

# Book 2: The Elliotts/Seldons/Prouse/Wilsons of Devon

## Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse and Family

IRC Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Con – township road or concession

**Preface:** Mary was the oldest daughter of John and Mary Elliott. To review their lives, refer to Book 1  
**The Devonshire Elliott/Seldon/Prouse/Hamlyn/Wilson Families of 1843 Ingersoll and surrounding townships**

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# Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse and Family

(Daughter of John Elliott and Mary Elliott)



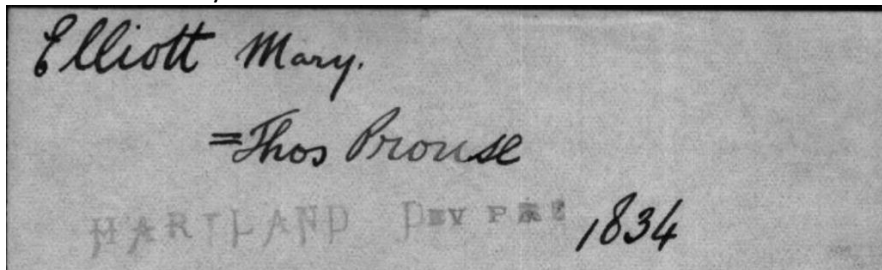
## Mary Elizabeth Elliott

B 17 Feb 1809 in Hartland Parish, Devonshire  
D 11 Jan 1892 at Lot 22 Con 1 West Oxford Township. Buried IRC  
Baptized 05 Mar 1809 Hartland, Devon  
M 02 Mar 1834 Hartland, Devon

## Spouse: Thomas Prouse

B 27 Sept 1807 Hartland, Devon  
D 03 Sept 1881 West Oxford Township Buried IRC

The Prouse Family were from the Hartland Parish area of Devon.



Marriage record Thomas and Mary Elizabeth: Hartland Parish Devon

As has been speculated, the Elliott family members, spouses and children did not come over to Canada on mass in 1843. Son John Jr. appears to have arrived much earlier. Older daughters Maria Seldon and Mary Prouse appeared at a later date.

Born 1809 in Devon (likely Bradworthy, Hartland), Mary Elliott married Thomas Prouse of the Hartland area in 1834. In the 1841 Devon census he was listed as a yeoman (small farm owner) at Sowden Farm. According to the website "Survey of English Names", the farm was located about 3 kilometers north of the village of Hartland, Devonshire. The farm buildings no longer exists. As a yeoman he was the owner of the property that he worked and had some wealth. He kept his own profits. Most farmers were labourers and tenants of large wealthy farmers and landowners. Mary's father, John Elliott, was also a yeoman therefore Mary was marrying into another family with some wealth. Thomas was 30 years old or thereabouts (the 1841 English census tended to round out some ages), and was doing well in his endeavours. They had four young daughters according to the 1841 census. There were a number of Prouses in the local Hartford parish region in 1840 according to the census of the time. Although I have

not followed Thomas' direct lineage, Pat Adam, a Prouse cousin living in Ingersoll has supplied a more in depth look at the Devon Prouses. To the best of her knowledge and research the Thomas Prouse lineage is:

Thomas Prouse (1807-1881) was the son of John Prouse (1772-1864) and Ann Hortop (1784-1865)

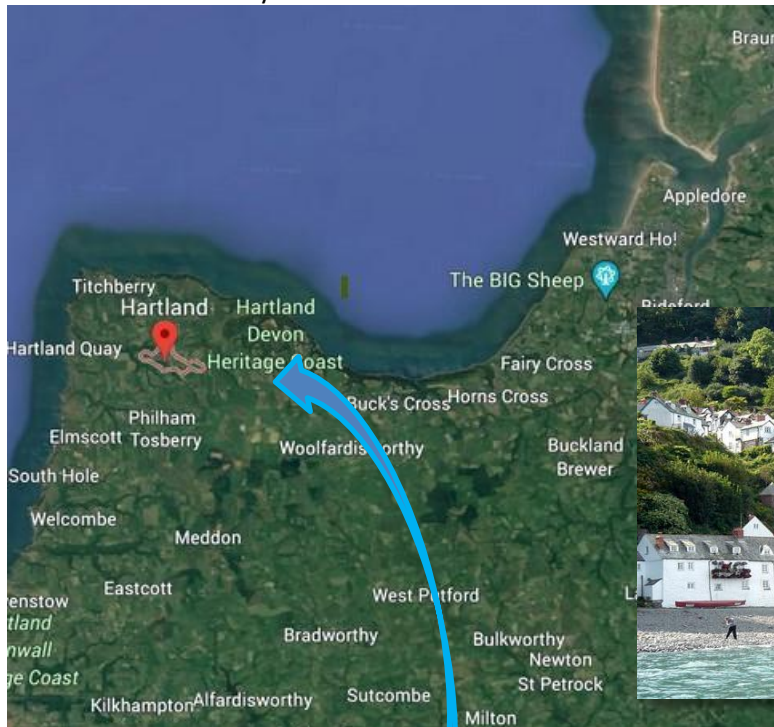
John Prouse (1772-1864) was the son of James Prouse (1738-1820) and Ann Crocker (1747-1817)

James Prouse (1738-1820) was the son of James Prouse (1701-1756) and Jane Souch (B. abt 1700)

James Prouse (1701-1756) was the son of Hugh Prouse (1669-1702) and Martha Rudd (B. 1670)

Hugh Prouse (1669- 1702) was the son of Hugh Prouse (1650-1712) and Prudence? (1650-1720).

Thomas Prouse's father, John Prouse, lived close to the nearby village of Clovelly and had 400 acres and two labourers employed. Clovelly was also the home of Mary Elliott's sister Elizabeth's deceased husband James Hamlyn.



Clovelly Devonshire

Hartland Devon



Devonshire

	Elizabeth John	30	<del>30</del>	24
	Richard do			24
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	Mary do	30		24
	Ann do	6		24
	Mary do	4		24
	Maria do	2		24
	Eliza			24
	John Extol	15	Apprentice	24
	Elizabeth Davy	15	Apprentice	24

1841 Thomas and Mary Prouse census. Son Thomas was born after the 1841 census of Devon.

Various claims have been made that Mary Elizabeth Elliott and Thomas Prouse came over to Canada in April 1846. The family consisted of 5 children. It is believed that Thomas' grandfather, Thomas and family travelled on the ship Arab, landing first in Trinity, Newfoundland. A daughter, Mary Trinity was born at sea and given the name Trinity as recognition of the families first landing spot in North America. The family then made there way directly to the Oxford County area. An inscription on Mary Trinity's grave marker supports the claim of "arriving on the Arab". The trip is noted in a Prouse family history book "One Hundred and Forty Years in Canada: One Half the Story.

#### The Trip

Thomas and Mary Prouse and five children set sail on the "Arab" from the south coast of England early in 1846. Their ship was shipwrecked and had to put back to port for repairs. Some of the passengers left after this unfortunate beginning but not Thomas and Mary. This delay meant a later than anticipated arrival in Canada and indeed their 6th child a daughter, was born in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and was named Maria Trinity, for her birthplace.

Where the Prouse family lived after their Oxford arrival and between 1846 and 1851 is unknown. Suspicion is they were living on the Dereham property they would later purchase. The 1851 census supports this as it has them living in a log house adjacent the Wilson holdings on the Culloden town line road in Dereham. This it the location of the first Prouse farm. The Wilson family were Mary Prouse's sister Eliza Wilson's family group and lived close by.

The Tremaine Map of 1857 (below) and The Oxford County Atlas of 1857 also indicate that Thomas Prouse was indeed a landowner in Dereham Township (Oxford Co) at Concession 1 Lot 22. Onland.ca indicated he purchased the property in 1854. Property records of Onland.ca also have the Prouse family purchasing 50 acres in December of 1855 (Con 2 Lot 24 west quarter) in West Oxford township from Mary's brother James Elliott who had come over as a young man with the family core in 1843. The Onland.ca property site also indicates the Elliott, Wilson and Prouse families interchanged properties throughout the years. The 1861 census confirms again the families lived across the road from each other with the purchase of the Lot 22 Con 1 Dereham township property. Over time, the family home became a two-story brick farmhouse similar to those being built throughout the area. In 1870, Thomas Prouse also purchased another 62 acres on Lot 25 Con 2 W Oxford from Richard Wilson, who was the father of his brother-in-law Charles Wilson – the husband of Mary's sister Eliza Elliott. The property would eventually fall to son Thomas Prouse Jr. The Wilson family, James Elliott family, the Prouse family



and the various families' children also purchased farms in the area in the following decades. The Elliott family was close knit and the sibling's farmed as a group.

Throughout the decades, as the number of descendants increased, there was a proliferation of Prouse sons and daughters purchasing farm property throughout Dereham, West Oxford and Dorchester townships. Place names such as Prouse Corners and Prouse Road sprung up in the township. A map on page 134 illustrates Dereham township and some of the family farms.

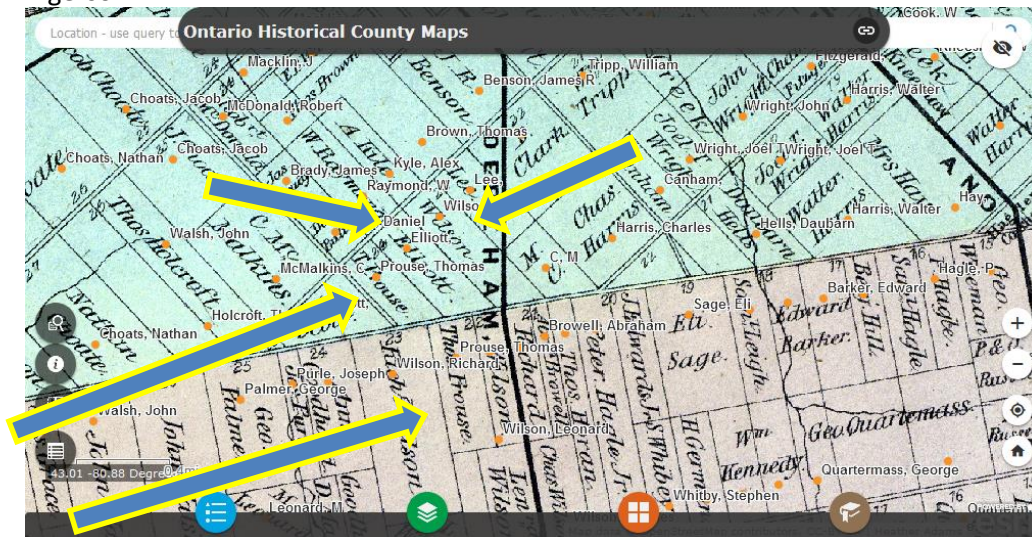
The Prouse family was in the cheesemaking business. The Elliott family was known to have been involved in the business in Devon. In fact, upon arrival in West Oxford, Mary's sister Eliza Wilson was the instigator of the Wilson Cheese factory south west of Ingersoll in the 1850s. Thomas and Mary Prouse soon followed by starting a factory of their own that was run by their son Thomas Jr. The following is an article (edited for brevity) from page 35 of the book entitled When Cheese Was King by Edward Moore, published by The Alymer Express Ltd, Alymer, Ont. in June 1987 and accessed through Ingersoll Library.

*“The Atlas of 1875 shows a cheese factory on the farm of Thomas Prouse Sr., on Lot 22 of Concession 1 (Dereham Township). Thomas and Mary Elliott Prouse with five children emigrated from Devonshire, England in 1846 and settled in Dereham. Thomas died in 1881 but son William stayed on the farm. Thomas Prouse Jr., second son of Thomas Sr., moved to Dereham Lot 10 Con 6 in 1878 and the women of the Prouse family made cheese and a Prouse Cheese Factory was built. Sometime after 1910, according to grandson Wray Prouse, a new factory was built on Lot 9 Concession 7 and was operated for many years as the Prouse Cheese Factory. The Norwich Gazette of 1893 reported the factory made 147 tons of cheese. After Thomas Jr. died in 1912, the factory was sold.*

Thomas Sr purchased the Lot 22 property 09 Aug, 1854.

Thomas Prouse Sr. properties purchased – McGill maps.

Light blue township: – West Oxford farm 1855. Pink township: Dereham farm 1854 located SW of Ingersoll



Through the years, Thomas Prouse and his children’s families purchased several farms in the immediate vicinity and prospered on the excellent land base. The original adjacent Elliott, Prouse and Wilson farms (see above map) were partially expropriated in the late 1950s for the passage of the MacDonald Cartier freeway (Highway #401) that passed through the middle of the properties on the road’s path from Detroit to Toronto. The encroachment from the north by the town of Ingersoll led to the rest of the properties being sold to General Motors of Canada in 1985. The CAMI automotive assembly site now occupies part of the former farm sites.

The Prouse farm location now the Cami automotive plant



“PROUSE’S CORNERS: Prouse’s Corners, named after sons JOHN and WILLIAM PROUSE, was located one mile south of Clark’s Corners on the Culloden Road, where this road intersects the town line which divides the townships of West Oxford and Dereham. JOHN PROUSE owned farms on the north side of the town line, while [son] WILLIAM’s farms were on the south side. On the WILLIAM PROUSE farm was a brick-making plant. The clay holes filled with water during the winter and became outdoor skating rinks. There was a building moved on to the JOHN PROUSE farm and used as a community hall.”

Excerpt from the *Axe and the Wheel: The History of West Oxford Township*.

The Prouse family name still has a strong presence in the local area to this day. Mary and Thomas lived their entire lives on the farms and are buried in the Elliott section H of Ingersoll Rural Cemetery (IRC).

### Children of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott

<b>Ann</b>	B 02 July 1835 Hartland Parish, Devon	D 08 Feb 1849 (age 14) W Oxford
<b>Mary</b>	B 21 Mar 1837 Hartland	D 07 July 1920 Ingersoll
<b>Maria</b>	B fall of 1838 Hartland	D buried 26 Feb 1842 (age 4) Hartland
<b>Eliza (Elizabeth)</b>	B 09 Nov 1840 Hartland	D 28 Sept 1921 Canterbury St. Ingersoll
<b>Thomas</b>	B 26 Dec 1844 Hartland	D 02 May 1912 Dereham township
<b>Mariah Trinity</b>	B 1846 at sea	D 27 Jan 1911 Ingersoll

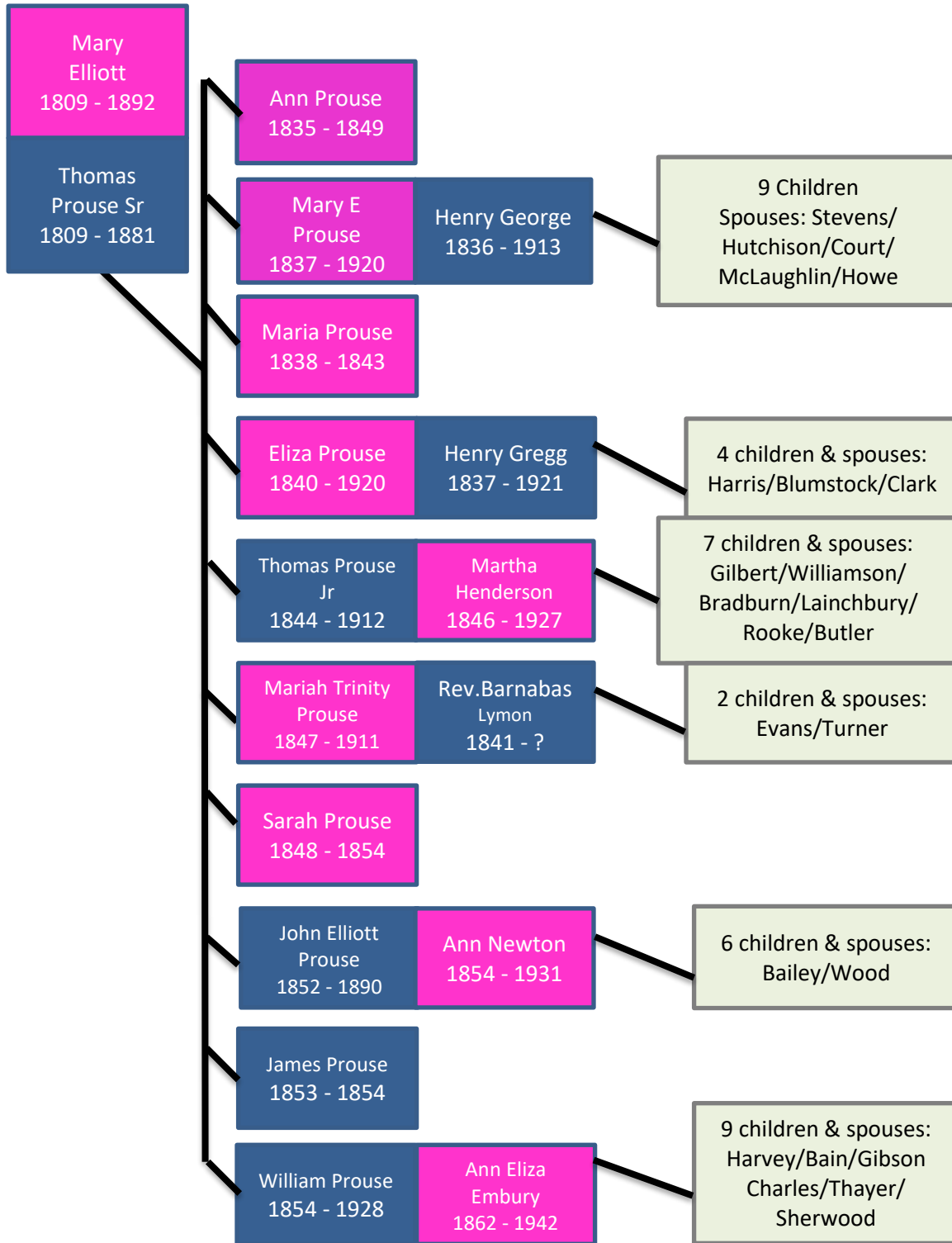
Grave marker inscription for Mariah Trinity:

*“In 1846, the ship "Arab" left the south coast of England for Canada. Thomas and Mary (Elliott) Prouse sailed with 5 children and Thomas' grandfather. They settled on concession 1 lot 22 Dereham Township. Maria as born aboard the Arab in Trinity Bay Newfoundland - hence her middle name”*

<b>Sarah Ann</b>	B 1848 Dereham Township	D 29 Jun 1854 (age 6) Dereham
<b>John Elliott</b>	B 09 Oct 1852 W Oxford	D 04 Jun 1930 Ingersoll
<b>James</b>	B 26 Nov 1853 W Oxford	D 13 July 1854 (7 months) Ingersoll
<b>William</b>	B 28 Nov 1854 W Oxford	D 09 July 1928 Medicine Hat, Alberta

As was common for the era, child survival rates were significantly lower than present day. Virus and diseases we treat successfully today were responsible for waves of childhood deaths though out the vicinity. The Prouse family was no exception.

**Children and Spouses of ...Mary Elliott (daughter of John Elliott and Mary Elliott) and Thomas Prouse**



**Great Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott  
 Children of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
 Oldest child of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott**

**First Child: Ann**

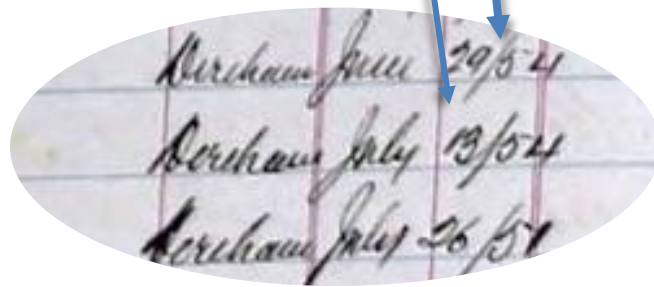
B 02 July 1835 Hartland Parish, Devon

D 08 Feb 1849 (14 Yrs.) W Oxford Buried IRC

Ann and her siblings Sarah and James were 'removed' to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery (IRC) in 1867 from the Elliott family farm cemetery. The location of the farm cemetery is unknown, however a large contingent of older family members (including the patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott) and a group of young family members were buried in the family cemetery. With the establishment of the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery in 1864, the family cemetery dead were transferred to plots purchased by the family group in what is now section H of IRC. A total of 13 family members (Elliott, Seldon, Wilson and Prouse) were placed into IRC on the same April morning in 1867. Among the nuclear family group were the three Prouse children. It should be noted that young Sarah and James Prouse died within days of each other, (June 29th and July 13th, 1854) likely from the same disease.

177	William Elliott	6	England	2. April July 17/58	Removal
173	John Seldon	7	England	2. April 17/48	"
174	John Seldon	2	North Oxford	2. April 15/54	"
175	Ann Prouse	14	England	Berham July 18/49	"
176	Sarah Prouse	6	Berham	Berham June 29/54	"
177	James Prouse	8	Berham	Berham July 13/54	"
178	John Wilson	4	Berham	Berham July 26/51	"
179	Mary Wilson	2	Berham	Berham Aug 11/51	"

Burial registry IRC showing removed bodies to the Cemetery.





# The Mary Prouse and Henry George Family

## Children of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott:

Second Child: Mary                      B 21 Mar 1837 Hartland  
  D 07 July 1920 N Oxford

Spouse: Henry George                    B 22 Sept 1836 Buckinghamshire, England  
  D 29 Nov 1913 Ingersoll

Mary came over with her parents in 1846. She would have been 9 years old at the time of the journey. She grew up on the family farm just southwest of Ingersoll. With the Wilson and Elliott families adjacent to the farm, there were likely many cousins to play with. By the 1851 census, Mary was the oldest child still living with the family on the farm. She was 16 years old and likely had a good friend in her cousin Mary Hamlyn, who was 18 years old, and was visiting/living with the family at that time. Mary Hamlyn was Mary Prouse's cousin who came over in 1843 with her mother, grandfather John Elliott and her two fatherless siblings. Mary Hamlyn's mother was living in Ingersoll by 1850 and would eventually be remarried to a Joseph Hempswell of Ingersoll. See Book #3.

April 1888 Ingersoll Chronicle

TWO FINE HORSES.—Mr. Henry George had his two horses, Bon Derra and Honest Tom, in town on Saturday, and they attracted considerable attention and favorable comment. The thoroughbred weighed 1,060 lbs. and the shire 1,200, both two years old this spring.

Mary Prouse would marry Henry George, a farmer in North Dorchester township in Middlesex County, which was a few kilometers to the west. Henry was an emigrant from Buckinghamshire, England who arrived in Canada in 1854 as an eighteen-year-old



emigrating with his nuclear family. By 1869 Henry had purchased S ½ Lot 4 Con 1 of N Dorchester about a mile north of the village of Crampton. In later years he purchased sections of other nearby lots thus adding 75 acres to the 100 acres he already owned. The couple had 10 children over a twenty-year span. They retired to Ingersoll around 1906 and lived at 209 Oxford St.

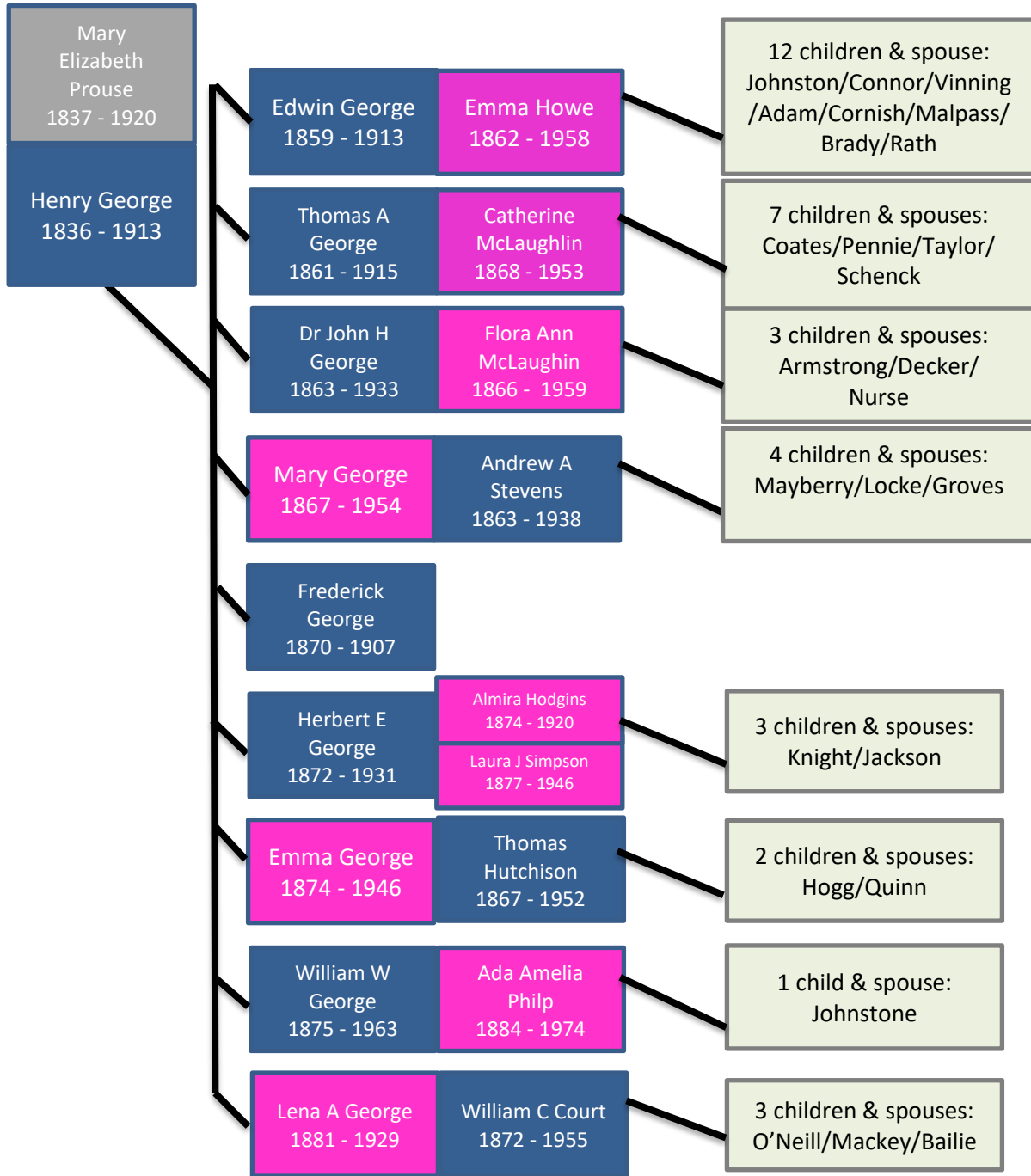
*Henry George, for several years a highly respected resident of Ingersoll, died today at his home, Oxford Street. He had been in ill health for several months and recently his condition became critical. He was in his 78th year, and his death was*

*due to a general breaking up of the system. Previous to coming to Ingersoll, to reside eight years ago, the late Mr. George was engaged in farming near Crampton, for forty years. He was also widely known as an importer and breeder of thoroughbred cattle and horses. For many years he was one of the leading exhibitors at the principal shows in Canada. He was born in England and came to Canada when 18 years of age, settling in Toronto. He later came to Oxford County and afterwards settled at Crampton where he was successfully engaged in farming.*

Death Notice Source Newspaper: Ingersoll Chronicle & Canadian Dairyman Thursday, December 04, 1913 Pg: 7, Col: 3 Text of Notice: DEATH OF HENRY GEORGE—

As fate would deem it, Henry died only 6 days after his oldest son and Henry's farm co-worker, Edwin died of cancer. With deteriorating health, Mary was moved to her daughter Emma Hutchison's farm home in North Oxford township for a few weeks before her death of a stroke in 1920.

**Children and Spouses of Mary E Prouse (daughter of Thomas Prouse and Mary E Elliott) and Henry George**



## **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

**Oldest child: Edwin**                      B 25 May 1859 N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2  
D 21 Nov 1913 N Dorchester (bladder cancer)  
M 09 Feb 1882

**Spouse: Emma Louisa Howe**        B 16 July 1862 Dorchester Township. Lot 2 Con 2  
D 18 Nov 1958 N Dorchester

In 1882, twenty-year-old Emma married Edwin and moved to Edwin's farm which was literally spitting distance from her family farm. He was twenty-four years old at the time. He was a farmer living at N ½ Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester township on his father's farm. Edwin purchased the farm in 1893 from his father and then followed with land purchases in 1907 and 1908 of more neighbour farms. By 1916 he held over 300 acres of farm land. Son Wilfred ran the farm when Edwin became ill with cancer. He died in his 54<sup>th</sup> year and had 9 children still at a home when he passed. After Edwin's death, wife Emma and his two-executor brothers, sold half of the property. Her son's helped her farm the remaining property until her death at home. Edwin and Emma had 12 children.

### **MRS. E. L. GEORGE PASSES IN 97TH YEAR**

*One of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of North Dorchester [township], in the person of Mrs. Emma Louise George, passed away on Saturday evening at the residence of her son, Wilfred George, Lot 4, Concession 2. She had been in failing health for 2 weeks and seriously ill for only 2 days. Mrs. George who was in her 97th year, was born in Crampton, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Howe, and had been a lifelong resident. She had won for herself scores of friends and had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She was a member of Putnam United Church and the Women's Association and while health permitted had taken an active part in these organizations. Her husband predeceased her in 1913.*  
Ingersoll Tribune 1958

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**First child: Mary Elizabeth**                      B 24 Jan 1883 N Dorchester township  
D 22 Mar 1965 Dorchester  
M 20 Jun 1905 Putnam

**Spouse: Rainsford Johnston**                      B 26 Jan 1880 N Dorchester township  
D 28 Jul 1955 London

Rainsford was the son of Charles Johnston and Jane Longfield and was born on the family farm. Various census had him working as a bricklayer but also a general farmer at Lot 4 Con 2 N Dorchester and sometime before the 1921 at Lot 8 Con 5 of N Dorchester.

### **R. JOHNSTON DIES AT LONDON**

*In failing health for the past four months, Rainsford Johnston, Lot 7, Concession 5, North Dorchester [township], passed away on Monday, July 25th in Victoria Hospital, London. Mr. Johnston, who was in his 76th year, was born at Lot 7, Concession 5, and had spent his entire life there where he was well known and held in the highest esteem. He was a member of the Star Lodge, No. 304, IOOF, Crampton and of Crampton United Church. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, the former Mary E. George; three sons, Stanley and Rainsford, Crampton; Herbert of Dereham Centre; three daughters, Mrs. Albert Fleming [Myrtle], Crampton; Mrs. Neil Muterer [Ethel] and Mrs. Stanley Brown [Bertha], of North Oxford [township]*

#### MARY JOHNSTON DIES IN HOSPITAL

In ailing health for the past month Mrs. Mary Johnston, R. R. 1, Mt. Elgin, passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Friday, March 19th, 1965, in her 82nd year. Mrs. Johnson (sic) was born in North Dorchester Township, daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. Edwin George. She spent her entire life there, except for the past year which she spent in Dereham Centre. Sixty years ago, she married Rainsford Johnston who predeceased her in July 1955. A member of Crampton United Church, she had made for herself a large number of friends. Left to mourn the passing of a dearly loved mother are three sons, Stanley of R. R. 2 Mossley; Herbert, R. R. 1, Mt. Elgin; Rainsford of Ingersoll and three daughters, Mrs. Neil Muterer (Ethel) R. R. 2, Ingersoll; Mrs. Albert Fleming (Myrtle) R. R. 2, Mossley, and Mrs. Stanley Brown (Bertha) of R. R. 2, Ingersoll

### Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

#### Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston

##### Oldest: William Stanley

B 20 Apr 1906 N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2

D 11 Jul 1980

M 12 Sept 1928

Spouse: Irene Marr

B 04 Sept 1909 N Dorchester Lot 11 Con 2

D 1983

Stanley was listed as a farmer on his marriage certificate. He farmed his entire life on the family farm.



Interment Dorchester Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnston was predeceased by her husband, the late Stanley Johnston, who died in 1980. She is survived by her sons Bruce of Dorchester, and Ralph of R.R. 1, Putnam. Also surviving are her daughters Mrs. Leonard (Lois) Martin of Thamesford, and Mrs. Charles (Muriel) Pavey of Dorchester; her brother Stanley Marr of R.R. 2, Mossley; sisters Mrs. Edna Milligan of St. Thomas, and Mrs. Frank (Mildred) Fernandes of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Johnston is also survived by eight grandchildren. Rev. David Staples officiated the Monday, May 9, 1983, funeral service at McBeath Funeral Home.

### Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

#### Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston

##### Second: Mary Ethel

B 1907 N Dorchester at Lot 4 Con 2

D 2010 Woodstock age 104

Spouse: Neil Muterer

B 1892 N Oxford township

D 25 Dec 1975

Neil was from a North Oxford farming family. He was 34 years old and Mary E was 18 when they married. The couple were farmers at RR#2 Ingersoll N Oxford near Dunn's Corners. He was retired by 1972 and continued to lived on the family farm that son James would inherit. Mary outlived Neil by 35 years passing away at 104 years of age.

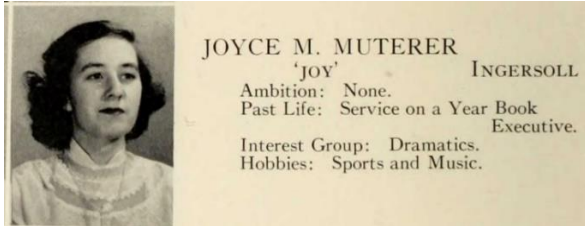
MUTERER, Mary Ethel (Johnston) - Peacefully at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock on Wednesday, December 8th, in her 104th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Neil (1975). Dear Mother to James (Elizabeth) and Marjorie of Ingersoll, Elizabeth MacCallum (John) St. George. Cherished grandmother to Mary Ellen, Jane (Mark Ellah), Donald (Lena) and Joanne Muterer; Owen (Janna), Darin (Janyce), Linda Baigent, Fred, Rob and Brenda (Michael Kingsburry) and Great grandmother to Sarah, Heather, Andrew, Alexander, Christine Baigent, Andrea MacCallum, Laura Lennon, Mac, Phillip and Juno MacCallum. Ethel will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her two daughters Frances (1928) and Joyce and son-in-law Hartwell Baigent (1979). Ethel was also predeceased by her parents Rainsford and Mary Johnston, her three brothers Stanley, Herbert and Rainsford Johnston and her two

sisters, Myrtle Fleming and Bertha Brown. She is survived by her sister-in-law Elizabeth Johnston (Herbert). Ethel was a member of the Admiral MacDougall IODE for many years. Ethel was a kind, caring and selfless woman who loved her Family and her home. She enjoyed gardening and travelling and needlework and making rugs  
 Ingersoll Tribune 2010



The newspaper obituary for Mary Ethel Muterer mentions daughter Frances who was born in 1928 and died 17 hours later. She is listed on the rear of her parent’s tombstone.

Muterer daughter Joyce “Joy” predeceased Mary Ethel in 1979.



**Muterer son: James**

James Neil Muterer - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of James Neil Muterer on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at Victoria Hospital in his 84th year. Jim leaves behind his wife Elizabeth (Forbes) of 49 years. Predeceased by his father Neil (1975), mother Ethel (2010), sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Hartwell Baigent (1979). Jim also served his community as both mayor and councillor for the township of Zorra. He also served on many committees and boards throughout Oxford County and continued to serve on the Ingersoll Rural cemetery board and North Oxford history book committee. Jim also received many recognitions for his service throughout the county. Jim was a long-time farmer, farming for well over 60 years. He also enjoyed his many trips and parades with the Ingersoll pipe band, which included three trips to Taiwan. Jim loved nature, was an avid reader and loved a good "discussion".

**Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston**

Third Child: Herbert Edwin B 1909 N Dorchester Lot 4 Con 2  
 D 07 Jan 1982 Mt. Elgin  
 Spouse: J Elizabeth Vandermeijden B 1917  
 D 19 May 2014

Herbert and brother Rainford both served in WWII. Herbert stayed at home after graduating school to assist as a farm labourer as per the 1931 census.

**JOHNSTON** - Herbert E. Johnston, R.R. 1, Mt. Elgin, died Thursday, January 7, 1982 at Victoria Hospital, London. He was 72 years old.

Officiating clergy was Audrey Whitney. The funeral service was held at McBeath Funeral Home Saturday, January 9, 1982 and interment is in Mt. Elgin Cemetery.

Born in North Dorchester Township, he served overseas in World War II, with the Cameron Highlands of Ottawa. He saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.



Elizabeth (nee VanDerMeyden) Johnston - With heavy hearts, the family wishes to announce the passing of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Jannigje Elizabeth Johnston (nee VanDerMeyden), formerly of Dereham Center, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2014, at Caressant Care Nursing Home, Courtland at the age of 97 years. Beloved wife and best friend of the late Herbert Johnston (1982).

## Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

### Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston

**Fourth: Myrtle Ellen**

B 21 Jun 1911 N Dorchester at Lot 4 Con 2  
D 1992

Spouse: Albert Herbert Fleming

B 07 July 1908 at Lot 4 Con 3 in Crampton village.  
D 29 June 1978

Albert's father was a storekeeper in Crampton. Albert was listed as an auto mechanic and living in the Mossley area in the 1963 census. Myrtle and Albert had two sons Henry B 1941 D 1957 and Brian.

#### *ALBERT HENRY FLEMING AND MYRTLE E. JOHNSTON MARRIED AT PORT RYERSE*

*Crampton – The old historic church at Port Ryerse, Ontario was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding at 4 o'clock on Saturday, August 26th, when Myrtle Ellen Johnston, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Johnston, became the bride of Albert Henry Fleming, elder son of Mrs. Fleming and the late H.E. Fleming, also of Crampton.*

## Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

### Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston

**Fifth: Bertha Jane**

B 18 Dec 1917 N Dorchester at Lot 8 Con 5  
D 23 Nov 1965 at age 47 Buried in IRC.

Spouse: Stanley Brown

B 11 May 1910 N Oxford  
D 27 May 2004 Ingersoll

**FIRST WEDDING  
SOLEMNIZED IN THE  
CRAMPTON CHURCH**

Crampton United Church was adorned with ferns and baskets of roses and peonies and other pastel flowers for the twilight wedding of Miss Bertha Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Johnston, to Stanley, son of Mrs. Brown and the late George Brown of Ingersoll. A number of tall white candles sent a soft glow over the church for this the first wedding in Crampton Church since its erection 52 years ago.

A reception for some sixty guests was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Johnston, during which messages of congratulations were received from the bride's two brothers overseas, Private Herbert Johnston with the Cameron Highlanders from Ottawa, and A.C.1 Rainsford Johnston, with the R.C.A.F.

The happy couple left for a trip to Niagara Falls and points east, the bride travelling in a tailored blue suit with white accessories. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm, north of Ingersoll.

