

# Book 4:

## The Elliotts of Devon and Oxford

### Maria Elliott and William (Elliott) Seldon and Family

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

Book 1

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

IRC – Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Con – township concession

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# William (Elliott) Seldon and Maria Elliott Family

## Third child of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Child: Maria B 29 Dec 1812 Bradworthy, Hartland Parish, Devon  
D 16 Oct 1890 N. Oxford  
M 07 April 1841 Morenstown, Cornwall

Spouse: William (Elliott) Seldon B 30 Sept 1808 his grave marker says a native of Cornwall  
D 30 Apr 1880 Woodstock or N Oxford

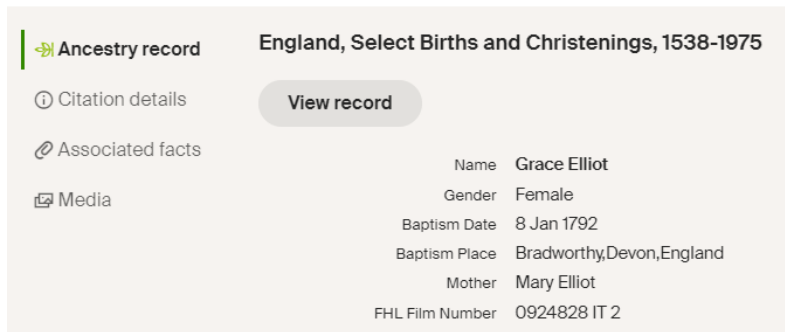
Maria was christened 12 Feb 1813 in Woolsery Devon and was noted as the “dau(ghter) John and Mary Elliott of Ash in Bradworthy, Farmer”

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

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

### Grace Elliott Birth and Baptism Record

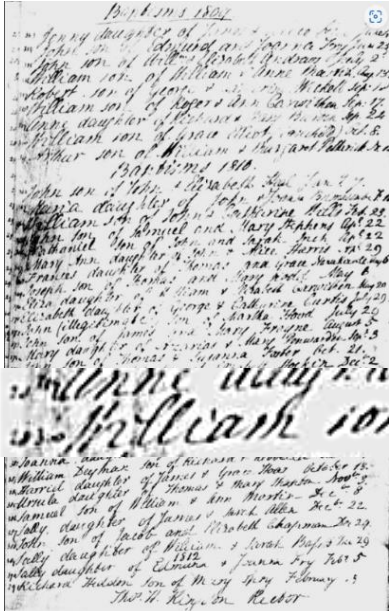
Source citation for England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975



The screenshot shows an Ancestry record for Grace Elliott. It includes a 'View record' button and a table of details:

Name	Grace Elliott
Gender	Female
Baptism Date	8 Jan 1792
Baptism Place	Bradworthy, Devon, England
Mother	Mary Elliott
FHL Film Number	0924828 IT 2

### Thomas Seldon's Will



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

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

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

Thomas Seldon of this Parish  
 and Grace Elliott of this Parish  
 were married in this Church by Thos with Consent of  
Parents this twenty third Day of  
March in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty six  
 By me Thos. A. Kippin  
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { The mark of Thomas Seldon  
The mark of Grace Elliott  
 In the Presence of { Wm. C. Webb  
John C. Webb  
 No. 74.

Grace was listed as a "sojourner" meaning she was temporarily living in the parish. William would have been 17 years old at the time of his mother's marriage. She would have been 34 years old. She and Thomas Seldon had three children of their own. William may have taken on his stepfather's name around that time. William Elliott Seldon lived with his mother and much younger Seldon step siblings in Morwenstow. William was fortunate to have his mother marry a successful farmer who was able to provide for them. William most probably changed his name to take advantage of the possibility of sharing in the Seldon wealth. Unfortunately, Thomas Seldon died the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1844. He would have been about 62 years old. His death coincided with the 1843 Elliott migration and may have been a

<p><b>SELDON Grace.</b> Effects under £300.</p>	<p>15 May. Letters of Administration of the Personal estate and effects of Grace Seldon late of the Parish of Moorwinstow in the County of <b>Cornwall</b> Widow deceased who died 24 September 1857 at Moorwinstow aforesaid were granted at <b>Bodmin</b> to Thomas Seldon of Moorwinstow aforesaid Yeoman and Elizabeth Ann Seldon of the same place Spinster two of the Children of the said Deceased they having been first sworn.</p>	<p>factor in stepson William's decision to move to Canada in 1847. As for Grace, she died in 1857 in Morwenstow. The English 1851 census lists her as a widow with three labourers working</p>
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on her 80-acre farm. Her estate paperwork indicated that her "two children" from her marriage to Thomas Seldon were the beneficiaries of the estate. William was in Canada at that time.

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

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

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

Registration District Morwenstow

Marriage solemnized at Morwenstow in the County of Cornwall

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

Married in the Church of the Holy Trinity and vicarage of the Church of Christ by R. S. Hawker Vicar

This marriage was solemnized between us, William Elliott and Mariah Elliott in the presence of us, Thomas Prouse and Mary Prouse

Registrar D. J. [unclear] Superintendent Registrar  
Date 3.10.2002

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

✓ [William Elliot-Seldon of Morwenstow](#) - (Morwenstow - Cornwall)

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

Courtesy: The Curious Fox

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

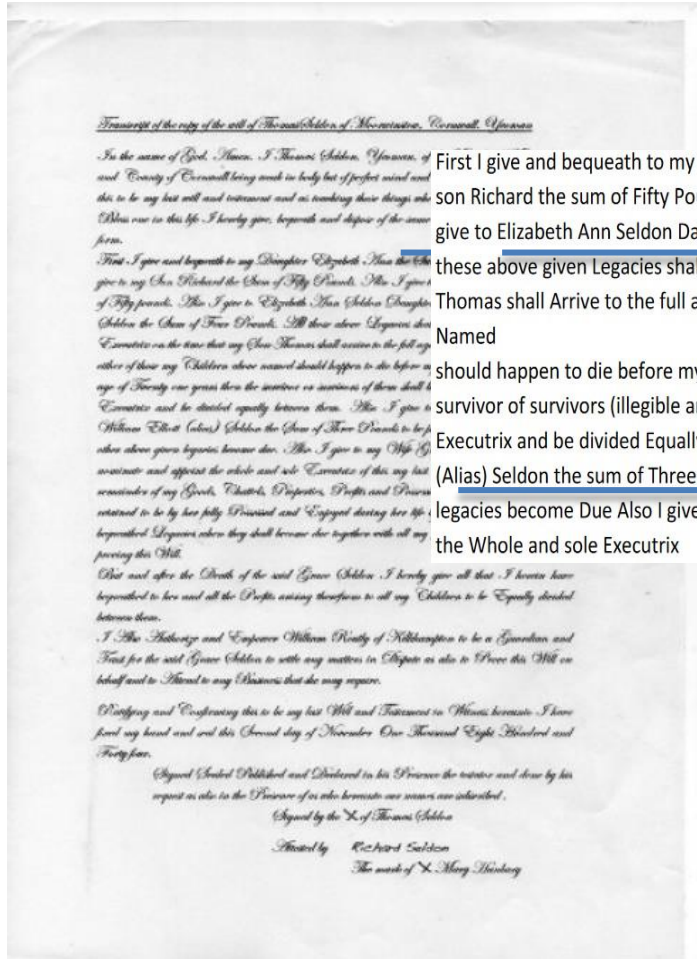
“Morwenstow is the most northerly parish in the county of Cornwall and blessed with some of the best scenery. You could be forgiven for arriving in Morwenstow and thinking, 'where's the village?'. The church stands by the sea cliffs, neighbored only by the rectory built by Hawker, and a farm. An 1841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

Excerpt sent from Lesley Seldon – Seldon English Family Book

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

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

Portion of Thomas Seldon's will edited and transcribed:



First I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Ann the sum of Fifty Pounds Also I give to my son Richard the sum of Fifty Pounds Also I give to my son Thomas the Sum of Fifty Pounds Also I give to Elizabeth Ann Seldon Daughter of William Elliot (alias) Seldon the sum of Four Pounds All these above given Legacies shall be Paid by my Undernamed Executrix on the time that my son Thomas shall Arrive to the full age of Twenty one years But if Either of those my Children Above Named should happen to die before my Son Thomas Survives to the age of Twenty one years then the survivor of survivors (illegible and erased) of them ~~then~~ shall be Paid his or her share by my Executrix and be divided Equally between them Also I give to Thomas Seldon son of William Elliot (Alias) Seldon the sum of Three Pounds to be Paid him the same time that the other above given legacies become Due Also I give to my Wife Grace Seldon Whom I hereby Nominate and Appoint the Whole and sole Executrix

The Will acknowledges that William Seldon is William Elliott

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

R F Hawkers: Life and Letters of Morenstow

Woodford				
	Mary Seldon	90		9
	Thos King	30	+ Ag Lab	4
	John Hamell	15		4
No 1	Richard Black	45	Ag Lab	4
	Joan Clark	45		4
	Thomas Clark	14		4
	Grace Clark	10		4
	Sam Clark	8		4
	Richard Clark			4
No 1	Wm Seldon	30	Farmst	4
	Maria Seldon	25		4
	Rich Seldon	6		4

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



Woodford, Morwenstow is six kilometers or four miles from Bradworthy, Devon where Maria and William were both baptized and the original home of the John Elliott family. It is highly likely that the couple could have met due to close proximity. It should also be noted that there was an elderly woman named Mary Hodge living in Woodford. Hodge is one of the maiden names that has been put forward for Maria's mother Mary Elliott. Could the elderly Mary Hodge be Maria's grandmother?

