working in Guelph where she was the first archivist at the University of Guelph. She wrote Historical Notes on the Library at O. A. C. 1881-1958. In 1969-1970 she was President of the Guelph Branch of Canadian Federation of University Women (C F U W). She was also involved with the Guelph Historical Society and wrote articles for the Society newsletter. In 1978 she was a curator with the Annan Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History. Source: \*Personal knowledge; correspondence with the Archives and Special Collections University of Guelph May 2013.

# **Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Child of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

**Eighth child: Lila Theresa** B 29 Jan 1869 W Zorra

D 13 Dec 1947 W Zorra M 24 May 1894 Woodstock

Spouse: Jacob Grant German B 03 Jun 1870 N Oxford

D 1945

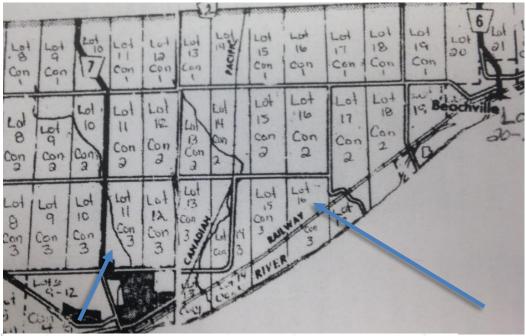


Husband Jacob was born in St Thomas to Jacob and Mary German, an English family. Jacob was a fence builder and his religion was "universalist", the forerunner to the Unitarian Church. He moved to Ingersoll, and by 1895 and right after their marriage, he was running a butcher's shop/dairy farm at Lot 11 Con 3 N Oxford township. This is the same property as Lila's older sister Ada and brother-in-law Edwin lived and worked on and were likely joint owners of the butcher business with Jacob and Lila.

The business was located just on the outskirts of Ingersoll on Thames St. N at the corner of Milton Street and included the now Sacred Heart Cemetery. By the year 1900 the German family were living at Con 3 Lot 16, N Oxford just to the east of his wife's uncles James and Thomas Elliott's properties. This property is now another hole in the ground on the north side of the CNR tracks just east of Ingersoll due to the open pit lime quarrying operations. By 1912 their journey was followed by purchasing a home/farm in W Zorra at Lot 13 Con 6 on the western edge of the village of Embro. Onland.ca notes that this was about an 11-acre lot priced at \$5100.00. This property was eventually absorbed into Embro proper and bordered what is now Commissioner Rd. This would be the couple's home for the rest of their lives. They sold a majority of the property in 1946. Widow Lila sold a ½ acre parcel (likely the family home) for \$1840 dollars in 1946 to son Lloyd. In 1925, Clarence purchased "the Ingersoll Produce Co." for \$200.00.

### Lot 11 Con 3 Butcher operation.

#### Lot 16 Con 3 Farm



THIS INDENTURE made the twenty-seventh day of August A. D. 1925,

BETWEEN:

JAMES W. FERGUSSON of the Town of Ingersoll in the County of Oxford. Produce Dealer.

of the First Part,

- and -

CLARENCE GERMAN of the Village of Embro in the County of Oxford, Produce Dealer,

of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the Party of the First Part is possessed of a Produce business known as "The Ingersoll Produce Co." in the Town of Ingersoll and appurtenances thereto as hereinafter set forth, described and enumerated, and have contracted and agreed with the said Party of the second part for the absolute sale to him of the same for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and these

SCHEDULE referred to in the annexed Bill of Sale from James W. Fergusson to Clarence German.

Two desks; one chair; two fattening crates complete; 35 poultry crates; 35 egg crates; two stoves; two dressing racks; killing knife; pinning knife; stencils; stamps; two scales; all stationery bearing name of Ingersoll Produce Co; quantity of chicken rings; feed pail; killing hooks;

# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Lila Elliott and Jacob German**

Oldest Son: William Arthur

B 18 Jun 1895 Ingersoll D 06 July 1943 Embro

He was born on the property just north of Ingersoll. The birth registry was signed by Richard Seldon, another Elliott cousin. Oldest son Arthur started as a farmer's son on the property just west of Beachville on the north side of the Thames, as per the 1927 Ingersoll phone book.

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In 1926, he made his first move to Detroit Mi. where his cousin lived and set to work as a salesman. He filed his declaration of intent to become a US citizen in 1930. He was a scrawny 127 lbs on a 5'8" frame.