Stanley married twice more after Bertha's death

## Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

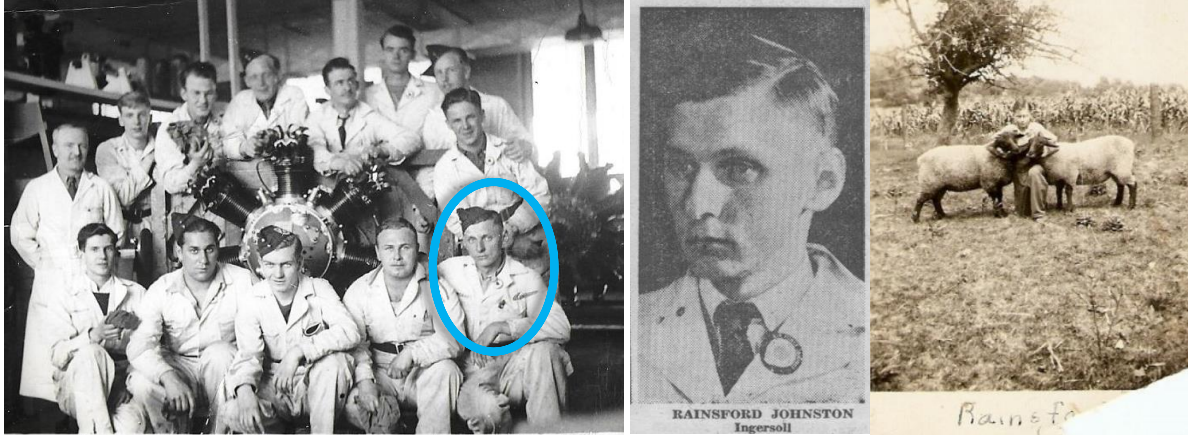
### Children of Mary George and Rainsford Johnston

**Sixth and Last: Rainsford G**

B 10 Nov 1920 N Dorchester Lot 8 Con 5  
D 09 Sept 1980 Ingersoll

Spouse: Mary Rossiter

B unknown  
D unknown



*"Rainsford Johnston, 134 Cherry Street, Ingersoll, died at Alexandra Hospital Tuesday, September 9, 1980. He was 59 years old. Born in North Dorchester, he is survived by his wife, the former Mary Rossiter; his sons Wayne of Calgary, Chris of Centreville; Alan of Ingersoll; Norman, Patrick and Danny, all at home. Also surviving is his brother, Herb Johnston, of Dereham Centre and two sisters, Mrs. Neil (Ethel) Muterer of R.R. 2 Ingersoll and Mrs. Albert (Myrtle) Fleming of Crampton. Mr. Johnston is also survived by five grandchildren."*  
 Ingersoll Tribune



He served with the RCAF Squadron 15 during WWII.  
 After the war he and Mary Rossiter farmed at RR#1 Mossley  
 and then retired to 134 Cherry St. Ingersoll. They had 6 children.

Son Patrick B 1959 D 2021.

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

**Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Second child: John Henry "Harry"**

B 26 May 1884 N Dorchester

D 11 Oct 1957 Calgary buried Putnam

**JOHN H. (HARRY) GEORGE**  
 John Henry (Harry) George, 73, 1403 2nd St. S.W., died at the Holy Cross hospital.  
 Born in Dorchester, England, he came to Saskatoon in 1907. He moved to Amley in 1912, and to Calgary 25 years ago.  
 He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edwin George, Putnam, Ont.; five brothers, Arthur, Putnam, Ernest, Belmont, Ont., Frank, Tulsonberg, Ont., Allan, Crampton, Ont., and Wilfred, Putnam, Ont.; three sisters, Mrs. R. Johnston, Crampton, Ont., Mrs. Arthur Adams, Putnam, and Mrs. Elmer Roth, London, Ont.  
 Remains were forwarded for services and interment to Ingersoll, Ont. by McInnis and Holloway Funeral Home.

Little can be found about Harry. He did travel to the western US in his youth as indicated by border paperwork before turning to the western prairies to farm. He finally settled in Kaity, AB before retiring to Calgary. There is no indication of a wife or children. His obituary noted that he was from Dorchester, England as opposed to Dorchester, Ontario. His obit mentions "Amley" Alberta. It cannot be located and may be a spelling error. "Manly" Alberta is located just west of Edmonton.



Harry's 1403 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S W Calgary Home

## Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

#### Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

**Third child: Arthur Orland (Arlin)** B 03 May 1886 N Dorchester  
 D 1974 Putnam  
 Spouse: Gertrude "Gertie" Connor B 15 Feb 1885 N Dorchester  
 D 1974 Putnam



(Photo: Gertrude Connor)  
 Ancestry.ca contributor

Gertie was the daughter of Frank Connor and N Oxford native Elizabeth Fenton. After their marriage they lived at Lot 4 Con B in N Dorchester but mostly they lived at and farmed E 1/2 Lot 2 Con 1 in N Dorchester for most of their lives. They had 4 daughters.

*"The George children attended the two-room, red brick Putnam Public School, SS 7. Being academically gifted, Daughter Emma represented her school and won the 1921 rural school academic competition at the Dorchester Fair. She was also the only one of her siblings to make the daily horse and buggy, then train trip to Ingersoll to complete grade 12. In 1953, an east/west right of way across the middle of the long 100-acre George farm property was granted to the Ministry of Highways, eliminating direct access to lands south of the soon to be constructed Highway 401. Arthur, then 67, continued to travel the more than two miles of rural roads to work the land south of the 401. In consideration of the burden imposed by this time-consuming task to access this remote part of the farm, it was soon relegated to cash crops only. In 1968, the farm was sold to William C. Rath, with a conditional agreement granting use of the house by the Georges as long as either Art or Gertie was alive. It eventually was taken over by Cold Springs Farms of Thamesford. In 1974, both Art and*



*Gertie died within a few weeks of each other. Gertie died during the winter. In early spring. Art died, with daughter Emma at his side”.*

N Dorchester Township: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

## **Grand Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of Arthur Orland George and Gertrude Connor**

**Oldest: Hazel Irene** B 11 Aug 1908 N Dorchester Lot 2 Con 1  
D 1991 She lived in Ingersoll

Spouse: James Arthur Wilson B 29 Oct 1906  
D 29 May 1974 Harris Rd. Cemetery

He was one the Wilson family of W Oxford and was a farmer.

Son Kenneth B 1932 – D 1953

**Second: Mildred Louise** B 01 Oct 1910 Lot 2 Con 1  
D Oct 1971

Spouse: Harley Everett Martin B 09 Oct 1908 Alymer Ont.  
D 15 Jun 1979 St Thomas

She lived near Lyons in S Dorchester Township  
The couple were farmers at RR#2 Springfield.



Courtesy Kathleen Elliott 1922 Putnam Public school photo

**Third: Emma Elizabeth** B 08 Jul 1912  
D 06 Feb 2012 London at age 100.

Spouse: Lloyd Longfield B 1912  
D 1986 N 1/2 Lot 4 Con 3 SRT.

They were farmers. He later worked as a custodian in Mossley  
in his later years

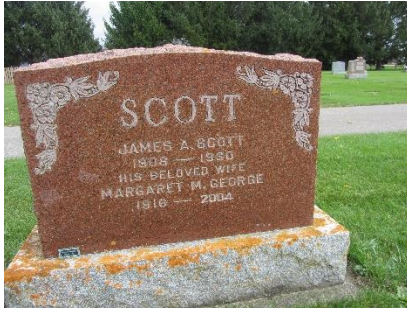


Courtesy Kathleen Elliott 1922 Putnam Public school photo

*LONGFIELD, Emma Elizabeth - At Chateau Gardens, London on Monday, February 6, 2012 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Longfield. Dear mother of the late Larry Longfield and Anne Longfield-Beaton and her husband Wayne. Loving grandmother of Michael, Kim, Wendy, Sandra, Stephen, Barbara, Sam and Tammy. Interment Dorchester Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be gratefully acknowledged.*

**Last child: Margaret Mae** B 10 Sept 1916 Dorchester township  
D 2004 Ingersoll buried Putnam

Spouse: James “Jimmie” Scott B 1908 Scotland  
D 1980 Ingersoll buried Putnam



“Jimmie worked as a machine operator at Ingersoll Machine and Tool in Ingersoll. Following the death of her parents in 1974, Margaret and Jimmie moved to North Dorchester township. Margaret had been stricken with polio at the young age of three, resulting in an under developed leg, but she never let it interfere with what she wanted to do. She never complained about her disability, and always had a droll sense of humour. She was a long-time member of Putnam United Church, where she sang in the choir for many years. She was active in church groups prior to moving to

Ingersoll. Margaret worked at a Dorchester restaurant, then studied to become a Nursing Assistant. Eventually, she became supervisor at Faith Haven Nursing Home, before nursing at Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll. Margaret and Jimmie Scott are interred at the Putnam Cemetery, with their names inscribed on the reverse of her parents' monument.”

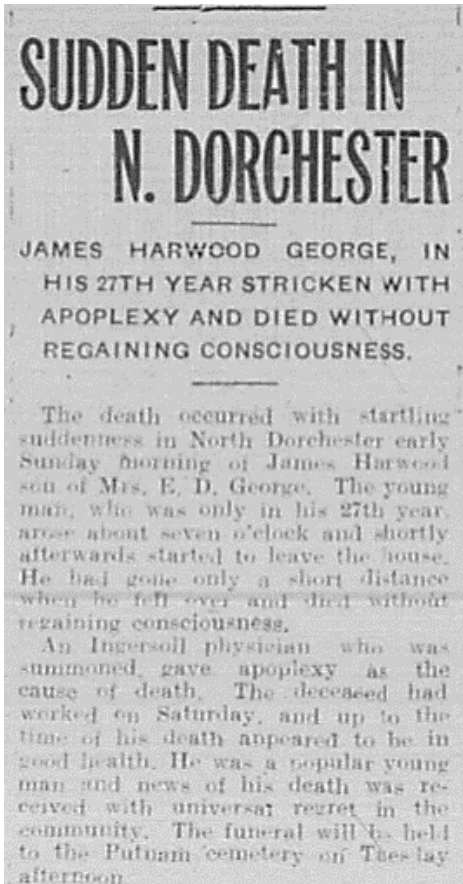
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## Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George

#### Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe

**Fourth child: James Harwood** B 22 Oct 1887 N Dorchester  
D 19 July 1914 N Dorchester



James was a single man and living on the family farm when he suddenly died of apoplexy at the age of 26. His occupation was listed as a bricklayer in the 1911 census as well as a labourer on his father's farm.

Transcription:

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“Death occurred with startling suddenness in North Dorchester early Sunday morning of James Harwood, son of Mrs. E.D. George. The young man who was only in his 27<sup>th</sup> year, arose about seven o'clock and shortly after started to leave the house. He had gone only a short distance when he fell over and died without regaining consciousness. An Ingersoll physician who was summoned gave apoplexy as the cause of death. The deceased had worked on Saturday and up to the time of his death appeared to be in good health. He was a popular young man and news of his death was received with universal regret in the community.”

Front page Ingersoll Chronicle July 20, 1918

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George  
Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Fifth Child: Ernest Edwin**      B 17 Jun 1889 N Dorchester  
D Aug 1970 Belmont, Ont.  
M Nov 20 1918 Belmont, Ont.  
Spouse: Nellie Venning      B 27 Jun 1897 Belmont, Ont.  
D 04 Nov 1972 Buried Dorchester



Ernie continued the family tradition of farming in the Dorchester region. He retired and moved to Belmont, Ontario which was his wife's hometown. After his death, Nellie moved in with son Charles George (1920-2004) in Belmont.

Nellie Venning George and son Charles Edwin George 1921  
Courtesy: Elgin County Archives

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe  
Children of Ernest George and Nellie Venning**

**Only Child: Charles Edwin**      B 1920 N Dorchester  
D 2004 London  
Spouse: Florence Glover      B 1926  
D 25 Jan 2019 London

*"Florence Elizabeth (née Glover) George passed away surrounded by love and family, at St. Joseph's Hospice in London, Ontario, on Friday, January 25, 2019. Loving wife for 58 years of the late Charles George. Devoted mother of Garvey (Diane) George of Pickering, and Melanie George (Paul) of London. Predeceased by her daughter Karen George Michel.*

*A farmer's daughter who became a farmer's wife, Beth enjoyed many rural challenges and adventures both in Fingal and Belmont, Ontario. Her legendary quilting and knitting skills are providing many lasting memories for friends and family, and will ensure that her memory will live on."*

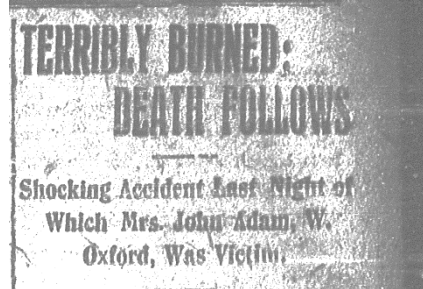
Westview Funeral Home website obituary London

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George  
Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Sixth Child: Ethel May**      B 1891 N Dorchester  
D 1986 Ingersoll  
M 01 Jun 1914 Ingersoll  
Spouse: James "Arthur" Adam      B 13 Jun 1887 W Oxford  
D 17 Jun 1968 Ingersoll



The couple lived at Lot 2 Con 1 N Dorchester on the same dairy farm as brother George as per the 1921 census and by the 1931 census they were living next door to Ethel's brother Arthur and family. They raised and breed a Holstein herd.



Ingersoll Dairyman  
Headline

Arthur Adam witnessed a horrible accident involving his mother Sarah in 1907. While her family was working in the barn, she tripped and fell in the house, having recently suffered dizzy spells and dropped an oil lamp she was carrying. The lamp lit her clothes on fire. Her screams attracted her family and they found the woman sitting in a chair. Her clothes were completely burned and “parts of her body burned to a crisp”. Doctors were summoned and their prognosis was that she would not recover. She succumbed a few hours later.

*J. Arthur Adam of Putnam, Ontario, passed away at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, On Monday June 17th in his 81st year. He was born in West Oxford Township on Hamilton Road a son of the late John & Sarah (Russell) Adam where he spent his younger days and received his education. As a young man he became engaged in farming which he continued until his retirement. He and his wife farmed for many years after their marriage in North Dorchester Township in the vicinity of Putnam where they were well and widely known. Retiring to Putnam where they have since resided. He was a member of Putnam United Church where he and his family attended for many years. He was also a member of Holstein Friesian Association and a breeder of purebred Holstein cattle while engaged in farming.*

Ingersoll Tribune 1968

## Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe Children of James “Arthur” Adam and Ethel George

First: Russell Edwin

B 16 Mar 1916

D 01 Sept 1943

Spouse: Betty Jane Fenton

B 1921 Oxford County

D unknown



There are several questions surrounding Russell and Betty. A child was born to the couple July of 1942. Tragically the child was premature and did not survive birth. The death certificate indicates that the couple married in January of that year. Right after the marriage, Russell enlisted in February of 1942. The child was born in Toronto and there is a chance he was there during the birth as he was stationed in Toronto at the time. He fought in WWII with the RCAF Bomber Squadron. He earned his Navigator wings at Malton base, Toronto. He was 27 when he shipped out. On his sixth bomber run ....

“At 2017 hours on the night of 31 August 1943 Stirling EE946 took off from Lakenheath detailed to bomb Berlin. Nothing was heard from the aircraft after take-off and it failed to return to base. A Missing Research and Enquiry team reported: “the aircraft was

attacked by a night fighter and crashed at Schlalch, 35 miles south west of Berlin." All the crew members had been killed."

Canada Forces record

**SGT. RUSSELL E. ADAM BURIED IN GERMANY**

*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam of Putnam, have been notified that their eldest son, Sgt. Russell Edwin Adam, navigator of the RCAF, who has been missing since September 1st, 1943, lost his life and was buried in Sharlach Cemetery, district of Sauch, Belzig, Germany. Since this information came through International Red Cross, quoting German information, he is officially presumed to have died. He enlisted in the RCAF in February 1942, won his navigator's wing a year later and went overseas in March 1943. He is survived by his wife, Betty of Toronto; his parents, two sisters, Dorothy of London; Shirley, at home; and three brothers, Dvr. Ralph Adam in the Army Corps, overseas and Donald and Ross at home. A memorial service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, June 11th at Putnam United Church*

The crew members of EE946 were:

Flight Sergeant Russell Edwin Adam (R/161411) (RCAF) (Navigator)  
Sergeant William Arthur Crawford (1795797) (RAFVR) (Flight Engineer)  
Flight Sergeant Allan John Davey (413357) (Pilot)  
Sergeant Brian James Kennell (1449867) (RAFVR) (Air Bomber)  
Sergeant David Scott (R/165175) (RCAF) (Mid Upper Gunner)  
Flight Sergeant Leslie Edwin Short (1290625) (RAFVR) (Wireless Air Gunner)  
Flight Sergeant Kevin John Wilkes (425253) (Rear Gunner)  
All are buried in the Berlin War Cemetery.

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Children of James "Arthur" Adam and Ethel George**

**Second: Dorothy Emma**      B 12 Nov 1917 N Dorchester Lot 2 Con 1  
D 10 Mar 2003 London  
M 01 Jul 1944 Putnam United Church.  
Spouse; George Keys      B 25 Nov 1911  
D 09 Dec 1991 London



George worked as an employee of the London PUC and later a foreman for Ontario Hydro. Dorothy and George lived in London and had 2 daughters and one granddaughter that they raised as their own. Dorothy was perceived as a quiet and capable woman.

Dorothy Adam photo:

Photo courtesy: Patricia Adam

**KEYS**

At St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday, December 9, 1991, Mr. George W. Keys of London in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Dorothy (Adam) Keys. Dear father of Mrs. Margaret Ann Douglas of Calgary, Sheila and her husband Don Stevens and Dawn and her husband Steven Prentice all of London. Loving grandfather of David Douglas. Brother of Betty and her husband Ray Springett of London. Predeceased by his brother Harry. Visitation in the Needham Funeral Chapel, 520 Dundas Street (Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM) where the funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, December 12th at 11 AM. Canon Douglas Parker of Church of the Resurrection (Anglican) officiating. Interment Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to charity of your choice would be appreciated.

**KEYS**  
Dorothy Keys (nee Adam) passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 19, 2003 at London Health Sciences Centre, University Campus in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late George Keys (1991). Loving mother of Margaret Ann Douglas, Sheila (Don) Stevens, Dawn Prentice. Cherished Gram of Dave (Bev) McRorie, David Douglas, Drake Prentice and Stephanie Prentice. Dear sister of Shirley (Cery) Trevors, Don (Marjorie) Adam, Ralph (Ruth) Adam and the late Russell and Ross Adam. Loved sister-in-law of Betty Springett. The family will receive friends and relatives at **Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel**, 1997 Dundas Street East (at Wavell), London, for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service will be on Friday March 21, 2003 at 2 pm. Followed by a reception in the Talbot Lounge at Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel. Interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Donations to the Lung Association or Children's Hospital of Western Ontario would be gratefully acknowledged.

London Free Press  
March 20, 2003

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe  
Children of James “Arthur” Adam and Ethel George**

**Third: Ralph Gordon**

B 19 Nov 1919 N Dorchester

D 18 Jan 2006 Ingersoll

M 12 Apr 1947

Spouse: Ruth Berdan

B 24 Dec 1925

D 15 Mar 2017 Woodingford Lodge Woodstock



Ralph was born in North Dorchester township and lived most of his life at his 266 Centre Street house in Ingersoll. He and his wife, Ruth Berdan, bought the property around 1953. Ralph also served in the Canadian Forces during WWII. He worked at the Stone Fertilizer plant for all his working life. The plant was bought by CIL part way through his time there. He was head of the local union.

His brother’s obituary had Ralph having been a private in the Canadian Army.

Photo of Ralph (left) and brother Russell 1943 Aldershot, England.



Courtesy Pat Adam



Ralph Adam and Ruth Berdan 1997.

*ADAM, Ruth Isabella (Berdan) - Peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, on Wednesday, 15 March 2017, Ruth Isabella Adam at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, Ontario. She was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Annette (Hughes) Berdan; her siblings, Jim (Isabell) Berdan, sisters Edna (Norval) Foster and Martha (Roy)*

*Hoover; her beloved husband Ralph Adam; and her cherished daughter Diana Lynn Holbrook. Ruth is survived by her son Gordon (Pat) of Ingersoll, daughter Bonita (Robert) Magill of London, and daughter Donna (Jerry) McGinnis of Ingersoll, many nieces and nephews and cousin Patricia (Roy) Jennings of St. Thomas. She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ingersoll and will be fondly remembered by many friends there.*

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**  
**Children of James “Arthur” Adam and Ethel George**

**Fourth: Donald Arthur** B 25 Mar 1922  
D 11 Feb 2007 Putnam Cemetery  
M 1950  
Spouse: Catherine Winlaw B unknown  
D 1955 car accident  
M 19 Jul 1958  
Spouse Marjorie Jean MacDonald Wade B 05 Sept 1924  
D 25 Mar 2013

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**  
**Children of James “Arthur” Adam and Ethel George**

**Fifth: John Ross** B 20 Jul 1927  
D 24 Aug 1997 Forest Lawn Cemetery London, Ont.  
M 19 Oct 1949  
Spouse: Gloria Margaret Moulton B unknown  
D unknown  
He was involved in the real estate business.

**Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**  
**Children of James “Arthur” Adam and Ethel George**

**Sixth: Shirley Mae** B 26 May 1929  
D 05 Nov 2010  
M 29 Jan 1950  
Spouse: Delbert Henderson unknown  
Spouse: Stewart Wilkie M 06 Jun 1997  
Spouse: Gerry Trevors unknown

*HENDERSON-ADAM--A wedding of interest was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adam, Putnam, when their youngest daughter, Shirley Mae, was united in marriage to Delbert E. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson, Guelph. Ingersoll Tribune 1950*

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**  
**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**  
**Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Seventh Child: Charles Newton “Charlie”** B 01 Mar 1893  
D 1918 Three Hills AB.

He was only 26 years old when he died. He is buried in Putnam. Charles Newton George was located living in Three Hills Alberta in 1918 at the time of his death. Although his death is listed as influenza,

suspicion arises that it may have been caused by the first wave of the Spanish Flu. What his occupation was at that time is unknown. Three Hills is about half way between Red Deer and Calgary on highway #21

*CHARLES L. GEORGE--The death occurred at Three Hills, Alberta, on Thursday of last week of a former well-known resident of this district in the person of Charles L. George, formerly of Putnam. On Wednesday a telegram was received by relatives announcing his serious illness with pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, and on Thursday this was followed by another message announcing his death. Deceased has been in the west about a year and a half and was in his 26th year. He is a son of Mrs. Edward George, of Putnam. A brother, Harry George, is accompanying the remains to Putnam where interment will be made*  
*Ingersoll Dairyman*

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

### **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Eighth Child: Frank Ivan**                      B 22 Feb 1895 N Dorchester  
D 22 Jun 1961  
M 06 Mar 1918 Ingersoll

Spouse: Edith Meryl Cornish                B 28 Aug 1896 Lambton Co.  
D 04 Aug 1980

Meryl's family moved to N Dorchester soon after her birth and Frank George and Meryl Cornish grew up within a stone's through of each other. The 1901 census had them enumerated on the same page – just two farms apart. Frank stayed close to the George family. They initially farmed near Crampton on the George family farm at S ½ Lot 4 Con 2 SRT. Frank had purchased this farm jointly with brother Ernest from their uncle William 'Bill' George. Frank was drafted into service in June 1918 for WWI but it does not appear to have served overseas. Later in life he moved to Tillsonburg and ran the feed mill there for 23 years.



Eventually the mill was converted to a restaurant, known as Mill Tales. After some rather fragmented sale transactions involving the family farm, initially purchased by the family patriarch Henry some eight decades earlier, the farm appears to have finally passed out of George family in 1950. After Franks' 1961 death, Meryl moved to London and lived at 60 Ridout St. with her sister.

## **Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

### **Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish**

**First Child: Mary "Alice"**                      B 15 Apr 1918 N Dorchester  
D 12 Aug 2012 Ingersoll

Spouse: Norman Greer                        B 07 May 1918 Tillsonburg  
D 15 Aug 1999 Ingersoll



Mary Alice (nee George) Greer - Sadly the family of Mary Alice Greer, announces her passing at Leisureworld, August 12, 2012, at age 93. Beloved wife of the late Norman Greer (1999), Watchmaker, Merchant of Ingersoll. Predeceased by her parents, Meryl and Frank George, brother Henry and sister Edith. Alice enjoyed a lengthy and successful career as an elementary teacher in Ingersoll. She was an avid bridge player and had a large circle of friends.

Web Obituary



Norm Greer from Ancestry.ca

Norman Greer went into business with David Coyle in 1947 when Norm was 29 and they established a long running jewelry store in Ingersoll. The business expanded into the United States in the following years as noted by the ad posted in the Ingersoll Tribune 1993 Bicentennial Edition.

Mary Alice and Norm had 3 children. Robert, James and Mary.

## Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe

### Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish

**Second: Edith Alberta**

B 08 Jan 1921 N Dorchester

D 16 Sept 2005 St. Albert, AB. Buried Qualicum Beach, BC

M 1948 Prince Rupert, BC

Spouse: James Hadden Jr.

B 02 May 1923 Prince Rupert, BC

D 23 Sept 2004 St Albert, AB. Buried Qualicum Beach, BC

The couple lived in Prince Rupert, BC through most of their marriage. They retired and moved to Qualicum Beach, BC and later as health issues struck, were living in a retirement home near their son in St. Albert, AB. They both died in St Albert.

They had 3 sons and a daughter. Son Terrance died soon after birth in 1954.

**“History/Biography of James Hadden Jr.** James Hadden Jr., born May 2 1923, and his brother William A. Hadden were the sons of James Hadden and Margaret Silver Anderson. William (Billy) A. Hadden was shot down over Germany on September 24, 1943. Billy worked for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage plant and was a skilled violin player. James Jr. retired in 1981 and moved to Qualicum Beach and then to St. Albert, Alberta.”

*Courtesy Prince Rupert Archives: James Haddon Jr Fonds.*

*HADDEN, Alberta Edith*

*January 8, 1921 – September 16, 2005: Passed away peacefully September 16, 2005 at the Youville Home in St. Albert, Alberta. Predeceased by her husband Jim (October 2004) and infant son Terrance (1954). Lovingly remembered by her children Bill (Violet) of Victoria BC, Meryl Tryon (Peter) of Grande Prairie, Tim (Connie) St. Albert. AB Edith is also survived by her sister Alice of Ingersoll, Ontario,*

*Edith and Jim were long-time residents of Prince Rupert before retiring to Qualicum Beach and later moving to St. Albert, Alberta. A private, family interment of both Edith and Jim’s remains will take place at Qualicum Beach Municipal Cemetery, on Nov 11, 2005, which would have been their 57th wedding anniversary.*

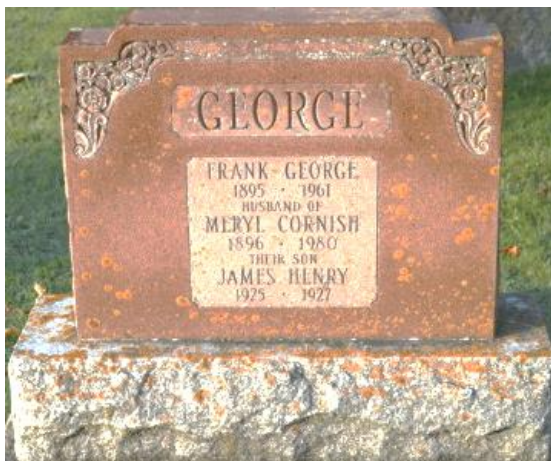
## **Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

### **Children of Frank Ivan Prouse and Edith Cornish**

**Last Child: James Henry**

B 08 Jun 1925 N Dorchester

D 24 Jan 1927 N Dorchester



He was one year and seven months old when he died at the family home Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester. Cause of death was listed as phenomena and rickets. He is buried with his parents in Putnam. The attending physician was his uncle Dr. C. C. Cornish. Dr. Cornish was an Ingersoll physician for many decades.

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

### **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

#### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Ninth Child: Allan Herbert**

B 17 Dec 1896 in N Dorchester

D 24 Dec 1966 N Dorchester

M 12 Jul 1921 in N Dorchester - Putnam

Spouse: Luella Malpass

B 20 Aug 1899 in S Dorchester, Elgin Co.

D 05 Jul 1977 N Dorchester.

Allan Herbert was drafted in 1917 and was a WWI veteran. After the war he was the oldest son running the farm for his widowed mother, Emma (Howe) George at Lot 4 Con 2 N Dorchester. The couple retired to Alymer in 1964.

Luella Malpass was born in S Dorchester. Prior to her 1921 marriage, the Ontario 1921 census had her listed as living with her parents at Lot 14 Con 2 of N Dorchester and that she is employed as a teacher. A month later, her marriage certificate indicates she had no occupation.

## **Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

### **Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass**

**First: Edwin Murray** B 1923 N Dorchester  
D 1992  
M 1945

Spouse: Mable J Flagg B 1924  
D 1984  
M 1895

Spouse: Mabel Kathleen Rath B 05 Mar 1918 Putnam  
D 09 Jul 2003 Woodstock

Edwin and first wife Mable Flagg farmed in the Salford/Mt Elgin area. While he farmed, the 1974 voters list noted she was a teacher.

Edwin's second wife, Mabel Kathleen Rath, was the widow of Wilfred George. Wilfred was Edwin Murray George's uncle.

## **Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

### **Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass**

**Second: Herbert "Herb"** B 1926 N Dorchester  
D 2006

Spouse: Dorothy Hinge B 1928  
D 1998

"They took up residence in Dorchester, in a newly built house on the north side of Hamilton Road, just west of the Brook's subdivision. In 1963 they moved to Nilestown for one year. Herb worked at Beaver Lumber in Ingersoll, stopping off each morning and evening, going to and from work, at the family farm to help his father with the twice daily milking and other farm chores. His parents, Allan and Luella George, retired from farming in 1964 and relocated to the town of Aylmer, some 15 miles to the south. Herb and Dorothy took over operation of the family farm S ½ Lot 5 Con2 SRT, and there continued to raise their three children"

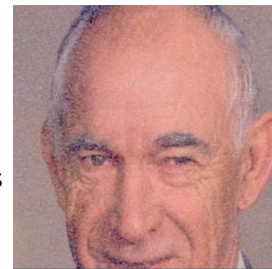
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## **Grandchildren of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

### **Children of Allan George and Luella Malpass**

**Third and last: Philip D "Lloyd"** B 30 Nov 1927 Mossley  
D 30 May 2010 St Thomas

Spouse: Margaret Dorothy "Peggy" Franklin B 1927  
D 2003



Philip "Lloyd" was an elementary school teacher at Crampton SS 15. The couple had two children and lived on a farm east of Lyons. Ill health forced Lloyd to abandon teaching. Dorothy thus returned to school teaching. They continued to live on their farm, leasing out the land. Both Lloyd and older

brother Herb were known for their baseball prowess. Herb broke his leg playing ball just a week prior to his wedding and participated in his own wedding on crutches.”

From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

### **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

#### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Tenth child: Ralph Frederick**    B 26 May 1900 N Dorchester  
D 21 Aug 1955 Dorchester  
M 28 Mar 1940

Spouse: Mabel Estelle Brady    B 05 July 1903 Oxford Co.  
D 25 July 1997

Ralph also was found in the 1921 census working at the family farm. He and his brothers Alfred and Wilfred were running the Lot 2 Con 4 farm for their widowed mother Emma. The census also noted that he was a two-wage earner so that meant he worked at another job as well. Ralph was almost 40 years old before he married Mabel Brady. She was 37 years old. In 1944, they purchased from James Rath, an 'L' shaped 75-acre farm with buildings, accessed from the side road between Lots 6 and 7 (now Irwin Rd.). The property was composed of two, adjoining parcels: the N ½ of Lot 6 Con 1 and the southeast half of S ½ Lot 6 Con 1 SRT N Dorchester township. On this farm, their main focus was the growing of feed crops and the care of a herd of Holstein dairy cattle. They had no children. Mabel was a member of the choir, a choir leader and organist at Crampton United Church from a very young age. After Ralph had died at 56 years, Mabel married Carl Jackson of Harrietsville. Ralph and Mabel are both interred at Dorchester Union Cemetery.

From N Dorchester Township book: Toil, Tragedy and Triumph

#### *RALPH F. GEORGE WEDS MABEL E. BRADY*

*Putnam – A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage, Dorchester, on Wednesday, March 28th, when Miss Mabel E. Brady, daughter of Mrs. Brady and the late Mr. Norman Brady of Dorchester, was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph F. George of Putnam, son of Mrs. E.D. George and the late Mr. George. Rev. W.J. Taylor officiated. The bride was lovely in a gown of blue crepe with a grey coat, and carried a bouquet of roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bride's niece, Miss Ethel Oliver of Woodstock, wearing a gown of light blue crepe, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Russell Adam, of Putnam, nephew of the groom, was groomsman. The couple left by train for Toronto, and other points east, and upon their return will reside on the groom's farm here.*

Ingersoll Tribune Apr 4, 1940

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

### **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

#### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

**Eleventh child: Wilfred Howe**    B 02 Dec 1901 Putnam  
D 01 Feb 1984 St. Thomas, Ont. lived in Aylmer, Ont.  
M 19 Feb 1948

Spouse: Mabel Kathleen Rath    B 05 Mar 1918 Putnam  
D 09 July 2003 Woodstock

Mabel was the youngest of eight Rath children. The Rath children were raised at Lot 4 Con 3 in N Dorchester. There was a large discrepancy in age between the couple when they married. Wilfred was

47 when he married while Mabel was just 30-years-old. Wilfred continued to live on the family farm with his new wife and widowed mother Emma. Wilfred later farmed with brother Ralph, the N 1/2 Lot 4 Con 2 SRT on property that had had been granted to him in 1935, along with 50 acres of the south half of S ½ Lot 4 Con 1 SRT, in accordance with the will of his father Edwin in exchange for a legacy in the amount of \$350 per annum in favour of his mother, Emma Louise (Howe) George. Wilfred and Mabel also had no children. Mabel is on record as being active in the Sunday School program at Putnam United Church. By the 1974 voters list, Wilfred and Mabel had retired to 26 York. St. in Aylmer Ontario. He died in the hospital in nearby St. Thomas in 1984. In 1985, Mabel married Wilfred’s nephew Edwin who was Wilfred’s brother Allan’s son. Edwin died in 1992 and Mabel then moved to a retirement home in Woodstock.

## **Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

### **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

#### **Children of Edwin George and Emma Howe**

<b>Twelfth and youngest child: Alberta Ellen</b>	B 04 Mar 1904 N Dorchester D 15 Nov 2002 London M 01 Sept 1928 Putnam B 31 Jan 1904 Dorchester D 29 Nov 1984 London
Spouse: Elmer Rath	



Ellen was the youngest of the Edwin George and Emma (Howe) family. She married Elmer Rath who is of interest in that he was Mabel Rath’s older brother. Mabel was married to Alberta’s brother Wilfred George. Elmer was 14 years older than sister Mabel and both married into the George family. Elmer farmed at RR2 Mossley in 1935 according to the voters list and was still farming in 1945. Sometime later he sold the farm and moved the couple to a house at 137 Sydenham St. London. While there, he worked as a warehouse man while wife Ellen was a nurse. By 1972 he had retired and they lived out their lives at their house in London. They had at least one son, James B 1931  
(Photo courtesy: Elmer Rath – Ancestry contributor)

Elmer Rath who married Alberta George and Mabel Rath who married Wilfred George are classic rural relationships. A brother and a sister marry another local family brother and sister.

## **The Thomas Albert Prouse and Cassie McLaughlin Family**

### **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

#### **Children of Henry George and Mary Prouse**

<b>Second child: Thomas Albert</b>	B 1861 N Dorchester D 08 Mar 1915 Ingersoll M 29 May 1888 N Dorchester B May 1868 Crampton Ont. D 14 Sept 1953 Toronto
Spouse: Catherine “Cassie” Ellen McLaughlin	

Thomas first worked on his father’s farm in N Dorchester township. It was there he met his wife “Cassie”. He was 27 and she 19 when they married 09 May 1888. Thomas would later be an Ingersoll

merchant that owned a general store. Thomas would return to farming as he was listed in the 1911 census as a 50-year-old Dereham farmer with 4 children at home. The farm he had was located at Lot 13 Con 5 Dereham. He would die of heart disease in 1915. Catherine would move to London to live with daughter Edith Catherine and Catherine's young student son Jack until daughter Edith suddenly died in 1926. From 1926 until 1945, Catherine's trail runs cold. Eventually, it appears she moved closer to a daughter who was living in Toronto. By 1947 she suffered from severe arthritis and could not write her own signature. Once again, the theme of multiple marriages happening between two families can be noted again. This time it is the Prouses and the McLaughlins as is noted later in this chapter.

**MRS. C. GEORGE TO BE BURIED TODAY**

*The funeral of Mrs. Catherine E. George, who passed away at her home in Toronto, on Monday, will be held this [Thursday] afternoon at the Keeler and Guthrie Funeral Home, Rev. J. V. Neely of Central United Church, Woodstock, will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Mrs. George, who was the widow of Thomas A. George, was a former resident of this community. For sometime she has been residing in Toronto and her death occurred at her home, 3017 Queen St. E. She was in her 86th year. Mrs. George leaves two daughters and two sons; Mrs. A. Pennie [Annie], Toronto; Mrs. Bruce Taylor [Mae], Waterloo; William M., Woodstock and Jack K., Stratford. - Ingersoll Tribune, Sep 17, 1953*

**Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse  
Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin**

<b>Oldest child: William McLaughlin</b>	B 12 Jun 1883 Dereham Center. D 1967 buried in Woodstock M 12 Sep 1929 Toronto
Spouse: Mavis Ernesteen Coates	B 1902 Uxbridge, Ontario D 1983 N. Vancouver, BC Buried in Woodstock



**GEORGE — M. Ernesteen of West Vancouver, B.C., formerly of Woodstock, Ontario, passed away on October 15, 1983, in her 81st year. Predeceased by her husband, William. Survived by her loving daughter, Catherine and son-in-law, Clarke Jackson of West Vancouver; and daughter, Willo Baker of Burlington, Ontario; and 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Susan, Brock and Todd Jackson and Jeffrey and Tracey Baker. In lieu of flowers dona-**

William was a banker with the Royal Bank in Toronto. He married Mavis at age 36 and she was 25. Being a banker, it was ironic that he married her one month before the October stock market crash of 1929. The 1950 Vernon Directory listed him as a Bank Manager in Woodstock. The voters list of 1960 had his occupation as a real estate salesman for Cole Bros. of Woodstock and was living at 85 Riddell St. in Woodstock. (Vernon Directories 1960). After William's death, Ernesteen moved to W Vancouver to be closer to her daughter.

YWCA  
George, Wm M (Ernestine), Mgr Royal  
Bank of Canada, h 85 Riddell,

**Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse  
Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin**

**Second child: Annie Helena** B 02 Nov 1888 N Dorchester  
D 06 Nov 1980 Toronto  
Spouse: Charles Keir Pennie B 16 Mar 1891 Lonmay Aberdeen Scotland  
D 18 Mar 1973 Ottawa

Charles arrived in Canada with his parents in 1892 at age four. He was a clerk in London Ont. He served in WW I as a Private in 135 Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Forces. After the war, it appears that the couple married and lived in Michigan before moving to Toronto with the 1931 census having them living as lodgers at 422 Markham St. They have a young daughter, Shirley. Voters records show that Annie was living in Toronto in 1947 and the 1957 voters list had her working as a clerk and living with daughter Shirley on Danforth St. in Toronto. Charles was still alive in 1957, so it can be speculated the couple were divorced at that time. He is buried in the National Military Cemetery in Ottawa and she in Toronto. Daughter Shirley (1920-1997) is buried with Annie and her aunt Florence.



Charles Pennie husband of Annie George. Ancestry.ca shared photo

**Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse  
Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin**

**Third child: Mary "Mae" Catherine** B 31 Aug 1890 N Dorchester.  
D unknown  
M 01 Mar 1911 Mt Elgin  
Spouse: Henry Bruce Taylor B 24 Apr 1887 Norfolk County  
D unknown



Bruce was a farmer living in Mr. Elgin when he married Mae. Mae is hinted at living in Waterloo as per her mother's 1953 obituary. The 1953 voters list had her, husband Bruce and two children listed. He was a building contractor in the Preston/Waterloo area. They ended up with 10 children.