A portion of the 1851 census of N. Oxford is missing from government census records, so there is no census confirmation of the Seldon family living in N. Oxford in 1851. An Onland.ca property paper trail exists for William Seldon in that he purchased 100 acres of land at Con 3, Lot 7 N. Oxford Township on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1847. This land is about 5 kilometers north east of the Village on the Thames which was renamed Ingersoll when incorporated in 1852. William made a following purchase of another adjacent 100 acres in April 1855. Two hundred acres of land was a considerable amount in that era and

would require a significant amount of labour to clear and William had sons that ranged in age from 7 to 12 years of age in 1855. I suspect that his brother-in-law John Elliott, who lived a concession away, was able to assist.

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

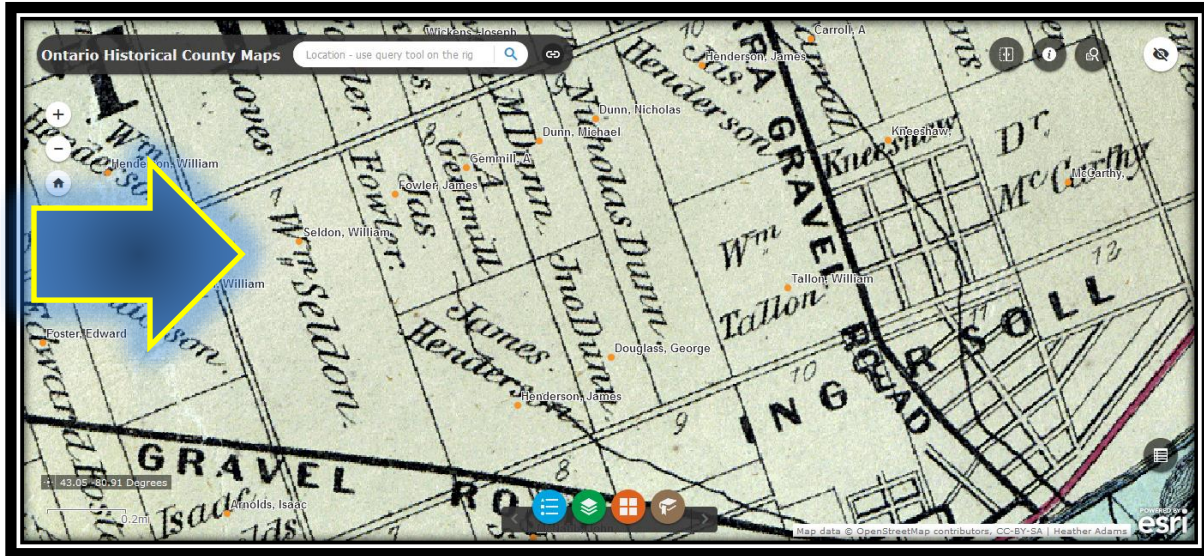
REGISTRY.	GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	QUANTITY.	COMM.
1811	The Crown	Mr John Simons	200 acres	
1818 April 1849	Mrs Simons, Widow,	Charles St. Turner	200 "	
1823 14 Dec 1834	Charles St. Turner	James Crooks		
	order and 7 up, reserves claim	of title & possession of lands in No		
	same by public in private sale.			
1821 3 Sept 1835	Chas. St. Turner	James Crooks		
	to execute mortgages & releases			
1847 10 Aug 1847	Charles St. Turner by his attorney James Crooks	William Seldon	100 acres	
1855 23 Feb 1855	Charles St. Turner	William Seldon	100 "	
1855 24 Aug 1855	William Seldon & Wife	Alexander J. Green	100 "	£3.5.0
1855 28 Dec 1855	William Seldon & Wife	William Seldon		

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

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

Tremaine map - 1854



As noted, William purchased the 100 acres at Lot 7 Con 3 of North Oxford in 1847 and purchased the remaining 100 acres of the lot in 1855. By 1852, a gravel road linking Ingersoll to Thamesford was built through the southern corner of the lot. The road was a prime link for the Seldon's to adjacent communities. Multi generations of Seldons would continue to farm the property. In 1967, in conjunction with Canada's centennial, the farm was listed as a Centennial farm. This honour recognized

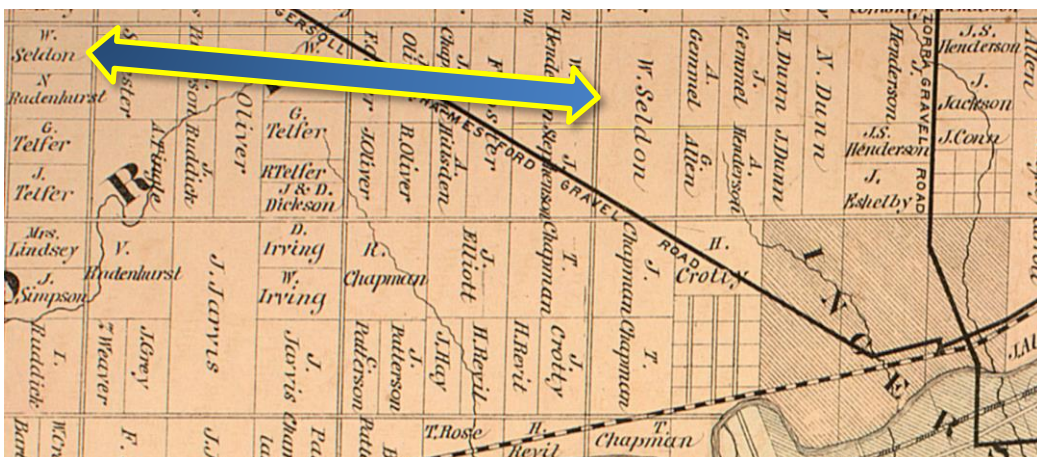


the farm as being in the possession of the same family from at least 1867 to 1967.

"A Centennial project initiated in 1967 by the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) identified farms meeting the criteria of being owned for 100 consecutive years by direct descendants of the same family and that a family member was still living on the farm, and that was still in active operation".

As per the Centennial Committee rules of 1967.

The family homestead of Con 3 Lot 7 was purchased in 1847. Con 3 Lot 24 of 50 acres was acquired in 1865.



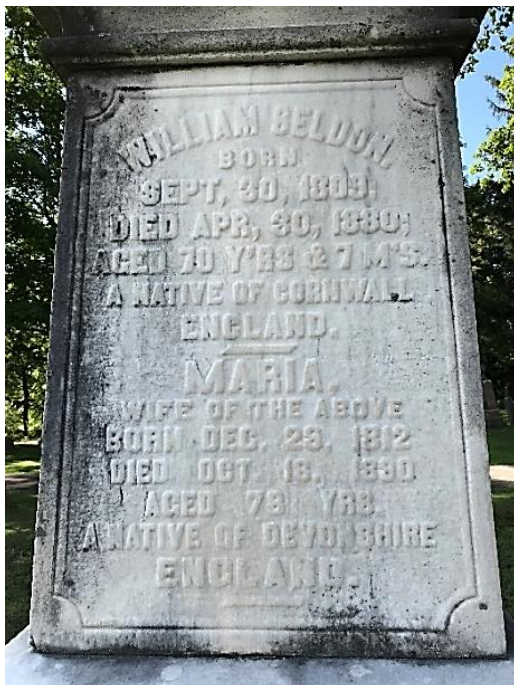


Maria and William, the patriarch and matriarch of the North Oxford Seldons, eventually had six children.