He lived at 1304 St Jean St. in Detroit. Today it is an empty lot a few blocks from the Jefferson St. Chrysler plant in Detroit. At some point he picked up barbering skills and worked as such. He returned in the mid 1930s and lived near or in Beachville. His death certificate mentions heart disease with an attributing cause of his death being severe arthritis of the hands, likely from decades of barbering.

It appears he never married.



#### **Ingersoll Times:**

Following a short illness, the death occurred on Saturday, May 11, of William German, who died in Victoria Hospital, London.

# Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Lila Elliott and Jacob German

Spouse: Mildred Pearl Shaw

Second Son: Lloyd Frederick B 01 July 1899 born Ingersoll but lived in N Oxford

D 1955 Miami, Dade County Florida

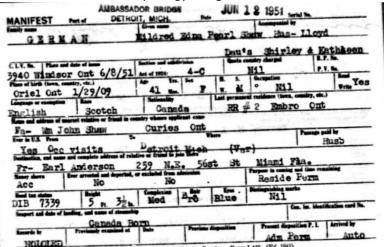
M 22 Oct 1927 Hamilton B 29 Jan 1909 Oriel, Ontario

D 1985 Miami, Dade County Florida

Lloyd was living in Embro when he married Mildred Pearl Shaw of E Oxford township. She was the daughter of farmer Wm. Shaw and Martha Weir of Curries in Oxford County. Lloyd lived in Embro and worked as a farmer as his family grew up during WWII. For some reason, Lloyd left the farming business and like several members of the Samuel Elliott clan, emigrated to the US, especially to the Miami area. The family left for the US in June of 1951 via Detroit and drove to Florida. He went to work for the Foremost Dairy Co. in Miami as a route driver in 1953. Mildred worked as a sales woman for the Three Sisters Department store chain in Miami.

" Lloyd F (Pearl M) slsmn White Belt, Dairy h5275 NE 2d ct apt 3

Tragically he died only five years after his arrival in Florida. He was 56 years old. Pearl obtained her citizenship in 1957 and continued living in the area until her 1985 death. She was likely in touch with the other Samuel Elliott prodigy living in the area.



Lloyd F. German

Services for Lloyd F. German,
56, of 764 NE 71st St., who died
Monday, will be announced by
the Bess Memorial Mortuary.

A route man for Foremost
Dairies, Mr German came here
five years ago from Embro, Ontario, Canada. He is survived by
his wife, Pearl; a son, Howard
L., with the Air Force, and two
daughters, Mrs. Shirley Richardson and Kathleen German, both
of Miami.

Miami Herald

### Children of Lloyd Frederick German and Pearl Shaw

First child: Harold B 21 Oct 1928 Woodstock

D 21 Oct 1928 Woodstock

First child Harold was stillborn at Woodstock hospital.

Second Child: Howard Lloyd B 18 Aug 1930 Embro born Woodstock hospital

D 02 Apr 2011 Prince George, BC

M 10 Mar 1951 Hamilton

Spouse: Edna Lange B 1933 Alberta

D 1995 Hamilton

Spouse: Barbara Wolfe B 30 Jun 1934 Sudbury

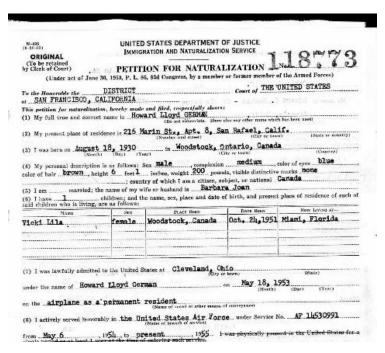
D 16 Jul 2007 Prince George, BC

#### Howard and Barbara



Born in Embro on the farm, Howard had visions of flying jets. He emigrated to the US in 1953 at age twenty-three. When he emigrated, he brought with him his wife Edna Lange and daughter Vicki. The couple had only been married for two years when they divorced in May of 1953. While Edna and daughter Vicki stayed in Miami near her in-laws, Howard joined the USAF. He was in the Air Force and was stationed in various US and international locations throughout the 1950s and 1960s. He was with the USAF before moving to San Francisco with his second wife, Barbara Wolfe. She was Ontario born and they married in Miami in 1953. The couple were stationed in Tacoma WA. with the Air Force in 1958. They returned to Canada and settled in the Prince George BC area.