34	242	Steckenreiter, Mrs. Dorothy — .....	92
35	249	Taylor, Bruce, contractor .....	93
36	249	Taylor, Mrs. Mary — .....	94
37	249	Taylor, William, carpenter .....	95
	249	Taylor, Miss Helen, teacher .....	96

son: Jack Howard B 03 Feb 1914 Lot 13 Con 5 Dereham  
D 09 July 2008 Milton

TAYLOR, Jack Howard-

*Jack Taylor passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Milton District Hospital on Wednesday July 9, 2008, in his 95th year. Beloved husband for 71 years of Ruth (High) Taylor. Loved father of Donald Taylor (Elizabeth) of Kenora, Mary Lou Taylor-Hawley (Robert) of Brookville, Eleanor Taylor Hepburn (Alexander) of Georgetown and Janet Walker (Peter) of Milton. Dear brother of Peter Taylor and Helen Smith. Predeceased by seven brothers and sisters. Jack was a farmer in Halton County for his entire life, raising and showing Holstein cattle. He was actively involved with 4H clubs and Jr. Farmers, competing and winning several national and international awards. His interest in sports led him to playing, umpiring and coaching baseball in Halton County. In his later years, he raised and trained standard bred horses, participating in the Ontario Sires Stakes when it was first originated. He was a Master Plowman and was President and Director of Halton County Plowmans Association and the Ontario Plowman's Association. He plowed and judged many county plowing matches as well as coaching the Ontario Plowmen Team in international competitions.*

**Daughter Of H B Taylor: Helen Smith**

**Son of H B Taylor: Peter, William**

## Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

### Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

**Fourth child: Edith Ellen** B 19 Sep 1899 N Dorchester  
D 05 Jun 1926 London

In the 1921 census Edith was a stenographer She was living in a 4 plex at 518 Waterloo St. London with her mother Catherine (age 50) after her father Thomas McLaughlin's death in 1915. Edith died of phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis) at age 27. Edith never married and is buried in IRC with her parents. After Edith's death, her mother moved to Toronto.

## Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

### Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

**Fifth child: Florence Letta** B 17 May 1904 Dereham  
D 21 Feb 1905 Dereham

Lettie was born with a deformity of the skull. She died of complications. She is buried with aunt Annie Pennie and Annie's daughter (tomb photo page 31).

## Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse

### Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin

**Sixth child: Jack Kenneth** B 11 Oct 1906 Dereham  
D 1973 Kingston buried Stratford, Ont.

Spouse: Nora (Moore) Schenck B 28 Feb 1909 Brussels, Huron Co.  
D 2022 Stratford



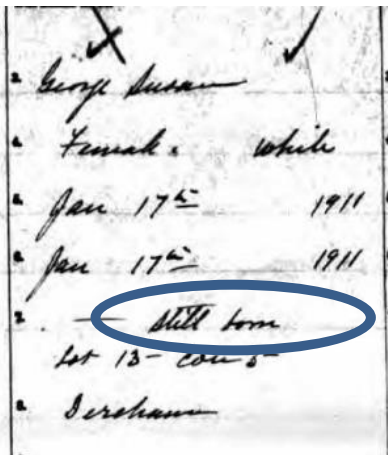


Jack lived with his mom and sister Edith in London after his father's death. In 1923, he was only 16 years old and was off to Detroit. He gave his brother William, a Royal Bank employee in Toronto, as his contact. At some point he returned to Canada and made his way to Stratford where he worked as a "Serviceman" on the 1945 Voters list, perhaps indicating he was in the armed forces. He later was an employee of the Department of Highways in 1949 and later still an accountant in 1957. The accounting business must have been lucrative as he and wife Nora had a large home in Stratford.

**Grandchildren of Henry George and Mary Prouse  
Children of Thomas George and Catherine McLaughlin**

Seventh child: Susan

B 17 Jan 1911 Dorchester  
D 17 Jan 1911 Still born



**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George**

Third child: Dr. John H George

B 18 Mar 1863 N Dorchester  
D 07 Jul 1933 Toronto buried at Beaches Cemetery  
M 01 Jan 1889 N Dorchester  
B 20 May 1866 N Dorchester  
D 12 July 1959 Toronto buried at Beaches

Spouse: Flora A McLaughlin



Dr. John and his younger sister Mary were almost involved in a double wedding. He married on January 01, 1889 and sister Mary married January 09, 1889. To complicate matters, John married a McLaughlin daughter, as did his older brother Thomas. By 1900 he had a veterinary practice in Ingersoll. In 1907 he was living in Hamilton (Ingersoll Chronicle Dec 5, 1907) and working as a vet. By 1911 he and his family are living in Toronto after the short spell in Hamilton. He was now working for the government as some type of veterinary medical inspector. Dr. John George died of hemophilia in his 70<sup>th</sup> year.

After his death, wife Flora moved with son Archie and his wife Reita into an apartment on Wineva Ave. in Toronto.

Dr John George and Flora McLaughlin had three children:

<b>Alma Alberta</b>	B 06 Feb 1890 Ingersoll
	D 1975 Toronto
	M 22 Aug 1914
Spouse: Herbert Armstrong	B 1888 Toronto
	D 1972 Toronto

<b>Archibald Gordon (Archie)</b>	B 06 Sept 1893 Ingersoll
	D 25 Dec 1954
	M 03 Jul 1923 Detroit
Spouse Reita Decker	B 1900 Saskatchewan
	D 1996 Toronto

Archie was a steam fitter by trade. The 5' 5" Archie fought in WWI. After the war, in the spring of 1922, a still single Archie travelled to Japan for business purposes. He returned in August of that year and by February, 1923 he immigrated to Detroit and married Reita Decker. He was still a steam worker. He may have moved back to Toronto as he appeared on the 1931 census living with wife at his parents and working as a foreman for a factory. At his father's death in 1933, his mother moved with them into an apartment. He was listed as a "traveler" on the 1935 voters list. The term was defined on government forms to be "A Traveller, was aka *Commercial Traveller*, who sold goods, or took orders for goods, on production of samples". Other voters list had him with the same occupation. Reita and Archie's mother Flora were still sharing the apartment on Winova Ave in Scarborough in 1957 after Archie's death.

<b>George Brock Kelso</b>	B 15 Dec 1897 Ingersoll
	D 15 Jun 1922 Humber Bay, Toronto
	M 22 Mar 1920
Spouse: Myrtle Nurse	B 1898 Toronto
	D 1950 Scarborough (age 52)

198th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C.E.F.  
**ORIGINAL**  
**ATTESTATION PAPER.** No. 228204  
 1916. Folio.  
 CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.  
 (ANSWERS.)

1. What is your surname? George.  
 1a. What are your Christian names? Brock Kelso,  
 1b. What is your present address? 60 Riverton Ave., Toronto, Canada,  
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? Ingersoll, Oxford Co., Ont., Canada,  
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Flora George,  
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 60 Riverton Ave., Toronto, Canada,  
 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother,  
 5. What is the date of your birth? September 5th, 1897,  
 6. What is your Trade or Calling? Student, High School,  
 7. Are you married? Not single,  
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and immolated? Yes,  
 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No,  
 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No,  
 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes,  
 12. Are you willing to be attached to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes,

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.  
 I, Brock Kelso George, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year; and for six months after the termination of such war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until lawfully discharged.

Date March 20th, 1916, (Signature of Recruit)  
Brock Kelso  
 Date March 20th, 1916, (Signature of Witness)  
at the same time

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.  
 I, Brock Kelso George, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as far as may lawfully be do my duty to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Peace, Honour and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all His Lieutenants and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date March 20th, 1916, (Signature of Recruit)  
Brock Kelso  
 Date March 20th, 1916, (Signature of Witness)  
at the same time

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.  
 The Recruit above-named was examined by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
 The above questions were first read to the Recruit in my presence.  
 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Toronto this 20th day of March, 1916.

Magistrate (Signature of Justice)  
 M. F. W. J.  
 J. M. J.  
 J. M. J.

It appears that Brock was a student while at home in Toronto. Like his older brother he went to war serving as a Private. His education continued when he returned and he got a job as a contractor. In 1920, he married school teacher Myrtle Nurse. He died in 1922 at age 25 by accidental drowning in Lake Ontario. Strictly speculating, perhaps being a war veteran and possibly suffering from the PTSD, his death may not have been accidental.

From coroner's report

Brock Kelso  
In the Bay of Humbler River  
 If in a Hospital or Institution give name  
Accidental Drowning

004151  
 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 at place of death | in Ontario | in Canada  
John George  
Ontario McLaughlin  
John George  
John George July 21-22 1922  
at White Norway

228204 Pte. George, Brock Kelso LCOR 198th. 198Bn.  
 1919 returning to Canada after WWI ship passenger list

After Brock's death, his new wife Myrtle (Nurse) George stayed in Toronto. She remarried in 1928 to Irishman Frederick Tyrrell. The union did not last as there was a Myrtle Nurse still living in Toronto on the 1949 voters list and she was listed as a teacher and living with a man named Reggie. She did have a brother named Reggie and she is buried with her parents in Scarborough.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

- Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George**
- Fourth child: Mary Jane B 1867 Crampton, Middlesex D 29 Jul 1954 Woodstock M 09 Jan 1889 Salford
  - Spouse: Andrew Stevens B 27 Nov 1863 Dereham D 27 May 1938 Salford

Andrew Stevens and Mary Jane were married a week after her brother Herbert married. The Stevens spent their working lives in Salford. The Stevens attended Ingersoll United Church where he was the organist for many years. He ran Salford general store for several decades and was the village's postmaster from 1924 up until his death in 1938. He inherited the position when his father died. They combined to be Postmasters in Salford from 1886 to 1938, a total 52 consecutive years. Prior to their

run as Postmasters, distant cousin William Wilkinson was Postmaster. After his death, his Wilson/Nancekivell relatives continued to fill the Postmasters position.

Salford Postmasters – Government of Canada website:

Name of Postmaster	Military status	Date of birth	Date of appointment	Date of vacancy	Cause of vacancy
Rev. Hy. Robinson (declined)					-
A.S. Harris			1855-11-01	1856-06-14	Resignation
Robert Nicholson			1856-11-01	1861-06-24	Resignation
William Boon			1861-10-01	1874-01-05	Resignation
John F. Snider			1874-07-01	1880-10-08	Resignation
James Dunphy			1881-01-01	1884	-
William Wilkinson			1885-03-01	1886-02-13	Resignation
Alfred Stevens			1886-04-01	1924-08-07	Death
Andrew A. Stevens			1924-09-19	1938-05-27	Death
Mrs. Margaret Nancekivell			1938-06-06	Acting	-
Reuben Richard Nancekivell			1938-07-07	1956-03-08	Death
Mrs. Edith Eloise Nancekivell		1888-05-04	1956-03-09	Acting	-

1927 Ingersoll phone directory:

3 5 3X Stevens, A. Postmaster Salford

**SALFORD POSTMASTER CALLED BY DEATH**

**RESIDENT OF VILLAGE FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, A. A. STEVENS, DIES FROM PNEUMONIA FOLLOWING WEEK'S ILLNESS.**

Salford—The community was shocked on Friday, when it was learned that Mr. A. A. Stevens had passed away that morning, after being ill only one week with pneumonia. He was in his 75th year. The late Mr. Stevens had been a highly respected resident of Salford for more than fifty years, having operated a general store for many years and had also been the postmaster for some time. The deceased was a member of the United Church and had been the organist for many years. Left to mourn his loss are his widow, one son Ross of Woodstock, and three daughters, Mrs. William Groves of Hamilton; Mrs. Edna Mayberry of Ingersoll, and Miss Blanche Stevens of Woodstock

Ingersoll Tribune

**SALFORD RESIDENT, MRS. STEVENS, DIES AT HOME OF SON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Stevens, widow of Andrew Stevens were held from the Keeler and Guthrie Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Davis, rector of Old St. Paul's Anglican Church, Woodstock, officiated and interment was at the Harris Street Cemetery. Mrs. Stevens, passed away at the home of her son, Ross Stevens, 889 Dundas Street, Woodstock, July 28, in her 88th year. A well known and respected resident of Salford during her entire married life, Mrs. Stevens will be missed by her many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were very active in community life. The late Mr. Stevens was postmaster and merchant at Salford for many years. He also played the organ in the former Methodist Church here. Mrs. Stevens was born in Crampton, daughter of the late Harry and Mary George. She had been in failing health for the past year. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edna Mayberry, Ingersoll; Miss Blanche Stevens, Woodstock; a son, Ross of Woodstock; one granddaughter, Mrs. Jean Dawson; four grandsons, Loch and Andy Groves, Jack Mayberry and George Stevens and six great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. William Groves [Mildred] predeceased her.

Ingersoll Tribune

## Mary Jane George and Andrew Stevens children

**First child: Clara Mildred**      B 15 Dec 1889 Dereham  
D 17 Feb 1946 Hamilton  
M 10 Mar 1909

Spouse: William G Groves      B 27 Jun 1887 Dereham  
D Oct 1965 Hamilton

The Groves started their married lives as farmers in Cooks Corners Dereham at Lot 18 Con 3. This farm was directly across the road from the Harris Rd Cemetery. In 1917 they moved to Hamilton and lived at 36 Argyle Ave. They had three children Doris (1911 – unknown), Donald (1916 -2000) and Andrew (1923-1998). The couple are buried in Harris RD Cemetery, Ingersoll.

**Second child: Edna Irene**      B 06 Apr 1892 Dereham  
D 1956  
M 23 May 1912

Spouse: Percy L Mayberry      B 04 May 1887  
D 14 Dec 1921 Ingersoll of Tuberculosis age 35

Percy and Edna lived on Thames St. In Ingersoll. According to his death certificate, he worked as a mechanic at both The Milk Condensing Factory and Morrow Screw. After his death, Edna lived in Ingersoll on 32 King St E. according to a 1949 Voters list but I have not found much info on her.

**Third child: Blanche Grace**      B 14 Jul 1895 Dereham  
D 1991

Blanche was raised in Salford. She was unmarried her entire life. She lived with her mother until at least when her father died at which point voter lists show her working as a housekeeper for her brother Ross after his wife Eva died in 1935. Like her father, Blanche was a pianist. She is buried with her parents at Harris St. Cemetery, Ingersoll

1950 voters list Woodstock

889 Stevens, Ross, machinist	83
889 Stevens, Miss Blanche, housekeeper	84
889 Stevens, Mrs. William, widow	85

**Fourth child: Eldred Ross**      B 05 Sept 1898 Dereham  
D 1986 Woodstock  
M 21 May 1926 Salford

Spouse: Eva Jessica Locke      B 1903 Woodstock  
D 1935 Woodstock

The 1921 census of Woodstock has Ross living as a lodger at 82 Metcalf St. in Woodstock. His occupation is that of an auto mechanic. Interestingly his co-lodger Stanley Fletcher, was also an auto mechanic and eventual a founder of Fletcher and Jewett Auto Sales in Woodstock. In 1926, Eldred married Eva Locke. His listed occupation was “machinist” at Wm Baird & Son and she was a stenographer according to the marriage license.

Stevens, Ross E, btrymn Wm Baird &  
Son, h 899 Dundas

1940 Vernon's Directory Woodstock

William Baird and Sons are still in existence. When Ross was there from the 1920s to the 1940s, they

repaired autos and industrial equipment. Later the company turned to welding and fabricating parts. It

appears that Ross worked for Baird and Sons all his life. In the 1950's he could still be found living at 889 Dundas St. in Woodstock. This property is where the current Co-Operator Insurance office is. He and wife Eva are buried at the Anglican cemetery in Woodstock. His mother's obituary points out that she was living with him and his sister Blanche when she died in 1954.

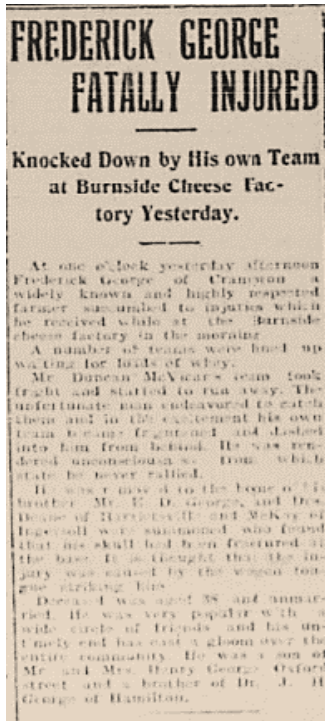
## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George:

**Fifth child: Frederick**

B 15 Jan 1870 N Dorchester

D 04 Dec 1907 N Dorchester



Front page Ingersoll Chronicle Dec 05, 1907

Transcription below:

“At one o'clock yesterday afternoon Frederick George of Crampton, a widely known and highly respected farmer succumbed to injuries which he received while at the Burnside Cheese Factory in the morning. A number of teams were lined up waiting for loads of whey. Mr. Duncan McVicar's team took fright and started to run away. The unfortunate man endeavoured to catch them and, in the excitement, his own team became frightened and dashed into him from behind. He was rendered unconscious from which he never rallied.

He was removed to the home of his brother Mr. E D George and Dr. Deane of Harrierville and McKay of Ingersoll were summoned and found that his skull had been fractured at the base. It is thought that the injury was caused by wagon bottom striking him.

Deceased was aged 38 and unmarried. He was very popular with a wide circle of friends and his untimely end has cast a gloom over the entire community. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Oxford St. and brother of Dr. J H George of Hamilton.”

Frederick was buried at IRC with his parents.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

**Sixth child: Herbert Edward**

B 08 Feb 1872 N Dorchester

D 20 Nov 1931 Clandeboye, Middlesex

M 21 Mar 1905 Middlesex

Spouse: Almira Hetty Hodgins

B 1874 Clandeboye

D 08 Jan 1920 of Tuberculosis

Spouse: Laura Simpson

M 27 Apr 1921 Middlesex

B 24 Oct 1877 Middlesex

D 31 Oc,1946 Clandeboye

Herbert Edward George died at his home in Clandeboye in his 60th year after an illness extending over ten years. He is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Miss Laura Simpson, Clandeboye and two children, Clayton attending Toronto University and Miss Mary of Detroit. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Herbert was raised on the N Dorchester family farm. It appears that he lived for awhile in Clandeboye, Middlesex (north of London). While there, he married Almira Hodgins in 1905 and by 1911 had moved to Township 17/ Section 28/Meridian 4/ Lot 159 in Alberta. This was just south of High River, Alberta. The farm was large enough to have a handy man and his family live on it as well. Herbert had 2 children at the time and another would follow a year later. By 1919, wife Almira was suffering from

Tuberculosis and the family moved back to Clandeboye so that she could be near to her family. Herbert lost his wife in January of 1920. The children at the time were twins age 14 and an 8-year-old son. Herbert immediately remarried in April of 1921. His second wife Laura Simpson was also from Clandeboye. They all moved back to Ingersoll in time for the June 1921 census and were living in a house on Albert St W. He went back to farming – probably helping with one of the family farms while he re-established himself. Not much later he and his second wife moved back to Clandeboye for the rest of their lives.

## Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins

First child: Capt. Dr. Clayton Henry

B 18 Mar 1906 Clandeboye, Middlesex Ont.

D 25 Oct 1998

M 27 Apr 1938 China

Spouse: Elsie Olding Knight

B 09 Jul 1909 Georgetown Prince Edward Island

D 01 Oct 2002 Ailsa Craig, Ont.

### *Married in China.*

A cable from China received by friends in Montreal announces the marriage to have taken place in Shanghai yesterday of Miss Elsie Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Knight, of Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, to Dr. Clayton George, a graduate of Varsity. The bride is a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, class '34, and has been attached to the Alexandra Hospital for several years. Dr. George is well-known in Montreal having been at one time an interne at the Royal Victoria Hospital. He is at present attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps in Shanghai. The bride left Montreal in March for China.

Clayton had an interesting life beside being a twin. He went to school in Lucan and in Alberta when his family moved. He moved on to the University of Toronto where he graduated summa cum laude from the Faculty of Medicine in 1932. He met future wife Elsie Knight in Montreal. Prior to WWII, he enlisted in the British Army and was posted to Shanghai. In March of 1938 Elsie travelled to Shanghai where they were married. He was later stationed in England where he was on the beach for the evacuation of Allied soldiers at Dunkirk. He was next posted to field-hospitals in Italy, Sicily and El Alamein, he saved hundreds of lives and briefly was taken prisoner in North Africa. Back in Canada, he was a family physician, and team doctor for the Lucan Irish Six hockey team. In the 1960s he was Medical Officer of Health for the Biddulph (Lucan) area. Over the years he lived in Crampton, Ontario, Cayley, Alberta, Ingersoll, Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Shanghai, Windsor, Lucan, London, Ontario and other locations. Canadian Med Assoc. Obit



He also attended the Royal Army Medical School in 1934 and returned from England to Canada in 1935. He served with the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army in WWII in North Africa and winning the Military Cross medal for gallant and distinguished service.

**Recommendation for Award for George, Clayton Henry**

Reference:	WO 373/23/51	
Description:	Name	George, Clayton Henry
	Rank:	Captain
	Service No:	65888
	Regiment:	Royal Army Medical Corps
	Theatre of Combat or Operation:	Middle East (Egypt and Libya)
	Award:	Military Cross
	Date of announcement in London Gazette:	18 February 1943
Date:	1943	



He had three children.

**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George  
Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins**

**Second child: Mary Olive**

B 18 Mar 1906 Clandeboye  
D 1979 Kitchener maybe Buried Clandeboye  
B 09 Mar 1892 He was born in Ilderton  
D 19 Oct 1962

Spouse Robert Webster Jackson

**Grace Hospital 1928 Detroit**



Mary Olive was the other twin. She was trained as a registered nurse. Border crossing records show that on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> of 1925, 19-year-old Mary crossed into the US. She had \$50 in her pocket and was set to start training at Grace Hospital in Detroit. As a note: Harry Houdini died in the hospital on Halloween night of 1926 while Grace was a nursing student there. By 1930, the 24-year-old Mary was working in Detroit as a nurse in the "private duty" industry. She was lodging in the Philip Manor Apartment building with three other Canadian born nurses. Eventually Mary returned

to Canada. She married Robert Jackson who was 13 years her senior. He was 6'1" tall according to his military papers. Her records show she was 5'3". He served in WWI with 26<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Light Infantry before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. where he reached the rank of Lieutenant. He was wounded on 18 Aug 1918 and was invalided out of the Air Force and sent home 07 Sept 1918 (Royal Flying Corps Ledgers). Once recovered, he returned to home to help work the family farm in Ilderton.



## Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Herbert Edward George and Hetty Hodgins

Third child: Lloyd Arnold

B 28 Feb 1912 Clandeboye

D 01 Sep 1922 Clandeboye Died in a Diabetic coma. Buried IRC with with his grandparents Section C Lot 29. His grandmother predeceased him by 18 months.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George:

Sixth child: Emma Mariah

B 08 Apr 1874 North Dorchester

D 11 Mar 1946 Ingersoll

M 05 Apr 1894 North Dorchester

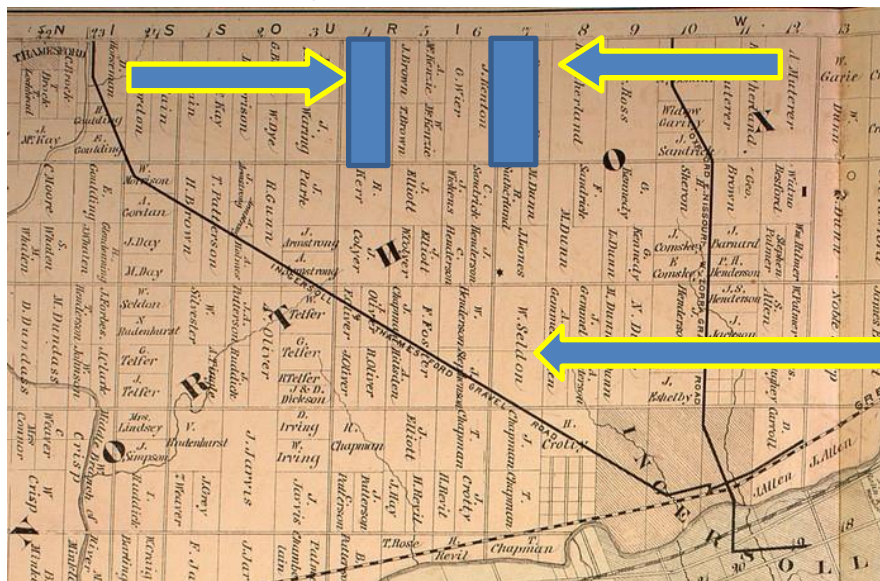
Spouse: Thomas Hutchison

B 14 May 1867 N Oxford

D 10 Mar 1952 Ingersoll

The Hutchisons of N Oxford were residents who arrived from Scotland as far back as the 1830s. Thomas' father Donald was raised by his father, Thomas Hutchison, on a 200-acre farm in N Oxford township at Con 1 Lot 7 on present day Highway #2. The farm was on the south side of the Woodstock to Thamesford road and about a kilometer west of Rayside. Donald, being a younger son had to find his own farm. With his father's help, he purchased the S ½ of Lot 4 Con 1, just to the west of his family's home. Donald, in turn, had a son named Thomas who in 1894 at age 26 married 20-year-old Emma George of Crampton. They lived on his father's farm as hired help. In 1910, Donald willed his 100 acres to son Thomas. Thomas also purchased the N ½ 100 acres of Lot 4 in 1908 for \$5000 from Isaac Cooper. By the end of 1910 Thomas owned all 200 acres of Lot 4 Con 1.

How Thomas Hutchison and Emma George meet is unknown but the Henderson arm of the Prouse family were predominantly found near the Hutchison's property so maybe introductions were made through them. As an alternate, the Seldons of N Oxford (Book # 4) were not only cousins of the Prouses but were neighbours of the Hutchisons. By 1933, Thomas retired and moved to Ingersoll. He granted, at the cost of \$3000 each, the N ½ of Lot 4 Con 1 to son Wilfred and the S ½ to son Walter.



Hutchison farms: N Oxford  
Lot 7 Con 1 and Lot 4 Con 1

Seldon farm



60 Canterbury St home where Thomas and Emma Hutchison retired to in 1925.



Emma George, Thomas Hutchison and sons Wilfred and Walter



Family in front of original homestead house Lot 4 Con 1 N Oxford. (approx. 1908)

**MRS. THOMAS HUTCHISON CALLED BY DEATH**

*An esteemed and widely known resident of Ingersoll in the person of Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, passed away on Monday afternoon at the family residence, 60 Canterbury St., following an illness of long duration. Mrs. Hutchison, whose maiden name was Emma George, was in her 72nd year, and was born in North Dorchester [township], and before coming to Ingersoll to reside 21 years ago had for many years resided in North Oxford [township], where she was also highly esteemed by a very large circle of friends.*

Ingersoll Tribune Mar 14, 1946

*Thomas Hutchison, 84, formerly of 60 Canterbury St., Ingersoll, died March 10, at the home of a son, Wilfrid, Lot 4, Concession 1, North Oxford [township]. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutchison, he farmed many years in North Oxford [township], retiring in 1925. He was a member of Trinity United Church. His wife, the former Emma George, predeceased him 6 years.*

Ingersoll Tribune March 13, 1952

**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George  
Children of Thomas Hutchison and Emma George**

**First Child: Walter George** B 05 Jan 1895 N Oxford  
D 1978  
M 09 Apr 1924  
Spouse: Ethel Bernice Quinn B 1897  
D 1986

5'6" WWI veteran Walter farmed the Con 1 Lot 4 N1/2 N Oxford for many years. He sold his 100 acres in 1958 to son Morley Hutchison for \$17,500.00. Morley sold the farm in 1976. Walter and Bernice had 3 children: Elizabeth Fern (Albert Lawson), Morley Quinn (Betty McLeod) and Donald McLeod (Bernice Rock)



Photos of Walter Hutchison and Ethel Quinn and 3 children

children Don, Betty and Morley

**Second Child: Wilfred** B10 Jun 1896 N Oxford  
D 1987  
M 04 Mar 1925  
Spouse: Mabel Jean Hogg B 17 Oct 1902 Thamesford  
D 1990

Wilfred also served in the Armed Forces in WWI and was 5' 11' thus towering over his older brother. His army records indicate he had an appendectomy scar from a previous surgery and he joined up two months before his older brother. Wilfred sold his 100 acres in 1959 to son Charlie Hutchison for \$16,000.00. Brothers Walter and Wilbur were very close. They were born a year apart, were the best man at each others weddings and their spouses were maids of honour for each other. They had adjacent farms and worked together bringing in the crops and even share the same headstone in the cemetery in Thamesford.

**Children: Son: Charles Lloyd  
Daughter: Marion Payne**



Photo: corn harvest on the Hutchison farms courtesy: From Forest to Farm

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Mary Prouse and Henry George

**Seventh child: William Walter**

B 30 Aug 1876 N Dorchester

D 19 Sept 1953 Ingersoll

M 24 Feb 1910 Maryborough Township, Middlesex

B 04 Feb 1884 Maryborough Township, Middlesex

D 24 Aug 1974 Ingersoll

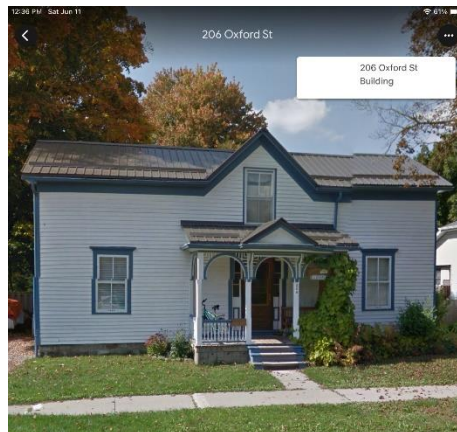
Spouse: Ada Amelia Philips

There is a real discrepancy in William's recorded birth. His cemetery stone shows 1875, the 1911 census says 1877 and the 1901 census gives a clear date of 30 Aug, 1876. I am leaning to the 1901 census as fact. He operated the family farm at Lot 4 Con 2 N. Dorchester and the 1921 census had his age as 44 and living at 206 Oxford St. Ingersoll. The house was the same one his father retired to around 1906. After Henry's death his son William moved from the farm to his father's Ingersoll house and lived in it until his death.

1908 Ingersoll Directory:

### Bill and Ada (Philips) George

In 1910, William 'Bill' Walter George, son of Henry and Mary, married Ada Amelia, daughter of John F. and Annie M. (Tucher) Philips. By then, according to postal information, Henry and Mary had relocated to Ingersoll, and Bill and Ada established residence at the George family farm, S ½ Lot 4 Con 2 SRT. There, a son Frederick 'Fred' John (1911-1997) was born. Living directly, to the south, across the Third Concession Road (now Mossley Drive) on N ½ Lot 4 Con 3 SRT was the Walter Longfield family. A son of Walter, Lloyd, born in 1912, later in life spoke fondly of 'Freddie George', suggesting that their relationship had started as pre-school neighbours, and then as classmates at Crampton Public School SS 15, walking the mile plus to and from school each day together. In 1918, Bill (then only 43 years old) sold the farm to his nephews, Ernest Edwin and Frank Ivan George, sons of Edwin D. George, Bill's eldest brother. Bill then moved his family to Ingersoll, where son, Fred later married Hilda E. Johnstone.



George Henry, h w s Oxford 2 s  
Francis

Ingersoll Directory

Information below from Wellington County Museum:

"Ada Amelia Philp was born 4 February 1884, the daughter of John F. Philp and his wife Annie M. Tucker of Maryborough, Township. On 24 February 1910, she married William Walter George of North Dorchester Township, Middlesex County, where they made their home until Ada's death in 1974."

\*Ada residence – the obituary for Ada states she lived at the family farm until her death. Very likely she was still living at 206 Oxford St.

### WILLIAM W. GEORGE DIES AT RESIDENCE

*William W. George, beloved husband of Ada M. Philips, died at his late residence, 206 Oxford Street, Saturday, September 19. He was in his 78th year and had been in failing health for the past 12 years. Mr. George was born in North Dorchester [township], the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George. He farmed in Crampton for many years and*







## **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Lena George and William Court**

**Second: Edna Alberta** B 20 Jun 1905 N Dorchester Township.  
D 12 Sept 2006 Dorchester She was 101 years old at her death.  
M 14, Oct 1925 London  
Spouse: Matthew O'Neil B 1900 Dorchester  
D unknown

In March of 1927 Matthew and Edna made the trip to Maywood Ill. The border paperwork indicates their desire to permanently immigrate. Edna was 21 years old and according to the papers, 5'2' with red hair and green eyes. For some unknown reason the move did not work out and by the 1931 census the couple moved back to Dorchester where the O'Neil family farmed for many years. With them in the 1931 census were two of Edna's youngest siblings, Lloyd and Alma (Pg 53).

### **Edna Court and Matthew O'Neil's four children:**

**Eunice (Wilson)** B 21 Jan 1930 N Dorchester  
D 20 Apr 2007 Woodstock

*WILSON Peacefully at Woodstock General Hospital on Friday, April 20, 2007 Eunice Edna Wilson (nee O'Neil) of R.R.# 1, Dorchester in her 78th year. Predeceased by her husband Jack P. Wilson (1995).  
Obituary - London Free Press - April 21, 2007*

**Ray Herbert** B 24 Dec 1928 Ontario  
D 03 Sept 2009 Tillsonburg



Ray was a former employee of Maple Leaf Mills, likely as a truck driver, and a cash crop farmer all of his life. He lived in the Springford area until his retirement where he enjoyed 11 years in Florida, and 7 years in Long Point.  
He was married to Harriet Johnson for 57 years and fathered four children.

**Robert George** B 29 Mar 1927 Dorchester township  
D 05 May 2014 Listowel Ont.



Robert married Hazel Young and Velma Powers and had 5 children. He lived in the N Dorchester region near his parents and was a farmer. He moved to a child's home in Listowel in his later years.

*March 29, 1927 to May 5, 2014*

*Robert O'Neil – formerly of Monkton, passed away peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home, Listowel on Monday May 5, 2014 at the age of 87. Robert was a member of Knox*

*Presbyterian Church, Monkton. Beloved husband of Hazel (Young) O'Neil whom he married in 1994. Father of David and Nancy, Rick and Liz, Paul and Joanne and Todd. Step-father of Doug and Sharon Ward, Neil Ward and Brenda and Lyle Ruby. Grandfather of 16 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great-great children. Fondly remembered by his brother Neil and Barb and sister-in-law Harriet O'Neil.*

*Predeceased by his parents Herb and Edna (Court) O'Neil, his first wife Velma, a daughter in infancy, his*



brother Ray, sister Eunice Wilson and her husband Jack and sister-in-law Wava O'Neil. Interment in Dorchester Union Cemetery

**Neil Franklin**

B 1931 Dorchester Township  
D 30 Apr 2016



He is remembered by many nieces and nephews and friends from the Dorchester/ St. Thomas area. Neil retired from Canada Post in 1986 after 35 years while living in London and Putnam.

He married Wava Fenton and had six children and is buried with his mother and father in Dorchester Union Cemetery.

**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George  
Children of Lena George and William Court**

**Third: George William**

B 27 Apr 1907 Dorchester  
D 15 Jun 1977 St Petersburg, Florida  
Spouse: Lily Maude Mitchell B 27 Apr 1907 Dungarven, Ireland  
D unknown

SERIAL NUMBER <b>1622</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>GEORGE WILLIAM COURT</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>842</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE COOK ILL</b>			
3. TELEPHONE <b>6668</b>	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>33</b>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>CANADA</b>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A</b>
7. DATE OF BIRTH <b>APRIL 27 1907</b>		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>WIFE</b>	
9. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>MRS LILY COURT</b>			
10. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE COOK ILL</b>			
11. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>MYSELF TUCK POINTER CONTRACTOR</b>			
12. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>723 ARLINGTON ROAD RIVERSIDE ILL</b>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ADDRESS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE, <i>Handwritten name</i> REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 <i>George Court</i>			

George Court was unmarried when he arrived in Chicago months before his parents in 1927. By the 1930 census, George and Lily Mitchell were married and living in Oak Park Village in Chicago. Living with them was his younger brother Edwin. George was a tuckpointer – which was a brick mortar specialist using two shades of mortar to make architectural highlights with the mortar. This trade likely laid the foundation for his tuckpointing and masonry contracting company. Chicago would be a prime location for such as business as the

downtown is famous for its gothic architecture. The masonry on these buildings often needed repair.



Chicago 1930 – Courtesy Fredrico Italiano



1958 Phoenix Republic newspaper

**Contractors—Building Cleaning**  
Anderson O A 398 W Vermont  
Court C F 4623 N 31st St  
Home Servs Unlimited 4209 N 12th St

1960 Phoenix Republic newspaper

## Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George Children of Lena George and William Court

**Fifth: Edwin** B 20 Aug 1914 Lot 19 Con 2 N Dorchester  
D 30 Aug 1998 Dayton, Ohio  
Spouse: Marie Francis B 22 Apr 1918 Cleveland, Ohio  
D 01 Nov 2005 Indianapolis, Ind.

Born in Canada, he received his 1938 US citizenship. Ed served in the US Armed Forces just like his older brothers. He was 5'9" with brown hair and blue eyes. He enlisted in February 1942, fought in Europe and was cited for bravery on the battlefield.

TRIPPLICATE (To be given to declarant) No. 135911

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In the DISTRICT Court  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS of THE UNITED STATES of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I, **EDWIN COURT**  
now residing at **723 ARNOLD STREET, ARLINGTON, ILLINOIS**,  
occupation **Laborer**, aged **23** years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:  
Sex **Male**, color **White**, complexion **Fair**, color of eyes **Gray**,  
color of hair **Light Brown**, height **5** feet **9 1/2** inches; weight **140** pounds; visible distinctive marks  
**None**

race **English**, nationality **British**  
I was born in **Dorchester, Ont. Canada**, on **Aug. 30th, 1914**  
I am **not** married. The name of my wife or husband is \_\_\_\_\_  
we were married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_; she or he was  
born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Entered the United States  
at \_\_\_\_\_ for permanent residence therein, and now  
resides at \_\_\_\_\_ I have **no** children, and the name, date and place of birth,  
and place of residence of each of said children are as follows:

I have **not** heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
my last foreign residence was **Worcester, Ont. Canada**  
I emigrated to the United States of America from **London, Ont. Canada**  
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at **Fort Huron, Michigan**  
under the name of **Edwin Court**, on **May 24th, 1927**  
on the vessel **C. M. R. R.**

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me: So help me God.

**Edwin Court**  
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at **Chicago, Illinois**, this **31st** day of **March**, anno Domini **1938** Certification No. **11-192191** from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

**HENRY W. FREEMAN**  
U. S. DISTRICT Court.  
Deputy Clerk.

Form 22302-A  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE



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"The Bronze Star Medal, or BSM, dates back to World War II. Today, it is the **fourth-highest ranking** award a service member can receive for a heroic and meritorious deed performed in an armed conflict. For those who receive the BSM, it is a signal of their sacrifice, bravery and honor while serving their country".

After the war, Edwin continued to work for his brother George's Tuck-Pointing company. He lived with his brother George at his

Arlington Rd. Chicago residence for several years. Edwin married Marie Seale around 1948. He continued to work as a Tuckpointer right into the 1950 census. He retired in 1982 and he and his wife moved to Sun City, Az. They lived there from 1983 to at least 1993. He moved to Beavercreek, Ohio in 1993 to live with his son, so it is likely that at this point the couple had divorced as his wife was still alive.