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

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

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

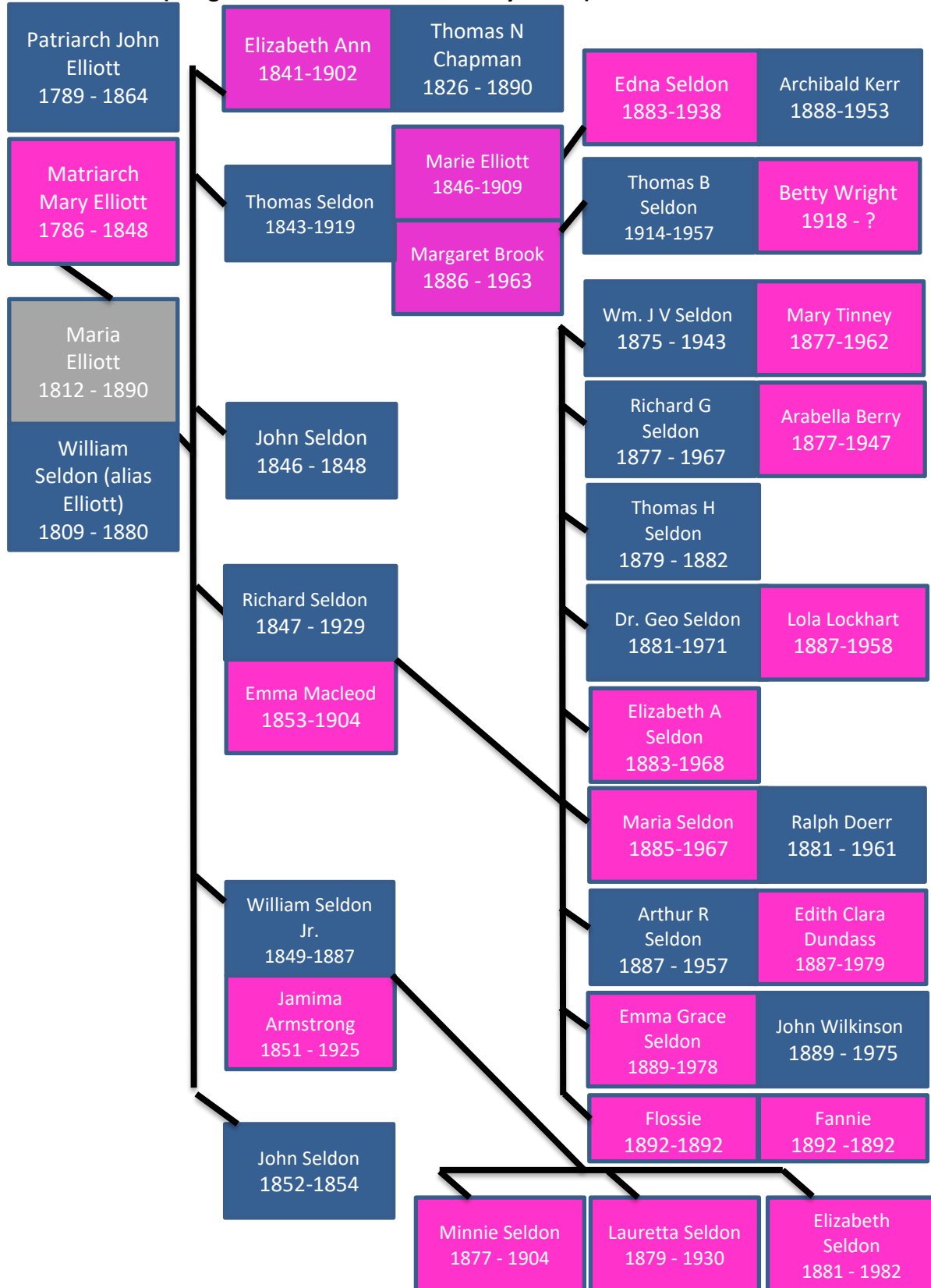


With the close proximity of Maria Elliott’s parents and siblings – as noted in Book 1, the influence of the group spread into the surrounding countryside and into the small villages and towns around Ingersoll that sprang up at that time. In conjunction with the growing influence, the Seldon family spread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

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

**Children and Spouses of ...**

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



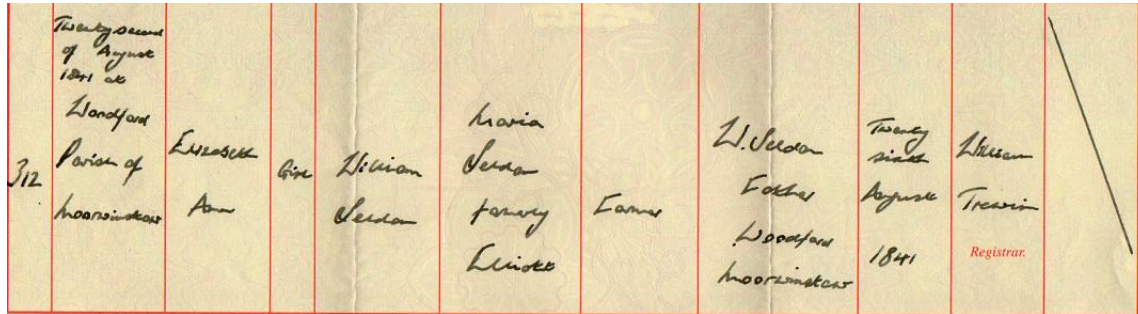
# Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

## Children of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

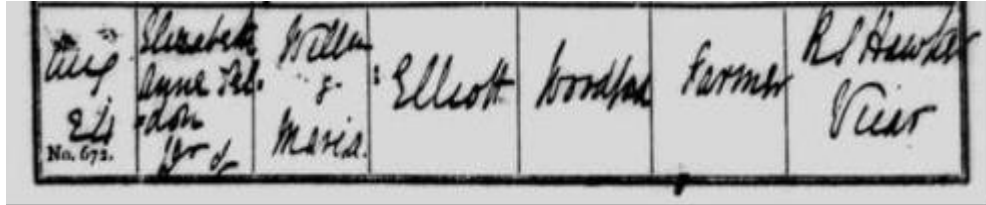
Oldest Child: Elizabeth Anne

B 22 Aug 1841 Woodford, Morwenstow, Cornwall  
 D 21 Apr 1902 Ingersoll buried IRC  
 M 25 Apr 1872 at the Seldon homestead  
 B 1826 New York State  
 D 21 Jan 1890 N Oxford buried IRC

Spouse: Thomas Nixon Chapman



Birth record: Elizabeth Ann at Woodford, Cornwall - daughter William (Elliott) Seldon.



Baptized Aug 24, 1841 with parents William and Maria Elliott (not named Seldon this time)



Elizabeth Anne Seldon



Anne Seldon and Thomas Chapman farm

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

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

April 24 1887, Exeter Advocate



Thomas Chapman  
Find A Grave photo

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

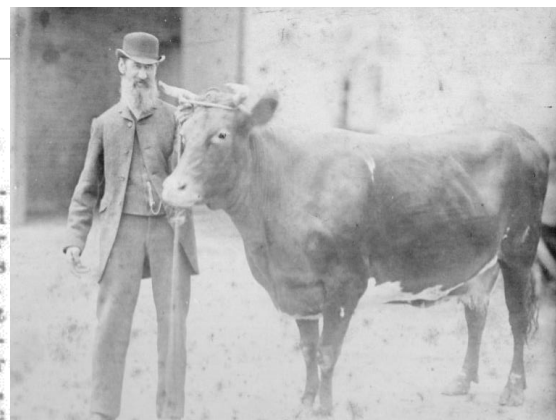
**50 COWS,**

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

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

**Lunch at Eleven O'clock**

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



March 25th, 1880. 1584i

**AUCTION SALE**

OF

**Farm Stock and Implements.**

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

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

**Tuesday, March 30, '80**

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

Both clippings: Ingersoll Chronicle March 1880

Ingersoll Chronicle Obituary Jan 23, 1890

**NEWS OF THE DISTRICT.**  
**NORTH OXFORD.**  
 Mr. Thos. Chapman, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the township, died at his home on Tuesday. He was stricken with influenza a few days ago which developed into inflammation of the lungs resulting fatally after a very brief illness. Deceased was 64 years of age. He leaves a wife but no family. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) at 2 p.m. to the Ingersoll rural cemetery.

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

**INGERSOLL DIRECTORY.**  
**Chapman Elizabeth, (wid Thomas) h s** **Chronicle**  
**s King w 23 w Oxfor d** **& Week**  
**Charles Street Methodist**

## Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

### Children of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

Second Child: Thomas

B 09 Jun 1843 Kilkhampton, Morwenstow, Cornwall

D 05 Dec 1919 Ingersoll

M 16 Apr 1867 York

Spouse: Maria Elliott

B 31 Jan 1846 York Toronto

D 16 May 1909 Ingersoll

M 10 No, 1910 Ingersoll

Spouse: Margaret Helena Brook

B 18 Apr 1886 Crediton, Devon England

D 08 Mar 1963 London, Ont.

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

Registration District Warwick in the County of Cornwall

Registration District									
1843 Birth in the Sub-district of <u>Kilkhampton</u> in the <u>County of Cornwall</u>									
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
436	<u>Nineteenth of June 1843 at Woodford Parish of Moorhinton</u>	<u>Thomas</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Lilian Seldon</u>	<u>Maria Seldon formerly Kinnock</u>	<u>Fanner</u>	<u>Maria Seldon Woodford Moorhinton</u>	<u>Twenty first June 1843</u>	<u>Lilian Treason Registrar.</u>

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

**North and West Oxford and Ingersoll Agricultural Show.**

**PRIZE LIST.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Left: Insert from Ingersoll Chronicle 1858

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

Chronicle 16 Mar, 1882

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

Times are hard this year sure enough, but the purveyors in the Ingersoll market made liberal preparations for the season, and lovers of good meat feasted their eyes on the finest display ever made in this town. Mr. Seldon's display was as follows:—  
A five-year-old heifer, fed by H. & L. Groff, Elmira, Ont., weighing 1,930 lbs.; took 2nd prize at the late Woodstock fair. A six-year-old Cow, fed by Mr. Williams, of Culloden, weighing 1,600 lbs. A two-year-old heifer, fed by Mr. White, of Blenheim, purchased at the late Woodstock fair, where it took first prize, weighing 1,560 lbs. A two-year-old Steer, fed by Mr. Wilson, East Oxford, weighing 1,755 lbs., being the largest steer killed in the town of Ingersoll. A 3-year-old Steer, bred by Mr. McCullough, Woodstock, weighing 1,600

Dec 27, 1883. Ingersoll Chronicle

Thomas married Maria Elliott of York County in 1867. She was the daughter of Devon born innkeeper William Elliott and wife Hannah Hill who were living in the township of Vaughan. Maria was the second of at least six children as per the 1861 Upper Canada census.