HOWARD LLOYD GERMAN AUGUST 18, 1930 - APRIL 2, 2011 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Howard Lloyd German, brother to Mildred Kathleen (Kay) Lamminmaki (Victoria & Glenn of Hollywood, FI); father of: Vicki (Ken) Taylor (Colin & Lindsay of Hamilton, ON) (Valerie (Lorne) Hankins of Prince George, BC; Michael German of Prince George, (Andrew (Kylie), Cocine (Brent & Senna & Reese) and Allen (Kohen); Richard (Elizabeth Joyce) German (Matthew (Parveen), Christopher (Jennifer) & Tyler of Pritchard, BC); Linda (Stephen) Strandquist (Eric & Morgan of Dawson Creek, BC); Deborah (Richard Boles) German, (Emilia & Taylor of Prince George, BC). Uncle to Ronald Richardson. Howard was predeceased by his parents: Lloyd Frederick & Mildred Pearl German (nee Shaw); his brother Jacob & sister Shirley; his wife of 53 years, Barbara German (nee Wolfe) and their daughter Mary Elizabeth; his grandchildren Crystal German & Brandon Strandquist and Joyce Lange (mother of Vicki). Howard was a member and supporter of IUOE Local 115, Prince George & District Labour Council, British Columbia Building Trades Council, New Democratic Party (PG), Buckhorn Water Improvement District, a Trustee of the Spruce Credit Union, and the Heart & Stroke Society (PG). Howard will be remembered for his strong commitment to family and community.



Howard had a daughter with his first wife and five more children with second wife Barbara.

Third Child: Shirley Louise B 10 Sept 1934 Embro

D 15 Nov 2001 Hollywood, Florida M 11 Nov 1954 Yuma, Arizona Divorce 12 Oct 1977 Florida

Spouse: Philip Richardson B 1929 Miami

D 1994 Indiana

M 01 Jan 1988 Florida

Spouse: Theo Rissmiller B unknown

D unknown

Shirley was about 17 years old when the family packed up everything and moved to Florida. She married local Miami boy and war veteran Philip Richardson. Some ancestry.com family trees indicate that Shirley may have married several times but records have not substantiated this.

Fourth Child: Mildred Kathleen B 28 Sept 1940 Embro

D 2020 Miami

M 31 Dec 1959 Miami

Spouse: Harold Lamminmaki B 1937 Wareham, Massachusetts

D 2009 Florida

M 01 Jan 1988 Florida

"Kay" German was 20 years old when she married Harold and moved to Massachusetts to be nearer to his mother. Harold served in the Marines from 1955 to 1958 when he married Kay. He rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Marines. The couple later returned to Florida and were divorced in 1977.



### HAROLD JOHN LAMMINMAKI "Semper Fidelis"

"Clam"—off to the Marines—likes swimming and hunting (for four legged deer) and fishing—girls, girls, and more girls—making plans to abolish school in the 91st Congress—just loves to eat—spaghetti and meat ball man—life member of Jim's Restaurant—"We'll have a ball!"



### Mrs. Lamminmaki

Mass., is the mother of the bridegroom

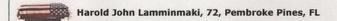
Mrs. Lamminmaki attended Miami Edison High School. Her husband was educated in Plymouth Mass., and has served in the U. S. Marine Corps.



### Lamminmaki-German

Mildred Kathleen German and Harold John Lamminmaki were married Thursday evening in Grace Methodist Church. They will live in Wareham, Mass., after Jan. 8.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Lloyd F. German, 764 NE ,71st St., and the late Mr. German. Mrs. Arthur Knapp of West Wareham,



PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. Harold John Lamminmaki, aged 72 years, died on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at the Memorial Hospital in Florida after a period of failing health. Born in Boston, he was the son of John H. and Mildred (Charron) Lamminmaki. He was the former husband of Mildred (German) Lamminmaki of Hollywood. Harold was raised in Plymouth, Mass., and had served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955-1958, and earned the rank of sergeant. Harold has lived in the South Florida area since 1958. He was an avid fisherman, and had lived in the V.A. Home in Pembroke Pines. Harold had worked for the Code 1 Association, which was a support staff for local fireman in the Miami area. He is survived by his former wife; one son, Glenn L. Lamminmaki of Pembroke Pines; two daughters, Victoria Lynne Means of Davie and Valerie Hankins of British Columbia; one stepbrother, Richard Knapp of Vermont; one sister, Barbara Maksy of Middleborough, and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Lorraine DeCosta. A brief visitation was held on Thursday, Jan. 7. For more information, please visit www.eggerandashleyfh.com.