**COURT, Edwin**

Of Beavercreek and of Sun City, AZ., died on his 84th birthday, August 30th, after a long illness. Ed was born near Dorchester, Ontario, Canada. He became a naturalized US Citizen and served with distinction as a Medic with the 3rd Army in WWII. He received the Bronze Star for heroism on the battlefield. After the war, Ed became a Building Sub-contractor in the Chicago area until his retirement in 1982. Ed was a member of the Tuckpointing and Building Cleaning Union and the 32nd Degree Mason. He is survived by his sisters, Eva, Edna & Alma; his brother, Charles; his son, Charles; his daughter, Barbara, and his granddaughter, Kara. Interment will be in Canada. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tecumseh Council Boys Scouts of America. Friends may call at the Court residence, 2652 Lantz Rd., Beavercreek from 1 until 4 P.M. Sunday, Sept. 6.

Wife Marie and Edwin were in their early 30s when they married. Marie's parents were of Yugoslavian descent and Marie moved to and lived in Chicago with her married sister's family. She was a receptionist for a dentist before she married Edwin in Cleveland in 1948. She was heavily involved in the George Court Tuck Pointer Company raising to the position of business manager even after the divorce from Edwin. They had two children noted below.



**Barbara Anne** B Jan 1953 Cicero Ill. Both she and her brother attended Morton West High School. She later married a Jon Findley and moved to Addison, Texas in 1985. They were then located over the years in Indianapolis from 1993-2000, again in Texas and later Sun City, Arizona.



**Charles M Court** B 05 Mar 1949 He spent several years living in Alexandria, Virginia before moving to Beaver Creek Ohio.

As noted, in their senior years, Ed lived with his son Charles. Wife Marie lived with her daughter Barbara Anne Findley at the time of her death from heart failure in 2005.

*Marie F. Court, nee Sterle, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital. She was a Business Manager for George Court & Co. in Stickney, IL. She was a member of Karnak Court Chapter #17 Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, where she was the High Priestess in 1975 in Berwyn, IL, Eastern Star Chapter #529 in Berwyn, IL, and Chicago Chapter of Women on Construction. Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center Washington Park North, with calling there 10:30 a.m. until time of service. Inurnment will be in Washington Park North Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Court. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Jon) Findley, nee Court and son Charles M. Court; grandmother of Kara Marie Fildley; aunt of Rosemary Strona.*  
Newspapers.com

**Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George:**

**Children of Lena George and William Court:**

**Sixth: Lloyd Elmer** B 30 Jun 1916 N Dorchester  
D 15 Jul 1976 Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois.  
M 02 Sept 1949  
Spouse: Eva Thorburn B 1903 Missouri  
D 29 May 1980 Berwyn, Chicago, Illinois

There is some strangeness involving the Court family and their move to Chicago. The 1931 census has youngest son Lloyd was living in N Dorchester, at age 14, with his older sister's Edna and Matthew O'Neil's family. This was due to his mother's 1929 death. Lloyd was the youngest to make the trip to Chicago and he joined the family Tuck Pointer business once he had finished school in Canada while living with the O'Neil family. In Chicago, he lived with his older brother George, the head of the company, as his mother had died and his father possibly had returned to London, Ontario. In October of 1940, he registered with the US Forces at age 24 and was still waiting for his US citizenship to be approved. He received his 1944 approval when he was serving in the forces and was based in California. This approval was through a special-order Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940 instigated by the Armed Forces of the US. He served in California. Why it says he emigrated from Tijuana Mexico is a mystery. Every Court brother served in the US forces in WWII. He returned to Chicago after the war and married Eva Thorburn. She was 13 years his senior. Eventually Lloyd opened his own contracting company in Chicago.

**ORIGINAL**  
(To be retained by Clerk of Court)

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
No. 3389m

**PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION**  
(Filed under Section 701 of the Nationality Act of 1940)

To the Honorable the DISTRICT Court of THE UNITED STATES in LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shews:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is LLOYD ELMER COURT

(2) My place of residence at the time of my enlistment or induction into the military or naval forces of the United States was 328 So. Euclid, Berwyn, Cook, Illinois

(3) I was born on June 30, 1916 in Dorchester, Ont., Canada

(4) My personal description is Age 28, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue, color of hair Brn, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 155 pounds, visible marks None, present nationality Great Britain

(5) I am Not married; the name of my wife or husband is \_\_\_\_\_ (6) I have no children.

(7) I emigrated to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, from Dorchester, Ontario, Canada, Tijuana, Mexico

(8) My lawful admission to the United States, its Territories, or its possessions, was at San Ysidro, Calif., under the name of Lloyd E. Court on July 15, 1941 as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached to this petition.

(9) I entered the U S Army on Oct. 16, 41, under Serial No. 36302401 and am at this time still in such service, serving honorably.

(10) I am not, and have not been for the period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition an anarchist, nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage, nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization of body of persons teaching, disablied in or opposition to organized government. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States, and to reside permanently therein.

(11) Submitted herewith as a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying citizen witnesses required by law.

(12) Wherefore, I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to no change

(13) I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, that the same are true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: So help me God.

Lloyd Elmer Court  
U.S. Notary

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

My name is Richard B. Linehan I reside at 213 Chapman St. Green

My name is Ernest R. Briones I reside at 623 25th St. Corpus

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I personally know the petitioner named in this petition for naturalization to be a person of attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and honorably, in the military or naval forces of the United States, as private, in Cavalry, under Serial No. 36302401, as shown by official service records.

I do swear (affirm) that the statement of facts I have made in this affidavit of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief: SO HELP ME GOD

Richard B. Linehan Ernest R. Briones  
U.S. Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective forms of oath shown in said petition and of the Clerk of said Court at Los Angeles, Calif. this 17th day of July Anno Domini 1944

I hereby certify that Certificate of Arrival No. 23 M 11503 from the Immigration and Naturalization Service showing the lawful admission has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

(CLERK) Edward L. ... (DEPUTY CLERK) Paul ...

I certify that the petitioner and witnesses named herein appeared before and were examined by me on July 17, 1944 at the office of this petition.

**OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE**

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Sworn to in open court, this 17th day of JULY 1944

(CLERK) Edward L. ... (DEPUTY CLERK) Paul ... A. D. 1944

Note.—In renunciation of title or order of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give the order of nobility) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted (denied) Line No. 1 of List No. 6178645 and Certificate No. 6178645, issued.

**Lloyd E. Court**

Lloyd E. Court, 60, owner of the Lloyd E. Court Contracting Co., 3101 Wesley ave., and a 19-year resident of Berwyn, was pronounced dead on arrival at MacNeal Memorial Hospital Thursday.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Abram and Son Home for Funerals with interment in Chapel Hills Gardens West.

He is survived by his wife Eva; stepdaughter, Mrs. Maxine Dillon; three brothers; three sisters, and three grandchildren.

SERIAL NUMBER 2167 1. NAME (First) LLOYD ELMER COURT ORDER NUMBER 1047

2. ADDRESS (First) 906 So Mayfield (Middle) Lakewood Ill (Last) Ill

3. BIRTHPLACE Columbus 4. AGE IN YEARS 24 5. PLACE OF BIRTH CANADA 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Canada

7. DATE OF BIRTH June 30 1916 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Brother

9. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MR GEORGE COURT

10. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON (Street, Box, Rural) 723 Arlington Road River Side Ill (Town) (County) (State)

11. EMPLOYER'S NAME Mr George Court

12. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS (Street, Box, Rural) 723 Arlington Road River Side Ill (Town) (County) (State)

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

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. Form 1 Lloyd Court (Applicant's signature) 1047

## **Grandchildren of Mary Prouse and Henry George:**

### **Children of Lena George and William Court:**

**Seventh and last: Alma Jean**     B 1923 N Dorchester  
D 07 Oct 2014 Orillia, Lived in London

Spouse: William Bailie     B 1928 Lancashire, England  
D 2017 Scarborough

Alma travelled with the family to Chicago when they emigrated, but after her mother's 1929 death, she ended up back in Canada living with older married sister Edna O'Neil. She married William Bailie who had emigrated from Scotland in 1928. They lived in Toronto where he was a printer as noted by the 1963 voters list and were living with his parents. She was convalescing at one of her children's homes in Orillia when she died.

Both Alma and William are buried in Dorchester however there appears to be no markers on the plot.

*Alma J. (nee Court) Bailie - Peacefully at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Orillia on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Of London, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of William (Bill). Dear mother of John Bailie (wife Barbara) of Ajax, Caryl Winn (husband Rudy) of Oro-Medonte, Candace Bailie of Scarborough and Pat McKinley (husband Bev) of St. John, New Brunswick. Grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Survived by a nephew Neil O'Neil of St. Thomas. Predeceased by 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Friends will be received at the BIEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 3970 Hamilton Road, Dorchester (Friday 7-9 p.m).*

The George family tree is very substantial in numbers and multiple generations populated N Dorchester Township. As an old saying might have gone:

*"Kick over any rock in Dorchester township and you will likely find a George family member under it".*

## **Child of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Third Child: Maria**     B possible Oct 1838 Hartland Parish, Devon  
D possibly Mar 1843 Hartland Parish Devon

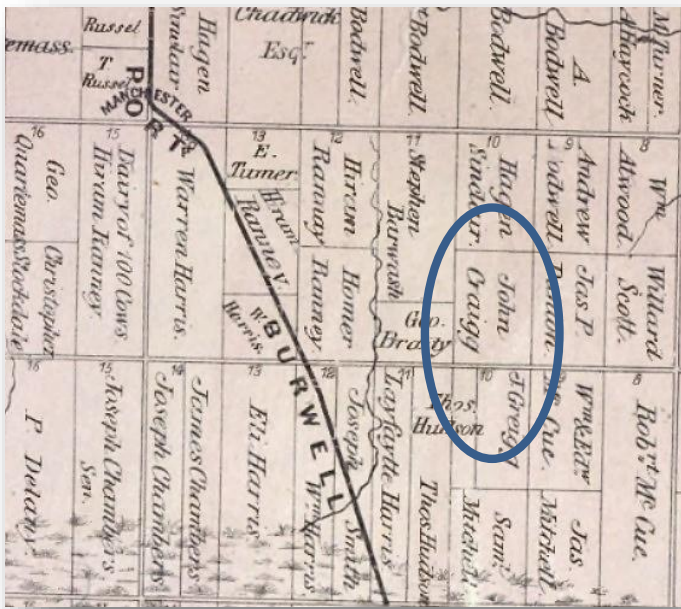
Maria was born and died in Hartland Devon. No stone has been located in my research.

## **Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse Family**

### **Child of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott**

**Fourth Child: Eliza Elizabeth**     B Nov 9 1840 Hartland, Devon  
D 28 Sept 1921 Canterbury St. Ingersoll  
Buried IRC

Spouse: Henry Gregg     M July 7 1864 Ingersoll  
B 03 Dec 1837 Ancaster, Ont.  
D 08. Sept 1923 Ingersoll Buried IRC



Henry and Eliza were farmers in the Salford/Mt Elgin Area at Con 5 Lot 10 Dereham in the 1900 Union Directory for Oxford County. His father and brother were farming nearby. Father John, owned Lot 10 on both Con 2 and 3, just south east of Salford (then called Manchester) in the 1871 census. The sons likely worked on these farms. Around 1898, Henry and Eliza moved to W Oxford township. A landmark day for the couple was celebrated on the weekend of July 7, 1914. It was their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and the gathering made the front page of the Ingersoll Chronicle.



*Transcribed for clarity and brevity:*

“Surrounded by their children and relatives and friends to the number of one hundred and fifty, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg, Canterbury Street on Tuesday celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the home of their son John W Gregg, West Oxford. The bride and groom of fifty years ago received the sincere congratulations of those present and the occasion was marked by the utmost happiness. The noon hour dinner was partaken of in a large tent erected on the lawn for the gathering. The repast was a tempting one embracing the delicacies of the season and was enjoyed by all. During the afternoon an excellent program was rendered. The duties of chairman (editor’s note: master of ceremonies) was ably discharged by Mr. Thomas Seldon and delightful music was rendered by the London Harpers. Appropriate addresses were given by Donald Sutherland M.P., Mr. T R Mayberry, Squire Hunt, St Thomas and others. Guests were present from Brantford, Toronto, Calgary, Gorrie, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Listowel and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg were married 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1864. Mrs. Gregg's maiden name was Eliza Prouse, being a daughter of the late Thomas Prouse who settled the farm now occupied by Mr. Fred Quinn. For five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg resided in Dereham. They then removed to West Oxford where they resided up to ten years ago before they came to Ingersoll."

**TWO ARE DEAD FROM COAL GAS**

**J. B. McARTHUR AND GEORGE GREGG FOUND DEAD IN HOME AT CLIFFORD—MRS. McARTHUR WAS VISITING AT PUTNAM.**

News of the death by asphyxiation of Mr. J. B. McArthur and Mr. Geo. Gregg, at Clifford, was received by relatives in Ingersoll Monday evening. Mr. McArthur was the father of Jas. McArthur, clerk at the Grand Trunk freight sheds, and Mr. Gregg was the brother of Mrs. Ransom Harris, King street west, and Mr. Henry Gregg, Canterbury street. Mrs. J. B. McArthur was visiting at Putnam when apprised of her husband's death.

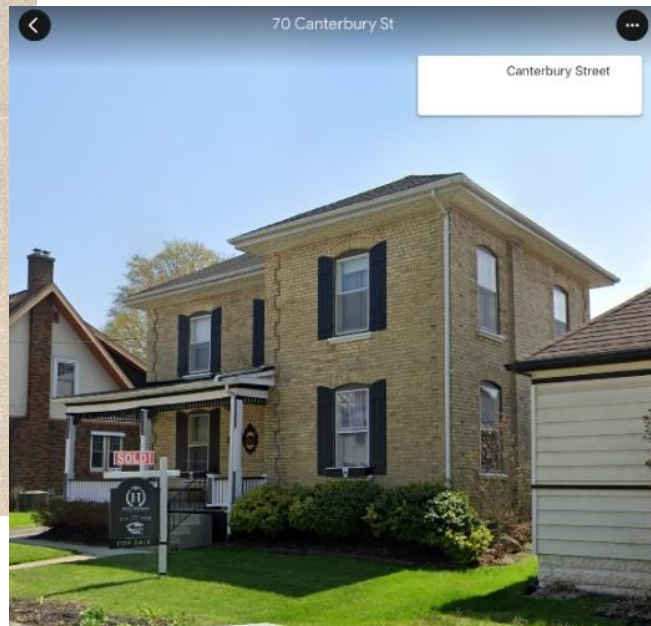
A Clifford dispatch says:

Mr. J. B. McArthur and Mr. George Gregg were found this afternoon in the latter's home both dead, apparently from inhalation of gas, as the stove doors were found open. Mr. Gregg, being an elderly man and in failing health of late, was being looked after by his daughter and Mrs. McArthur. Mrs. McArthur has been absent for a few days on a visit. No stir was noticed around the home today, and when the neighbors called and could get no response the door was forced in. The ghastly sight which they witnessed was Mr. and Mrs. Gregg in bed, the former dead and the latter almost beyond medical aid. Upstairs McArthur was found in his room partly lying on his bed with the mattress burning. His face and breast were badly blackened from the smoke, while his hands were also burned. It was quite evident from the position of McArthur that he had awakened, and being in a dazed condition, attempted to light a lamp, as it was found broken in his room, and not being able to do so, he fell on his

Mention was also made of their time and efforts with the community of Salford and the church in Salford. Their children were listed as W. H., John and George all of West Oxford: Mrs. Frank Harris of Dereham and Mrs. George Groves of West Oxford. Mr. Thomas Seldon, chairman of duties was a second cousin from the Seldon/Elliott family line.

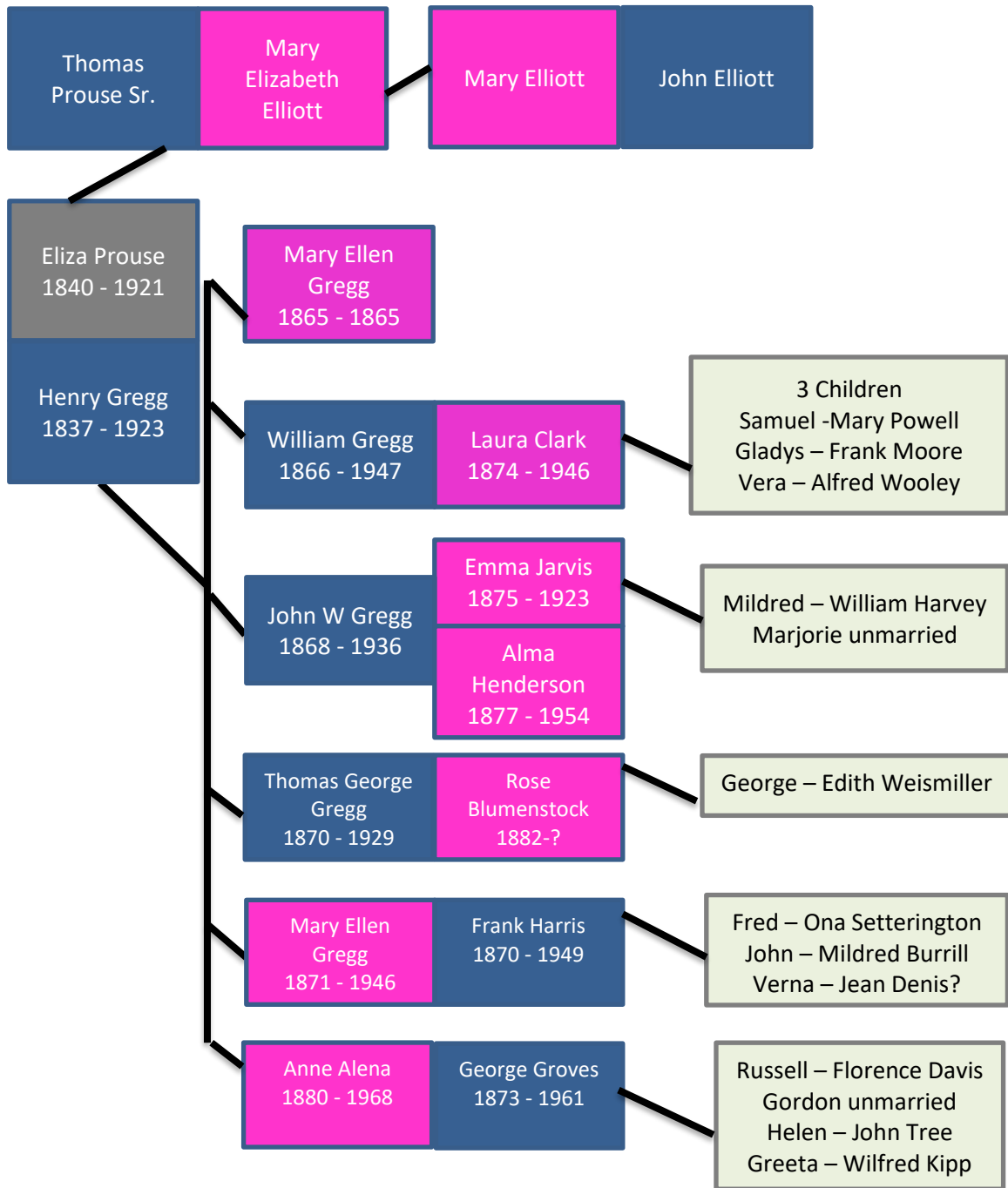
Sadly, only 6 months after the wedding celebration Henry's brother, his brother's wife and their son-in-law were asphyxiated when a gas stove oven door was left open and the fumes consumed the inside of the home. Only the youngest Mrs. Gregg barely survived as neighbours became aware of a lack of movement about the house and mounted a rescue.

As early as 1908, Henry and Eliza retired to this Canterbury St. house in Ingersoll and were living in Ingersoll when they died.





**Children and Spouses of Eliza Elizabeth Prouse and Henry Gregg  
Daughter of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott**



## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

First Child: Mary Ellen

B 19 Jun 1865 Dereham

D 15 Aug 1865 Dereham township – 2 months – “Indigestion”

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

Second Child: William Henry

B 28 Nov 1867 Salford

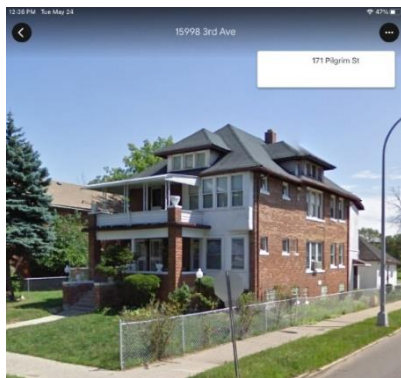
D 26 May 1947 Highland Park, Mi

M 14 Oct 1890 Ingersoll

Spouse: Laura Clark

B 24 Apr 1874 in Somerset, England

D 21 Nov 1946 Dereham township



Raised on the farm and the first son, expectations were that William would take over the farm. However, he seemed to have different plans and when he married at age 23, he was already making a living as a tailor. By his 60<sup>th</sup> year, in June 1926, William and Laura moved to Detroit. William continued to work with David Cone in a tailor shop on Henry St. in Detroit. The 1940 US census had them living in Highland Park with daughter Vera and her husband Alfred Wooley. Oddly Laura’s death records indicated she died while in Dereham in 1946. William died in Highland Park six months later.

Photo: Highland Park Mi. home of William Gregg and Laura Clark

## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark

First Child: Samuel “Harley”

B 07 Mar 1892 Mt Elgin/Salford

D 09 Jul 1961 Toronto

M 08 Nov 1916 Toronto

Spouse : Mary Powell

B 16 July 1888 Toronto

D 17 Mar 1972 Toronto



Samuel worked as a government auditor. The family was found in Grimsby Ont. in the 1931 census where he was a bank manager. He retired to 25 Carey Rd. Toronto where he died in 1961. Harley’s tombstone is located in Mt Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto. They had two children.

**Betty Jean** (B 1923 Grimsby, Ontario D 2014 Etobicoke, Ont.)  
*GREGG, Betty Jean - Passed away peacefully, on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the age of 91. Predeceased by parents Samuel Harley Gregg and Mary Christina Gregg (nee Powell), brother William Gregg, sister-in-law Reta Gregg. Cherished aunt of Sharlene Page (nee Gregg) and husband Christopher Page and Christine Schauer (nee Gregg) and husband Robert Schauer.*

**William** (B 1929 D prior 2014))

## **Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse**

### **Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark**

**Second child: Gladys Viola**                      B 17 Dec 1894 Ingersoll  
D 04 Oct 1988 Detroit  
M 09 Oct 1912

Spouse: Frank Aubrey Moore                      B 1883 Ingersoll  
D unknown  
M 05 Oct 1942 Henry County, Ohio

Spouse: Paul Pequengat                              B 06 Oct 1897, Waterloo, Ont.  
D 1969 Highland Park, Mi.

*MOORE-GREGG--A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gregg, Hagle's Corners, when their daughter, Gladys, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank A. Moore, of Ingersoll. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Ellis of Salford, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Moore who will have the well wishes of many friends, left this morning for Orillia, where they will reside, Mr. Moore having accepted a position there*  
Ingersoll Chronicle 10 Oct 1913

They first moved to Orillia where their first child was prematurely born. The child was not given a first name on the birth schedule and later census does not indicate the child lived. Frank was a barber. By 1921, the Ingersoll census had Frank working as a barber and the family living in Ingersoll with two children. They emigrated to the US in 1926 at the same time as her parents did. Later the couple divorced in 1929 while living in Detroit. Gladys was living with her parents and 4 children in Highland Park, Mi. in the 1930 US census. Also living with the family was lodger Paul Pequengat. Much later he would later become her second husband after he divorced his first wife in 1940. Gladys would have been 46 years old when they married in 1942. They both worked in sales.

## **Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse**

### **Children of William Henry Gregg and Laura Clark**

**Third Child: Vera May**                              B 10 Mar 1896 Salford  
D 1988 Highland Park, Michigan  
M 21 Feb 1917 W Oxford.

Spouse: Alfred Lewis Wooley                      B 1894 Michigan  
D 1973 Michigan

*At 2 p.m., on Wednesday February 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregg. West Oxford, their youngest daughter, Miss Vera May, was united in marriage to Alfred L. Woolley, of Brownsville, Ontario by Rev. J. A. Neill of Salford. (Ingersoll Tribune 1917)*

Vera and her husband, Michigan born Alfred Woolley, moved to the US in 1926 at the same time as her family did and he worked as a driver for the Detroit Creamery Co. Alfred died in 1973 and Vera lived in Michigan until her death at age 92.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:**

Third Child: John Wesley

B 05 May 1868 Dereham  
D 01 Apr 1936 Woodstock  
M 04 Oct 1900 W Oxford

Spouse: Emma Jarvis

B 11 Oct 1875 N. Oxford  
D 29 Jan 1923 Lot 14 Con 4 W Oxford (encephalitis)  
M 26 Jan 1927 Ingersoll

Spouse: Alma Henderson

B 28 Jan 1877 Ingersoll  
D 11 July 1954 Sparta, Elgin Co.



John was a prominent native of Dereham. He was president of the Prouse Cheese Factory for a time and a member of Harris Road Cemetery Board.

Alma Henderson

**John W. Gregg**  
**I**NGERSOLL, April 2.—John W. Gregg, widely-known West Oxford farmer, died at his home yesterday, after an extended illness, in his 68th year. He was a native of Dereham Township and had spent his entire life there and in West Oxford, taking an active part in community affairs for many years. He was a member of the Folden's United Church and of the official board. He was a director of the Harris Street Cemetery Board, and also had served as president of the Folden's cheese factory and was widely known among the Holstein breeders of Oxford County. At one time he had been a member of the Mount Elgin Band, a musical organization that was prominent throughout the district. It was Mr. Gregg's intention to move to Ingersoll at once and a clearing auction sale at his farm, advertised for some time, was held yesterday afternoon and largely attended. Many who attended were not aware of his death until they reached the premises. He is survived by the widow, two daughters, Mrs. William Harvey, Sparta; Miss Marjorie, R.N., New York City; one brother, William of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Harris, Mount Elgin, and Mrs. George Groves, West Oxford. The funeral will be held from the family residence, Lot 14, Concession 4, West Oxford, tomorrow afternoon, to the Harris Street Cemetery, with service at the house at 2:30 o'clock.

John and Emma were farmers in W. Oxford at Lot 14 Con 2. He purchased the farm in 1905 for \$7000. Onland.ca records showed the property had been in his wife's family as far back as 1855. It was also three lots east of his father's homestead at Lot 17. It appears he sold the farm just prior to his death and as noted in his obit, when the farm auction was held, several who arrived at the site did not know of his death the previous day. John's second wife Alma, in her final years, moved to Sparta to be with her daughter Mildred. John and both wives are buried together in the Harris St. Cemetery in Ingersoll.



## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Daughters of John Wesley Gregg and Emma Jarvis

**First Child: Mildred Louisa**                      B 26 Apr 1904 Dereham  
D 07 Mar 1988  
M 16 Aug 1930

Spouse: William Harvey                      B 11 Jun 1902 St Thomas  
D 1996 Sparta, Ont.

Mildred was a nurse working in St Thomas Ont. and her husband was a farmer. They lived in Sparta for most of their lives having inherited his father's farm. One son died of pneumonia when he was 11 months old.

## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Daughters of John Wesley Gregg and Emma Jarvis

**Second Child: Marjorie Eliza**                      B 28 Jun 1910 Dereham  
D 23 Feb,1959 Whittier, California Buried Harris St. Cemetery

Marjorie was an ambitious young woman. She trained as a nurse before moving to the States and attained a masters degree at Columbia. She enlisted in the US Army Nursing Corp in WWII. After the war, she joined Whittier College in Whittier Ca. where she became the Dean of Women. She died of a heart attack at age 48 and never married.



Miss Gregg was born June 28, 1910 in Ontario, Canada, and was a naturalized citizen of the United States. She had a master's degree from Columbia University, and studied at Whittier College before she was appointed dean of women. She was a registered nurse, having trained in Canada, and was a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps in World War II.

### College Dean Is Dead at 48

Miss Marjorie E. Gregg, 48, dean of women at Whittier College since 1950, died Monday in her East Whittier apartment.

She joined the college faculty in 1948 after having served with the U. S. Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She had been under medical treatment recently for a heart ailment.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse:

**Fourth child: Thomas "George":**                      B 17 Oct 1870 Dereham  
D 01 Jun 1929 Ingersoll    IRC mosuleum  
M 23 Mar 1904 (he was 33 and Rose 19)  
B 1882

Spouse: Rose Blumenstock                      D 1949 Woodstock

#### GEORGE GREGG

*Announcement of the sudden passing of George Gregg, beloved husband of Rose Blumenstock, at the family residence, North Oxford [township], on Saturday evening, June 1st, about 7 o'clock, came as a great shock to member of the family as well as a host of friends and acquaintances. The deceased had been enjoying the best of health and had never complained of any illness whatsoever until Thursday. Saturday afternoon he came to Ingersoll and visited a doctor and on returning home laid down to rest,*





## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

Second Child: John Corser

B 14 Nov 1893 North Norwich township  
D 1972 Ingersoll buried Harris Rd Ingersoll  
M 27 Mar, 1918 Ingersoll  
B 20 Dec 1897 Norwich  
D 1980

Spouse: Mildred Burrill

**Harris**  
John C. Harris died on January 14, 1972 in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll. He was 78 years old. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Cyrus (Ruth) Poyntz of R.R. 2 Ingersoll and Mrs. Wallace (Ellen) Meadows of Woodstock, a sister Mrs. Vera Dennis of St. Thomas. A son Howard predeceased him in 1945.  
Funeral services were held on Monday, January 17, from the W.E. Carruthers Funeral Home, Thamesford with temporary entombment in Ingersoll Mausoleum. Burial will be made later in Harris Street Cemetery, Ingersoll.

John farmed N ½ Lot 7 Con 7 Dereham according to 1921 census.

They had at least three children

Coral Ruth B 1919 D 2005 – married Cyrus Poyntz and farmed in N Oxford for 46 years. She delivered the mail to the RR#2 Ingersoll rural residents for 32 years. They moved to Tavistock in 1989.

Howard Roger B 1923 D 1945 (see below)

Ellen B 1927 D 2022 - married Wallace Meadows



*It is with great sadness the family of Ellen Meadows (nee Harris) announces her peaceful passing on Saturday February 12, 2022 at the Maples Home for Seniors, Tavistock, in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Wallace Meadows (2015). Cherished mother of Rosemary (Don) and Stephen. Much loved grandmother of Julie, Scott (Lindsey), and Carolyn. Predeceased by her parents John and Mildred Harris, sister Ruth Poyntz, brother Howard Harris, and granddaughter Beth MacDonald. Ellen was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and a member of St. David's United Church.*

MacDonald. Ellen was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and a member of St. David's United Church.



### Pilot Officer Howard Roger Harris

**BIRTH** 12 Jun 1923  
Mount Elgin, Oxford County Municipality, Ontario, Canada  
**DEATH** 5 Mar 1945 (aged 21)  
Germany  
**BURIAL** [Hanover War Cemetery](#)  
Seelze, Region Hannover, Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), Germany  
**PLOT** Coll. grave 4. J. 8-10.  
**MEMORIAL ID** 18584560 · [View Source](#)

His son Howard Harris was a gunner in WWII – he died over Germany.

## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Children of Mary Ellen Gregg and Frank Harris

Third Child: Verna M

B Mar 1895 Dereham  
D unknown  
M 1918  
B 1895 Quebec  
D prior 1949 unknown

Spouse: Jean Denis



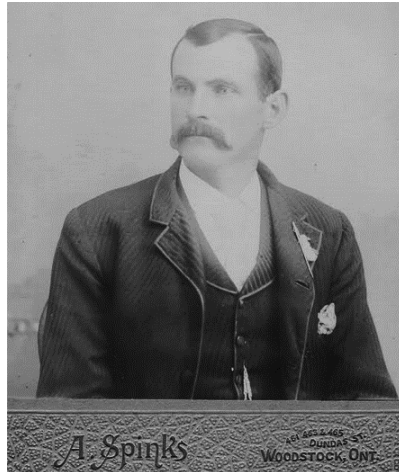


She was living at home at age 16 but worked in a millinery shop. Husband, Quebec born, Jean Denis was an auto mechanic living in Ingersoll with wife Verna and daughter Noreen B 1920 as per the 1931 census. At that time they lived at 217 Oxford St Ingersoll. There was a Verna M Denis – widowed in Thamesford as per 1949 voters list and likewise in 1972 in St Thomas. (as noted in her brother’s obit).

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

**Sixth and Youngest Child: Anne Alena** B 04 Apr 1880 Dereham  
 D 10 Dec 1968 Woodstock  
 M 09 Mar 1904  
 Spouse George Medford Groves B 14 Feb 1873 Dereham  
 D 05 Jan 1961 Lot 20 Con 2 W Oxford township



Anne arrived on this earth 9 years after her closest sibling. Most of the children would have been grown up by the time she turned 10. She married George Groves, her senior by 7 years, when she was 24. After living at his father’s farm from 1904 until 1910, the Groves purchased 5½ Lot 20 Con 2 W Oxford 100 acres in May of 1910 for \$7000 and raised dairy cattle. In 1952, they leased the property out as it appears George retired. A few years later some of Lot 20 was purchased by the Ministry of Highways for the Highway 401 right of way. They farmed all their lives at Lot 20 Con 2 W. Oxford. They had four children.

#### GEORGE M. GROVES DIES IN 88TH YEAR

*In failing health for the past 18 months, and seriously ill for the past four months, George M. Groves of Lot 20, Concession 2, West Oxford [township], passed away in Alexandra Hospital, on Thursday, January 5th. Mr. Groves in his 88th year was born in Dereham [township], son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Groves, early settlers there, and his entire life had been spent in the district. For 15 years he was actively engaged in farming in West Oxford [township], retiring in 1942. In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Groves celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Possessing a very genial and kindly nature. Mr. Groves was well known and very highly esteemed. He was a member of Trinity United Church. Ingersoll Chronicle*

**MRS. ANNIE A. GROVES**

Mrs. Annie A. Groves of Lot 20, Concession 2, East Oxford [township]\*, died at Woodstock yesterday, where she has been a patient for the past two years. She was 88. Widow of George M. Groves, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg. She was born and raised in Dereham [township], where she received her education and spent her younger years. After her marriage she came to West Oxford [township], where she and her husband farmed. She has been a resident of the township of the past 60 years. Her husband predeceased her in 1961. She was a member of the West Oxford Women's Institute, Trinity United Church in Ingersoll, and the Ladies organization of the church while health permitted. During World War II, she was active in the Red Cross work. She is the last surviving member of her parent's family. *Ingersoll Chronicle* \*West Oxford township not E Oxford.

**Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse**

**Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves**

**Oldest: Russell Laverne**

B 24 Feb 1906 E Nissouri.  
D 05 May 2003 Ingersoll  
M 17 Jun 1931 village of Walsh, Norfolk County  
B 22 Dec 1903 Walsh, Norfolk County  
D 26 Nov 1987 Ingersoll

Spouse: Florence Davis

Like his distant cousins, Cora Maude and Wilbur Elliott (Book 7), Russell was deaf and mute. Like cousin Cora, he attended the Belleville College for the Deaf. He was there for the 1921 census at age 15 and returned home after his schooling. The 1931 census indicates that he was a non paid labourer on his

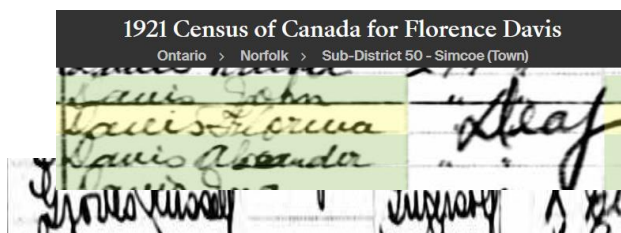


father's farm. He farmed in the RR#4 Ingersoll region his entire life. Florence Davis was also Deaf. Like his Elliott cousin Cora Elliott, he met his wife Florence Davis at the school. They raised two sons, Lorne and Glenn. He and his wife share a tombstone with his parents.

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 school: <https://youtu.be/AqKnUSPF8KQ>



Censuses indicating Florence and Russell were deaf and mute

“deaf and mute”

**GROVES** — Al Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Thursday November 26, 1987, Florence (Davis) Groves, age 83, RR4 Ingersoll. Loved wife of Russell Groves. Dear mother of Lorne and his wife Joyce, London, Glenn and his wife Donna, RR4 Ingersoll. Dear grandmother of Paul, Australia, Barbara and Ruth Ann, London, Blair and Darcy, RR4 Ingersoll, one great grandson, Benjamin, Australia. Dear sister of Frank

**GROVES**  
 Russell Laverne Groves passes away during his sleep on Monday, May 5, 2003 at Oxford Regional Nursing Home, Ingersoll, in his 98th year. Son of the late George and Annie Groves. Husband of the late Florence (Davis) Groves (1987). Dear father of Lorne and his wife Joyce of London and Glenn and his wife Donna of Ingersoll. Dear grandfather of Paul (Jennifer) Groves of Melbourne, Australia, Barbara Lindberg of London, Ruth Ann (Rod) Morley of London, Blair Groves of Ingersoll and Darcy (Jackie) Groves of Ingersoll. Great-grandfather of Benjamin, Daniel, Jordan, Marlow, Codie and Amber. Predeceased by one brother Gordon (1910), two sisters Greta Kipp (1987) and Helen Tree (1994) and one daughter Rachel (1943). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Russell was a lifelong resident on the family farm R.R.#4, Ingersoll until January 2003. Friends

**WEDDINGS**  
**GROVES—DAVIS.**  
 A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, June 17th, at the home of the bride's parents, in Simcoe, when Miss Florence Davis of that city was united in marriage to Russell L. Groves of West Oxford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves. The Rev. J. A. Suggitt performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Groves will reside in West Oxford.

They had two sons:



**Lorne R Groves B 1935 D 2020**

In his 86th year, passed away suddenly at home Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Predeceased by beloved wife, Joyce (McCorquodale) Groves of 55 years. Much loved father of Paul Groves (Jenny) of Melbourne, Australia, Barbara Lindberg and Ruth Ann Morley of London. Adored by grandchildren Ben (Shannon) and Daniel (Brittany) of Australia and Amber and Codie of London. Big Pa to



**Glenn Groves B 1944 D 2023**

Peacefully surrounded by his family at the farm on Saturday May 6, 2023, in his 79th year. Beloved husband of the late Donna Groves (November 29, 2022) for 57 years. Loving father to Blair Groves and Darcy (Jackie) Groves. Glenn and Donna farmed on Curry Road, just south of Ingersoll and Highway 401. Wife Donna was diagnosed with hereditary Huntington Disease and needed assistance for several years. They built a new house on the property to make care easier. As Glenn aged, he could not manage the disease without help and Donna moved to Sakura House in Woodstock. After Donna's death in November of 2022, he sold the farm and was able to parcel off a piece for a son to build a house on the farm property. He never had time to enjoy his new found wealth from the farm sale as he died six months after Donna. Having to deal with deaf and mute parents and an incapacitated wife, I am told he was a kind, polite and patient man that had a tough circumstantial ride in life.

**Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse**

**Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves**

**Second Child: Gordon Henry**

B 24 May 1908 West Oxford

D 24 Nov 1910 death by renal failure – kidney disease.

His death was a tragic surprise to the family.

**Death of Gordon Groves**  
 The very sad and sudden death occurred on Thursday, Nov. 24th, of little Gordon Groves, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves, of West Oxford, at the early age of two and a half years, after an illness of only a few hours' duration. The funeral, which was held on Saturday to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, was largely attended, the service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ellis of the Salford Methodist Church.