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

Seldon: William Seldon, Richard G. Seldon, George Seldon, Arthur Seldon, Amie Seldon, Maria Doerr and Emma Wilkinson children of my said brother; Edna Maria Kerr aforesaid; Thomas Seldon Kerr aforesaid; Archibald Seldon Kerr aforesaid; Lottie Loretta Seldon; Elisabeth Gertrude Seldon; Maria Elliott Sparling, Mabel Sparling, Millicent Sparling, Charles Sparling, Christopher Sparling and William Sparling children of Mrs. C. P. Sparling; Maud Elliott and William Lander, and each of any other children of Edna Maria Kerr aforesaid share and share alike, but in the event of any of the last named residuary legatees dying before me, or before having received his or her share, leaving issue then surviving, the share of the one so dying shall go to his or her children equally; otherwise, to the survivors of the said residuary legatees last named.

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

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

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

*Thos Seldon*

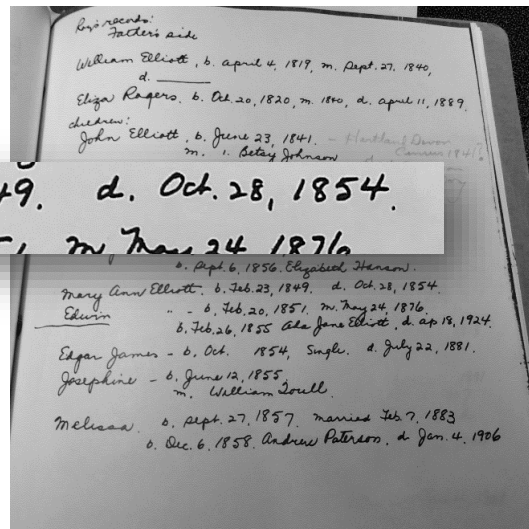
aforesaid; Lottie Loretta Seldon; Elisabeth Gertrude Seldon; Maria Elliott Sparling, Mabel Sparling, Millicent Sparling, Charles Sparling, Christopher Sparling and William Sparling children of Mrs. C. P. Sparling; Maud Elliott and William Lander, and each of any other children of Edna Maria Kerr aforesaid share and share alike, but in the event of any of the last named residuary legatees dying before me, or



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

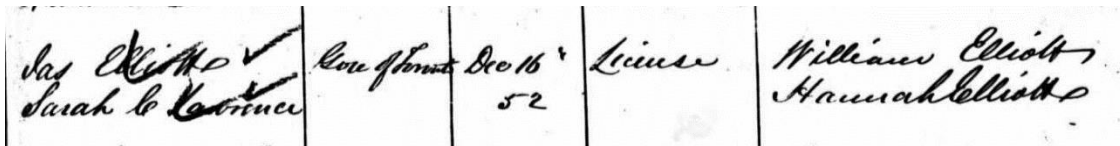
Alternative family trees have made the rounds on Ancestry websites regarding Maria (Mary) Seldon's parents. There has been speculation that she was an illegitimate daughter of Thomas Seldon's uncle William Elliott. This is unfounded on many fronts. Although their names are identical as are their father's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

Family records birth and death dates for Mary Ann (Maria), cousin of Thomas Seldon show that she was not the woman that married Thomas Seldon



Mary Ann Elliott. b. Feb. 23, 1849. d. Oct. 28, 1854.  
 b. Feb. 20, 1851. m. May 24, 1876.

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



**William Elliott**

**BIRTH** 1819  
Devon, England

**DEATH** 19 Jan 1899 (aged 79-80)  
Toronto, Toronto Municipality, Ontario, Canada

**BURIAL** Mount Pleasant Cemetery  
Toronto, Toronto Municipality, Ontario, Canada

**PLOT** Plot F, Section 3S, Lot 6

**MEMORIAL ID** 120748034 · View Source

**Spouse**



**Hannah Hill Elliott**  
1811-1879

**Children**



**Maria Elliott Seldon**  
1846-1909



**Caroline Elizabeth Elliott Lander**  
1848-1896



**Amelia Catharine Elliott Sparling**  
1852-1928



**William Albert Elliott**  
1854-1930

William was born in Devon in 1819. I suspect that William and Hannah were also contacts for the Elliotts when they arrived to stay the winter in 1843. Son John Jr. (Book 6) may have lived with this family when he arrived ten years earlier than the rest of his clan. I feel that in all likelihood this family were cousins of the John and Mary Elliott family and children. William may have even been the son of John<sup>72</sup> from Book 1. With all of these relationships being true, Mary Elliott would have known Thomas Seldon through their related family members. After Hannah's 1879 death, widowed husband William was living in Ingersoll with Thomas and Maria Seldon according to the 1881 census.

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

#### THOMAS SELDON

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

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

Eighteen months after Mary's death, widowed Thomas had married again, to a woman 44 years his junior. Margaret Brook was the second wife of Thomas. Ocean arrival travel documents indicate that she came to Canada without her parents. Records show her parents did have some farm background wealth and likely her father was in business with Thomas who had contacts and sales in England. Is this how she met Thomas? He travelled extensively and may have run into her family in her native Devon while on a trip. Perhaps this romance is what enticed her to leave her entire family and move to Ingersoll prior to her marriage in 1910 to Thomas.

#### IDC

Nov 15, 1910

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

Article from Ingersoll Chronicle & Canadian Dairyman, May 20, 1909





Margaret Brook



Thomas Seldon

Backing up a bit, when William Elliott Seldon died, Maria Elliott Seldon kept the Seldon farm running with the help of her sons Thomas and Richard. Richard lived on the farm while Thomas was in town. When Maria died in 1890, the farm was sold by the Seldon children solely to Richard Seldon with mortgages being held by the other children. Son Thomas lived at 200 Albert St. in Ingersoll. He lived there while he was part owner of the Piano company and later as an apple exporter.



Thomas Seldon Family Home Ingersoll



Seldoncliffe (under construction) Muskoka cottage



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

WEEKLY, \$1.00 PER YEAR

## THOMAS SELDON CLAIMED BY DEATH

**AFTER ILLNESS OF SOME DURATION END CAME FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO PROMINENT CITIZEN - HAD BIG EXPORT TRADE - WIDELY KNOWN IN ENGLISH MARKETS.**

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

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Ingersoll Chronicle Dec 1919  
 Edited for brevity

## Thomas Seldon Claimed by Death

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and 1889: was Reeve for three years; a member of the school board for three years and was in other offices of the council as well. He had always evinced the deepest interest in the affairs of his town and was out for any movement that had as its object the betterment of the community.

**Thos. Seldon.**

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

The speaker also discussed the commission and the \$400 of a salary received by the Mayor. He believed he could do the work of the town, in his capacity as Mayor, as well as it had been done. He did not want any one to work for \$6.00 a month, but if elected he would give the \$400 salary as a Commissioner to the Hospital. Mr. Seldon said he had travelled half around the world and he had never had anything thrown up to him.

The late Mr. Seldon was a member of the Methodist church and one who supported in every way the various undertakings of the denomination. He was a steward and trustee, having held these offices for years. In other matters, Mr Seldon had a versatile sympathy. He had a deep interest in curling and had donated a handsome trophy for competition. The donation of this trophy according to one who for many years has been active in the game did more to keep up interest and friendly competition in Ingersoll than anything else. Mr Seldon not only was one of the earliest curlers in Ingersoll but a stalwart among the players. He supported the club not only in his presence but by an open purse at all times. So it was with bowling. He took part in this game also and found much pleasure in it. Left to mourn his loss are the widow, one daughter Mrs. A Kerr of Kitchener, one little son at home and one brother Richard of Ingersoll."

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

T Seldon Obit Ingersoll Chronicle.

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



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

1894 Election result Chronicle

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



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



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

<b>MANIFEST</b>		Part of	Date	Serial No.
Family name		Given name	Accompanied by	
VEALE		Margaret Helena		
6/21/39		Passport valid to April 9, 1942		
C.I.V. No.	Place and date of issue	Section and subdivision	Quota country charged	R.F. No.
	Victoria, B.C.	Ad of 1924, Sec. 3-2	Pleasure	129
Place of birth (town, country, etc.)		Age	Yrs.	Sex
Credition, England		53		F
Language or exemption		Race	Nationality	Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)
Eng.		Eng.	Gt. Britain	50 Redcliffe Richmond Rd., London, SW
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came				
Mother: Mrs F.L. Brook, Ashbrook, Totnes, So. Devon, England				
Ever in U.S. From				
T.Y. only				
Destination, and name and complete address of relative or friend to join there				
Transit to Toronto, via San F. Calif. & Chicago, Ill.				
Money shown	Ever arrested and deported, or excluded from admission	Purpose of coming and time remaining		
\$200.00	NO	Transit: 30 days		
Hand tax status	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eye
r-l-b-c	5 ft 5 in	f	brn	blue
Distinguishing marks				
Support and date of landing, and name of steamship				
Quebec, April 24, 1939 as "Duchess of Athol"				
Records by	Previously examined at	Date	Previous disposition	Present disposition, P.I.
AW	NR			Arrive by
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE. Form 545.				