# **Grandchildren of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker Children of Lila Elliott and Jacob German**

Third and last child: Clarence Grant B 24 Sept 1906 Embro

D 07 Mar 1986 Mt Brydges, Ont.

M 06 Nov 1926 Ingersoll

Spouse: Flossie Chute B 1909 Bayham, Elgin Co.

D 1996 Ingersoll

Spouse: Leda Brownlee B 09 Aug 1908 Lambton Co.

D 1990 Mt Brydges

Flossie was 17 at the time of the marriage.







Leda Clarence Leda

LEDA BROWNLEE
MOUNT BRYDGES, ONT.
The happiest, jolliest sort of girl,
With a merry laugh and a natural curl.

London Normal School 1928

Mr. Clarence G. Gorman	and M Leda D. Brownlee
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### They married in Detroit.

GERMAN
Suddenly on Friday, March 7, 1986, M
Clarence Grant German of Emerso
Avenue, Mt. Brydges and formerly
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Friends may call at the R. C. Mad
Funeral Home, Mt. Brydges on Satu
day, March 8 from 7-9 p.m. and Sundo

Leda was a teacher from Mt Brydges. He was a poultry farmer in Oxford Co. and by 1972 they had retired to Mt Brydges to be near his wife's family. No children have been found.

# **Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Children of Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker**

Nineth child and youngest son:

Spouse: Almeda Rozelle

Spouse: Cora F. Downey Burr

Arthur Samuel Elliott B 06 Feb 1871 W Zorra Ontario

D 04 Jan 1961 Miami, Florida

M 25 Dec 1901 Ingersoll

B 1872 Bayham, Elgin Co. Ont.

D 1942 Miami, Dade Co.

M 1944 Miami, Dade Co. B 12 Aug 1874 Jefferson, Iowa

D Feb 1948 Dade County, Florida

Spouse: Ethel Maude Platis Hopper

Elliott B 18 Aug 1894 W Zorra

D 14 Jul 1983 Miami, Florida

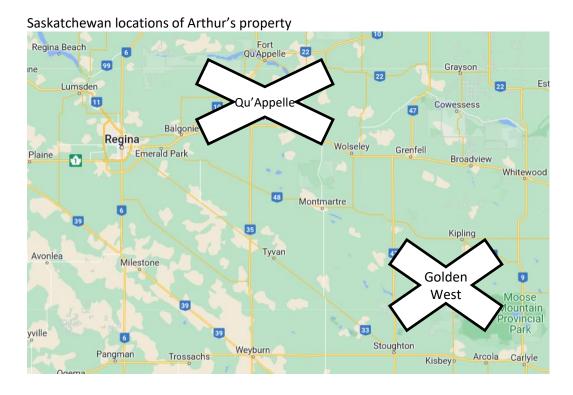


ELLIOTT-ROZELLE.

wedding very quiet but pretty took place at the residence of Mr.and Mrs. Rozelle, Metcalfe atreet, Chirist. mas Day, when their daughter Adena, was married to Mr. Arthur S. Elof West liott, a well-to-do farmer Zorra. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Dundas street chu rch. Miss Jennie sister of the bride, noted as brides. maid, while Mr. Walter Tate acted best man. The bride and bridesmaid in cream waists. were both attired with eastor and dark grey skirts respectively. Miss Elliott, sister of the played the wedding march. groom, being About 30 guests were present AUIN. only the immediate relatives. ptuous dinner was served the dining room which was decorated with smilax and white flowermafter which Mr. and Mrs. Elllott left on the 5.19 train for points west. They are soon to take up their abode in West Lorra, about two miles from Embro. Their friends wish them many Ingersoll all happiness in their future home.