Four little boy friends bore the tiny little white casket to its last resting place, amid a profusion of floral tributes from sympathetic friends. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Third Child: Helen Pauline      B 15 Nov 1911 W Oxford  
D 11 Oct 1994 Woodstock

Spouse: John Morgan Tree      B 12 Jun 1916 Burford Township  
D 01 Apr 1983 Brantford

TREE — John Morgan Tree of Cathcart passed away suddenly at the Brantford General Hospital on Friday, April 1, 1983 in his 67th year. Born June 12, 1916 on the 8th Concession of Burford Township. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tree. He farmed on the family farm until his retirement in 1974, then moved to Cathcart. Surviving, besides his wife Helen, are two daughters, Mrs. Steven (Marion) Peter of Woodstock and Mrs. Randy (Shirley) Wilson of Cathcart, one son James of Burford,

TREE - Helen - Pauline - Peacefully at the Woodstock General Hospital on Tuesday, October 11, 1994. Helen Pauline Grove of Cathcart in her 83rd year. Beloved wife of the late John Tree (1983). Loving mother Marion and Steve Peter of Woodstock, Jim and Linda Tree of Brantford, Shirley and Randy Wilson of Cathcart. Loving grandmother of seven grandchildren, Rick, Scott, Vicki, Susan, Tom, Linda and Karen and three great grandchildren, Leslie, Sheena and Alexandra. Also survived by one brother Russell Grove.

Husband John Tree was a farmer in Harley, Ontario.

## Grandchildren of Henry Gregg and Eliza Prouse

### Children of Anna Gregg and George Groves

Fourth child: Greeta Kathleen      B 19 Dec 1915 Dereham Center  
D 15 Oct 1987 London

Spouse: Wilfred Stanley Kipp      B 21 Aug 1914 Burford  
D 1989 London buried Princeton.

She married Wilfred Kipp, a son of William Kipp, who was a miller living on College Ave in Woodstock. After the couple's marriage they lived at RR #4 Woodstock before moving to London prior to 1945 where he became a tinsmith. They spent the rest of their lives in London.

They had 4 children.

#### Kipp-Groves Wedding

*A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Dereham Centre United parsonage, on Thursday, December 12, at 4:30pm, when Rev. C. C. Strachan united in marriage, Greeta Kathleen Groves, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Groves of West Oxford [township], to Wilford Stanley Kipp, son of W. H. and the late Mrs. Kipp of East Zorra [township]. The bride was becomingly gowned in brown silk crepe with white silk trimmings, was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Kipp will reside near Woodstock, where the best wishes of their many friends follow them for a happily wedded life*

KIPP — At Victoria Hospital, South St. Campus, London, on Thursday October 15, 1987, Greeta Kathleen (Groves) Kipp, of London, in her 71st year. Beloved wife of Wilfred S. Kipp of London. Dear mother of Gerald and his wife Beverley of Courtney, Vancouver, B.C., Carol Anne (Mrs. James McNutt) of Springhill, Nova Scotia, Kathleen Clipperton and Linda (Mrs. Philip Devine) both of London. Dear sister of Russell Groves of Ingersoll and Helen Tree of Cathcart. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## Fifth Child of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Child: Thomas Jr.      B 26 Dec 1844 Hartland, Devon  
D 02 May 1912 Dereham township  
M 27 Feb 1871 Martha Henderson's farm in Kent County

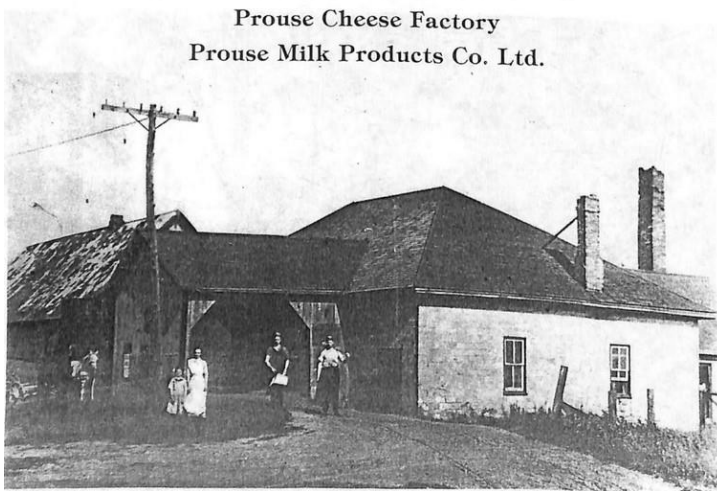
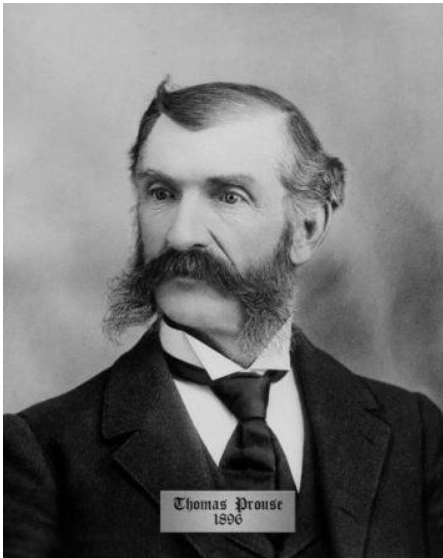
Spouse: Martha Elizabeth Henderson      B 26 Feb 1846 Nova Scotia  
D 18 Oct 1927 Mt. Elgin

Thomas Jr. was the youngest child to make the Atlantic crossing with his mother, father and older siblings in 1846.

From One Hundred and Forty Years in Canada: One Half the Story.

Thomas Jr., was said to be the second son of Thomas and Mary and it is said that he learned to walk going from keg to keg on the deck of the "Arab".

He grew up on his father's farm just to the southwest of Ingersoll and had many Elliott and Wilson cousins living on adjacent farms. His first farm was 62 acres at Lot 25 Con 2 W Oxford. It was purchased in 1872 from William Scott and was adjacent to his father's Lot 24 property. In 1878 it was sold to brother John Prouse for \$2300 (mortgage held by uncle Charles Wilson). Thomas Sr. had also purchased the same Lot 22 Con 1 Dereham property in 1854. This lot was just a short walk south on Culloden Rd from the family homestead. Thomas Jr. would be granted this 100 acre property by his father. He later held land near Mt Elgin at Con 6 Lot 12 Dereham. He grew up helping on the farm and would be a farmer until he died. He was involved in many of the Mt Elgin community affairs and was a prominent citizen of the area and had his fingers in many organizations and political issues in Dereham and Oxford County. He served as Reeve, Councillor and Warden for Dereham during his life. He was President of the Tillsonburg and Dereham Fall Fair's for many years. Grandson Grant Prouse followed in his footsteps as he also was President of the Fair for many years. Many of Thomas Jr's future generations of children went on to own productive farms of their own.



Prouse Cheese Factory  
6th Con Dereham Twp  
1896

1896 – Prouse Cheese Factory

Thomas Prouse Jr. ran the cheese factory at the corner of concession 6 and Highway 19, possibly called the Ingersoll Plank and Gravel road at that time. In 1888, Thomas Prouse Jr. bought cheese boxes from "Thomas Butler:

May 17 - 300 cheese boxes

Aug 3 - 454 cheese boxes

June 6 - 150 Sept. 18 - 454

June 14 - 300 Oct. 2 - 397

July 5 - 400 Oct. 24 - 455

Total - 2910 cheese boxes @ 9 cents = \$261.90. Paid"

Following is an article on page 35 of the book entitled When Cheese was King by Edward Moore published by The Aylmer Express Ltd, Aylmer, Ontario in June 1987 and accessed through the Ingersoll Public Library.

The Atlas of 1876 shows a cheese factory on the farm of Thomas Prouse Sr, on Lot 22, Concession 1. Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Elliott Prouse with five children emigrated from Devonshire, England in 1846, and settled here in Dereham Township. Thomas Prouse Sr. died in 1881 but his son William stayed on the farm.

Thomas Prouse Jr., second son of Thomas Sr., moved to Dereham, Lot 10, Concession 6 in 1878. Here the women of the Prouse Family made cheese and a factory was built.

In the 1881 Assessment roll for Dereham, Robert Cornfoot is listed as cheesemaker for Thomas Prouse Jr., so presumably a factory was in operation, since Thomas' herd of cattle numbered 27. Maps of 1896 and 1908 show the factory at this location. However, sometime after 1910, according to Wray Prouse, a new factory was built on Lot 9, Concession 7. This factory continued in operation for many years, known as the Prouse Cheese Factory.

The *Norwich Gazette* of April 1893 reported that the Prouse Cheese Factory had in the previous year made almost 147 tons of cheese. After a period under the ownership of Thomas Prouse, who died in 1912 at the age of 67, this factory was purchased by Mr. LaChapelle. This enterprising business man was very active in buying, selling, building and operating cheese factories in the area. In 1907 Osborn Cuckoo bought the factory farm from LaChapelle and in turn sold it to Bordens in 1918. Mr. Cuckoo worked for Bordens for a time, after selling the factory to them, but later made cheese in the Zenda factory. In 1921 Bordens sold the Prouse factory to the patrons who supplied the milk. The business then operated under the name "Prouse Milk Products Company Ltd." At this time Osborne Cuckoo came back to work for the new Company.

The following March, in 1922, Wm. Pickard took over here as cheese maker, but some time later went to Newark factory and Charles Pickard became the maker at the Prouse factory.

One hundred and fifty shares of capital stock at par value of \$25.00 were offered for sale. However, only 99 were sold at that time. So it would appear the farmers must have purchased the plant for approximately \$2,000.00.

*MOUNT ELGIN--The funeral of the late Thomas Prouse took place on Thursday afternoon May 9th from the family residence where a private service was held for the relatives and friends of the deceased thence to the Mount Elgin Methodist Church where a large congregation assemble to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Rev. J. Peer, his pastor, conducted the service according to the usages of the Methodist church, of which he had been a trusted member for 40 years, a class leader and member of the board for 23 years a former superintendent at the Sunday school for many years and a general contributor to all benefits of the same. The Dereham [township] council attended in a body and carried the floral tributes of their*

departed brother who had served the county as Warden, the township as reeve and councillor at different periods for many years. The sermon preached by Rev. J. Peters was an eloquent tribute to many endearing qualities of the deceased and deplored his loss to the public the church and his family. Besides a widow he leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. H. Gilbert, and Miss Mary, at home; five sons, William, George, Fred, Edward and Wilburne, all of Dereham [township]. His sons acted as bearers assisted by his son-in-law, Horace Gilbert. The following floral tributes were received: cross from Dereham and West Oxford Fire Insurance Co. of which until a late date, he has been president

Obit: May 16, 1912 Ingersoll Chronicle



Photo circa 1859. Thanks to MPLum89 on Ancestry.ca

Prouse 026026	
Martha Elizabeth Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham	
If in a Hospital or Institution give name	
Female	Scotch
81 yrs.	7 mos. 20 days
b. Nova Scotia	
d. Feb. 26 - 1914	
House duties	
from	to
48 yrs. at place of death	75 yrs. in Ontario
Life in Canada	
William Henderson Nova Scotia	
Kesiah McCallum Nova Scotia	

The Thomas Prouse Jr. Family - Back row: Mary Alberta Prouse 21, George Thomas Prouse 16, Minnie Beatrice (nee Prouse) Gilbert 23.

Middle row: (L-R) (seated) Thomas Prouse 50, Frederick John Prouse 13, Martha Elizabeth "Libby" (nee Henderson) 49, James Edward Prouse 12, William Henry Prouse 19.

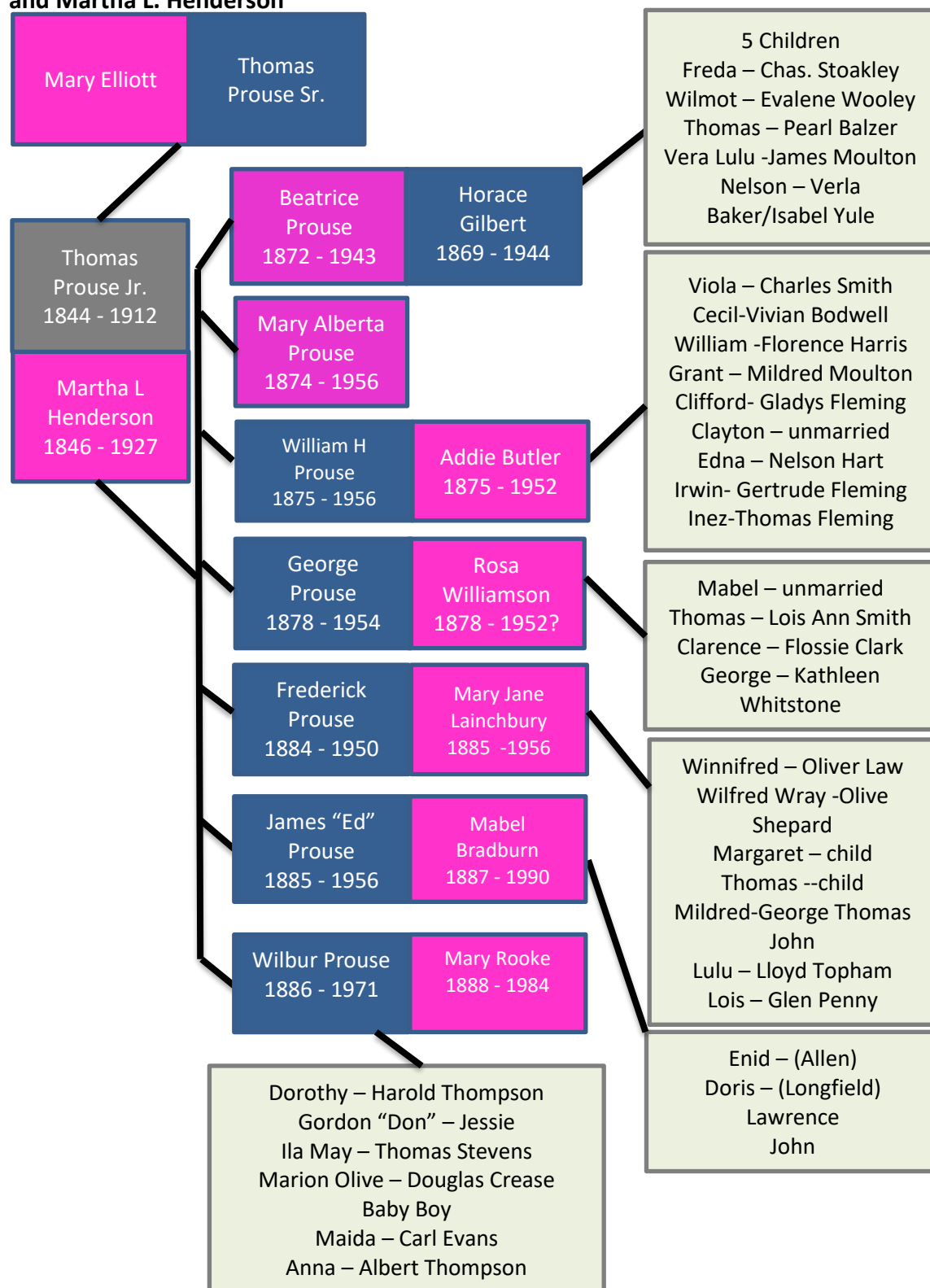
Front row: Wilbur Charles Prouse 9

Mother Martha Henderson was oldest child born in Nova Scotia to William Henderson and Kesiah MacLennan. The family moved to a E Nissouri township farm from Nova Scotia in 1851 when she was five years old. After her husband's death in 1912, Martha stayed on the farm, then run by son Frederick, at Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham according to the 1921 census. She would live at that location until her death in 1927.

Death schedule for Martha Prouse

Children and Spouses of ...

Thomas Prouse Jr. (son of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott)  
and Martha L. Henderson





**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson**

**Oldest child: "Minnie" Beatrice**

B 11 Jun 1872 Dereham  
D 18 Jan 1943 Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham  
M 26 Feb 1896  
B 30 Jun 1869 Dereham  
D 4 Jan 1944 Lot 17 Con 4 Dereham

Spouse: Horace Gilbert



Family of HORACE JOHN AND MINNIE BEATRICE GILBERT  
Front Row: Horace and Minnie  
Behind Left to Right: Thomas Leighton, Wilmet Earl,  
Verna Lulu, Freda Marguerite and Nelson Orwell.


Ancestry.ca



Not surprisingly, Horace was also a farmer. His farm was just outside Mt Elgin. His Gilbert relatives worked many farms in the local area. He was a tax collector in Dereham for many years. Horace was also involved with the Ontario Fair Association. Fall fairs were a highlight for most communities in the early 1900s. Horace assisted in the Ingersoll fair as well as other fairs. The Canadian National Exhibition was a fall highlight. Train excursions ran from Ingersoll on the Grand Trunk Railway throughout the duration of the fair. Many farmers and their families would attend as noted by the local interest columns in the local newspapers. He also likely attended the

Chicago Worlds Exposition. Ingersoll and vicinity sent an inordinately large number of the population to

marvel at the new inventions being presented. Fair Express trains to Chicago ran through Ingersoll with great regularity.

		<p>Thursday.</p> <p>Mr. Horace Gilbert attended the annual convention of the Ontario Fair Association in Toronto, last Thursday.</p>
<p><b>TORONTO</b></p> <p>\$2.90 RETURN Aug. 26 to Sept. 9</p>	<p>2.20 RETURN Aug 29 and 31 Sept. 5 and 7</p>	
<p><b>From Ingersoll</b></p> <p>Account CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION Return Limit Sept. 12, 1911</p>		<p>A gentleman who has been at the World's Fair, Chicago, on business several times, informs us that Ingersoll and surrounding districts have sent more people to the fair than any other town of its size in Ontario.</p>
<p>Special Train Service</p> <p>Special train leaves Ingersoll 11.30 a.m. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Arrive Toronto 2.15 p.m.</p> <p>Return train leaves Toronto 4.15 p.m. Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Arrive Ingersoll 7.10 p.m. Also 10.05 p.m. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. Arrive Ingersoll 1.25 a.m.</p>		

Ingersoll Tribune Sept 1911

**MRS. HORACE J. GILBERT TAKEN BY DEATH**

Mount Elgin – The death occurred on Monday afternoon, January 18th at Mount Elgin, of Minnie Prouse, dearly beloved wife of H. J. Gilbert. The deceased was in her usual health until Saturday morning when she was stricken with a paralytic stroke and passed peacefully away on Monday afternoon never having regained consciousness. The late Mrs. Gilbert was the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prouse and had been a resident of Dereham [township] practically all her life and had lived on the 6th Concession all her married life  
Ingersoll Tribune

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Horace Gilbert on Wednesday April 20th, at 2.30.

Horace J. Gilbert, widely known Dereham Township resident, died on Tuesday at the residence of his son-in-law, James Moulton, lot 17, concession seven. He was in his 75th year. He was born in Dereham and had been a lifelong resident, having served for years as tax collector, for 18 years as a school board trustee at Dereham Centre, and for 35 years as a member of the board of management of the United Church at Dereham Centre. The death of his wife (Minnie Prouse) occurred a year ago

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson  
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**



**Oldest Child: Freda Marguerita**

B 20 Aug 1897 Dereham  
D 20 Feb 1947 lived at Lot 12 Con 5 Dereham  
died of Gangerine while in Victoria Hospital London  
B 21 Dec 1893 Dereham  
D 09 Sept 1978 Mt Elgin Buried Mt Elgin

Spouse: Charles Stoakley

Charles as a farmer in the Mt. Elgin area when he married Freda in 1917. He continued to live near his nuclear family in the Mt Elgin area for the rest of his life. Children include: Ariel (McClintock) 1921 - 2014, Gordon 1924 - 1980, Charles Lawrence 1925 -2009

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson  
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**

**Child: Wilmot Gilbert**

B 26 Feb 1899 Dereham

D 05 Feb 1991 Ingersoll

Spouse: Evelene Mabel Woolley

B 29 Nov 1902 Brownsville Lot 20 Con 11 Dereham

D 30 Oct 1974 Brownsville

Buried Mt Elgin.



The couple were dairy farmers in Dereham before moving to Brownsville and retiring there. Children include: Marion Eileen B 1930.

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson  
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**

**Child: Thomas Leighton**

B 1902 Dereham Lot 13 Con 6

D 1986 Ingersoll

M 12 Dec, 1930 Dereham Centre

Spouse: Pearl Elvira Balzer

B 1907 Dereham

D 1985



Thomas Leighton Gilbert and wife Pearl Balzer.

Courtesy:Ronald Smith via Ancestry.

The couple lived in Dereham Township as per the 1931 census before moving to Con 12 E Nissouri near Thamesford prior to 1935.

The couple had 2 children die in infancy with son Glen surviving.. They lived RR#3 Thamesford and he was a known cheesemaker in Dereham.

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson  
Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse**

**Child: Verna Lulu**

B 20 Feb 1905 Dereham

D 20 Jan 1990 Mt Elgin

M 02 Dec 1926 Mt Elgin

Spouse: James Moulton

B 06 Apr 1903 Dereham

D 08 Apr 1962 Mt Elgin



Moulton James Harris	"
" Verna Lulu	Mrs. Clifford
Moulton Harry Gordon	" Gladys
" Blanche	" Emma
" John Leslie	Morrison Malcolm
" Elizabeth Louise	" Violet
Moulton Samuel John	" Mary
" Emma Nora	Flather Isabella
Hyden Mary	" Joseph
Harris Varrel Laetia	Mc Kilton Henry
" Marie Evelyn	Mc Kilton Edith
" Evelyn Shirley	" Margaret
" Ruth Marie	" Myrtle
Moulton Vernon Henry	" Francis
" E. Blainie	" Rose
" Philips	Gilbert Edward A
Prouse Grant	" Kate
" Friedrich Abigail	" Arthur
" Betty Lucille	" Selma
McC Conkey James William	" Irene
" Annie Amelia	" Robert
" George James	Gilbert Nelson
" Charles Henry	" Verla
" Ava May	
Harris Ina Moulton	
" Mary Alice	

They operated a greenhouse in Mt. Elgin as well as farm. The Moulton/Prouse/Harris families were found in close proximity to each other in the Mt Elgin census area. The 1931 census has the many families enumeration information on the same page indicating they were neighbours or living very close to each other.

#### JAMES MOULTON DIES IN HOSPITAL

Following a short illness, Mr. James Moulton, a very well known and highly esteemed resident of Mount Elgin, passed away in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Sunday, April 8th, most unexpectedly. Mr. Moulton who was in his 60th year was born on the fourth concession of Dereham [township], a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moulton. Following his marriage to the former Verna Gilbert of Dereham Centre, in 1926, he farmed across the road from his home until 1950 when he moved to Mount Elgin and operated a green house. A member of the Mount Elgin United Church and clerk of the Session, Mr. Moulton was also lay delegate to the Presbytery and Conference and had at all times taken a very keen interest in all matters pertaining to the church and community and his ever kind manner had won for him many friends throughout the district

### Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr. and Martha Henderson Children of Horace Gilbert and Minnie Prouse

Last Child: Nelson Orwell	B 28 Oct 1909 Dereham D 21 Apr 1980 Mt Elgin M 31 Dec 1930 St Thomas
Spouse: Verla Marie Baker	B 15 Feb 1907 Malahide Township, Elgin Co. D 09 Jul, 1945 Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham.
Spouse: Isabella Mae Yule	B 05 Apr 1914 town of Goderich D 1989



Nelson worked as a grader operator according to the 1972 voters list. First wife Verla was the daughter of George Baker of Con 3 Lot 20 Malahide Elgin Co. She went to London Normal School after grade school.

Verla committed suicide with a straight razor while at the Lot 13 Con 6 Dereham family farm.



Verla Marie Baker Gilbert

16 yrs  
 Street 107 13 Con 6 House No. 6  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)  
 (a) In City, town or township where death occurred. (b) In Province. (c) In Canada (if immigrant)  
 3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED GILBERT, VERLA MARIE  
 (Given name or names in usual order)  
 RESIDENCE No. 107 13 Con 6 City, Town, Village or Township Dereham Province Ont  
 (Residence means usual place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts not sufficient)  
 4. Sex Female 5. Nationality Canadian 6. Racial Origin English 7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Married  
 8. BIRTHPLACE Halifax N.S. Can. 9. DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 15 1904  
 10. AGE in 36 1/2 Months 4 Days If less than one day old hrs. or min.  
 11. Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc.  
 12. Kind of industry or business, as cotton mill, lumbering, bank, etc. House Dress  
 13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation  
 14. Total years spent in this occupation  
 15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased Nelson Gilbert  
 16. Name of physician George H. Baker  
 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 24. DATE OF DEATH July 9 1945  
 25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from June 1935 to July 9 1945 and last saw h. e. alive on July 9 1945  
 CAUSE OF DEATH  
 I. 164-4  
 Immediate cause: Patent Cutters throat c razor  
 II. Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause.

Horace remarried in 1947 to Isabella Yule, the daughter of George Yule, a labourer from Goderich.  
 GILBERT

At the Cambridge Memorial Hospital on Monday, April 21, 1980, Mr. Nelson Gilbert of RR 3 Tillsonburg in his 71st year. Dear husband of Isabelle (Yule) Gilbert. Dear father of Donald Gilbert of Woodbridge, David Gilbert of Brantford, Wayne Gilbert of Peterborough, John Gilbert of Woodstock, William Gilbert of London, Mrs. Douglas (Margaret) Smith of West Hill and Miss Wendy Gilbert of Edmonton, Alberta. Dear brother of Wilmot Gilbert of Brownsville and Leighton Gilbert of Thamesford, and Mrs. Verna Moulton of Mount Elgin

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
 Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

Second Child: Mary Alberta B 18 May 1874 Dereham  
 D 20 Feb 1956 Dereham

Mary lived in the Mt Elgin area her whole life. She never married. She lived with her parents, then after her father's death, she lived with her brother Frederick and family who had moved into the family house on the Prouse farmstead Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham after Thomas Jr's death. She lived with them until her death.



Three eldest Thomas Prouse Jr. Children: Mary Prouse about 1950

Children:

William (1), Minnie (4), Mary (2)

Photo Ancestry circa 1876

### Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

#### Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

Third child: William "Will" Henry

B 25 Mar 1875 Dereham or Ingersoll

D 12 No, 1955 Ingersoll

M 07 Mar 1911

Spouse: Addie Rosalie Butler

B 18 Jan 1875 Dereham Center

D 15 Apr 1952 Ingersoll



William was also a farmer. He grew up on his father's farm before securing his own. Addie was from Mt. Elgin as well. William was a breeder of Holstein's and was listed often for his sale of registered animals.

**38782. Annie Calamity Veeman.**  
**William Prouse** (o), Mt. Elgin,  
 Ont.; R. J. Kelly (b), Culloden,  
 Ont.; March 1, 1915; Korndyke  
 Veeman Pontiac 12561—Annie Cal-  
 amity Alfaretta 17226.

Above: breeding Holstein bull purchase

Jan. 17th.—The week-end blizzard blocked the roads here badly. South of Dereham Centre the drifts were ten and twelve feet deep, and it was impossible to shovel a road through, so a temporary road has been made through the school grounds and across Wm. Prouse's field. The church services were abandoned Sunday.

Daily Chronicle 1918

By the 1930's his farm was in debt.

### Children's Economic Contributions

Changes in patterns of youth employment and education were well under way by the Great Depression. By the 1920s most children were enrolled in school for a longer and more regular period of time than ever before. School enrollment even rose marginally in the Depression years, probably because of the high youth unemployment rates, and many parents were concerned with giving their children the opportunity to stay in school.<sup>30</sup> Some families struggled to keep their children in school despite a difficult financial situation. In Mount Elgin, William Prouse's farm was verging on bankruptcy in 1935 not only because of low crop prices, but also from the debts accumulated from educating his eight children. Only one child remained at home to work on the farm. In St Mary's, farmer Henry Gill went into debt to

Book: "Respectable Citizens: Gender, Family and Unemployment"

*Ingersoll Tribune May 1, 1952*

*Funeral services for Mrs. William Prouse, who died suddenly at her home Monday morning, were held Thursday from the Ostrander Funeral Home, Tillsonburg. Rev. C. C. Strachan, Richmond, and Rev. J. B. Townend had charge of the service. Pallbearers were grandsons, Thomas Waite, Ross Leaper, James Dawson, James Prouse, Hugh Prouse and Keith Prouse. Interment was in Mount Elgin Cemetery.*

*Ingersoll Tribune Nov 17, 1955*

#### *Wm. H. Prouse Dies in 80th Year*

*The death occurred in Alexandra Hospital on Saturday November 12th, 1955, of William H. Prouse, in his 80th year. In failing health for several months, he had been seriously ill for the past two weeks. Born in Dereham, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prouse, he had farmed in Dereham Centre all his life, and was well known and esteemed in Ingersoll and district. He was a member of Mount Elgin United Church. His wife predeceased him in 1952. Left to mourn his passing are two daughters and five sons; Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Harold Fleming, Cecil, Grant, Clifford and Irvin, all of Dereham and Ross of Brantford. Also surviving is one sister, Miss Mary Prouse, Mt. Elgin; two brothers, Edward of Dereham, and Wilbur of Toronto*

### Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

#### Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

First child: Viola Floris

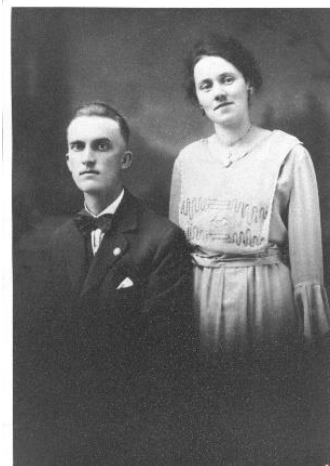
B 17 Aug 1897 Dereham  
D 03 Apr 1973 Mt Elgin  
M 15 Nov 1917 York Toronto  
B 21 Jun 1893 Mt. Elgin  
D 24 Mar 1978 London

Spouse: Charles Smith

They were married 2 months after his war attestation papers were signed. The family lived in Mt Elgin at Con 4 Lot 10/11 and were farmers. Viola and Charles had 10 children according to a son's obituary, they include:

Pearl	1908-2003	Malley	unknown
Helen	1920-2015	Laurene	unknown
Maxwell	1924-2007	Joyce	unknown

Son "Maxwell served in the RCAF during WWII and on his return to Canada studied accounting at McGill University. After obtaining his degree, he moved to Windsor, set



up his own practice as a Chartered Accountant, married Wyn and raised his family with steadfast and loving care. Active in community service, Max was a committed volunteer for a number of agencies including Meals on Wheels, Council on Aging and the former Breakfast Club Program. A dedicated squash, golf and bridge player, he enjoyed the like-minded friendships it brought”  
 Windsor Newspaper 2007 edited obituary

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

**Second Child: Cecil Mackenzie** B 05 Feb 1899 Dereham  
 D April, 1990  
 M 25 Oct 1924 Tillsonburg

Spouse: E Vivian Bodwell B 15 Sept 1897 Mt. Elgin  
 D 01 Aug 1981 Ingersoll buried Mt Elgin Cemetery



Cecil was a farmer and Vivian a nurse according their marriage certificate.. The 1949 voters list had the couple living at RR#2 Mt Elgin. The owned and lived in Elgin Hall in Mt Elgin from 1947 to 1965. This was the ostentatious family home of the original pioneering Bodwell family. The house would be handed over to niece Reta Prouse Cooper (pg 82). By 1968 Cecil had retired from farming and was still living in the Mt Elgin area. One known child died in infancy in 1932. Four survived; Jim, Hugh, Bob and Rhea. A book has been written on the Bodwell family and the tragic destruction of the house in 2022.

<https://debbielkasman.com/store/the-bodwells-of-elgin-hall-mount-elgin-hamlet-dereham-township-oxford-county-1848-2023>



*“On Thursday, June 22, 2023, Rhea June Boynton died at the age of 95, the one and only time in her life when she broke the hearts of her family and friends. Rhea was born in Mount Elgin, Ontario, the daughter of Cecil and Vivian Prouse, adored sister of three brothers, Jim, Hugh and Bob Prouse. Rhea attended U. of London Nursing School, then worked as a*

*stewardess for Air Canada. While based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, she was introduced to the love of her life, Harry, who proposed on their second date. They were married in 1954 and moved to the Okanagan where they raised their family. Rhea was always active and always happy in everything she was doing, whether it be her work as an RN, volunteering for various causes, quilting, reading, watching Jeopardy ... and the 'grand slam' of all, playing bridge (she was a Life Master). In her later years, she was asked "What is it like to grow older?" She answered, "I never noticed, dear, I was always too busy enjoying life. Legacy.com obit*









They were survived by two daughters:

**Shirley (Lehman) 1930 – 2022** Brantford

*It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a loving wife and mother, Shirley Alberta Lehman after a brief illness with COVID on Thursday, April 28th at the age of 92.*

*Shirley was the devoted wife of Ross for over 72 years and daughter of Ross and Florence Prouse (1965) and sister of Yvonne Cooper (2015). She was the dear mother to Larry (Leanne), Susan (Barry), Anne (Michael), and Barbara (Curtis). Shirley was the cherished Grandmother to Kevin (Shannon), Sarah (Eric), Jamie (Amanda), Joshua (Katie), Rachael (Mike), Veronica (Scott), Alexander (Annick), Ashley (Isa), Lauren (Chad), Marley (Joshua), and Mackenzie (Rachel). Shirley loved and lived life to the fullest! She was the oldest active*

*member at Farrington Independent Church, attendance beginning when she was 8 years old. Shirley sang in the choir for most of her life, and sat on many boards. Shirley was renowned for her pie baking and produced many for both family enjoyment as well as church fund-raising efforts. Shirley loved Pike Bay, their cottage life and her many dear friends. For the past 31 years, she was an active member of many square-dancing clubs throughout South Western Ontario. In 1992 she and Ross danced their way throughout Europe! Shirley loved to golf and curl, play euchre and bridge, knit baby sweaters and mittens! Mom enjoyed watching anything the grandchildren or great grandchildren were involved in. Shirley's life was centered entirely on her family, her faith and her love of others.*

**Yvonne (Cooper) B ? D 2015** COOPER, Reta Yvonne (Prouse) - Gracefully passed away in Ingersoll, surrounded by her family on Saturday January 31, 2015. Cherished wife of the late Reginald Cooper who predeceased her July 29, 1999. She will be missed by her loving daughters Lynne & husband Wayne Smith and Marilyn & husband Carlos Romano all of Ingersoll. Missed by her beloved grandchildren Sherri & Dwayne, Scott & Jayne, Jodi & Graeme, Kara & Arshad, Tyler & Jade.

## **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

### **Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler**

**Fourth child: Grant** B 15 Dec 1902 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7  
D 05 Dec 1965 Dereham Lot 13, Con 5  
M 07 Mar 1928 Ingersoll

Spouse: Mildred Edith Moulton B 12 July 1904  
D 13 Dec 1974 Buried Mt Elgin.

As noted, Grant followed in his grandfather's footsteps as he was President of the Tillsonburg fair.

#### **GRANT PROUSE PASSES AWAY IN 64TH YEAR**

*Following a long period of ill health, Mr. Grant Prouse passed away at the family residence, Lot 13, Concession 5, Dereham [township], on Sunday, December 5th, 1965. Mr. Prouse, who was in his 64th year, was born in Dereham Centre, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prouse. He spent his early life there and was married to the former Mildred Moulton in 1928. They lived at Verschoyle until 1940, then moving to Lot 13, where they have since resided. He was a member of Mt. Elgin United church and had served on the Board of Stewards for many years. He was also president of the Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society. Possessing a cheerful and kindly nature, he had made for himself scores of friends throughout the community.*

## **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

### **Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler**

**Fifth child: Clifford Murray** B 1904 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7  
D 11 Jan 1990  
M 10 Mar, 1928 Tillsonburg

Spouse: Gladys Fleming B 08 Aug 1906 Dereham  
D 13 Feb 1985





## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

Eighth child: Irvin Charles

B 02 June 1909 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7  
D 23 May 1994 Mt Elgin  
M 30 Mar 1929 Chatham

Spouse: Gertrude Mae Fleming

B 1910 Lot 5 Con 10 Dereham  
D 1958 Mt Elgin

Spouse: Margaret Phillips

B 1923  
D 18 Dec 2012

Irvin were also a Mt Elgin resident and he worked in a car repair shop as a youth. He was a competent rapair man and he started his own trucking company in Mt Elgin. Irvin brought his four sons into the business. This evolved into the five-generation run Prouse Transport Co. of Mt Elgin.



*PROUSE, Margaret (nee Phillips) - Peacefully on December 18, 2012 Margaret Prouse (nee Phillips) in her 90th year joined husband Irvin C., parents Frank and Florence Phillips, brother and sister-in-law David and Mabel Phillips, stepsons and daughters-in-law Irvin Prouse Jr., Garnett Prouse, Gloria Prouse, Emma Jean Prouse in heaven. She leaves behind daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Andy Van Ryswyck, step sons and daughters and their spouses Marge and Earle Moulton, Keith and Shirley A. Prouse, K. Shirley Prouse, Janet and Arnold Belore, John Prouse, Pat Prouse, Carole and Gord Moulton, 19 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 12 great, great-grandchildren and many whose lives she has touched with her kindness.*

Children included:	Margery (Moulton)	1929-2016
	Gordon "Keith"	1931-2023
	Garnet	1932-2008
	John	
	Shirley	
	Janet	
	Irvin Jr. "Bun"	
	Lorne	
	Carol (Moulton)	
	Valerie (VanRyswk)	
	David	1937-1937 - died 3 months/Pneumonia and malnutrion



Gordon Keith Prouse Sr



## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of William Prouse and Addie Butler

**Ninth Child: Inez Faye**

B 1916 Dereham Lot 15 Con 7  
D 1978

M 12 Jun 1937 Bayham Elgin Co.

Spouse: Thomas Harold Fleming B 13 Jan 1913 Mt Elgin Lot 5 Con 10  
D 09 Jun,1990 Chatham Ont.



Inez Faye Prouse



Thomas Fleming was the youngest brother of Gertrude Mae Fleming. Again, as was common, they both married other families siblings. In this case, the children of William Prouse.

The large majority of William Prouse and Addie Butlers children stay closed to the Mt. Elgin area. Only son William who moved to Brantford and Edna who lived in Pt. Huron had left the Dereham township area.