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

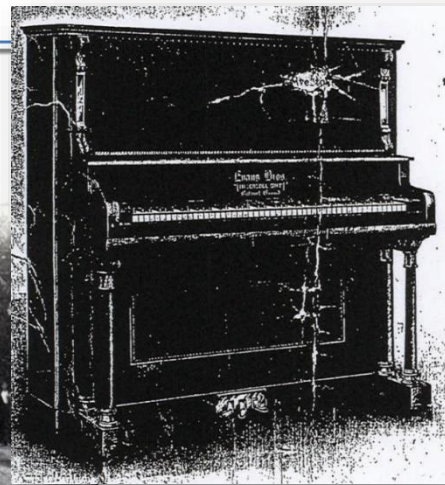
*VEALE--In St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Friday, March 8th, 1963, Margaret Helena, of 360 Belgrave Ave., beloved wife of Herbert William Veale and loving mother of the late Thomas Brook Seldon and grandmother of Elizabeth Seldon. Temporary entombment in the Ingersoll Mausoleum. Mrs. Veale [formerly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

It is interesting to note that Thomas Seldon was 44 years older than second wife Margaret. They had one son, Thomas Brook Seldon B 1914 or 15. His father would die of old age by the time he was 5 years old. Mother Margaret outlived her only son.



Thomas' Apple Orchard. Thanks to 01mswall on Ancestry.

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

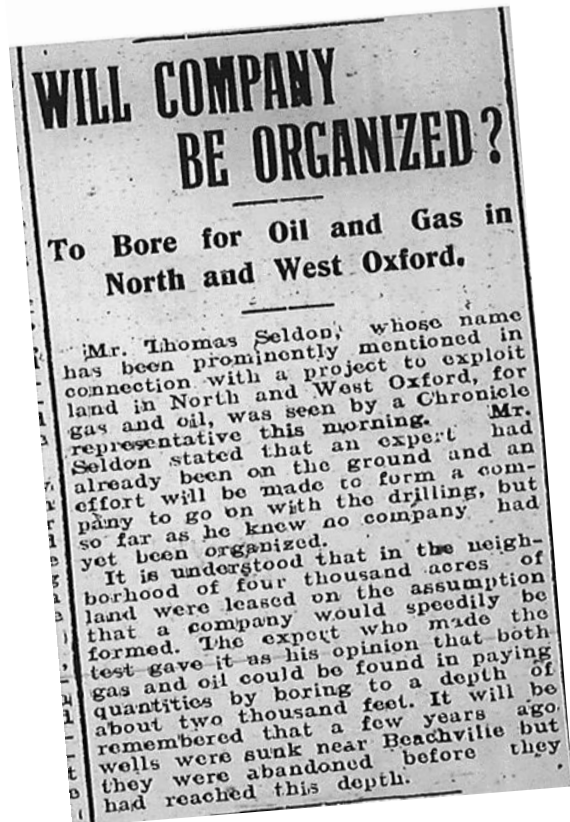


In May, 1888 a consortium of seven Ingersoll businessmen acquired the Evans Bros. Piano Co. and assumed the mortgage and conditions of the business' agreements. The new owners were William

Watterworth (1835-1910), a former lumber merchant and furniture manufacturer, a shareholder in the Noxon Works, and a former Reeve; **Thomas Seldon (1843-1919)**, exporter of apples and turkeys; Joseph

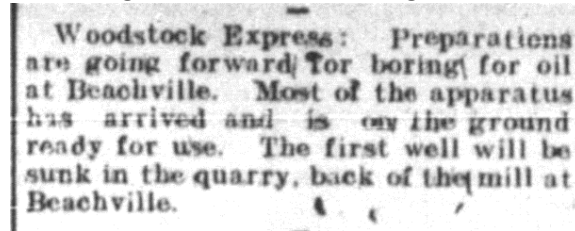
Gibson (1842-1910), Ingersoll's Postmaster and a past Mayor; William B. Nelles (1836-1913), a farmer who became clerk in the piano works; the Miller Brothers (Roger, who became manager of the piano works, 1851-1915) The piano factory prospered in the 1890's but eventually by the 1920's it was in default of a mortgage and arrear in taxes.

Ingersoll Chronicle, 26 October 1905

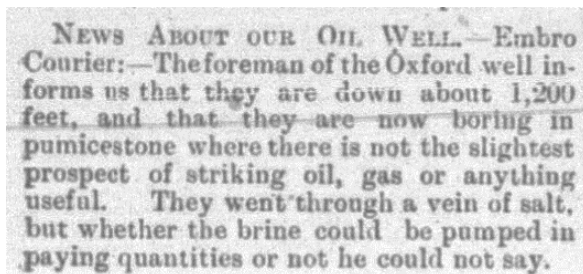


Chronicle summer 1907

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



Article June 1902 Woodstock Express.



## Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

### Grandchildren of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

#### Child of Thomas Seldon and First wife Maria Elliott

Oldest: Edna Maria

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D 16 Oct 1938 Toronto

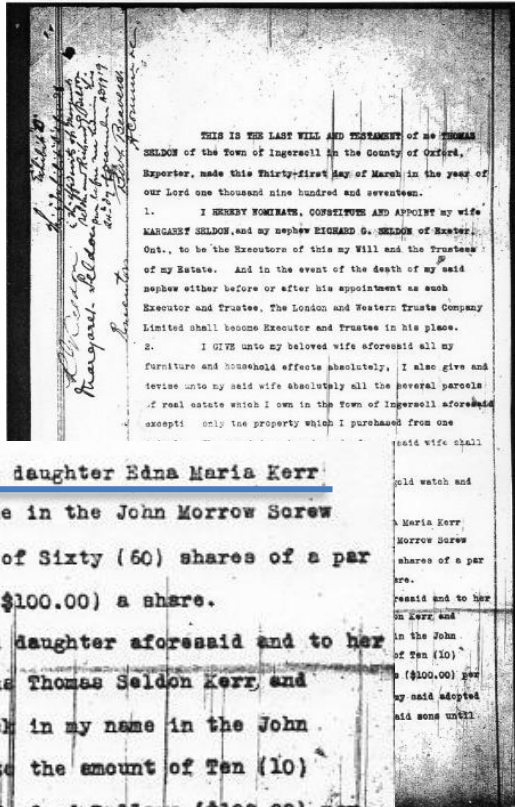
M 10 Jun 1908 Ingersoll

Spouse: Archibald Mackenzie Kerr

B 08 Jun 1881 Whitby, Ontario

D 09 May 1953 Toronto

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



4. I GIVE to my adopted daughter Edna Maria Kerr absolutely the stock in my name in the John Morrow Screw Company Limited to the amount of Sixty (60) shares of a par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a share.

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

This revelation leads to questions that have yet to be answered. First wife Maria Elliott and Thomas Seldon married in 1867. Edna was not born until 1883 so she could not have been from a previous marriage or illegitimate child of either Thomas or Maria when they married 16 years before Edna's birth. Speculatively, she may

have been a child of a young relative. Perhaps she was an orphan of an employee or friend. Regardless, since the couple was childless, they took her in as their own at a young age as she was only 8 years old and labelled as a daughter in the 1891 census for the Seldons.

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

Miss Edna Seldon is visiting friends in Toronto, going yesterday with Miss Edna Elliott, who had been her guest for a day or two. Miss Seldon and Miss Elliott were fellow pupils in Leipsic, Germany.

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

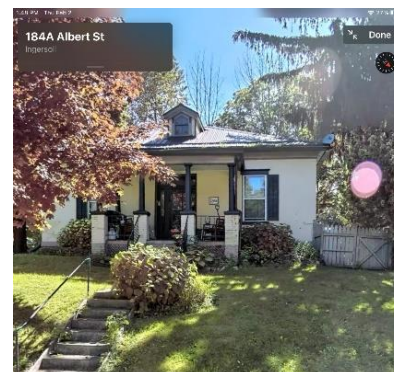
Miss Edna Seldon left this morning for Whitby to attend the ladies' college.

**MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA**  
 ESTABLISHED 1864  
 is the **OLDEST**, and  
 WITH ASSETS OF OVER FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS  
 is the **LARGEST** Bank  
 IN INGERSOLL

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

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

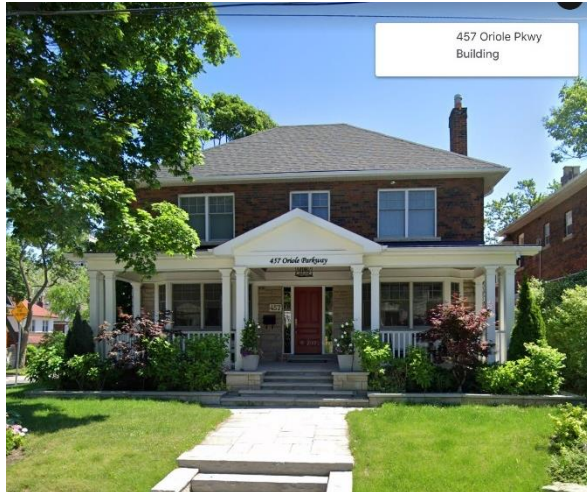
She was married only a year before her mother passed. As noted by her obituary, the couple moved to Berlin Ont. Berlin changed the city name to Kitchener during



WWI, causing demonstrations by the large German population in the streets of the city. As a note: Edna was also 3 years older than her father's second wife and her stepmother.