Arthur lived at home helping with the farm. He attended high school and finished the second year (grade 10). At age 18, Arthur played a significant role in the Elliott Cheese Factory Feud (referred to earlier). Almeda Rozelle is a mystery. No record of her can be found. There are some curious hints in the wedding announcement on this page. Almeda was named Adena. There was a Mary Wright Rozelle and daughter Jennie in Woodstock at this time which might be a link. There is very little found about Almeda regardless. More looking is required. In 1906, at age 36, Arthur and Almeda Rozelle were in Saskatchewan where he received a land grant in 1903. The 1906 census lists him and Almeda living on a farm with 3 horses and 1 cow in the Qu'Appelle Valley area of southern Saskatchewan. The 1916 Saskatchewan census had them moving to a farm in the Rural Municipality of Golden West, #95 in

the SE corner of Saskatchewan, NE of Weyburn.



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For some reason, perhaps the harsh Prairie weather or crop failures, they sold the farm. They moved to Woodstock just long enough to say goodbye to the family before moving again. At age 49, the tall, thin man packed up his suitcase and set off for the States. Almeda travelled prior to Arthur when he crossed the US border at Detroit on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1917 with \$100.00 in his possession. His destination was to the sunnier climes of Miami, Florida. The paperwork indicated that they had no fixed address in Miami and no job lined up. Almeda was likely staying in lodging on the Dixie Highway in Miami until Arthur arrived. This was a large leap of faith to start over again for a man his late forties. Arthur arrived in Florida two days after crossing the border. He was accepted for US citizenship in 1920.

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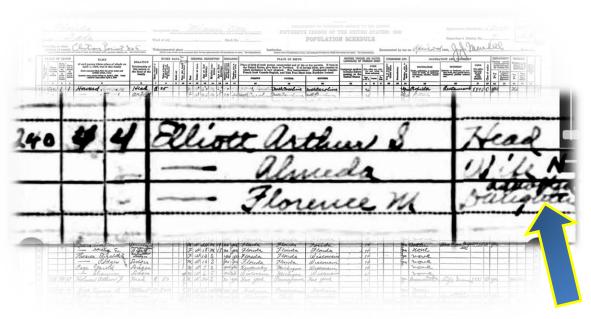
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They were later found in the 1930 Miami Census. Both Arthur and Almeda were in their late 50's in 1930, yet they had an adopted daughter Florence (she had taken the Elliott last name at a later date). It appears Florence was from Alabama and did not know her parents as they were listed as unknown on the census. I wonder what the circumstances were that the couple would adopt at such an old age. I have encountered this in both the Seldon (Book 4) and William Elliott family (Book 7) as well. Since Florence was not in the 1920 census with Samuel, they likely adopted her after she was 6 years old. She was 16 at the time of the 1930 census. Perhaps they missed not having children of their own. Florence was not found after the 1930 census but she was later listed as being a student according to the Miami city directory. It would be interesting to find out the path her life took after 1930.

According to the 1930 city directory, Arthur worked at the White Belt Dairy. He later was involved in construction and land

development.



1930 Miami, Dade County census



Fred and Alameda's house according to 1930 census - 240 NE 55<sup>th</sup> St Miami. Through multiple census years, Arthur and Alameda Elliott lived in this house for most of their time in Miami.

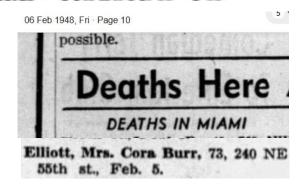
### Deaths Here And Elsewhere MRS. ALMEDA ELLIOTT Funeral services will be ducted at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Combs Funeral home chapel for Mrs. Almeda Elliott, 70, who died at her home after an illness of three weeks. Burial will be in Miami Memorial Park cemetery. She came here 25 years ago from Ontario and lived at 240 N. E. 55th st. She leaves her husband, Arthur S. Elliott; a daughter, Mrs. Florence Fulcher of Williston, N. C., and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Teskey of Canada. Active pallbearers are A. C. Alleshouse, R. V. Martin, Joe Fause, Ernest Rogers, H. H. Filer, J. B. Davidson and O. Hoover.

After Almeda's death in 1942, Arthur married again. This time to Cora F Downey Burr. She was born in lowa and lived in Nebraska for a time. She previously married Clergyman Edward S Burr and had four children. The Burrs divorced by 1920 as Cora was living with her youngest daughter in Chicago. Cora's children were adults by the time she moved to Miami from Chicago in the 1920s. She lived with a son and his family in Coral Gambles, Florida where he was in the construction business. Fred Elliott was also in the construction/developer industry that was booming in Florida at that time. In 1940, Cora was 65 years old and still with her son's family. Although he was now out of the construction business, I suspect she met Arthur through her son and their mutual contacts. In 1944, she and Arthur married and moved into his Miami home. Sadly, she died four years later.