255 Prouse, Fred J., farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
256 Prouse, Mrs. Fred — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
257 Prouse, Miss Mary, spinster, Mount Elgin  
258 Prouse, William, labourer, Mount Elgin  
259 Prouse, Mrs. Addie — Mount Elgin  
260 Prouse, Clifford, farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
261 Prouse, Mrs. Clifford — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
262 Prouse, Irvin, garageman, Mount Elgin  
263 Prouse, Mrs. Irvin — Mount Elgin  
264 Prouse, Grant, farmer, R.R. 2, Mount Elgin  
265 Prouse, Mrs. Grant — R.R. 2, Mount Elgin  
266 Prouse, Wray, farmer, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
267 Prouse, Mrs. Wray — R.R. 1, Mount Elgin  
268 Prouse, Cecil, farmer, R.R. 2, Mount Elgin  
269 Prouse, Mrs. Cecil — R.R. 2, Mount Elgin

Voters list.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

**Fourth Child: George Thomas**

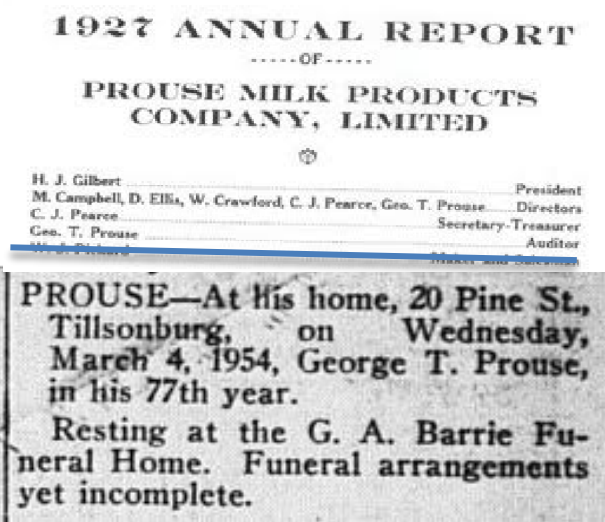
B 23 Sept 1878 Dereham  
D 03 Mar 1954 Tillsonburg  
M 17 Dec 1902 Dereham

Spouse: Rosa Williamson B 05 Oct 1878 Brownsville, Ont  
D 08 Sept 1952 Tillsonburg

George grew up on the Dereham township homestead at Lot 10 Con 6 Dereham. He was born the same year as his parents moved to a new farm location and set up the Cheese Factory at that site. George would become the factory auditor. He married Rosa Williamson of Brownsville. Eventually he owned his own farm at Lot 6 Con 8 just east of Ostrander in 1921. By 1921 he had 4 children: Mabel, Thomas, Clarence and George, who were between the ages of 7 and 16. He retired from farming and moved into Tillsonburg where he resided until his death.



20 Pine St. Tillsonburg home



courtesy Tillsonburg Genealogy

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of George Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson

**First Child: Mabel Lurene**

B 12 Aug 1905 Ostrander, Ont.

D 28 Apr 1993 Ann Arbor, Michigan

Mabel went by the name Lurene her entire life. She was raised on the farm but on 21 Aug 1925, at age 20, she crossed the border at Detroit to study at university. She received her degree in medicine at the University of Michigan. She settled in Ypsilanti, Michigan by 1933 and began her teaching career. "She was a health education Associate Professor at the Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti (now referred to as Eastern Michigan University). Michigan State Normal College (1899-1955) was established under Richard Gause Boone, the principal who lobbied to establish Normal as a four-year college. In 1899, the school became the Michigan State Normal College when it created the first four-year curriculum for a normal college in the nation. Normal began the twentieth century as Michigan's premier teacher-preparatory school and had become the first teacher training school in the United States to have a four-year degree program."

Courtesy Eastern Michigan University Alumni Records

After retiring, the spinster Lurene Prouse lived alone in Tillsonburg for several years in the 1960s. The address was 20 Pine St. in Tillsonburg which was also the same house that her father was living in when he died in 1954. She either inherited or bought the property. Although no obituary has been located it is likely she died in Tillsonburg. Find a Grave locates her grave in Ann Arbor, Mi. Mabel Lurene died in 1993.

Eastern District of Michigan,  
Southern Division } ss:

In the District Court of the United States.

I, Lurene Mable Prouse, aged 21 years,  
 occupation health educational teacher, do declare on oath that my personal  
 description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 5 feet 2 inches,  
 weight 110 pounds, color of hair blonde, color of eyes grey-blue  
 other visible distinctive marks none  
 I was born in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada  
 on the 12th day of August, anno Domini 1904; I now reside  
 at 347 Alexandrine, East Detroit, Michigan.  
(Give number, street, and city or town)  
 I emigrated to the United States of America from Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
 on the vessel MCRR; my last  
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given)  
 foreign residence was Tillsonburg, Ont. Canada; I am not married; the name  
 of my wife is \_\_\_\_\_; she was born at \_\_\_\_\_  
 and now resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
 It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
 prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V, King of Great  
Britain and Ireland, of whom I am now a subject;  
 I arrived at the port of Detroit, in the  
 State of Michigan, on or about the 21st day  
 of August, anno Domini 1925; I am not an anarchist; I am not a  
 polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith  
 to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:  
 SO HELP ME GOD.

Lurene Mable Prouse  
(Original signature of declarant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court  
 at Detroit, Mich., this 21st day of August

[SEAL]

Citizenship papers: 1925.



**LURENE M. PROUSE** A.M.  
 Instructor in Physical Education  
 B.S., M. S. N. C.  
 A.M., University of Michigan  
 Graduate Student, School of Medicine,  
 University of Michigan



**Lurene Prouse**

*Tillsonburg, Ontario*  
 Sigma Sigma Sigma  
 Laonian  
 Physical Education Club  
 Physical Education





Gymnasium where Lurene worked at Michigan Normal school as a Physical Education instructor.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson Children of George Thomas and Rosa Williamson

### Second Child: Thomas William

B 19 Jan 1907 Dereham Lot 6 Con 8  
D 29 Apr 1986 Fort Worth, Texas  
M May 1940 Rotan, Texas  
B 21 Sept 1908 Rotan, Texas  
D 06 Apr 2005 Fort Worth, Texas

Spouse: Lois Ann Smith

Thomas, like his sister Mabel Lurene, became a higher education instructor. Coincidentally they were both physical education instructors. Thomas went to the Normal School in Ypsilanti while his older sister was studying there and when she eventually became an associate professor. There was a good chance that he was staying at his sister's home when studying at the school.

He graduated with his first degree in 1931 at age 24. He graduated with his second degree from U of Michigan in 1933 and was immediately hired by Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth in 1934. Ironically, the habitual cigar smoker was the director of the TCU physical education department. He worked his entire career at TCU and was personally in charge of the golf and tennis teams as they competed for NCAA titles. He was honoured a number of times by the university, including the TCU 1980 Founders award.

He was also heavily involved in the Red Cross in Fort Worth and Dallas area and was Chairman of the Red Cross Trainer Department—honoured in 1953 for his volunteer efforts. He was also Chairman of the Red Cross Safety service in Dallas/Fort Worth in 1951. Wife Lois was an elementary school teacher and was involved with the music club at TCU.

THOMAS WILLIAM PROUSE . A.B.

*Ypsilanti, Michigan*

Delta Sigma Phi; Phi Epsilon Kappa; Sigma Delta Psi; Physical Education Club; "M" Manager's Club; Intramural Athletics.



Physical education courses for men and intramural athletics at T. C. U. are now in charge of Thomas Prouse (above), who joined the faculty of the school with the opening of the Fall semester. Prouse comes to T. C. U. from the University of Michigan, of which school he is a graduate. There he has been assistant to Dr. E. D. Mitchell, pioneer in the field of physical education.



University Place Music Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. Monday with Mrs. Nelson Scurlock, 2422 Wash. for a program on folk music directed by Mrs. Thomas Prouse.

**Thomas W. Prouse**

Thomas W. Prouse, 78, retired chairman of the health and physical education department at Texas Christian University, died Saturday at a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Greenwood Funeral Chapel. Entombment will be in Greenwood Mausoleum.

A native of Tillsonburg, Canada, Prouse had lived in Fort Worth since 1934. He taught health and physical education at TCU from 1934 to 1979 and in 1959 led the TCU golf team to the Southwest Conference golf championship. Prouse received the TCU Special Award from the university's alumni association in 1980.

He received two degrees from the University of Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Prouse of Fort Worth, and a sister, Lurene Prouse of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Lois Smith Prouse, 96, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Cryptside service: 1 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Mausoleum.

Memorials: charity of choice.

Lois was born Sept. 21, 1908. She was an outstanding teacher in Fort Worth for 40 years and had a positive impact on many students over the years. Lois was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Woman's Club and Texas Christian University Alumni Groups.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Prouse, a longtime golf coach and professor of physical education at TCU.

Obituaries from Fort Worth newspapers

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

### Children of George Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson

**Third Child: Clarence**                      B 11 Jun 1911 Dereham Lot 6 Con 8  
D 21 Apr 1968 Oxford Co. Buried Delmer Cemetery Tillsonburg

**Spouse: Flossie May Clark**            B 10 Jun 1915 Brownsville Lot 23 Con 11 Dereham Township  
D 10 Sept 2004 Toronto    Buried Delmer Cemetery Tillsonburg

Clarence continued the Prouse tradition of farming. His farm was located near Ostrander according to the 1949 voters list. It appears that in the mid 1950s he had an spinal injury from a farm accident and ended up at the Lyndhurst Lodge in Toronto to relearn how to walk.

<https://sci-can.ca/lyndhurst-lodge>

### Lyndhurst Lodge



Clarence, evidently known as “Bus”, returned home to his farm outside Mt. Elgin after his hospital stay. He was confined to a wheelchair. The community gave him a TV set, one of the first in the region, to help him through his disability. Apparently, with the novelty of television, cousins and friends used to drop by to watch wrestling on the tube with Clarence. Eventually he ended up in London at Parkwood Hospital. The hospital was a long term facility that served those with mobility issues. He was there until his 1968 death.

In 1963, his wife Flossie had been living and working in Tillsonburg. Sometime prior to his death, Flossie moved to London to be near him and where she lived in an apartment on Ridout St. and worked as a clerk. Later in life and after Clarence’s death, she moved to Toronto to be

closer to her daughter Connie.

### Obituary for Flossie Prouse (Clarke)

*It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Flossie M. Prouse (nee Clarke) on Friday, September 10, 2004, peacefully at Central Park Lodge in Toronto in her 90th year. Predeceased by parents George and Etta Clarke and brother Medford of Brownsville, wife of the late Clarence Prouse, Loving mother of Connie Van Parys of Unionville, dear sister of Elsie Williamson of Tillsonburg, grandmother to Drew Van Parys and his wife Chantal of Peterborough, and Todd Van Parys and his wife Suzanne of Toronto. She will be lovingly remembered by her great grandchildren Maxwell, Claire, Kate and Graydon and many nieces and nephews. Her generosity, warmth and loving nature will not be forgotten. Special thanks to the staff at Central Park Lodge for their kindness and care. The family will receive friends at the Ostrandere Funeral Home 43 Bidwell St. Tillsonburg*

**Clarence W. Prouse**

Clarence William Prouse of London formerly of Ostrander, passed away at Parkwood Hospital, London, on Sunday, April 21, 1968, following a lengthy illness, in his 57th year.

Born at Ostrander, June 11, 1911, he was a son of the late George Prouse and Rosa Williamson. He was an ex-dairy farmer. He was a member of the Orange Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Flossie M. Clarke; one daughter, Mrs. Frederick (Connie) VanParys of Scarborough; one brother, Professor Tom Prouse of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Miss Lurene Prouse of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and two grandchildren.

Resting at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home where service will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Bruce Hisey.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Flossie was the daughter of George Clark and Etta May Burks and had an older brother Medford and sister Elsie. Survived by one daughter Connie Van Parys (Scarborough)

Photo coutesy: Connie Van Parys



L to R: Flossie, Elsie and Medford Clark foreground.

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson  
Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson  
Child of Clarence Prouse and Flossie Clark**

Only child: Connie	B unknown D after 2001
Spouse: Frederick Van Parys	B 22 Mar 1941 Oxford County D 25 Oct 2001 Markham

Connie and husband Fred started life in Tillsonburg but he quickly used his business acumen to succeed in business across Canada.

"Mr. Van Parys' decision to leave SaskTel was motivated by his desire to return to eastern Canada where his family resides and where he will pursue other business interests," Teichrob said.

"Mr. Van Parys has done an excellent job in steering this corporation through some challenging times the past three years. The strong financial performance recorded during this period is a testament to his

ability and contribution. He leaves behind a strong company, with competent leadership and employees, able to face the future with confidence."

"I am looking forward to returning to Ontario in order to be closer to my family," Van Parys said. "I have enjoyed my experience with SaskTel and would like to thank all the employees for their co-operation and contribution. As well, my wife Connie and I are grateful for the friendship and kindness extended to us by the people of Saskatchewan during our time in the province."

Sasktel Press release 1996

### **VAN PARYS, Frederick Charles**

*On October 25, 2001, many of us lost a valued friend. Dearly loved by wife Connie, his sons Drew and Todd, his daughters-in-law Chantal and Suzanne, and his grandchildren Maxwell and Claire. He is predeceased by his father Herman, and survived by his beloved mother Jean and stepfather Duncan McMurchy, his brothers Robert and Charles, his sisters-in-law Elinore and Joan, and their families. Fred has passed on a legacy of his joy of people and his love of family. Fred was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd. and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Markham Energy Corporation. He is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskTel, Granada Canada Ltd., Laura Secord Ltd., and The UCS Group Ltd. His passion for excellence in business is surpassed only by his devotion to his family and friends.*

Globe and Mail

## **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson:**

### **Children of Thomas Prouse and Rosa Williamson**

#### **Fourth and Last child: George W**

B 17 May 1919 Tillsonburg hospital

D 12 Oct 1951 Brantford

M unknown

Spouse: Kathleen Whitstone

B 1920

D 15 Dec 2018 Brantford

George operated a machine shop in Brantford and raced midget race cars. Dirt track midget auto racing was very popular in the 1940s in southern Ontario.

The Depression of the 1930s and then the Second World War curtailed progress of racing in Ontario, but this changed in the late 1940s. Oval tracks in Brantford, Ancaster, Sarnia, Nilestown (London), Orillia, Norwich and Windsor offered regular racing.

George was also a founder of the Brantford Motorcycle Club.

He was badly injured with a skull fracture and spinal injuries in a racing accident in October of 1949 and was forced to retire. He died at age 38 in 1951 leaving three children at home. It is most likely his race accident injuries were a leading cause of his death.

Midget race car circa 1950.

## George Prouse Badly Hurt At Norwich Races

NORWICH — **George Prouse**, Brantford's entry in the midget auto races held here Monday afternoon, was seriously hurt in an auto smash. He was rushed to the hospital at Tillsonburg. After an examination it was learned he had fractured a hand, wrist, and a concussion and possibly a fractured skull.

The accident took place when **Prouse**, driving No. 20, came out of the fourth bend at terrific speed and tangled with John Borden's No. 23. No. 20 climbed over Borden's front wheel and went completely out of control, leaping high and crashed into a parked car owned by Pat Ishe-wood, Brantford. Both cars were badly cracked up.



compete. **George** is still in Sun-nybrook Hospital, near Toronto. It is feared the injuries he sus-tained will mean he will be taking treatments for some two years. **George** met with a seri-ous accident at the Norwich races last year. Spinal injuries and other hurts combined to put **George** back for some time.

**George Prouse**, in a brilliant display of driving, led the field for six gruelling laps in the third race, but lost the top spot to Lenny Loerber, who literally pushed **George's** No. 19 off the track. Wes Saegesser took second money with Eddy Shaw running third. Time 2.18 71-100.

### WON AT OSHAWA

**George Prouse**, President of the Brant Roamers, Brantford's newly-formed motorcycle club, won two firsts and a second, in-cluding the Dominion five-mile championship, in races held at Oshawa Monday. In the parade

George also appeared in court over a fight in his machine shop over non payment of an outstanding bill.

Brantford Expositor Mar 1946

### GEORGE W. PROUSE

The death of George W. Prouse, 65 Baldwin Avenue, oc-curred Friday in the Brantford General Hospital, in his 38th year. Born in Tillsonburg, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Prouse Sr., and had re-sided in Brantford for the past 12 years. Mr. Prouse was a machinist by trade and owned and operated a machine shop on Eagle Avenue until two years ago, when he was forced to retire due to injuries caused by an ac-cident while racing midget cars at Norwich. He was a member of Chapter 42, American Society of Tool Engineers, and was an a'herent of Wesley United Church. Surviving besides his parents are his widow, the for-mer Kathleen Whetstone, two sons, Larry and Donald and a daugh-ter, Brenda Prouse, all at home; two brothers, Professor Thomas Prouse, of the Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, and Clarence Prouse, Ostrander; one sister, Miss Lurene Prouse, Ypsilanti, Mich. Mr. Prouse is

### ASSAULT CHARGE AIRD; A BROKEN JAW ON EXHIBIT

**George Prouse**, who conducts the Eagle Machine and Tool Co. 124 Cayuga Street, was in the City Police Court today fined \$25 including costs, on being convicted of assaulting William James Smith, Glanville Avenue. The complainant had a fractured jaw, now wired up, and accord-ing to Dr. W. I. Waite, will be in the hospital for another ten days and off work at least an-other week following that. The defendants was brought into the Court room on a stretcher, but was able to sit up on a chair to give evidence. The blows that fractured Smith's jaw were ad-mitted by **Prouse**, who claimed he had great provocation and had to defend himself. The argu-

Kay remarried after George's death. The couple had four children including Donald D 2000, Larry D 2017 and Brenda Jacklyn.

Kathleen Whetstone Sitzer

*SITZER, Kathleen - Passed away at the Brantford General Hospital on Saturday December 15, 2018, in her 98th year. Beloved wife of Doug Sitzer for 49 years. Loving mother of Brenda Jacklin (Mike). Predeceased by her two precious sons Donald (2000) and Larry (Sandy) Prouse (2017) and first husband George Prouse (1951). Kathleen was a hair dresser for many years and enjoyed being a member of the Eagle Place Internet obituary*

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

**Fifth Child: Frederick John**

B 28 Jan 1882 Dereham  
D 1950 Dereham  
M 28 Mar 1906 Dereham Center at bride's father's home  
Honeymoon in Port Huron.

Spouse: Mary Jane (Maimie) Lainchbury

B 22 Jul 1885 Dereham  
D 1956 Dereham

"Fred and Maimie farmed on the SW corner of the 5<sup>th</sup> concession and Dereham Town Line. Son Wray and daughter Winnifred were born there. (That house, at one point, had belonged to Maimie's parents, Albert and Maria Lainchbury, as we have photos of Maria and her 3 sisters - Lizzie, Annie and Mary- there at about the time of WWI). Fred and Maimie then moved to the Prouse farm (N side of concession 6, the large red brick house, the first farm W of Hwy 19). The barn was on the S side of the road, but is no longer there. All the children were born on that farm, except Eileen, who was born in Tillsonburg Hospital. Wray ran the farm after Fred, then built a house on the SW corner of the 6<sup>th</sup> concession and Hwy 19. Three houses were built there, the other 2 by Wray's sons, Glen and Earl." Conversation with Mildred Thomas 2006 with Larry Jeffery, Thanks to Mary Lois Cooper

Fred was still farming at RR#1 Mt. Elgin up to his death in 1950.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson  
Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury**

**First child: Winnifred Mae**

B 28 Jul 1909 Lot 15 Con 6 Dereham  
D 16 Oct, 2003 Caressant Care Home, Woodstock. She lived in Mossley  
M 10 Apr 1935 Dereham Center Parsonage

Spouse: George Orville Law

B 13 Oct 1905 Westminister Township, Middlesex  
D 16 Feb 1982

Orville and Winnifred farmed most of their lives at RR#2 Mossley. They had 2 children – Ron 1940-2003

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson  
Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury**

**Second child: Wilfred Wray**

B 10 Sept 1910 Lot 15 Con 2 Dereham  
D 30 Apr 2001 Buried Mt Elgin  
M 20 Jan 1932, Tillsonburg

Spouse: Olive Shepard

B 1913  
D 07 Dec 1989 She was living in Dereham but died in hospital in London.

They lived and farmed at Lot 10 Con 6 in Dereham. They had 3 children but sadly, an 18 month son died due to chocking.



St. Thomas Times-Journal article published October 16, 1974, with caption:

"Pheasants open game - The pheasant season opened today and townships in Oxford and Elgin Counties were stocking their hunting areas. Wray and Earl Prouse, RR 1, Mount Elgin raise pheasants for a living and this year will furnish 4,500 birds for both hunting and domestic use. Shown here in the holding pen, Earl, at right with the net, catches a pheasant while Rick Hodgkinson, RR 2, Ingersoll waits to take it to a crate. Bayham and Malahide Townships were two of the 12 townships involved in the stocking program."

During retirement Wray (photo below) crafted some miniatures of family farm buildings and the Prouse Cheese Factory.



They are on display at the Beachville Museum.

Wray and Olive had four children:

Glen	B 1932	D 1998
Carl	B 1934	D 1935
Earl	B 1935	D 2017
Marion	B 1938	D 1938



Son of Wray and Olive Prouse:

*PROUSE, Earl - 1935 - 2017 Peacefully surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren at his bedside, Earl Albert Prouse, passed away June 29th, 2017 at 6:45am in his 82nd year at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. Earl is survived by his wife and best friend of 62 years Leone. **Predeceased by his parents Wray and Olive (Sheperd) Prouse and brothers Carl and Glen.** Earl was born August 15, 1935 and grew up on a dairy farm and lived most of his life in Southwest Oxford Township of Oxford County. As a younger man Earl enjoyed getting cars ready for Saturday night racing at local racetracks in Tillsonburg, Nilestown and Delaware. Earl was self-taught in his vocations and his many hobbies, which included woodworking and photography that he undertook with perfection being the final result.*

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson

### Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Third child; Margaret

B 24 Aug 1912

D 24 Aug 1912 lived a few hours

### Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

Fourth; Thomas Albert

B Jul, 1914 Dereham

D Feb 12, 1915 Dereham



## Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

### Fifth Child: Mildred Irene

B 07 Feb 1918 Dereham  
D 30 Nov 2013 Woodstock Hospital  
M 11 Jun 1938

Spouse: George Manzer Thomas

B 20 Jul 1912 village of Zenda, Dereham  
D 12 Apr 1988 Woodstock Hospital



Mildred was George's second wife. The couple lived in Woodstock on Dufferin St. He was a veneer finisher according to the 1935 voters list.

THOMAS, Mildred Irene (nee Prouse) - Peacefully with family by her side at Woodstock Hospital on Saturday, November 30, 2013 in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late George Thomas (1988). Loving mother of Marilyn Fraser (late Moran) of Embro. Cherished grandma of David (Sherry), Jeff (Michelle) and great grandma Thomas of Cody, Kyle and Cheyenne. Dear sister of Lu Topham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Keith, her brothers Wray and Jack and her sisters Winnifred and Eilene. Mildred was a member of Zenda United Church, Dundas Street United Church and active in the U.C.W. and institute; Woodstock Fair Board; Woodstock Horticultural Society. She volunteered at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock and Caressant Care Nursing Home Woodstock. Friends

## Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

### Sixth child: John "Jack" Frederick

B 10 Feb 1920 Dereham  
D 19 Jun 1987 Woodstock

Jack was developmentally challenged. He could drive a tractor but only under close supervision. When his father died, he went to a facility in Woodstock.



## Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

### Seventh child: Lula Marie

B 1922 Dereham  
D after 2017 Woodstock

Spouse: Lloyd Topham

B 27 Dec 1918 Zenda Lot 18/19 Con2, N Norwich township  
D 24 May 2003 Woodstock Hospital

*Obituary for Lloyd Mitchell TOPHAM - At the Woodstock General Hospital on Saturday May 24, 2003. Lloyd Mitchell Topham of Perry St., Woodstock in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Lula Marie Topham (nee Prouse). Dear father of Linda Faulkner and her husband Ronald of Woodstock. Lloyd was a long-time member of Chalmer's United Church, a Charter member of Woodingford Lodge Auxiliary, Past President of Woodstock Agricultural Society, a member of the Horticultural Society and was a Provincial Meat Inspector for many years. Lloyd has bequeathed his body to medical science. Internet Obituary*

## Children of Frederick J Prouse and Mary Jane Lainchbury

### Last child: Lois Eilene

B 1925 Dereham  
D 11 Nov 1999 Woodstock hospital  
M 1946

Spouse: Glenwood "Glen" Penny

B 1920  
D 2015 Woodstock 95<sup>th</sup> year



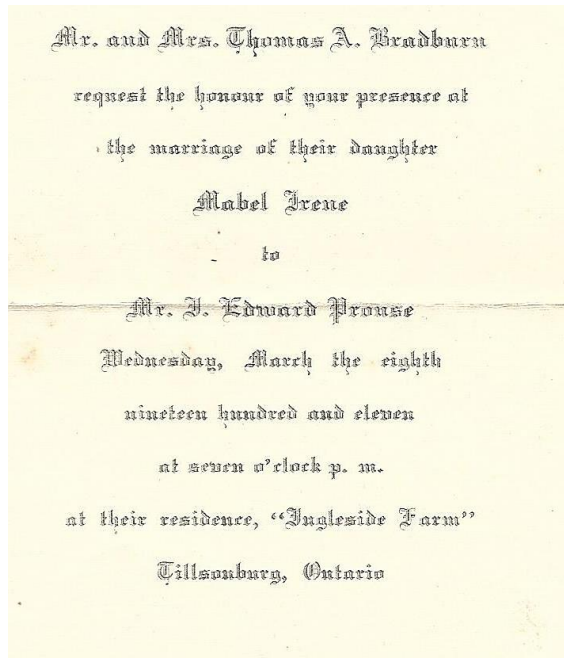
Glen served in WWII and the couple married after he returned. The couple lived in Norwich for a decade before moving to RR#3 Woodstock (NW of Woodstock). Glen was an electrician and welder and longtime employee of Standard Tube. They had five children of which he outlived two.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

**Sixth Child: James "Ed" Edward**

B 25 Mar 1885 Dereham  
D 28 July 1956 Tillsonburg  
M 08 Mar 1911 Tillsonburg  
B 09 Sept 1887 Tillsonburg  
D 1990 Tillsonburg (age 103)

Spouse: Mabel Irene Bradburn



James was a farmer living outside of Tillsonburg and wife Mabel was a schoolteacher.

They had 4 children.

Doris Gwendoline (Longfield)	B 1912	D 1966
Enid Kathleen (Allen)	B 1915	D 1991
John Alexander	B 1920	D 1999
Lawrence Maxwell	B 1923	D 2014

**Children of Ed Prouse and Mabel Blackburn**

**Obituary for Lawrence "Max" Maxwell Prouse**



Lawrence "Max" Prouse  
1923 - 2014  
Peacefully, on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, Lawrence (Max) Prouse passed away in his 91st year. Son of the late James Edward and Mabel Irene Prouse. Loving husband of 51 years of the late Frances Irene Prouse (2001). Loving father of two daughters: Wendy Prouse and Ann Ladosz (Eugene). Grandfather of 5 grandchildren, (Ciba, Brianna and Elijah, Amanda and Steven) and 11 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his 2 sisters Doris Longfield and Enid Allen and by his brother John (Jack) Prouse. Max was a farmer in

South West Oxford Township and an avid fisherman during his retirement years. A private family funeral was held at Ostrand's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg (519-842-5221). Interment in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations in Max's memory (payable by cheque) may be made to the Canadian Cancer, Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Personal condolence may be made at [www.ostrandfuneralhome.com](http://www.ostrandfuneralhome.com)




**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson**

**Seventh child: Wilbur Charles Prouse**

B 07 July 1886 Dereham  
D 27 Jan 1971 Scarborough  
M 16 Dec 1908 Dereham  
B 19 Mar 1888 Dereham  
D 27 Dec 1984 Scarborough

Spouse: Mary (Maime) Rooke

026807 No 35 July 7 <sup>th</sup> 1886 Charles Wilbur M Thomas Prouse	026808 No 36 July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1887 Mable Christina G John Underhill	When Born. Name. Sex - Male or Female. Name and Address of Mother. Name and Address of Father.	March 19 <sup>th</sup> 1888 Mary F George Rooke	
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Mary "Maime" Rooke

Both appeared on the same birth registration schedule for Dereham.



Wilbur was the youngest son of Dereham township warden and respected citizen Thomas Prouse Jr. and his wife Martha Henderson. Wilbur married Mary "Maime" Rooke at noon on Christmas Eve in 1908. Maime was the daughter of English born farmer George Rooke who emigrated in 1876 and Ann Butler of Dereham township. They lived at Con 6 Lot 13 just southwest of Mt. Elgin. After working for the Tilson family as a barn manager, Wilbur secured his own farm in the 1920s and was a breeder of Holsteins. He was a force to be reckoned with at local fairs and the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto in the 1920's, always in the top finishers in Holstein breeding. He opened his own Tillsonburg dairy and serviced the area. For reasons unknown, the farm was sold and the herd dispersed. Wilbur started over again in Scarboro with a new farm and the rebuild of his Holstein herd.

Leslie Brown, a great grandchild of the couple and the grandchild of Gordon "Donald" Prouse takes up the story of Wilbur and Maime in Tillsonburg and their mid 1920 move to Scarborough.

Wilbur was born in 1886 and reared on the family farm. After completing high school, he worked for his father until May 19, 1918. He assumed the manager's position at Annandale Farm on the outskirts of Tillsonburg. The farm of 482 acres was owned and operated by E.D. Tillson whose family founded the town of Tillsonburg. On the farm, a herd of one hundred Holsteins was maintained. Wilbur was employed by Tillson for five years.

Around 1923, Wilbur's employment ended with Tillson, and Wilbur established a dairy farm in Tillsonburg and resided in a home on Bidwell Street. Wilbur named his dairy Wilbur W.C. Prouse Dairy and milk was delivered door-to-door by horse drawn wagon. He would use a quart ladle to fill the housewives containers from eight gallon milk cans from the back of the wagon.

Wilbur and his family moved to Scarboro where he set up a dairy called Prouse's Dairy on a farm located on Birchmount Road and St. Clair Avenue, East. This farm eventually became Pinehill Cemetery where Wilbur and Mary are buried. My grandfather Don was taken out of grade school at the age of 11 to help work on the farm. He ploughed the fields with a horse for crops, baled the hay and looked after the dairy cows. The dairy was later renamed Prouse & Son Dairy and my grandfather Don began delivering milk by horse and wagon to their customers' homes. As more land was needed for his dairy cows, Wilbur rented a second farm on Birchmount Road. The wagon had Prouse and Son Dairy painted on its side. Wilbur's herd of dairy cows were pure breed Holsteins. These cows were of a high pedigree and sought after by many dairy farmers. Over the years, Wilbur maintained his interest in breeding, raising, and selling pure breed Holsteins.

When Wilbur could not disperse with all the milk produced, he purchased a small dairy on Dawes Road called Silvercrest Dairy. The dairy was run out of a small building and had pasteurizing equipment. The name of the dairy was changed to Prouse's Silvercrest Dairy. A standup truck was bought for delivery of the milk.

Wilbur purchased land at 2960 Danforth Avenue. A building was built with a two bedroom apartment upstairs for Wilbur and Mamie to live. The dairy was on the main floor, with a basement for storage and a dairy ice cream bar across the front at street level. There was a man named Harry who pasteurized the milk, Wilbur tended to the ice cream bar and my grandfather Don was in charge of the milk production and maintenance of the dairy operation. My grandfather Don and a hired man delivered the milk. They had two standup trucks as they had two milk routes. Once homes had iceboxes, if no one was home, Don would enter the home and leave the bottles of milk in the customer's icebox.

In 1955 Don and Jessie who lived in Scarboro, decided to buy a 100 acre farm at Concession 2, Uxbridge, on the outskirts of town of Stouffville and have their own dairy farm. His father Wilbur decided to retire and sold Prouse's Silvercrest dairy to Donlands Dairy with part of the sale including my grandfather Don receiving a milk contract with Donlands Dairy.

The Stouville farm had a traditional two-story brick farmhouse built in the early 1900s, a barn built in 1896 and some other out-buildings.

Wilbur had been boarding a few of his prized pure breed Holsteins at a hobby farm and decided to move these Holsteins to my grandparents' farm for the start-up of their dairy farm. My grandfather's head of cattle were pure breed Holsteins. My grandfather retired from dairy farming in his late-70s. The town of Uxbridge named the road to my grandparents' farm Prouse Road. Both my grandparents lived out their lives on the Stouffville farm with Jessie passing away at age 84 in 1997 and Don at age 92 in 2004.

Wilbur's second farm was at Concession C Lot 3 in Scarboro township. Voters lists in 1935 indicate they owned the land and that son Gordon and daughter Dorothy lived at home.

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The farm was located in Scarboro Township where present day St Clair St E/Birchmount Rd Road interchange exists. The farm is now part of present day Pine Hills Cemetery. Wilbur and Mary are buried in Park Hills Cemetery.

Courtesy: Publication,

When Milk Came in Bottles and the Chosen Breed

**PROUSE'S SILVERCREST DAIRY**

2960 Danforth Ave., East York

Tel.: Howard 6168

Operating years: 1946-55

Owner/mgr.: Wilbur C. Prouse

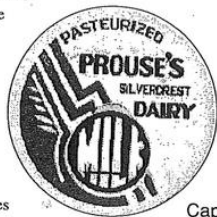
Other names: The original name was W.C. Prouse Dairy (1930-44). The Prouse farm was located at Birchmount Rd. and St. Clair Ave. E.

Bought out: Boyd's Silvercrest Dairy

Sold to: Donlands Dairy (1956)

The original address was on Dawes Rd. (1930-44), phone 542. When Prouse bought out Boyd, he also bought the Silvercrest name and his pasteurizing equipment.

**Bottle comments:** It is known that Prouse's Silvercrest Dairy used red ACL bottles but none have been found to date. No embossed bottles have been found with the Prouse name, only those with the Silvercrest Dairy name.

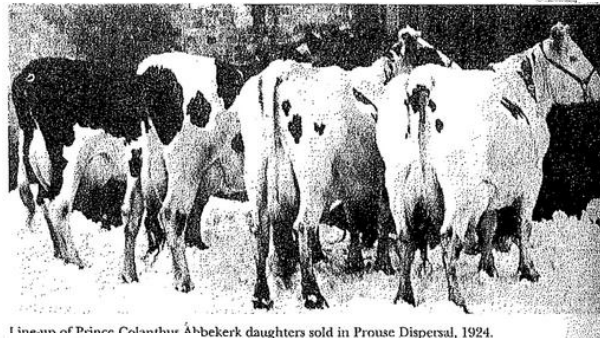


Caps like this are rare finds.

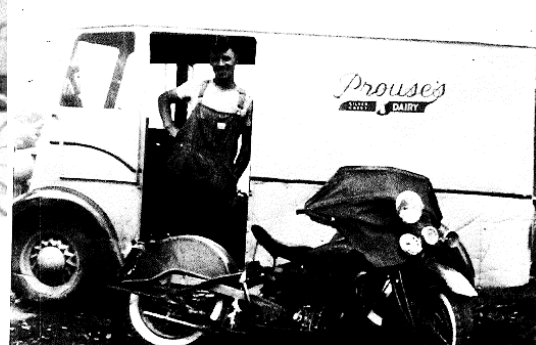


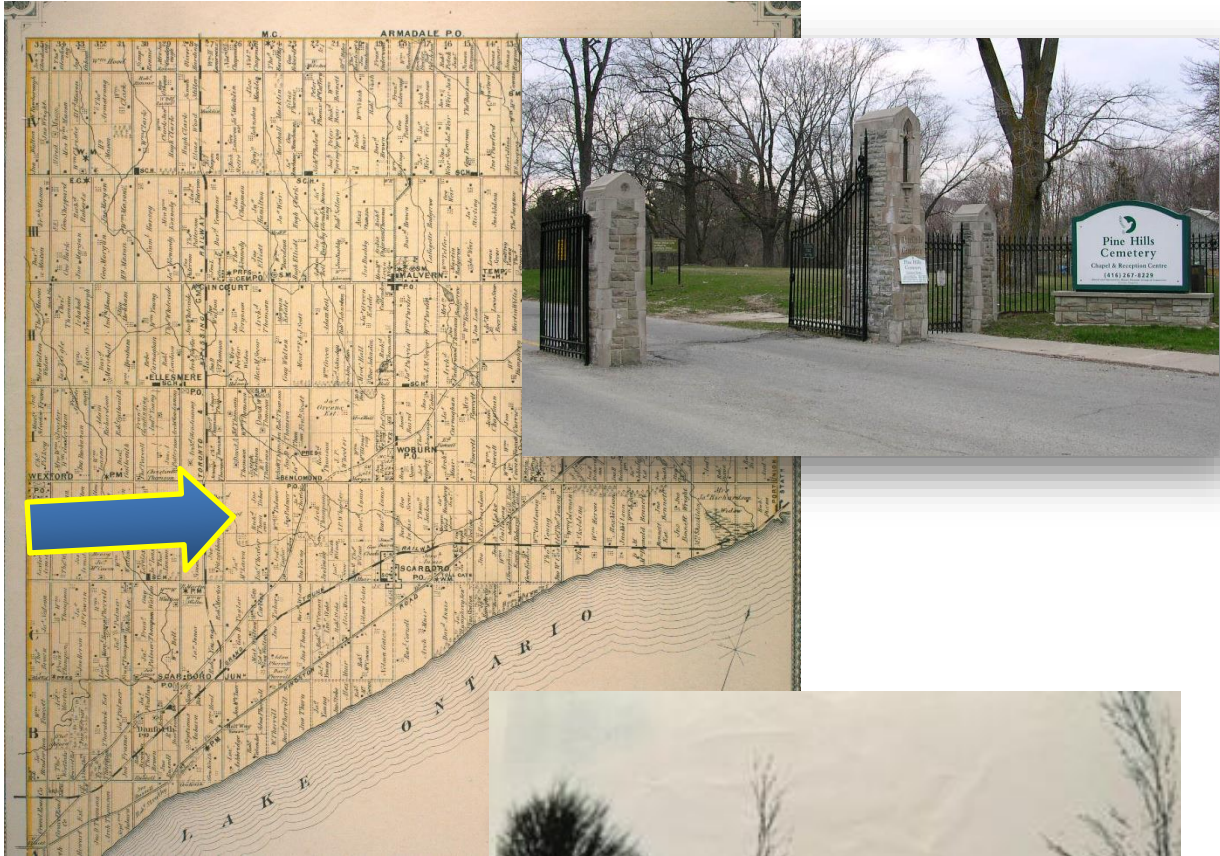
**THE MILK AND BUTTER KING**

His daughter, bred by Albert Brockway, Syracuse, New York, and born in the Prouse herd in 1911, was granddam of Oakhurst Colantha Abbecker.



Daughters of Prouse Colantha Abbecker sold in Prouse Dispersal, 1924.





Wilbur Prouse's farm: St Clair St / Birchmount Rd Scarborough



They had 7 children including 5 girls:  
 Children of Wilbur Prouse and Maime Rooke  
 Back row L-R: Ila Mae, Marion, Dorothy  
 Front row L-R: Ann Elizabeth (Betty), Maida

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Jr and Martha Henderson  
Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke**

**First Child: Dorothy Minearva** B 01 May 1910 Dereham  
D 17 Sept 1992 Markham  
Spouse Harold Hogarth Thompson B 18 Mar 1916 Windsor  
D 05 Nov 1991 Kingston, Ont.



Her family moved to 96 Tilson Ave, Tillsonburg prior to the 1921 census. After the family moved to Scarborough Junction, Dorothy attended the University of Toronto and after graduation in 1932 she taught school at Regent Park in Scarboro and Oakridge for several years. She lived with her parents until, in 1945, she married Harold Hogarth Thompson upon his return from his overseas war service. Harold and his brother-in-law, Tom Long, were in the first group of Canadian men to enlist in September of 1939. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers. The couple lived at #26 Markham Road as per the 1963 voters list. He was a carpenter at that time but she was not listed as having an occupation. Harold died Nov 5, 1991 and Dorothy on Sept 17, 1992. They had two children, Eleanor and Richard.

Photo: Dorothy 1932 U of Toronto.

**Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke**

**Second Child: Gordon “Don” Thomas** B 1912 Dereham  
D 2004 Stouffville Ont.

Gordon, referred to as Don through his life, worked on his father’s farm and helped with the establishment and running of the Prouse Dairy industry both with his father and on his own. He married local girl Jessie Bennett in 1935. He later moved to Stouffville and was a farmer there in the mid 1950s. He retired in the mid 1970s. They had two children, Donna and Beverly.