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

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



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

Defense Contract Awards (continued)		
Contractor	Commodity	Est. Value
A. M. Kerr Equipment Ltd., Toronto;	automotive parts and repair	10,384
Levantian Shirt Co. Montreal;	clothing	2,222

He owned this until his death.

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

Her death in 1938 was noted in the Ingersoll Tribune.

**FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO**

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

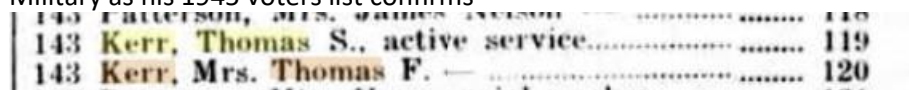
After her death, Archie married Millicent Blatchford of Toronto. Six degrees of separation leapt off the page when it was discovered that widowed Millicent Blatchford's maiden name was Elliott. She was Thomas Seldon's wife Maria (Elliott) Seldon's younger sister and Archie's deceased wife's aunt. Late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



**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott**  
**Grandchildren of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott**  
**Children of Edna Maria Seldon and Archibald Kerr**

**Oldest: Thomas David Seldon Kerr** B 14 Sept 1909 Ingersoll  
 D 01 Apr 1968 Pickering  
 Spouse: Florence Isabel Patterson B 04 Oct 1913 Toronto  
 D 28 Jul 2001 Oshawa

Thomas lived most of his life in the Toronto area. There is an indication he served in the Canadian Military as his 1945 voters list confirms



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

The couple had two children:  
 Archibald B 1945 D 1950 He died at age 5 due to a severe reaction to a tetanus shot.

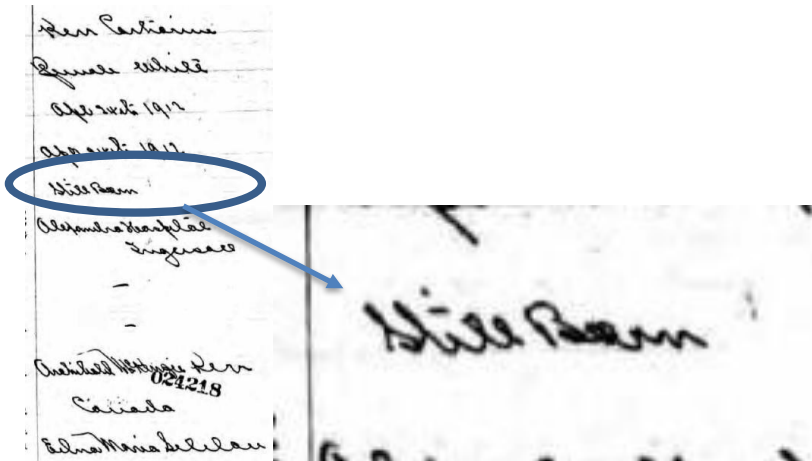
Richard Seldon B 1948 – D 2020



*KERR, RICHARD SELDON Born Toronto, Ontario, September 30, 1948, died Enniskillen, Ontario, April 9, 2020, age 71. Richard "Rich" Seldon Kerr, passed suddenly but peacefully at his home as a result of an aneurysm, with his wife of 40 years at his side. Rich will be greatly missed by Liz (Elizabeth Ann Cook/Salo), sons Michael Salo and Tom Kerr, daughter Catherine Salo (Graham Rawlinson) and their children Nathalie and George. Also surviving him is his sister-in-law Nancy Cook (Richard Kellaway) and a small number of cousins and their families. Predeceased by his brother Archie (1950) and his parents Florence Isabelle Patterson (2001) and Thomas Seldon Kerr (1968). Rich loved to laugh and had a natural ability to tell a great story, which he did often – and often at length! He will be deeply missed by large circles of friends from childhood, high school, motorcycle riding days, tinkering-with-cars days, truck-driving colleagues, extended family and dear neighbours*

**Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott**  
**Grand Children of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott**  
**Children of Edna Maria Seldon and Archibald Kerr**

**Second child: Catherine** B 12 Apr 1912  
 D 12 Apr 1912 Buried IRC



## Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Mary Elliott

### Grandchildren of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott

#### Child of Edna Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Third child: Hugh Archibald

B 08 Mar, 1915 Berlin (Kitchener)

D 24 May 1961 Toronto Ont. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

M Sept 1940

Spouse: Ruth Eleanor Martin

B 17 Jun 1918 Sterling, Hastings County

D 06 Nov 1982 Toronto Mt Pleasant Cemetery

The couple spent some time in Hamilton where he was an engineer. Hugh was a general manager and sales executive living in Scarborough on various 1950s voters list.

## Great Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Mary Elliott

### Grandchildren of Thomas Seldon and Maria Elliott

#### Child of Edna Seldon and Archibald Kerr

Last child: Robert Henry

B 18 Apr 1921 Berlin (Kitchener)

D 17 Jan 1967 Burlington Ont. Age 45

Spouse: Margaret Elizabeth "Liz" Hoshal

B 19 Nov 1920 Niagara Falls

D 28 Jun 2014 Courtenay BC Age 95

Even though spouse Margaret had remarried after Robert's death, her obituary notes that he was her "one true love".

### Margaret Elizabeth (Liz) Kerr (nee Hoshal)



Nov 19, 1920 – Jun 28, 2014

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

*and Joseph Brant Hospital, an avid traveller and bridge player. Her last 9 years were spent in Courtenay, BC. many in (senior residence) Casa Loma where she made some good friends. In Sept 2013 she moved in*

with Alex and Dave and was loved and cared for until she succumbed to complications from Crohn's Disease. Will love you forever, Mum.  
Internet obituary

**Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott  
Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott  
Children of Thomas Seldon and Margaret Brook – 2<sup>nd</sup> wife**

**Only Child: Thomas Brook** B 03 May 1914 Ingersoll  
D 20 Feb 1957 London  
M 1938  
Spouse: Mary D "Betty" Wright B 1918 Kitchener  
D after 1972 unknown

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

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.**

**OCTOBER, 1931.**

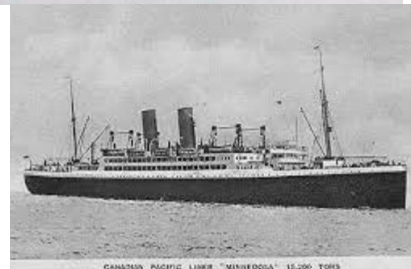
Entrance Exam candidate at age 17. The university in not known.



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

50. SELDON Thomas Brook "Brookway" Galington, Brixham.

FORM 30A ORIGINAL 921  
 SS. Sudbourn, G. Y. R. Date of sailing Oct 19 1925  
 to Reg. No. 108  
 DECLARATION OF PASSENGER TO CANADA.  
 1. NAME SELDON, THOMAS Age 7 1/2  
 2. Sex M. Are you married, single, widowed or divorced?  
 If married, are you accompanied by husband or wife? If so, give name of husband or wife  
 3. Present occupation Intended occupation British  
 4. Birthplace Montreal Race or people English  
 5. Citizenship Canadian Religion Anglican  
 6. Object in going to Canada Home. yes.  
 7. Do you intend to remain permanently in Canada? yes.  
 8. Have you ever lived in Canada? yes. If you have, give Canadian address Reg. No. 108.  
 Part of previous entry Montreal Date May 18 1925  
 Part of departure from Canada Montreal Date May 18 1925  
 9. Why did you leave Canada? - Holiday -  
 10. Money in possession belonging to passenger?  
 (I am aware that I must have on my arrival in Canada the sum of \$5)  
 11. Can you read? yes. What language? English  
 12. By whom was your passage paid? Mother.  
 13. Ever refused entry to or deported from Canada?  
 14. Destined to Reg. No. 108 Ontario.



1926 Minnedosa

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

Thomas married Betty Doris Wright in 1938 at age 24. She was 20. He left Ingersoll around 1939 to fight in WWII, raising to rank of Captain in the Highland Infantry. He was posted to England as early as 1939.

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

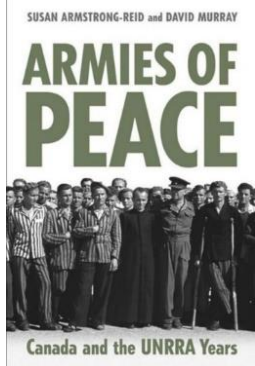
Thomas was promoted to assistant director of the Polish division. One of the nurses in the same section of the UNRRA was Prouse cousin Hazel Bain, a secretary from Vancouver. She was two years his junior and I wonder if they met during time spent in Poland.