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Name:	Cora F. Burr
Marriage Date:	1944
Marriage Place:	Dade, Florida, USA
Spouse:	Arthur S. Elliott
Certificate:	13508
Volume:	900
Source:	Florida Department of Health



## Arthur S. Elliott

Services for Arthur S. Elliott, 89, of 240 NE 55th St., who died Wednesday, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Grace Methodis: Church, under direction of Combs' Northeast Funeral Home, He came here in 1917 from Saskatchewan, Canada, and was active in real estate development. He had been a member of Grace Methodist Church for more than 40 years. Surviving is his wife, Ethel.

Name:	Ethel M. Hopper
Marriage Date:	1949
Marriage Place:	Dade, Florida, USA
Spouse:	Arthur S. Elliott
Certificate:	20066
Volume:	1240
Source:	Florida Department of Health

Feb 6, 1948 obit Miami Herald

Arthur was again widowed. The 1950 census held a surprise as Arthur was remarried. His new wife was named Ethel and was a non-US citizen and 16 years his junior. Recorded evidence points to this woman as Ethel Maude (Elliott) Platis Hopper. She was Arthur's niece and his older brother Frederick's oldest daughter. The ages and dates of birth as seen on the US Social Security Death Index support

the identity of Ethel. Were they living in common law or legally married? A mystery. As noted in her history, there is paperwork to suggest she was his housekeeper but a majority of immigration, censuses, obituaries and directories establish that she was his wife. They married in 1949 and she lived as his wife until 1983. After the marriage, the couple moved into a retirement complex on NE 54<sup>th</sup> St. about 5 blocks from Biscayne Bay in Miami.

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Miami Herald

Almeda Rozelle died in 14 Oct 1942 at age 70. Cora Burr died Feb 1943 at age 74. Arthur succumbed Jan 05 1961 age 89. Ethel passed 14 July 1983 age 88. No children appear in any records.

# Personals

Arthur S. Elliott who died on January 4, 1961, at his home in Miami, Florida, was born on Feb. 6, 1871, in West Zorra, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Elliott, who founded the Red Star Cheese Factory, West Zorra. Eight sisters and a brother predeceased him. He leaves a widow and a number of nieces and nephews. Wilber Elliott, C. C. Sutherland and C. G. German are nephews, Mrs. F. C. McDiarmid is a niece and Mrs. B. C. Edwards and Miss Alice Walker are cousins, all of Inger-

**Ingersoll Tribune** 

### Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Walker

**Youngest and last child**: Lillian Elliott B 1874 D 1875 9 months. Buried with her sister Mary in Embro.

"Lillian M. Elliott

**Birth** 1874

**Death** 11 May 1875 (aged 0–1)

 $\textbf{Burial} \ \frac{\textbf{Ingersoll Rural Cemetery}}{\textbf{Ingersoll, Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada}}$ 

ELLIOTT--In West Zorra [township], 11th inst., Lillian M., youngest daughter of Samuel Elliott, Esq., aged 9 months - Ingersoll Chronicle, May 13, 1875 "



She died at home of a lung infection.

Father Samuel Elliott may have been the youngest of the Elliott family and assorted married siblings to occupy the townships and town of Ingersoll but he was certainly the loudest.

# End of Book 10 and the Story of the Elliott family

Book 11 Elliott Cheese Factory Feud – Newspaper Clippings

## **Acknowledgments**

It has been thirty-four months since Covid led me to this journey of connection to my family. Traipsing through the past has enriched me with knowledge of where I was born and raised in Oxford County. I also understand more about my extended ancestorial family and the lives they led. I wish to thank the following people and organizations that put up with what may have seemed as unending requests and constant badgering. I apologize to those I have missed. This project is as much yours as mine. Take a bow.

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Lyle Elliott Keith and Marjorie Brown
Terry McCorry Jane Fleming – Embro Library

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Len Elliott
Wayne Smith
Heather Skolly

And to my immediate family – I am sorry that I caused so many eye rolls as I regaled them with stories from past generations. Much thanks and love to my editor Gaile Elliott – she is never wrong. Their patience and encouragement were always welcome and at times needed.

Glenn Elliott

Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

June 2023.