*G. J. Don Prouse*



Photo Bertha “Jessie” Bennett Prouse (1914 – 1997) with her sister Dorothy at her brother Fred’s wedding.



Gordon “Don” Stouffville farm

*“PROUSE, Gordon(Don)  
passed away at home Monday March 22, in his 92nd year. Predeceased by his wife Jessie”  
Internet Obituary*

## Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

**Third Child: Ila May (Stevens)**

B 09 Feb 1914 Ostrander, Dereham

D 27 Sept 2007 Whitby

Ila was employed as the secretary to the president of Canadian Line Materials for several years. She married Scotman John Stevens in 1936. Husband John was a Toronto Transit Inspector. He had emigrated in 1930. They lived in the Birchcliff Heights area of Scarborough. Later in life she was a legal secretary. Husband John died the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 1994. They had four kids, Lynn, Lorraine, John (JM) and Joan.

## Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

**Fourth Child: Marion Olive (Crease)**

B 1916 Tillsonburg

D 2014 London, Ont.

Marion took her nursing training at Toronto General Hospital and upon graduation, was supervisor of the Dunlap Wing of the hospital. She joined the Royal Canadian Navy as a nursing sister in 1943 and was stationed in Halifax. While there, she met Douglas Crease. He was a lawyer with the Eastern Trust Co. and had enlisted into the Royal Canadian Artillery. They married in 1944. When Doug returned from overseas, they resided in Lunenburg N S for six years before moving to Toronto. They had 4 children, including Jane and David.

Photo: Graduated 1938 Toronto Gen. Hospital Nursing School. Nurse in WWII.



## Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

**Fifth Child: Baby Boy**

B 1917 Dereham

D 1917 Dereham

## Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke

**Sixth Child: Maida Lorraine (Evans)**

B 1918 Dereham

D 2014 Midland, Ont.



double wedding marriage with her younger sister Betty. The couple lived in the

Maida attended Toronto Normal School and after graduation taught school at S S #10 Scarboro and at Birchcliff Heights. In 1942, she joined the staff at William Burgess School in E York where she met Carl Evans. He was an Industrial Arts teacher at the school. They married in 1943 at a



Riverdale neighbourhood of Toronto where Carl continued teaching. When he retired in 1972, they moved to Victoria Harbour, near Sturgeon Bay, and into Carl's family home that his father built in 1906. Maida had five children, Garth, Carol, Anne, Neil and Ronald. She was living in Victoria Harbour when she died.

*MAIDA EVANS (nee PROUSE) Of Victoria Harbour, passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village, Midland, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in her 96th year.*

*I remember Maida as a wonderful kindergarten teacher and a staff member loved by all at Bennington Heights school, East York, from 1959 -61. It was always so nice to keep in touch over the years at Christmas time. When I talked with Maida on her birthday two years ago Maida sounded as bright and cheery as she did when we were on staff together.*

*"Remembrances of former student David Thomas".*

### **Children of Wilbur Charles Prouse and Maime Rooke**

**Seventh Child: Anna Elizabeth "Betty"**

B 14 July 1920 Dereham

D 23 May 1986 Scarborough

Spouse: Albert "Bert" Thompson

B 05 Sept 1919 Toronto

D 02 Sept 2009 Cannington Durham Ont.

Betty went into nursing, training at Toronto General Hospital. She worked there in the Premature Baby Ward for a short time after graduation. She married Bert Thompson in 1943. He was a salesman at Adams Furniture in Toronto. The couple lived in Toronto for some time before moving to Scarborough where Betty was employed at the National Baby Formula Co.

The couple had two daughters, Susan and Ellen.

### **Sixth Child of Patrairch and Mariarch: Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Daughter: Mariah Trinity**

B 13 Aug 1847 Trinity Bay, Newfoundland (born at sea)

D 22 Jan 1911 Atlanta, Georgia

M 09, Apr 1868 Ingersoll

Spouse: Reverend Barnabas Lymon

B 1841 Canborough Township, Haldimand, Ont. or Kitley, Ont.

D US unknown

Mariah has the distinction in the family of being born on the trip to Upper Canada from England in 1847. She was either born on the ship "Arab" or in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland when the ship docked. There are conflicting records to support each. Although I have no copy of it, her marriage certificate and other documents indicated "born at sea". The fact that her mother Mary Elliott survived the voyage while pregnant and perhaps delivered a baby on board or at landing was considered a blessed sign of the Lord in that era. Mariah grew up on the family farms in West Oxford and Dereham.

First a carpenter in his families business in Oil Spring Ont., Barnabas Lymon changed careers and was a Methodist minister when he married Mariah. She was his second marriage. There is a good chance he was a young minister in Ingersoll or in a church in Dereham township when they met. He was found in Baby Point (now Pt. Lambton), Lambton county the year prior to the marriage. Later, he also was minister in nearby Florence in Euphoria township, Lambton. Mariah was with him at that time.

## Marriage Certificate Ancestry

254 VILLAGE OF BABY'S POINT.

Kupplenger, Henry, harness maker  
 Langel, M. J., tailor & clothier  
 LEARN, BENJAMIN, general merchant  
 Locke, Rev. Wm. (Episcopal)  
 Lyman, Rev. B. (Epis. Methodist)  
 McAuslin, William, weaver

Showler, R., blacksmith  
 SMITH, THOMAS, innkeeper  
 Stenson, John, laborer  
 Stephenson, G. B., J.P. and  
 eral agent  
 Trumble, T., waggon maker  
 Utter, Henry, farmer

Name:	Mariah Prouse
Age:	21
Birth Year:	abt 1847
Birth Place:	At sea
Residence:	Dereham Township
Marriage Date:	9 Apr 1868
Marriage Place:	Oxford, Ontario, Canada
Spouse:	Barnabas Lyman

Sometime after 1875, the couple were no longer living together. There are two paths this could have taken. Either Barnabas was dead or he was no longer married to Mariah.



Regardless, the 1891 census had Mariah with two small children where she was seen again living in Ingersoll. The 1908 Ingersoll Directory had her operating a boarding house near the corner of Oxford and Francis St. in Ingersoll.

Ancestry.com algorithms point to a Rev. Barnabas Lymons marrying a third time. Records indicate he remarried in Illinois and fathered another three children. His widowed wife and children were later found living in Texas. His death date is unknown. Mariah was buried in IRC.

Ingersoll home and boarding house of Mariah Trinity Prouse



Although buried in IRC, the cemetery burial Index indicates she died in "Atlanta, Ga". Her son lived there at the time and that does led credence to the likelihood of this being true.



3 Maria T. Lyman 62  
 4/11/31  
 Canada Atlanta

IRC Burial Index

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott  
Children of Barnabus Lyman and Mariah Trinity Prouse**

**First child: Florence Alberta**

B 20 Feb 1870 Florence, Lambton Co.

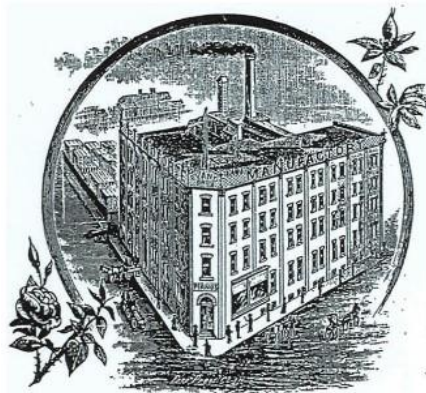
D 11 Mar 1952 Toronto

M 15 May 1890

**Spouse: Walter Evans**

B 18 Nov 1863 Wisconsin

D 16 Jan 1918 Toronto



THE EVANS BROTHERS PIANO FACTORY

Florence was named after the location on her birth. Husband Walter was born in Wisconsin and moved to Ingersoll. He was a piano maker at the Evans Piano Co.. The couple moved to Toronto after their wedding and then to London. They had one child in each location. By 1901, Florence was living back in Ingersoll with her mother at her mother's boarding house. She was listed as married but there was no indication Walter was still around. Perhaps she was helping her mother run the boarding house because by the 1911 census she and her children were back living with Walter in Etobicoke, Ont. where he appeared to have owned a garden plot and sold produce. He died in 1918 and they are buried together in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. She never remarried in the 34 years she lived after his death. They had two children: Myrtle and Robert Stanley.

Lyman Mariah	7	7	Head	W	15 Aug	1847	55	Eng	W	-
Evans Florence	6	7	Wife	F	20 Feb	1870	31	Ont	W	-
Myrtle B	7	4	"	S	14 Aug	1892	8	"	W	-
Robert S	7	4	"	S	15 Feb	1895	6	"	W	-
Chase John E	7	4	Boarder	W	19 Oct	1858	42	Eng	W	1899
Knight Alfred	7	4	"	S	13 Mar	1874	27	Ont	W	-
Holden Edward	7	4	"	S	10 Nov	1864	32	"	W	-
Seldon Fredrick	7	4	"	S	8 Oct	1871	29	England	W	1898

1901 census Ingersoll

**Children of Florence Alberta Lyman and Walter Evans**

**Child: Myrtle B**

B:14 Aug 1892 London, Ont.

D unknown

The 1972 voters list for Lakeshore district Toronto showed an unmarried Myrtle B Evans living 304 Islington Ave. She was retired and living alone. The trail runs cold at that point.

**Child: Robert Stanley**

B 15 Feb 1895 Toronto

D 22 Sept 1988 St Cloud, Florida

M 09 Sept 1922 Islington, Toronto

**Spouse: Emily Laver**

B 1895 Islington, Toronto

D 1987 St Cloud, Florida

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname?..... **EVANS**

1a. What are your Christian names?..... **Robert Stanley**

1b. What is your present address?..... **Lambton Mills, Toronto**

2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... **Toronto, Ontario**

3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... **Florence Alberta Evans**

4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... **Lambton Mills, Toronto**

4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?..... **Mother**

5. What is the date of your birth?..... **Feb. 15, 1895**

6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... **Clerk**

7. Are you married?..... **No**

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... **Yes**

9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... **No**

10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... **Yes R.C.D. 8 mos**  
If no, state particulars of former service.

His father died in 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1918 and two weeks later, 23 year old Robert was filling out paperwork to serve in WWI.

He was working as a clerk at the time. And eventually owned his own general store.

He and wife Emily retired to Kissimmee, Florida in 1982 and then moved St. Cloud, Florida (near Orlando). They had one daughter Marguerite and a son Robert George.

**EMILY GEORGINA EVANS, 92, 4300 Oak Court, St. Cloud, died Sunday.** Born in Canada, she moved to St. Cloud from Kissimmee in 1982. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee. She was a member of the Kissimmee Woman's Club. Survivors: husband, Robert Stanley; daughter, Marguerite Wilch, Canada; son, Robert George, Orlando; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Grissom Funeral Home, Kissimmee.

**ROBERT STANLEY EVANS, 93, 4300 Oak Court, St. Cloud, died Thursday.** Born in Toronto, he moved to St. Cloud from Kissimmee in 1982. He was a retired general store owner. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee. Survivors: daughter, Marguerite Wilch, Ontario, Canada; son, Robert G., Orlando; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Grissom Funeral Home, Kissimmee.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott Children of Barnabus Lyman and Mariah Trinity Prouse

**Second Child: Osman Prouse Sr**

B 16 July 1873 London  
 D 27 Jan 1943 Columbia, S. Carolina  
 M 07 Jun 1909 Fulton County, Georgia  
 B 01 Jan 1878 West Point, Georgia  
 D 31 May 1975 Columbia S. Carolina



Spouse: Julie Turner

Julie had two children from a previous marriage. Together they had two sons, Osman Prouse Jr. and Julian Turner. Osman was a manager of an optical company in Columbia, S Carolina.

He was college educated and lived for a number of years in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Columbia. He died in Columbia. While living in Atlanta, mother Mariah

Trinity came to live with him and she died there.

## Children of Osman Prouse Sr and Julie Turner

**Child: Osman Prouse Jr**

B 1910 Atlanta  
 D 16 Apr 1979 Columbia  
 M 1935 Columbia S. Carolina

In the 1950's he and his wife are living in Columbia. Like his father, he is manager of an Optical Co.

*"Husband of Mary Ann (Wesley) Lyman and son of Osman Prouse Lyman, Sr and Julia (Turner) Lyman. Osman P. "Pete" Lyman, Jr., 69, of 1665 Kathwood Road, died Monday in Baptist Hospital. Born in Atlanta, GA., he was a son of the late Osman P. and Julia Turner Lyman.*

*He was a retired employee of the Columbia Optical Supply Co., a member of Trinity Cathedral and a graduate of George Tech University. He was a former member of the board of directors of Optical Laboratories Association, former president of the Southeastern Optical Laboratories Association and a former member of the Columbia Rotary Club."*

Internet Obituary

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Janet L. Simon of North Augusta; a son, Stephen W. Lyman of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. Claude H. Caston and Mrs. Sue H. Bazemore of Columbia; a brother, Julian T. Lyman of Orangeburg; and four grandchildren.

## **Children of Osman Prouse Sr and Julie Turner**

**Child: Julian Turner "JT"**

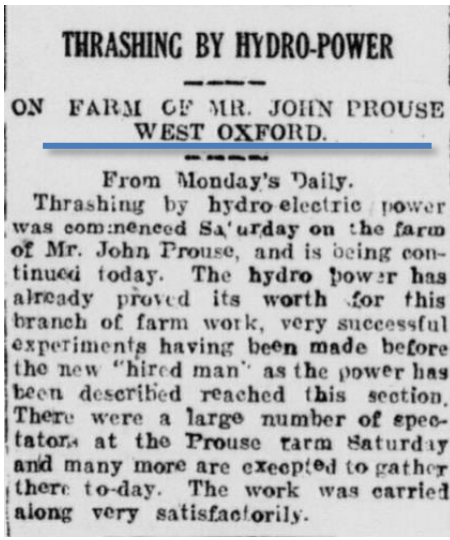
B 18 Sept 1911 Atlanta

D 04 Apr 2008 Orangeburg, S Carolina

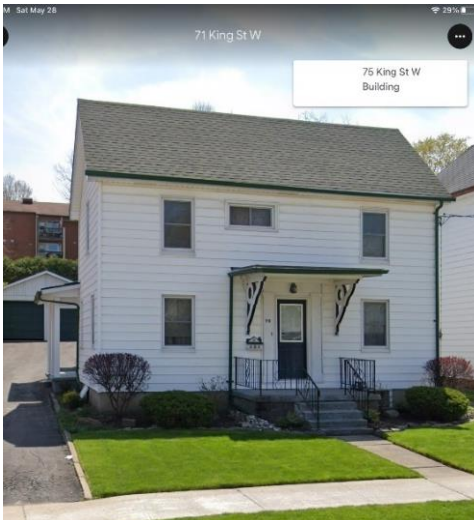
This man never stood still.

*Orangeburg - Funeral services for Julian Turner Lyman Sr., 96, of 1000 Methodist Oaks Drive, Orangeburg, will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Nancy Freeman Stringer Chapel with the Rev. James McGee officiating. Burial will be held in Crestlawn Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg. Mr. Lyman died Friday, April 4. He was born September 18, 1911. "J.T." as everybody knew Julian Turner Lyman, Sr., was all his life one of those people just about everyone liked. People trusted J.T. to be fair. And it did not matter what color you were or whether you had a lot of education or money - they all sought him out. But technology made him tick. If something ran on electricity J. T. could figure it out, maintain it, and make it work better. And people also came to J.T. for someone who could solve technical problems which baffled most folks. And he did not disappoint. About what you might expect for a 1934 Cum Laude Graduate from the University of South Carolina, one of a small number with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, when the whole field was an unfolding experiment; before satellites, computers and the Internet. In his home his workshop was his "happy place," with soldering irons and half assembled devices and projects everywhere - like a day in the 1950s when he showed his three sons one of the first-generation photoelectric cells that could absorb sunlight and turn it into electricity. He lit up a small bulb! And a patriot. In 1937 J. T. joined the Naval Reserve as an ordinary Seaman. With war clouds gathering, the Navy realized what they had, and in 1940 Mr. Lyman was appointed an Ensign, entered active duty in early 1941 and soon served as Officer in Charge of the Navy Radio School, Charleston Navy Yard. He oversaw the training of hundreds of radiomen for our Naval forces. In 1943, Mr. Lyman was assigned to the Panama Canal Zone where he served as second in command over the Navy's second largest transmitting station, facilitating communications between the Pentagon, Fleet Atlantic and Fleet Pacific. He was demobilized in September 1945, continued in the Naval Reserve, and in 1971 retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He was always proud he joined up BEFORE Pearl Harbor. In 1935, when she finished USC in fine Arts, Dad married the love of his life, Elizabeth Casey Lyman of Anderson, South Carolina. After the War J.T. came home to South Carolina, but engineering work was scarce so for a time he took a job in a whiskey distribution business, which as he said, almost resulted in his mother "disowning me"! As the post-war boom arose in South Carolina, J.T. found work in power line engineering, then years of telephone engineering including original design work for Hilton Head Island, and later still in mechanical engineering with propane-air mixing equipment. Starting in the 1960s and he part-owned radio station WORG, often trouble-shooting broadcast issues. J. T. and Elizabeth Casey Lyman had three children, Turner, born during World War II at the U.S. Naval Hospital in 1943 in Charleston, and two "baby boomers" Phillip, born in 1947 and Joseph (Jody) born in 1951, both in Orangeburg. Elizabeth passed in mid-1998, and cancer took Jody in 2004. Throughout his retirement years Mr. Lyman was a devoted HAM radio Operator, call sign W4FMZ, and member of the Edisto Amateur Radio Society, and the Palmetto State Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Natural disaster readiness melded naturally into years of assistance preparing tax returns at no charge for elderly and low-income wage earners through the Methodist Home. For this service Mr. Lyman was honored by the Internal Revenue Service as well as the AARP, which in 1994 awarded J. T. a National Community Service Award. In late 1999 J. T. married Mary Hargrove originally of Batesburg. Until Mary's death in early 2006 Mr. Lyman spent a further seven happy years in his new family connection. J. T. formed deep attachments to Mary's daughter, Judy, her daughter, Elizabeth Hodapp and*



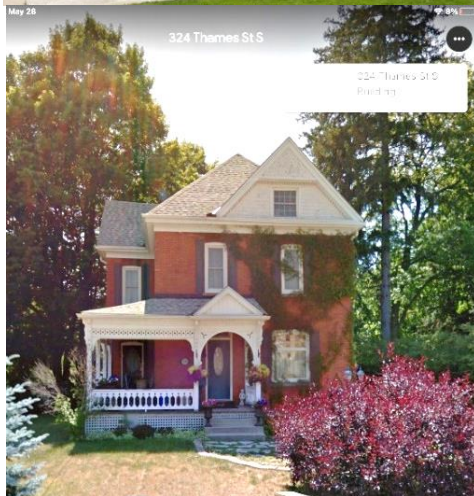


Sept 10, 1912 Ingersoll Chronicle



In the spring of 1930, John and Ann retired and moved to Ingersoll. They settled at 75 Kings St. W according to the 1921 census. Their youngest daughter, unmarried 27 year old Lottie came with them. Unfortunately, 8 weeks after moving into the house, John took ill with Myocarditis. He moved in with his daughter Maude and her husband so she could care for him. He died of a heart attack soon after.

75 King St. W



Wife Ann and daughter Lottie did not wish to live in the King St. retirement home after John's death. Immediately they moved in with Ann's daughter Maude and her husband Oscar Bailey. They all lived at 324 Thames St in Ingersoll. Tragically, Ann died 10 months after John's death. She died of Pleurisy. Both are buried at IRC.

324 Thames St.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH: County of Oxford Township of Ingersoll  
 If in City, Town or Village: Ingersoll Street: Thomas St House No. 334

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Prouse (Surname) John (Given name or names)  
 Residence: Ingersoll (Usual place of abode)

3. Sex: Male 4. Racial origin: English 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: Married

6. BIRTHPLACE: Dereham Township (Province or country)

7. DATE OF BIRTH: Oct 9th (Month) 9th (Day) 1930 (Year)

8. AGE OF DECEASED: 77 Years  Months  Days If less than one day old:  hrs. or  min.

9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: (a) Retired Farmer (Trade or occupation or kind of work) (b)  (Kind of industry)

10. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (in years and months): (a) At place of death: 8 weeks (b) In province: at death (c) In Canada (if an immigrant):

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH: June 14th (Month) 14th (Day) 1930 (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from April 15th 1930 to June 13th 1930 and last saw h. alive on June 13th 1930

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Myocarditis

(duration of) 6 yrs  mos  days

CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE: Asdema and respiratory complications (Secondary)

(duration of) 2 yrs  mos  days

18. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH: County of Oxford Township of Ingersoll  
 If in City, Town or Village: Ingersoll Street: Thomas St House No. 334

NAME OF DECEASED: Prouse (Surname) Ann (Given name or names)  
 Residence: Ingersoll (Usual place of abode)

1. Sex: F 4. Racial origin: English 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: Widow

6. BIRTHPLACE: Ontario (Province or country)

7. DATE OF BIRTH: April 22nd (Month) 22nd (Day) 1854 (Year)

8. AGE OF DECEASED: 76 Years  Months  Days If less than one day old:  hrs. or  min.

9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: (a) House duties (Trade or occupation or kind of work) (b)  (Kind of industry)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH: March 18th (Month) 18th (Day) 1931 (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from April 28 1931 to March 17th 1931 and last saw h. ex alive on March 17th 1931

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Pleurisy with effusion 102

(duration of) 3 yrs 18 mos  days

CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE: 3 yrs  mos  days

John and Ann's registration of death. John lived 8 weeks at his retirement address of 75 Kings St W

Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

- Oldest child: Mary Elizabeth B 17 Nov 1878 Dereham D 02 Oct 1918 Ingersoll M 02 Jul 1902
- Spouse: Rev. George Watson Wood B 31 Mar 1880 Scotland D 07 Jan 1953 Toronto

Reverend George Wood was from the Wood family of Ingersoll who owned a book store. The Woods were living in Ingersoll when the troops returned from WWI bringing a deadly surprise with them. According to her death record, Mary Elizabeth succumbed to Spanish Flu at that age of 39 in 1918. She and cousin Frederick Elliott (son of Samuel Elliott) both died with a month of each other from the Spanish Flu. At least three other Elliott relatives or spouses also died of the Flu.



**REV. GEORGE W. WOOD**

*Friends here were saddened by the death of Rev. George W. Wood, who passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto on Sunday. He was in his 77th year. Mr. Wood was a former minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and later of Trinity United Church in Ingersoll. He was born in Scotland, but came to Canada as a boy. He was ordained in 1901, and had charges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before coming to Ingersoll.*

*Ingersoll Tribune*

**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott**

**Grandchild of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton**

**Child of Mary Prouse and Rev. Geo Wood**

**Only Child Helen Esther**      B 1903 Ingersoll –  
D 1965 Ingersoll Buried IRC  
M 04 Sept, 1931 Whitby, Ont.  
Spouse: Joseph Daly      B 1906 Lindsay, Ont.  
D unknown



**Great Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott**

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott**

**Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton**

**Second child: Ethel Maude**      B 28 July 1881 Dereham  
D 23 Aug 1977 Ingersoll  
M 03 Jun 1908 Ingersoll  
Spouse: Oscar Cameron Bailey      B 31 Aug 1884 Ingersoll  
D 07 Apr 1962 Ingersoll

**A PRETTY JUNE WEDDING**

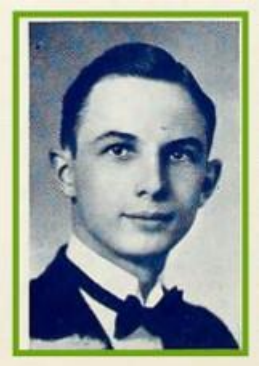
*At twelve o'clock, noon on Wednesday a pretty, June wedding was solemnized at "Fairview Farm", West Oxford [township], when Miss Ethel Maude, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, was married to Mr. Oscar Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey, Ingersoll. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Hughson, pastor of King Street Methodist church in the presence of about sixty guests.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Bailey left in the evening for a bridal trip to Toronto, the bride travelling in a smart tailored suit of navy sedan cloth. The Tribune joins with the happy couple's many friends in wishing them an exceedingly happy and prosperous wedded life. On returning, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will take up their residence on King Street East.*

*Ingersoll Tribune*



**GORDON RUCKLE**  
 Thamesville, Ont.  
 Spent his early days in Thamesville. Was a handy man around the store of Watson and Ruckle where he learned the early essentials of Pharmacy. Gordon is a neat pianist and played in the school orchestra.



**Marjorie Bailey Becomes  
 Bride of James Ruckle  
 in Ceremony**  
 INGERSOLL, July 31.—Trinity United Church here was the scene of an exceptionally attractive and interesting midsummer wedding yesterday afternoon when Marjorie Mae Bailey, R.N., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bailey, Ingersoll, became the bride of James Gordon Ruckle, son of Mrs. Mina Ruckle and the late Matthew Ruckle, Thamesville. The pastor, Rev. Charles D. Daniel officiated.

University of Toronto Pharmacy 1938.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton**

**Third child: Letitia**

B 10 Aug, 1884 Dereham

D 31 Jan, 1885 Dereham Interned IRC

According to IRC record, she died of consumption.

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton**

**Fourth child: John Newton**

B 31 Dec, 1886

D 15 May, 1888

“Johnnie” died of inflammation of the brain according to IRC records. He shares a plot with his aunt, Maria Trinity Lyman.



**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott**

**Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton**

**Fifth child: Arthur Elliott**

B 13 Apr, 1889 Dereham

D 23 Aug, 1891 Dereham

Arthur was buried with his parents- his marker on the reverse side of his parents. It notes:

“Arthur E., son of William & Annie Prouse, died August 23, 1891, aged 2 years, 4 months and 10 days”

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of John Elliott Prouse and Ann Newton

**Sixth and last child: Lottie Alberta**      B 09 May 1890 W Oxford  
D 18 Dec 1967 Ingersoll

Lottie never married and is buried with her parents in IRC. Lottie and her parents moved to Ingersoll prior to the 1921 census when they retired from the farm. After her parents deaths she lived with Mr. and Mrs Borrowman at 224 Oxford St. She was listed as housekeeper on voters lists of the 40s and 50s.

### Ninth child of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

**Child: James Prouse**      B 26 Nov 1853  
D 13 July 1854

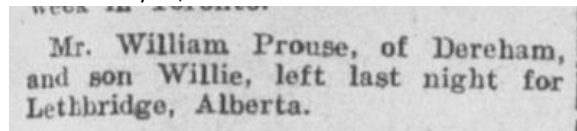
James was removed to IRC in April 1867 from the family cemetery. His name is listed with his young sisters on the Prouse family monolith.

### Last child of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott

**Child: William Prouse**      B 1854 W Oxford  
D 1928 Medicine Hat, Alberta  
Spouse: Ann Eliza Embury      B 29 Jan, 1862 Belleville, Ontario  
D Feb 1942 St. Louis, Missouri  
Buried Forest Lawn Glendale Ca. mausoleum with 2 daughters and perhaps one son.

William was the youngest of the Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott brood. He was also born on the Dereham homestead and grew up there. While his elderly parents still lived on the property, he took over his father's farm on Lot 10 Con 6 as seen in the 1881 census. His father died later that year. At that time he was newly married to Anne Elizabeth Embury. She was only 18 and he was 27. Ten years later the family was still living on the farm. Thomas' cousins, the Wilsons, through his mother Mary Elliott, lived on adjacent farms. William had nine children growing up on the family farm. Two children died young. His father was dead by the 1881 census but his mother did not pass until 1892. She was likely living with another son or daughter in her old age. A seismic change happened to the William Prouse family in the 1900 decade. William moved his youngest son and wife to Alberta in May of 1909. It would appear that William had left his wife and other children in Ontario, while he and son William surveyed the potential of a life out west. Once they decided it was a go, the rest of the family arrived.

Chronicle May 09, 1909



At this time, the province of Alberta was just opening up and William likely saw the chance to farm a large cheap tract of land and for his sons to continue the

family tradition of farming. His application for a tract of land was applied for on 08 Sept, 1909 (see next page). It entailed a grant for "SE Quarter Section of 31 in Township 8, Range 14 and 4<sup>th</sup> Meridian". According to the document, the family consisted of: William age 54, Anne age 46 and two sons age 26 and 10 and three daughters aged 20, 18 and 16.

Form A. Form No. 1. 1686968

Application for Entry for a Homestead, a Pre-emption or a Purchased Homestead.

*William Prouse* ✓  
 of *Bigsby* *Co.* do hereby apply for an Entry for a *Homestead* under the provisions of Section \_\_\_\_\_ in that behalf of the Dominion Lands Act, for the *03 E* Quarter Section of Section number *31* in Township *8* Range *12* of *12* the *2* Meridian.

(2) I am a British subject.

that it is my intention to become a British subject under the laws of Canada.

Sig. *William Prouse*  
 District.

Note.—Strike out paragraph 2 if applicant is not a British subject. Strike out paragraph 3 if applicant is a British subject.

Note.—The statistical information called for below will be obtained and filled in by Agent when granting survey.

No. in family, including children, giving date when	Males	Females	Total	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	SUB-DIVISION OF COUNTRY OF BIRTH	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION									
								Under 12	12 to 16	16 to 20	20 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 42	42 to 48	48 to 54
	31	16	29	Canada	of	from	James									
	10	16	26				Co. <i>Co.</i>									

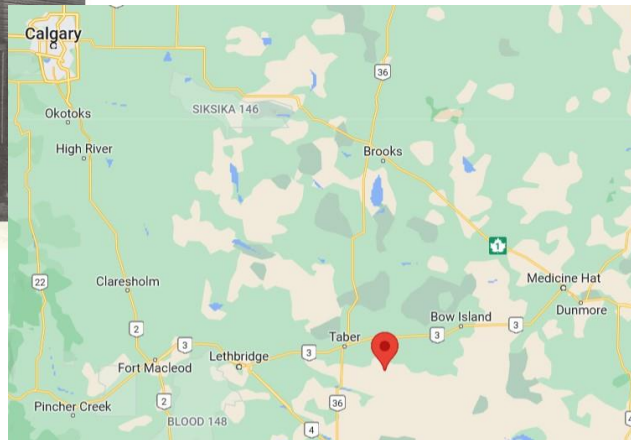
Two children not named but under the age of 12 were also included in the Alberta census. That would account for all the living children. The farm was relatively remote with the closest town being Taber, about 30 kilometers distant (photo). The family got off to a rough start in the first year in Alberta as the family disintegrated as seen by his daughter's biographies.

For information on the history of the settlement of the western prairies go to....

<https://www.electricscotland.com/history/canada/alberta/vol1chap12.htm>



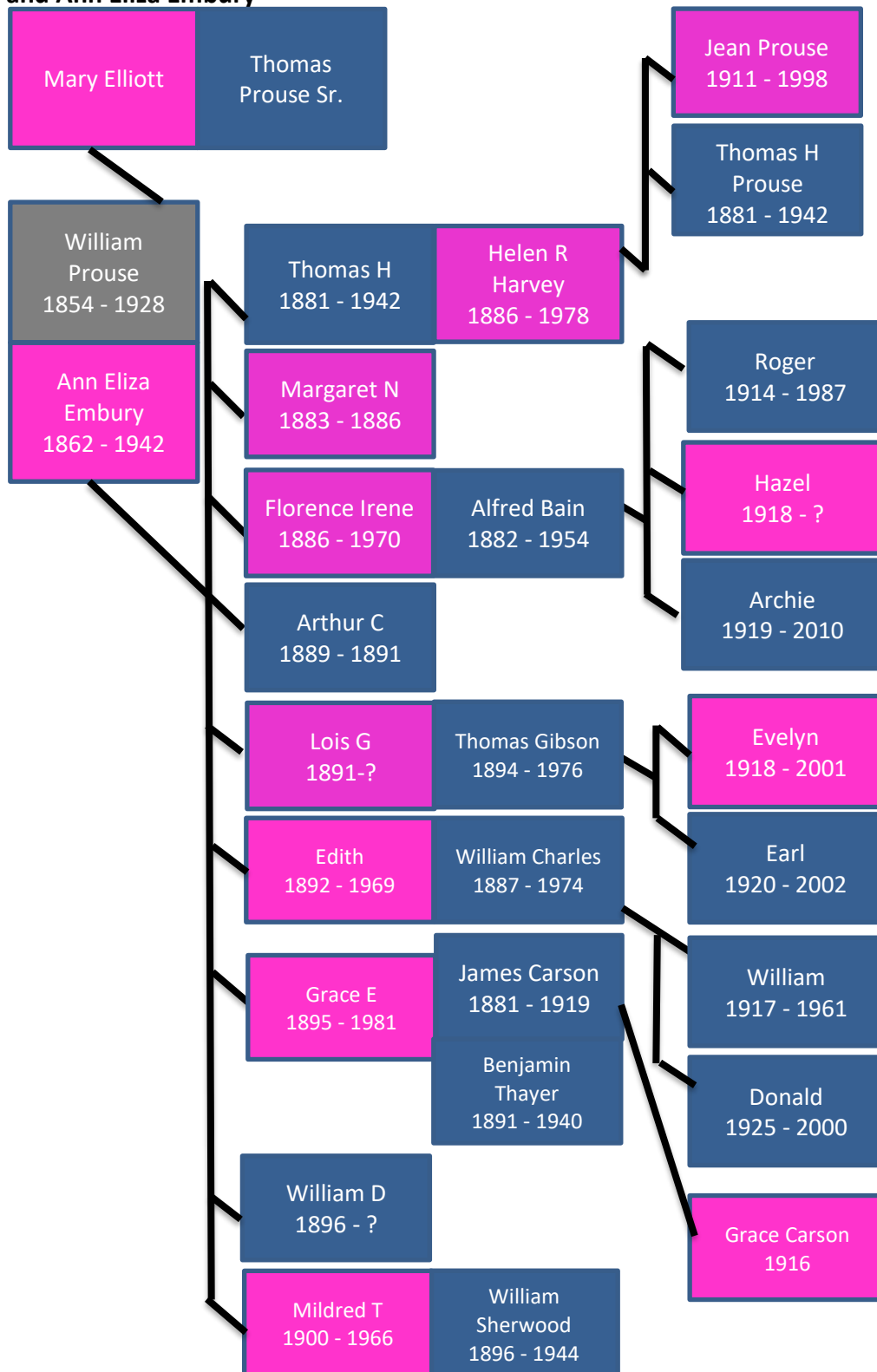
Taber Alberta



Pin: Farm location outside Taber

Children and Spouses of ...

William Prouse (last child of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary E Elliott)  
and Ann Eliza Embury



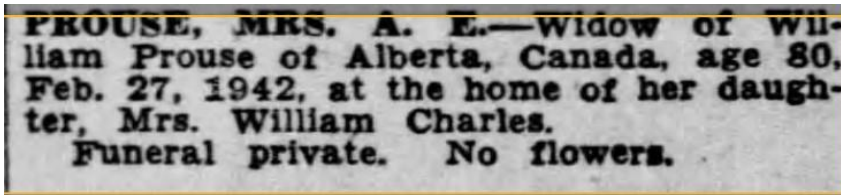
There is some confusion with the the 1911 census. It appears that Ann and daughter Lois were living in Medicine Hat. William was not to be found but Ann still was listed as married. Was William away at that time? The 1916 Alberta census showed a return of William and the expansion of the family. William, wife Anne and daughter Lois (age 27) were on the homestead. William was now 62 and still working his property on "8-9-4" as the property was referred to. Oldest son Thomas was now farming his own property also in the same section and adjacent to his father. Thomas was now married to a Helen Harvey and had two children, Jean R and Thomas H (age 5 and 3).



William Prouse died in 1928 at age 75 in the Medicine Hat Census Div. After husband William's death, Ann next appears in the 1930 census of Glendale, Ca. where she is boarding with bookkeeper son William Jr. The census shows that both William Jr. and mother Ann emigrated from Canada in 1928. She moved after her husbands death to be near her youngest son and daughters William Jr., Grace and Trinity. There may have been some conflict with William Jr's new wife a few years later as Ann had moved out and was on her

way to Vancouver. The paper trail finds Ann back in Canada and in Vancouver in 1937, possibly living with another daughter Florence Bains. Sometime after that she moved to granddaughter Edith Charles home in St. Louis, Missouri.

She died in St. Louis in Feb of 1942. Her death preceded son Thomas' by 6 months.



*St. Louis Post Dispatch Feb 28, 1942*

She was removed to Glendale, California to be buried with her California based children.

## **Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury**

**First child: Thomas Hortup**

B 28 Dec 1881 Dereham  
D 27 Oct 1942 Medicine Hat  
M 29 Sept 1908 Ingersoll  
B 1885 Kilcaldy, Scotland  
D unknown

Spouse: Helen Russell Harvey

Application for a Homestead Entry by an Agent.

William Prouse do hereby apply on behalf of Thomas Hortup Prouse of the Township of Ingersoll in the County of ... for Homestead Entry, under the provisions of sub-clause ... of clause 38 of "The Dominion Lands Act," for the ... Quarter-Section of Section Number ... of the ... Township, in the ... Range west of the ... Meridian.

*Wm Prouse*

Homestead Agreement signed by William Prouse for son Thomas.

**DIED**  
**PROUSE**—In the city on Tuesday, October 27th, Thomas Prouse, aged 8 years of Diamond City, brother of Mrs. Grace Thayer of St. Louis, Mo. Services will be held in Martin Bros. Chapel on Saturday at 2 p.m., the Rev. R. Magowan officiating. Interment in the City cemetery. Martin Bros. directors of funeral service. 661

Thomas Hortup grew up on the family farm. A decision must have been made to take advantage of free land in Alberta because Thomas and family went to Alberta with his father in Sept. 1908. He would have been 27. Just before they left Ingersoll, he married Helen Harvey. His father applied for a Homestead Agreement for him as well as one for himself. Thomas and new wife Helen and their family stayed in the Alberta area working his farm until his death in 1942.

Thomas' spouse Helen Harvey is a brick wall as no clear information can be located about her. The 1916 census indicates she arrived in Canada in 1908, the same year they married, and her nationality was Scottish. For a few years the family was still on the Alberta farm after Thomas' death. Later, the family was living in Medicine Hat at 1239 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., having likely given up the farm. There are some algorithm hits on Ancestry that shows two children named Jean and Thomas with correct personal information were living in Regina Sask. in the 1921 census. They are listed as housekeeper's children but there is no sign of their mother. These children appear again living in British Columbia. The coincidences add up to a family link. I am taking a leapt of faith and assuming the children listed are the children of Thomas and Helen Harvey Prouse. Other than that, there is nothing to give any hints about her past or where Helen Harvey Prouse ended up.

**Great Grandchildren of Thpmas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott**

**Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:**

**Children of Thomas Hortup Prouse and Helen Harvey**

**First Child: Jean Mercilla**

B 20 May 1911 Medicine Hat Census District (family farm)  
 D 20 Oct 1998 Vancouver, BC Buried Ocean View Burial Park  
 M 06 Apr 1939 Vancouver, BC.

Spouse: George Stanley Claridge

B 09 Jun 1907 Perry Sound, Ont.  
 D 07 May 1972 Vancouver, BC.





—Hors Have  
**TO BE MARRIED**—Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smeed of Winnipeg, formerly of Regina, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Jean Mercilla Prowse,

Jean married George in 1939. The family name Smeed comes up in the paperwork as well as the Prowse link. I am at a loss to explain but I believe this is Jean. Perhaps mother Helen Harvey married George Claridge and moved to Winnipeg. Jean was given away by her uncle Alfred Bain at her marriage. Husband George was a salesman in Vancouver.