**MANIFEST** Date 6/14/45 Buffalo, N. Y. 6/14/45 Brook  
 Family name SELDON Given name THOMAS BROOK  
 E.O.R. No. 6/11/45 Place and date of issue Sarnia, Ont. / Section and subdivision AGRI 1221 3/2 Quota country charged Canada R.P. No. 410  
 P.V. No. 410  
 Place of birth Ingersoll, Ontario Age 31 Sex M Height 5'8" Weight 145 lbs Eyes Blue Hair Dark  
 Language or languages English Race Canadian Last permanent residence London, Ont.  
 Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence applicant came Mother - Mrs M. E. Seldon, 22 Jarvis Ave., Princess Ave., London, Ont.  
 Fee to U.S. Free Self  
 Purpose visit only  
 Name and complete address of relative or friend to whom referred United Nations Relief & R.A.A., 444 Connecticut Ave., Wash., D.C.  
 Left arrived and departed, or expected from address 3/2 - Pa. - 6 months  
 Head to 105.5 lbs Height 5'8" Complexion Med Hair Dark Eyes Blue Distinguishing marks Hazel Male right side neck  
 Export and date of landing, and name of carrier Self  
 Remarks by ADMITTED Arrived by NO 44  
 PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED AT NO PREVIOUS DISPOSITION ADMITTED ARRIVED BY NO 44  
 FORM (24, 1943) 10-5075

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

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

Thomas spent 1945 – 1948 in Germany, Poland and Washington working for UNRRA.



After his return to Canada, in 1949, he was living with his mother on Piccadilly St. in London, Ont. She had returned to Canada after her second husband's death in Britain. His occupation was listed as lawyer. When he married Betty Wright and when she received her degree is unknown. His sudden death at age 43 was a shock to the family. I estimate his only child, Elizabeth would have been about 5-8 years old at his death.

Wife Betty would eventually remarry well-known author, journalist, educator and television regular, Andrew MacFarlane. Betty would become a U of Western Ontario professor emeritus and writer of her own books.

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

She and her husband were sponsors and donors of the arts in Toronto and London.

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

UWO – staff Alumni list



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

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

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

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

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

**THOMAS B. SELDON**

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

He is buried with his parents in IRC. Betty continued to work in London as a university professor while her daughter went to university. Her elderly father lived with them at 20 Renwick Ave. in London.

Betty's fate is unknown.

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

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

Third Child: John

B 18 Apr 1846 Morwenstow, Cornwall

D 19 Nov 1848 N Oxford buried IRC

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

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

No.	NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	WHERE BORN	WHERE DIED	WHEN DIED	CAUSE OF DEATH	WHEN INTERRED
149	William Seldon	1		England		20 April July 17/58	Removal	1867 April 6
143	Wm Seldon	7		England		20 April Nov 1844	"	"
144	Wm Seldon	2		North Oxford		20 April Sept 1844	"	"
145	Wm Seldon	11		England		20 April Dec 1844	"	"
146	Sarah Prouse	6		Berkham		Berkham June 29/44	"	"
147	James Prouse	8		Berkham		Berkham July 13/44	"	"
148	Wm Seldon	11		Berkham		Berkham July 28/44	"	"
149	Mary Seldon	2		Berkham		Berkham Aug 14/44	"	"

IRC records

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

Fourth Child: Richard

B 21 Nov 1847 N Oxford family farm  
D 30 May 1929 Ingersoll buried IRC  
M 03 July 1872

Spouse: Emma Macleod

B 12 Jul 1853 Kingston Mines, Illinois  
D 08 Feb 1904 Woodstock (age 50)



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



RICHARD SELDON  
C2288  
1894-1929

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

Richard moved back to Ingersoll in 1897 and in 1891 took possession of a 170-acre portion of the Seldon farm in North Oxford as the executors of his father's estate (mostly his children)

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

transferred the asset to Richard and held the mortgage.

Probably, financial opportunities were better in the farming industry working with his brothers than in the coal business in Exeter. The farm was originally 200 acres but 30 acres were sold to allow the building of the original Thamesford to Ingersoll gravel road through the lower end of the lot. Richard maintained the farm until his death in 1929 when his estate transferred farm ownership to son Arthur R Seldon. His sons that had returned with him from Exeter, either lived in town with him or on the Lot 7 Con 3 farm. Richards's brother William owned a Lot 6 Con 3 farm immediately to the west.

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

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

1899 Oxford Farm and Business directory

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

July 1888 Ingersoll Chronicle



### Seldon House, 305 Oxford St.

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

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

From Tour of Oxford St. 1990

Insert from Ingersoll Tribune:

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

Ingersoll Tribune



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

**TENDERS**

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

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

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

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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

Alex. Rose, Richard Seldon,  
Reeve, Clerk.

**Death of Mrs. Seldon.**

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

**OXFORD OFFICIAL DIES.**

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

to American John Macleod and thus Emma was born in the US. After Emma's father John Macleod died, Ann and Emma, returned to her Exeter and Canada and to the Snell family.

Mother Ann married again to Exeter merchant George Samwell. Emma's elderly mother's return to Exeter would likely explain Richard and Emma's move to Exeter in 1872 at the beginning of their marriage where they took up residence next door to the Samwell home.