**CLARIDGE** — G. Stanley, passed away in hospital after a lengthy illness, May 7, 1972, in his 65th year, of 3850 W. 3rd. Ave. Predeceased by a daughter, Valerie. Survived by his loving wife, Jean; son, Russell; 5 sisters, Mrs. Gladys Brynjolsson and Mrs. Grace Boyd, Vancouver; Mrs. Jessie Baldwin, Mission City, B.C.; Mrs. Myrtle Spero, Wallaceburg, Ont.; Miss Rita Claridge, Lindsay, Ont.; nieces and nephews and 2 grandchildren. Funeral service, Thursday, May 11, at 3 p.m. in Simmons & McBride, 1995 W. Broadway, Rev. G. W. Payne officiating. Interment, Ocean View burial park. Flowers gratefully declined.

**Claridge—Prowse**  
Bouquets of spring flowers and tall cathedral tapers adorned the altar of Canadian Memorial Chapel on April 6 for the wedding of Jean Mercilla Prowse, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smeed of Winnipeg, who was united in marriage to Mr. George Stanley Claridge, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Claridge of Powell River. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harrison Villett.

Vancouver Sun 1972

There is an interesting element in the Claridge trail. George and Jean Prowse Claridge had a son Russell. That Russell appears to have had his own son, Alan Russell Claridge, who suffered a tragic end on Sept 15, 1998.

**CLARIDGE** — Alan Russell Robert; late of Langley, B.C. taken suddenly from those he loved on September 15, 1998 at the age of 28 years. Alan is survived by his loving family; wife Shelly (nee Ford); their 2 sons; Robert Alan Anton & Alexander James Claridge, all of Langley, B.C. Paternal Grandmother Gene; Mother Anne Claridge; brother Russell and sister Anne; niece Simone; his Father and Mother-in-law; Vance and Sheila Ford; and numerous family and friends. Alan was pre-deceased by his father Russell and his brother-in-law James Ford. A funeral service

Articles from Vancouver Sun Sept 1998

The police were investigating the possibility of border drug running. I could not locate a definitive answer as to what the investigation concluded.

## Cause of air crash remains a mystery

By Lora Grindlay  
Staff Reporter

Police in Washington state and U.S. aviation officials are continuing their probe into the crash of a light plane that killed two B.C. men.

Whatcom county Det.-Sgt. Larry Flynn said it's not known what caused Tuesday's crash of the Cessna 172, eight kilometres southwest of the peak of Mount Baker.

Pilot David Debeeson, 24, of Surrey and his passenger, Alan Russell Robert Claridge, 27, of Langley died.

Police are trying to determine why the plane crossed the border when

the pair had planned a flight from the Langley airport, where they rented the plane, to Chilliwack and back.

He said any number of things may have led the men off their flight path. Navigation equipment may have failed or they could have flown south to view Mount Baker.

No drugs were found, but Flynn said police will investigate whether the men were running drugs: "It's one of the possible explanations for how they got down there."

The wreckage, in the bottom of a deep canyon, will be pulled out by helicopter this week.

**Great Grandchildren of Thpmas Prouse Sr.and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury  
Children of Thomas Hortup Prouse and Helen Harvey**

**Second child: Thomas Hortup Jr.** B 29 Jun 1913 Medicine Hat Census Division  
D 01 Mar 1989 Gibson, BC  
Spouse: Margaret Reid B 30 July 1915 Saskatchewan  
D 17 Feb 2007 Seal Beach, Orange Co. California

Application for  
**ALIEN'S BORDER  
CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARD**

I, **Thomas Hortup Prouse**  
a lawful permanent resident of the United States at **1121 1/2 Pacific Ave.  
Tacoma, Wash.**

hereby make application for a Border Crossing Identification Card and furnish the following information: Alien Registration No. **not received**  
Born on **June 29, 1913** at **Bow Island, Alta. Canada**  
Sex **M** Marital status **married** Occupation **salesman**  
Read **yes** Write **yes** Nationality **Canadian** Height: **5 ft. 11 in.**  
Weight **185** lb. Complexion **med** Hair **brown** Eyes **bl**  
Visible distinctive marks or peculiarities **NONE**  
Lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence at **Blaine, Wash.**  
under the name of **Thomas Hortup Prouse**  
on **Oct. 7, 1951**, on the **train**  
I have **not** been arrested, indicted, or convicted of any offense.

Thomas H Jr. was a travelling salesman who was often living in the United States during his work. He lived in Eugene Ore, Tacoma and California. He divorced Margaret Reid in June of 1970 in Los Angeles. They had two children. He eventually returned to Canada and lived in Gibsons BC.

Province of British Columbia Ministry of Health Division of Vital Statistics REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1 SURNAME (first or type)	ALL GIVEN NAMES		2 SEX
Prouse,	Thomas Hortup		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> UK
3 DATE OF DEATH	4 NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (State in full exact location where death occurred)		OFFICE USE ONLY
03   01   89	St. Mary's Hosp.		1116
5 PLACE OF DEATH	6 POSTAL CODE	7 INSIDE MUNICIPAL LIMITS	8 STATE
Sechelt, B.C.	VON 3A0	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
9 USUAL RESIDENCE	10 COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS (If rural give exact location (not Post Office or Rural Route address)	11 POSTAL CODE	12 INSIDE MUNICIPAL LIMITS
613 Seaview Rd. Gibsons		VON 1V0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
13 STATE	14 IF MARRIED (Indowed or divorced give full name of husband or full maiden name of wife)		
B.C.	not known		
15 MARITAL STATUS	16 KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE		
<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	salesman		
17 OCCUPATION	18 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY IN WHICH WORKED		
salesman	sales		
19 BIRTHDATE	20 AGE (YEARS)	21 IF UNDER 1 YEAR	22 IF UNDER 1 DAY
June 29, 1913	75	MONTHS DAYS HOURS MINUTES	
23 BIRTHPLACE	24 PROVINCE (or country) OF BIRTH		25 NATIVE INDIAN
	Alberta		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
26 FATHER	27 BIRTHPLACE - CITY OR PLACE, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY		
Prouse, Thomas Hortup	Ingersol, Ont.		
28 MOTHER	29 BIRTHPLACE - CITY OR PLACE, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY		
Harvey, Helen Russell	Kirkcaldy, Scotland		
30 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT	31 DATE SIGNED	32 RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	
X <i>Thomas</i>	Mar. 2/89	friend	
33 ADDRESS OF INFORMANT	34 POSTAL CODE		
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Thomas Hortup Prouse Jr. and Margaret Reid

**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury**

**Second Child: Margaret Newton (Maggie)** B 08 Oct 1883  
D 15 Apr 1886 Buried IRC

The IRC records indicate she died of "brain fever".





St Andrews – Nelson St. Vancouver.

**Bain-Prou'e.**  
 The marriage of Mr. Alfred Hazeldean Bain and Miss Florence Irene Prouse, both of Vancouver, B.C., was quietly solemnized in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday last, Rev. A. C. Cameron officiating.

Vancouver Sun



The Bains family was well off according to the 1921 census. Alfred was a barrister and the family lived at 2142 Collingwood St. in the the affluent Kitsilano area of Vancouver about three blocks from English Bay. Once his law office thrived, they moved to the affluent Point Grey area near UBC. Alfred was involved in many organizations through the years including legal representative for the Worker's Compension Board. He enjoyed the outdoor activities afforded him in Vancouver as well as enjoying career success.

Alfred Bains died in 1954, Florence died the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 1970.

## Rites Today For Point Grey Bowler

A private funeral service was held at Mountain View Crematorium today for Alfred H. Bain, 71, of 3544 West Sixteenth.

Born in Leith, Scotland, Mr. Bain emigrated to Canada and Vancouver 45 years ago.

An executive member of the Vancouver Natural History Society and the St. Andrew and Caledonian Society, he was also active in the B.C. Mountaineering Club and more recently in the West Point Grey Bowling Club.

For many years Mr. Bain was solicitor for the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association in this city and later was associated with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; two sons, Roger, of Vancouver and Archie of Royal Oak, B.C., and a daughter, Hazel, now resident in Tripoli.

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b>								
Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place <u>VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>								
Street or road <u>VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL</u> (If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")								
<b>2. LENGTH OF STAY</b>								
In Municipality where death occurred <u>57 years</u>			In Province <u>57 years</u>			In Canada (if immigrant)		
<b>3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED</b>								
<u>BAIN</u>						<u>FLORENCE, IRENE</u>		
<b>4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:</b>								
Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place <u>VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>								
Street or road <u>WEST 16th AVENUE.</u> House No. <u>3544</u>								
<b>5. SEX</b>	<b>6. CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>7. RACIAL ORIGIN</b>	<b>8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced</b>			<b>9. BIRTHPLACE</b>		
<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>CANADIAN</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>WIDOWED.</u>			<u>INGERSOLL, ONTARIO.</u>		
<b>10. Date of Birth</b>			<b>11. AGE (Last Birthday)</b>			<b>12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc.</b>		
<u>NOVEMBER 15th 1886</u>			<u>83 years</u>			<u>AT HOME.</u>		
<b>13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation</b>			<b>14. Total years spent in this occupation</b>					
<u>NOVEMBER 15th 1886</u>			<u>57 years</u>					
<b>15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased</b>								
<u>PROUSE</u>			<u>BAIN ALFRED HAZELDE</u>					
<b>16. Name of father</b>								
<u>EMBURY</u>			<u>WILLIAM</u>					
<b>17. Maiden name of mother</b>								
<u>EMBURY</u>			<u>ANN</u>					
<b>18. Birthplace</b>								
<u>INGERSOLL, ONTARIO.</u>			<u>BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO</u>					
<b>19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</b>								
Given under my hand at <u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u> , this <u>25th</u> day of <u>MAY</u> 19 <u>70</u> .								
Signature of informant <u>Alfred H. Bain</u> Relationship to deceased <u>Son</u>								
Address of informant <u>3544 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, 8, B.C.</u>								
<b>20. Burial, Cremation or Removal</b>								
<u>CREMATION</u>			<u>MAY</u>			<u>27</u>		
<u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>			<u>NORTH SHORE CREMATORIUM</u>			<u>19 70</u>		
<b>21. Undertaker</b>								
<u>FIRST MEMORIAL SERVICES LTD.</u>			<u>NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.</u>					

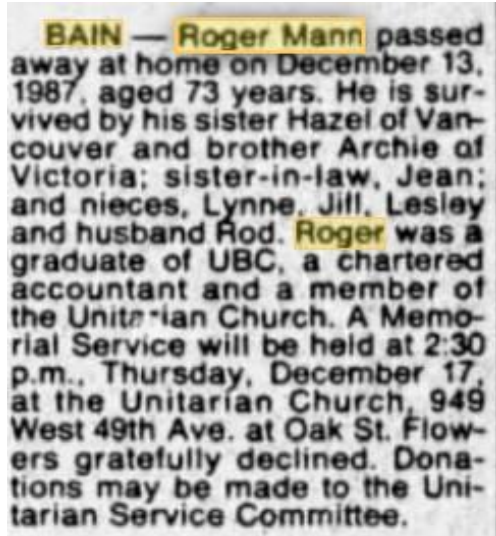
They had 3 children;

**Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:  
Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain**

First child: Roger Mann

B 1914 Vancouver

D 13 Dec 1987 Vancouver



**Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury  
Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain**

Second child: Archie Cockburne

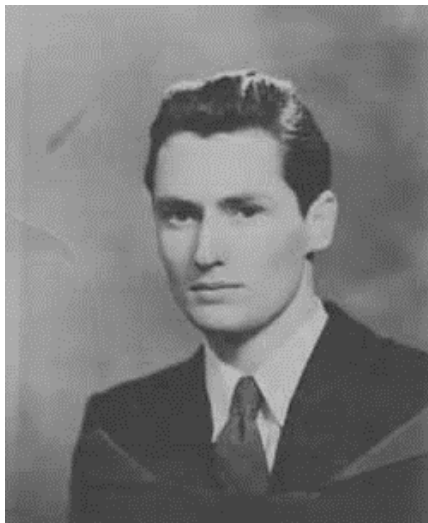
B 31 Oct 1919 Vancouver

D 04 Jun 2010 Victoria (see UBC Obit)

Archie led an interesting life.

Archibald Cockburne Bain, BA'42

Archie was born in Vancouver on October 31, 1919, and passed away on June 4, 2010. After receiving his BA and subsequent teacher training in 1942, Archie enlisted in the RCAF. During a short Christmas break, he married fellow student Jean Anderson, BA'40, Dip (Soc WK)'41 on December 24, 1942. Specialized radar training followed



immediately at MIT Barton and Corpus Christie, Texas. He was then posted with one other Canadian radar technician to a remote RAF station at Cruden Bay in Scotland.

Archie's five years at UBC were rewarding ones because of the many activities he enjoyed, including the Players Club, Debating Society, History Club, Social Problems Club, Student Christian Movement, and student politics. In first year, he took the lead in Playboy of the Western World, then several other roles such as Lord Bingley in Pride and Prejudice, followed by some directing – Trojan Women, for one. In his graduate year, the Players Club alumni had Archie do an evening of Shakespeare readings with the visiting young Leonard Bernstein, this memorable event was in honour of Leonard, friend of the prominent Buckerfield family. Leonard and Archie made a handsome pair indeed. These extra-curricular activities earned Archie a Literary and Scientific Executive Honorary Award.

At war's end, after teaching for a year in Vancouver schools, Arch made a complete career change. Remarkably, with no farming experience, he decided to apply under the Veteran's Farm

Act to purchase an ocean front acreage in Greater Victoria, an area later becoming Central Saanich. This was a bulb-growing area at the time, and Archie became acquainted with the Saanich Peninsula Bulb Growers Association, who employed him as secretary-manager and encouraged him to try to make a go as a bulb grower. This led to building greenhouses and starting the first tropical plant business on Vancouver Island. Archie Bain tropical plants soon began to appear in government and business offices, florist shops throughout the Island, supermarkets and in shipments to the western provinces.

Throughout, Arch continued a lifelong interest in acting, singing and music, and playing guitar and piano. He took several roles in the Victoria Theatre Guild such as *The Heiress*, and Chekhov's *Marriage Proposal* – both plays winning Drama Festival Awards. There were also singing roles in the Victoria Operatic Society, such as *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Oklahoma* and *South Pacific*. Music played a big part in Jean and Archie's home life with their three daughters, Lynne, Lesley and Jill who graduated from the University of Victoria. Lesley and Jill later attended UBC for graduate studies in social work and art history. With a strong belief in the value of any kind of education, they established a scholarship at UVic in social work with a child welfare specialty. Because the UBC auditorium holds so many memories, a donation was made for its refurbishment, thus putting Archie's name on one of the beautiful new seats in 2010. There had been time for travel, often with family, to the UK, Europe, Turkey, Buenos Aires, the United States and Mexico. Truly, Archie found a remarkable and rich balance in life, as student, entrepreneur, actor, musician and much-loved family man. He will be missed forever.

## Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

### Children of Florence Prouse and Archie Bain

Last child and daughter: Hazel Doreen

B 09 Jul 1916 Vancouver

D unknown – after 1987



Women representing the UNRRA and other organizations embark at Newport News, Va., 1944. Courtesy National Archives.

Hazel was a secretary in Vancouver. She went to work for the League of Nations after WWII to assist in the refugee recovery plans in Europe. This was later reorganized with the formation of the United Nations into the Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She was in Poland working for the UNRRA at the same time as Seldon cousin Thomas Brook Seldon was there. I wonder if they crossed paths.

### Headquarters, Washington

Of the initial eighty UNRRAIDS appointed, twenty left Canada to serve as secretaries within Washington headquarters. There, they gained valuable experience resulting in their subsequent promotions and appointments abroad when UNRRA's missions opened, most notably to China. Nonetheless, despite UNRRA's avowed gender equality, there were definite gender barriers to women's upward mobility within the Administration, as the experiences of many of them – **Hazel Doreen Bain**, Ruth Winona Buckler, Vivian Yvette Clarke, Virginia Mae Fenwick, Freda Whitely Graham, Frances Wilkinson Hall, Eva May Heath, Kathleen Jane Robinson House, Pearl Lischinsky Mandel, Nancy Josephine Robb, Stella Marie Smith, Vivian Doris Stack, and Margot Olive Thoms – illustrate. The following were also among the Canadians at Washington headquarters.

## Old Home Week

Up and down the corridors of government buildings now, it's more than likely you'll bump into someone from Vancouver. Dottie passes along gossip from a few ~~of the lassies in~~ her latest letter. In the same office are HAZEL BAIN, who with her roommate, OLIVE FREEMAN, threw a party for WENDY HAYES when she came to Washington from her job at Dayton, Ohio, BETTY PRENTICE and ETHEL NIELSON.

Her primary residence was Washington, DC. Throughout her career she had many overseas postings. She remained single her entire life and is believed to have retired to Vancouver.

Vancouver Sun 26 Jan, 1944

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

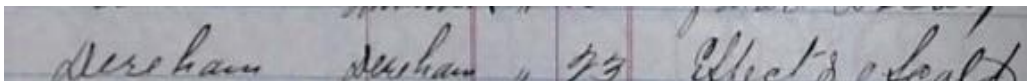
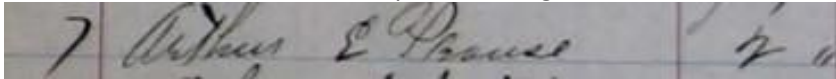
### Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Fourth child: Arthur Embury

B 13 Apr 1889 Dereham

D 23 Aug 1891 Dereham

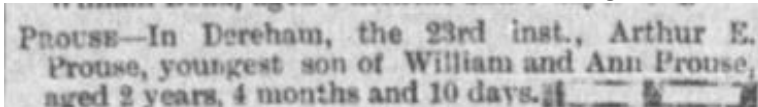
He was scalded to death when a pot of boiling water drenched him. Death: "effect of scald"



IRC records

Arthur was buried with uncle and aunt John Prouse and Ann Newton- his marker notes:

"Arthur E., son of William & Annie Prouse, died August 23, 1891, aged 2 years, 4 months and 10 days"



Ingersoll Chronicle Aug 27, 1891

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

Fifth child: Lois Gertrude

B 13 Jan 1891 Dereham

D unknown

M 1916 Calgary

Spouse: Thomas Mordon Gibson

B 15 Jun 1894 Toronto

D 03 July 1976 White Rock, BC

After her three sisters abandoned the Alberta family farm for life in Vancouver, Lois was the only daughter left at home. Why did she not go with them? She was not the oldest and knew better nor was she the youngest and could not go. Was there a young man courting her? Apparently not as by the 1916 census, 7 years after her sisters left, Lois was still single and at home at age 27. However, almost immediately after the census was taken, Lois married Ontario born Thomas Gibson who was a single man living alone as a farmer in the local Alberta region. He had applied for a homesteading grant as a minor at Bow Island Alberta, about 25 km SW of Medicine Hat. Sometime in the late 1910s the family also lived in Saskatoon as three children were born there. By the 1931 census the family had given up farming and were living in the town of Peace River Alberta 350 km NW of Edmonton and where Thomas was an electrician supporting three teenage children.

APPLICATION BY A MINOR FOR THE RESERVATION OF A HOMESTEAD.

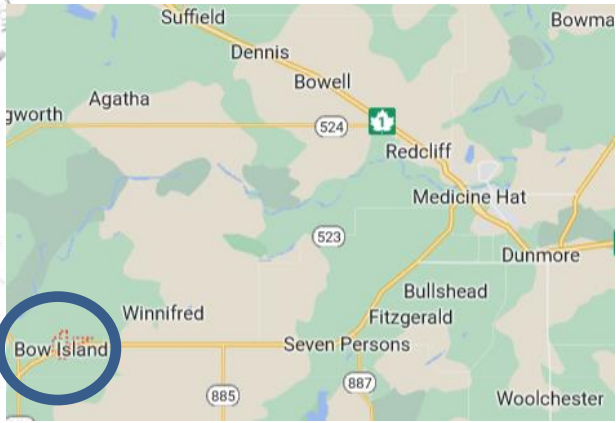
I, Thomas Morden Gibson  
of Bow Island Alt do hereby apply,  
under the provisions of Sub-Section 3 of Section 9 of the Dominion Lands Act; for the reservation of  
the N.E. Quarter-Section of Section Number 20 in Township 7  
Range 12 of the 4 Meridian, until 15  
Jan 1912 which does not exceed 12 months from this date; with a view to my obtaining entry  
thereof as a homestead as soon as I attain the age of eighteen years.

I am in permanent residence on the N.E. Quarter-Section of Section  
Number 28 in Township 8 Range 10 of the 4  
Meridian, now held under entry (or, as the case may be), owned and occupied by John Morden  
Gibson father  
I am a British subject.

DOM. LANDS OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ District.  
John Morden Gibson  
APD 23 9 25 AM '11 19. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—The original application called for below will be obtained and filed in by Agent when granted entry.

Number of Section including portion, if any, of other sections.	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	SUB-DIVISION OR COUNTRY OF BIRTH.	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE.	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION.
17	Canada	Ontario	Alberta	Farm



**GIBSON — July 3rd, 1976,**  
**Thomas Morden Gibson of 864**  
**Stayte Road, Surrey. Aged 82**  
**years. Survived by his loving**  
**wife, Beryl; one son, Earl,**  
**Surrey; two daughters, Evelyn**  
**Hurst, Slocan; Shelly Huban,**  
**Chilliwack; one brother, Eugene**  
**Gibson, Bow Island, Alberta; one**  
**sister, Mrs. Fay Rudd, Medicine**  
**Hat; also seven grandchildren;**

The Lethbridge Telegram  
23 Nov 1916, Thu · Page 5

An interesting marriage ceremony  
took place at Bow Island on Wednes-  
day, November 15th, between Miss  
Lois Gertrude Prouse, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prouse, and Mr.  
Thomas Morden Gibson, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. J.N. Gibson, of Maleb.

We know they had at least three children and Thomas remarried after Lois death.

- Evelyn (Hurst) B 1919 Saskatchewan  
D 2001 Slocan Valley, BC
- Earl Gibson B 1918 Saskatchewan  
D 2000 Surrey, BC
- Gertrude B 1913 Saskatchewan  
D unknown



Evelyn Gibson and Victor Hurst 1936 Slocan BC

**GIBSON**

Earl Morden, peacefully at Surrey, B.C. on  
Wednesday, June 21, 2000 aged 82 years.  
Predeceased by his loving wife Margaret,  
Earl is survived by his daughters, Brenda  
Craigie, Deane and her husband Lawrence  
and June Schuurman. He also leaves 8  
grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, his  
sister, Evelyn Hurst, of Slocan, step-sister  
Shelley, step-mother Beryl Gibson and many  
dear friends. A memorial service will be held  
at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, at the  
Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 15, on Laurel  
Street in Abbotsford.



**Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott  
Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:**

**Sixth child: Edith Alwilda** B 25 Oct 1892 Dereham  
D 17 Oct 1969 St. Louis, Missouri  
M 20 Apr 1916 Vancouver

**Spouse: William Charles** B 05 Mar 1887 Edinburgh, Scotland emigrated 1911 to Halifax on the Canadian ship "Scotian".  
D 12 Jan 1974 St. Louis

*Courtesy Vancouver World April 1916*

A quiet but very pretty military wedding took place on Thursday morning at St. John's Presbyterian church when Miss Edith Prowse, formerly of Lethbridge, was married to Captain William Charles of the 11th C.M.R. The bride was accompanied by her father, Mr. Milne, and as the bridal couple left the church for their automobile, members of the 11th C.M.R. formed a guard of honor. Capt. and Mrs. Charles will reside in Victoria until the groom leaves for overseas. The bride is well known in the city, having resided with Mr. E. P. Miller for some time.—Vancouver World.

Mrs. William Charles and small son of Lethbridge are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. Bains of this city. Mrs. Charles resided in Vancouver until last year, when Captain Charles went overseas, and she has since been with her parents in Alberta.

*Courtesy: Vancouver Sun June 1917*

**William Charles Dies;  
Civic Leader, Accountant**

Private funeral services for William Charles, St. Louis civic leader and retired certified public accountant, will be held Saturday in Vancouver, Canada.


Mr. Charles, 86 years old, was found dead in his apartment at 709 South Skinker Boulevard Saturday. His death was apparently from a heart ailment.

Mr. Charles was a partner in the accounting firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co. and was in charge of the firm's St. Louis office from 1934 until his retirement in 1947.

He was the winner of the St. Louis Award in 1951 and headed the Greater St. Louis Community Chest, now the United Fund, in 1952. In both years, he was a member of the St. Louis Board of Education. He received the award for his work as chairman of the citizens advisory committee to the Board of Education. The committee conducted a one-year study of the city's school system and recommended various improvements.

Mr. Charles was a founder of the St. Louis chapter of the Heart Association.

Surviving is a son, Donald Charles, of New Jersey.



William Charles  
Civic leader dead

**Abernathy Urges  
Ouster Of Nixon**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14 (AP) — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference feels

*St Louis Post Dispatch Jan 1974*

Edith was noted in paperwork as having finished 4 grades of high school. She was a 5'4" blonde with blue eyes. Husband William Charles participated in WWI. In June 1917, Edith and son William Ian were living with her parents in Lethbridge while her husband William Charles was overseas in WW1. After the war, William was a tax auditor. The family moved to the US in 1920 as he worked for the accounting firm Price Waterhouse in Seattle. He transferred with the company in 1923 to Chicago where their second son was born and he and Edith obtained their US citizenship. The family was on the move again, transferred by the accounting firm to St. Louis in the later 1920s. In 1937 she travelled to visit her husband's family in Scotland on the SS Saratoga. He retired at age 61 according to 1950 census and lived out his life in the St. Louis area. Edith died of breast cancer after eight years of having the disease in October of 1969 in St. Louis. She was 76.

## Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

### Children of Edith Prouse and William Charles

**Oldest: William Ian**     B 11 Feb 1917 Medicine Hat  
D 16 Apr 1961 St Louis WWII  
Staff Sargent unmarried vet.

William worked for the Fuller Brush Co. up until WWII. After the war, the 1950 Census of St. Louis listed William as a lodger at the downtown YMCA and he was working as a file clerk for the US Army at the age of 33. He died at age 44.



## Grandchildren of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

### Children of Edith Prouse and William Charles

**Second: Donald Embury**     B 18 May, 1924  
Evanston, Ill.  
D 21 Mar, 2000 Eatonville Ill.

**DONALD E. CHARLES**, 75, of EATONTOWN, died Tuesday, March 21, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. He was self-employed in the printing business before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri. Born in Illinois, he lived in Fair Haven, moving to Eatontown 25 years ago.

He was predeceased by his parents, William and Edith Prouse Charles and one brother. Surviving are a son, William Gordon Charles of Jackson, Wyo.; a daughter, Katherine Charles-Robb, Burlington, Vt. and two grandchildren, Maxx and Zoe Robb.

In 1942, Donald was a strapping 6' 1" 18 year old at Lawrenceville Prep School in Lawrenceville, NJ. The school is still considered today as one of the elite private schools in the United States. He withdrew from the school in his final year to enlist in the US Army. After the war, he went back to school. He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri and the Saeta Beta Tan Fraternity house. He was a 26 year old college student when he graduated before running a printing business in New Jersey.

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury

**Seventh child: Grace Elizabeth**     B 01 Apr 1895 Dereham  
D 26 Jan 1981 Whittier, Ca. Buried Forest Lawn, Glendale Ca.  
M 1914

Spouse: James G Carson     B 1881. Emmigrated from Ireland 1905  
D 1919 Killiam, Alberta  
M 23 Sept 1922 St. Louis

Spouse: Benjamin Thayer     B abt 1887  
D before 1940 unknown

No. 31371

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**DECLARATION OF INTENTION**

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

United States of America,  
Southern District of California, ss: County of Los Angeles

In the District Court of the United States.

I, William Detler Prowse, aged 27 years, occupation Salesman, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 153 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Gray, other visible distinctive marks None

I was born in Ingersoll, Canada on the 7th day of August, anno Domini 1897; I now reside at 357 N. Oak St. Glendale, California.

I emigrated to the United States of America from Vancouver, Canada on the vessel Great Northern Ry.; my last foreign residence was Vancouver, Canada; I am Not married; the name of my wife is \_\_\_\_\_; she was born at \_\_\_\_\_ and now resides at \_\_\_\_\_

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to \_\_\_\_\_ of whom I am now a subject;

I arrived at the port of Blaine in the State of Washington, on or about the 19th day of March, anno Domini 1920; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

William Detler Prowse  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Los Angeles, Cal., this 16th day of Dec.

The 1916 census had Grace married to James Carson and living in Calgary. James Carson was a bank inspector. Grace was 21 years old and her husband was 35 when they married. A daughter Grace (age 1) was with them. Daughter Grace's life history is unknown. James Carson was dead by 1919 for reasons unknown.

Grace is next seen in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1922. She married Benjamin Thayer from the same city. Grace had crossed the Mississippi River and was living in St Louis, Missouri in the 1940 census and was a widowed 52 year old stenographer. There is some confusion in the census as she is listed as French Canadian. At some point Grace moved to the Los Angeles area. She lived alone in Whittier, Ca. under the Thayer name. Her death was in 1981 and she is buried near or beside her mother Ann Embury (even though a St. Louis newspaper listed Grace as passing at her daughter Edith's home in St. Louis).

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prowse Sr and Mary Elliott

### Children of William Prowse and Ann Eliza Embury

#### Eighth child: William Detler

B 07 Aug 1896 Alberta

D unknown likely Glendale, Ca.

M 1932 Glendale

Spouse: Grace Brickenoff

B unknown

D unknown

Youngest son William left the farm around 1916 and moved to Vancouver where three of his sisters lived. He have been about 20 years old. In 1923, he was a salesman and he crossed into the US from Vancouver. He was headed to California to make his fame and fortune.

It appears that after father William Prowse died in 1923, William's mother Anna Embury made her way to live with son William in LA. The 1930 census listed that she arrived in LA in 1928. The Los Angeles phone books of 1932 indicated that Ann Embury (Prowse) lived with her son William and they rented at 216 S Central Ave. Glendale, now the Glendale Galleria shopping complex. LA county records show that William married Grace Brickenoff in 1933. It looks like new wife and mother-in-law could not co-exist as mother Ann was no longer living with William by the time of the 1933 phone directory. In fact, she was now living back in Vancouver. I suspect William's new wife had a say in the matter.

His mother lived with him from 1923 – 1932.

Prowse Anna E Mrs r 216 S Central av  
" Wm D agt Prudential h 216 S Central

1932 LA directory

Prowse Wm D (Grace) agt Prudential Ins  
Co h 1038 Spazier

1933 LA directory

William became an American citizen. He worked as an insurance agent. Another trail goes dry on this family as William cannot be located past this point. My expectations are he is buried near his mother and sisters in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, Ca..

## Grandchildren of Thomas Prouse Sr. and Mary Elliott Children of William Prouse and Ann Eliza Embury:

**Ninth and Last child: Mildred Trinity** B 14 Mar 1900 Alberta  
 D 15 Aug 1966 Orange Co.  
 M 02 July 1927  
 Spouse: Alfred Sherwood B unknown born in Conneticut.  
 D unknown

The Trinity name lived on in Mildred. She was too young to accompany her sisters to Vancouver in 1910 when the left en mass and stayed on the family grain farm. She was eleven years old when she lived with her mother and siblings in the 1911 census in Lethbridge.

Form 1-Canada										
LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION										
Required by the regulations of Secretary of Labor										
23	17990									
24	191681	Prouse	BSI	Mildred Trinity	21	F	S	"	"	"
25	191682	Carson	BSI	Grace Elizabeth	5	F	S	"	"	"
<p>Englishes Lodge, Vancouver, B.C.</p> <p>Father, William Prouse, Bow Island, Alta</p> <p>Grand father,</p>										

There are lots of interesting questions found in a ship manifest noted above about a trip from Vancouver to San Francisco in 1921. The manifest indicated that 21 year old Mildred was travelling with her niece, 5 year old Grace Carson to visit Grace's mother and Mildred's sister Grace Carson in San Francisco.

So who is little Grace Carson? Grace Prouse was married previously to a James Carson who died in 1919 in Alberta. James Carson was a bank inspector and the family lived in Calgary until his death. Grace was the child of her mother's marriage to James Carson. Did the child's mother travel to San Francisco on her own at an earlier date and the young child lived with her grandparents? Once established in San Francisco did mother Grace ask her sister to bring the child from her grandparent's home? There is no mention of the child Grace again. Mother Grace Carson would gone on to marry Benjamin Thayer in St. Louis in 1922. Sister Mildred stayed in San Francisco. Mildred married an insurance broker, Wilbur Sherwood in San Francisco in 1927. They later divorced and in the 1940s and 1950s she lived by herself in an apartment in Glendale, Ca. and was a bookkeeper. Her Glendale residence would mean she moved closer to her brother William and sister Grace. She died the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1966 and is buried in

Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood with sister Grace Thayer, brother William and mother Ann Embury Prouse.

The Thomas Prouse and Mary Elliott family first arrived in Dereham/W Oxford in 1846. They and their progeny have farmed thousands of acres in Dereham and North Dorchester townships through the decades and have left a mark on the townships ever since. Those that travelled to seek fame and fortune spread themselves across North America.

<p><b>FIRST ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC</b></p> <p><b>Of the Prouse Family—Held Yesterday at Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse</b></p> <p>From Friday's Daily.</p> <p>An event of unusual interest to a large number took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse, West Oxford yesterday, the occasion being the first annual re-union picnic of the Prouse family. Members of the family to the number of about one hundred were in attendance from Mt. Elgin, Avon, Saiford, Foldens, Putnam, Dereham Centre, Dickson's Corners, Dorchester, Rayside, Ingersoll and Atlan'a, Ga.</p>	<p>By noon all the guests had arrived and the party sat down to tables groaning under the weight of delicious viands. When all had done ample justice to the good things provided the balance of the day was most pleasantly spent in music, races, games, baseball, football, and speech-making.</p> <p>Following are the prize-winners in the various racing events;—</p> <p>Girls' race under six years--1st, C. Henderson; 2nd, E. Court; 3rd, A. George.</p> <p>Boys' race, under eight--1st, W. George, 2nd, T. Connor.</p> <p>Girls under eight--1st, S. Henderson; 2nd, M. Gregg; 3rd, E. Court.</p> <p>Boys' race, under twelve--1st, W. Gilbert; 2nd, R. George.</p> <p>Boys under sixteen--1st, A. George; 2nd, J. Harris; 3rd, E. George.</p> <p>Ladies' race, free for all--1st, Mrs. Geo. Gregg; 2nd, Miss Alberta Prouse; 3rd, Mrs. Wm. Court.</p> <p>Mens' race, free for all--1st, Wilbur Prouse; 2nd, Geo. Wood; 3rd, W. George.</p> <p>The host, Mr. John Prouse, very ably occupied the chair and the following responded to the call for speeches; Chas. George, Henry George, Henry Gregg, Osmond Lyman, and S. J. Prouse.</p> <p>It was decided to hold the picnic on the third Thursday of August in each year, and an invitation was extended by Mr. S. J. Prouse, to hold next year's gathering at his farm, the old Prouse homestead in Dereham.</p>
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The first Prouse family reunion Aug 1910  
Ingersoll Chronicle

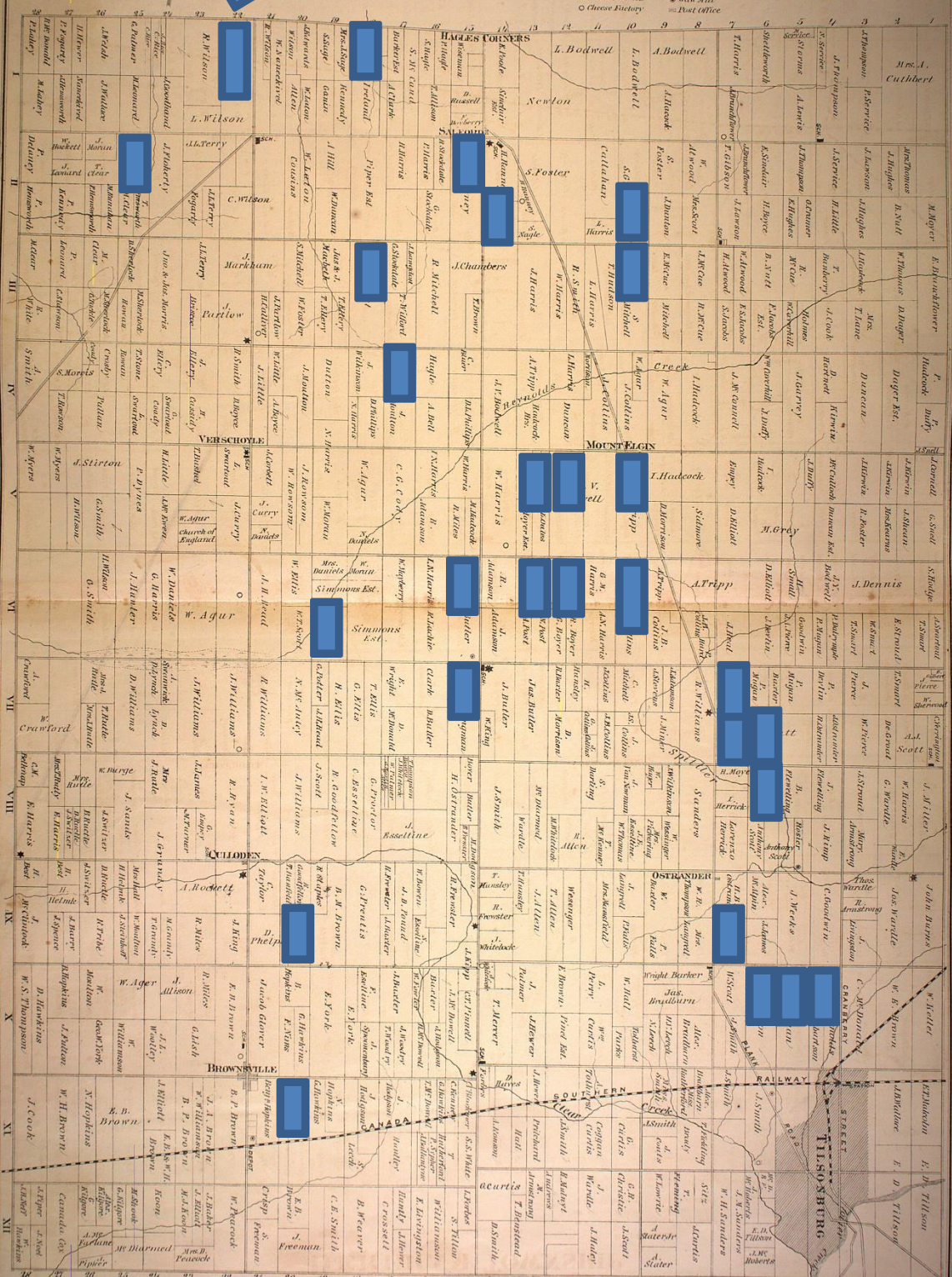
The following page has a map of Dereham Township indicating some of the location of arms associated with the Prouse family. This map is a depiction of the various family properties in Dereham County over a number of decades. No attempt has been made to judge scale or size of the properties. Some farms may have been the full two hundred acre concession lots, others less. I have decided on an average 100 acre size. This map does not represent present day ownership by Prouse descendants

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## REFERENCE

- Church
- School House
- Cheese Factory
- 61st Mill
- 8th Mill
- Post Office



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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 ancestral 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 your as mine. Take a bow.

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Glenn Elliott  
Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.  
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