Aug 14 1913 Ingersoll Chronicle

Brantford Expositor May 31, 1929

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

**DEATH OF MRS. RICHARD SELDON**

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

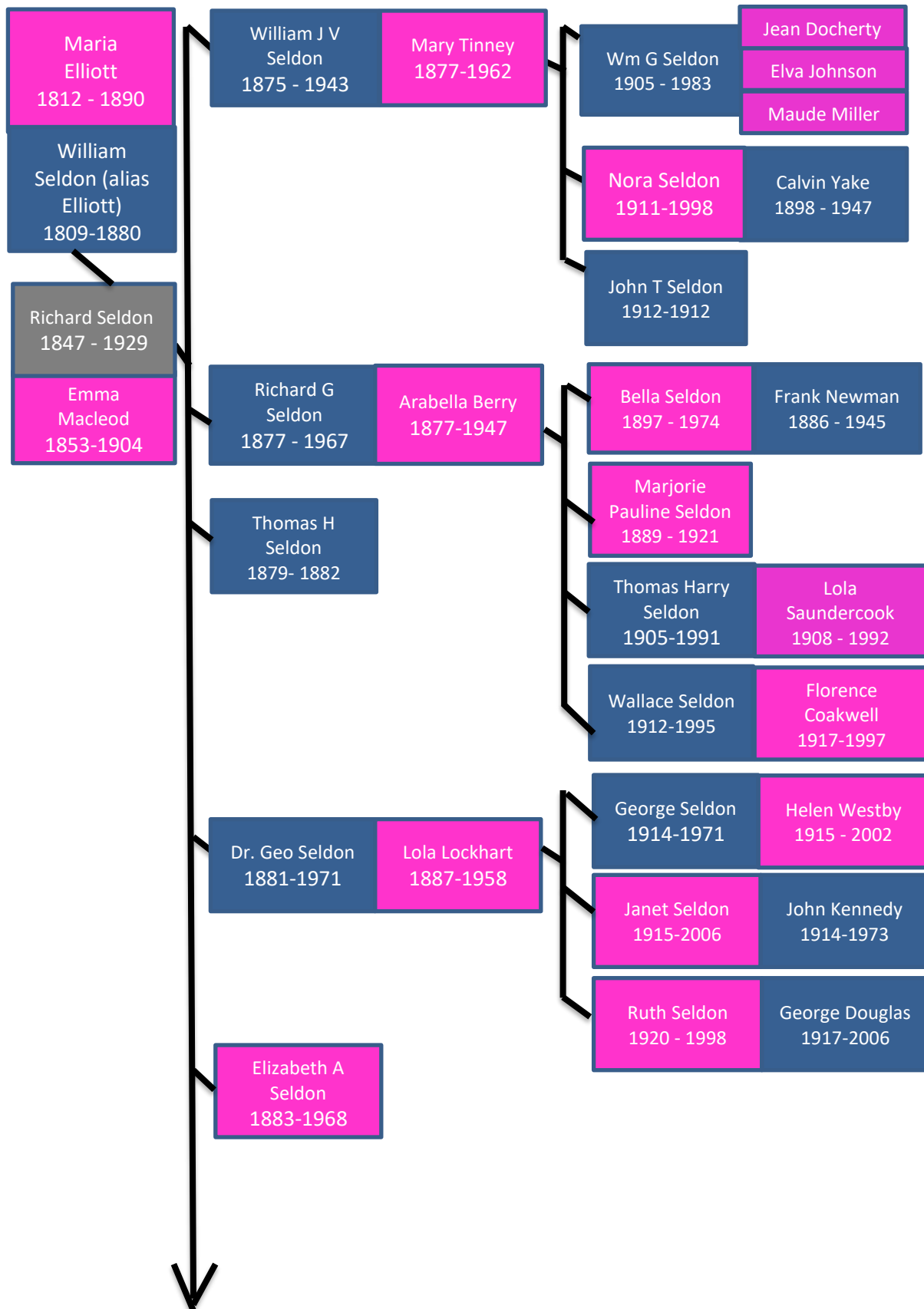
Ingersoll Chronicle Feb 11, 1904

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

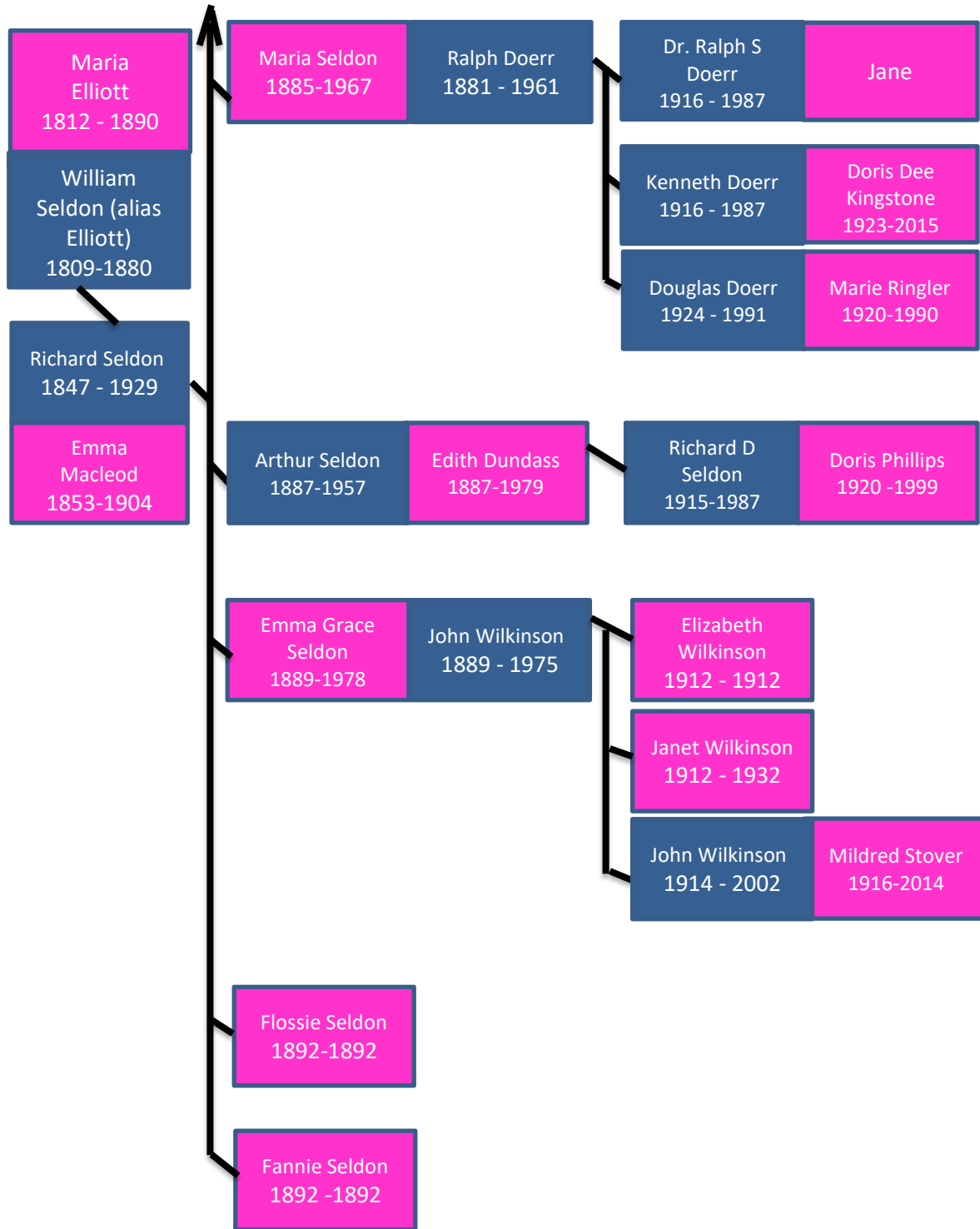


Four generations: L to R: Emma, Richard's daughter Bella Jean, son Richard G Seldon and Emma's mother Ann (Snell) Macleod

**Children and Spouses of ...**  
**Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod Page 1**



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





L to R: Dr. Thomas Harry Seldon (pg. 52) son of Richard and Arabella Berry Seldon, William Vandersoft Seldon (pg. 37), son of William J R Seldon and Mary Tinney, Edith Dundass Seldon (wife of Arthur Seldon Pg 69), Grandmother Ann (Snell) Samwell (about 1917). Courtesy Lesley Seldon



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

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

Oldest Child: William John Vandersoft

B 07 Feb 1875 Exeter

D 21 Mar 1943 Ingersoll

M 03 Nov 1897 Ingersoll

B 17 Aug 1877 Ingersoll

D 19 July 1962 Ingersoll

Spouse: Mary Tinney



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

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Seldon R G	"	t	3 6
Seldon Wm	"	f	3 7
Seldon Wm	"	f	3 6

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

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

Mary's family lived on Cherry St in Ingersoll. William purchased the north half of Lot 6 Con 3 just northwest of the Seldon homestead. The purchase of 100 acres occurred on 02 April, 1903 from seller Ebenezer Uren. Uren would later marry Grace Brook, widow of William Seldon's cousin Thomas Hamlyn. William raised his family on that acreage until he sold on 13 Aug, 1927. He then moved into town. He would have been 47 years old and in the 1931 was listed as a truck driver for a feed store. In the war years he is listed in the Ingersoll phone book as a foreman living with his wife and daughter Mrs. Cora Yake (occupation: cheese maker). The Lot 6 on Con 3 farm would be rebought by his nephew Richard "Dick" Seldon in 1964.

After selling the farm, the couple lived at 139 King Hiram St. He worked as a highways department foreman right up until weeks before his death in 1943 of a cerebral hemorrhage



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

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

#### **WILLIAM J. SELDON PASSED AWAY SUNDAY**

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

#### **MRS. WILLIAM SELDON PASSES IN 85TH YEAR**

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

## **Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod**

### **Children of William John Seldon and Mary Tinney**

**Oldest Child: William "Red" George**

B 14 Aug 1905 Ingersoll  
D 25 Jun 1983 Petoskey, Michigan  
M 04 Apr 1924

Spouse: Helen Maude Miller

B 03 Nov 1905  
D 16 Jul 1932?  
M 08 Nov 1930 Lucas, Ohio

Spouse: Jean "Jeanne" Docherty

B 22 Oct 1904 Scotland  
D 11 Nov 1959 Glendale, Ca.  
M 1940

Spouse: Elva Johnson

B unknown  
D unknown

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

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY, WAYNE

DOCKET No. 185859

**DIVORCE RECORD**

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

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

Date of Filing Petition July 31, 1930 Who was Libellant Husband  
(Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested no Date of Decree or Judgment Nov. 6, 1930  
(Yes or No)

Cause for Which Divorced  
Desertion  
Extreme Cruelty

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Was Alimony Granted none

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

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

NOV 20 1930

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

brother-in-law down, Red explained she had taken off unexpectedly, and that he never found her either, and furthermore, that he had never set foot in the State of California. The man began to weep. Bottom line? The night ended with them being friends. It still is, however, a mystery as to what happened to Helen Maude Miller, the first wife of William George Seldon. We hope someday soon to find out”. Red filed for divorce from Maude in 1930.

Find a Grave notation from family



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

Photo: Jeanne Docherty and daughter Mary Margaret

**Daughter of William “Red” Seldon and Jeanne Docherty  
Mary Margaret**

B 1932 Detroit  
D 2006 Colorado Springs, Colorado



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

Together they enjoyed a good life in Colorado Springs. One of the highlights of the many projects they enjoyed together was when she and Robert hosted the World Conference of the English-Speaking Union, attended by Princess Margaret, the sister of Great Britain’s Queen Elizabeth.”

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



William “Red” Seldon



Elva Johnson

#### BIOGRAPHY

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

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



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

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

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

“Mr. Seldon and his wife spent winters in the city of Petoskey, and during the summer months and often into autumn, they lived on the waters edge of Pickerel Lake (Trails End) where they held get-togethers all summer long with guests that included many of the area’s professionals and children of Petoskey’s pioneers. Red replaced the olive-green US Army Tents eventually, and built a nice little cabin along the long shore line. (Punky got a raise out of him when she called it a "cobbled up shack’). It was a term he himself had jokingly used, but he didn't want anyone else saying it. Mr. Thompson, an elderly friend who was a carpenter and, in a wheelchair, had helped him build it. In the late 1950s or early 1960s the property was sold and Red moved "the cabin" he built (across from Camp Petosego) to a small 20 some acre “Gentleman’s Farm” that was located on Pickerel Lake Road and Seldon Road (the road eventually was named after him). The cabin survived the years until about 2015 when it was sold and torn down. Many in the family were sad to see it finally torn down, but its time was way past due.

Even though he may have seemed gruff at times, Red leaned toward being a refined “English gentleman.” And that’s how he was raised as a child among a distinguished family in Canada. And when he grew old, he still retrained that quality: strong, noble, but totally unpretentious. People loved him, and enjoyed his colorful stories and often became the recipient of his kind and charitable acts—he was always first to step up and help others whenever possible. It was not unusual for him to stop and help people stranded on the road with a broken-down car—take them to his home or cabin—provide a meal and a place to sleep.”

Find a Grave obituary

## William (Red) Seldon, 77

Funeral services for William G. (Red) Seldon Sr., 77, of Petoskey, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Stone Funeral Home. Rev. Bertha Hughey of the Home Missionary Church in East Bay View will officiate. Burial will be in Curtiss Cemetery, Springvale, Township.

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

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

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

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

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

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

They had four children.

Marilyn M "Punky" Seldon B 1942

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Shuttleworth B 1945

Mary Olsen unknown

William G Seldon B 1948 -D 2002  
owner of Seldon's auto sales Petosky Mi.  
and a local auctioneer.  
(See below)

Petoskey News Review 27 June, 1983



### Obituary

*William (Bill) Seldon Jr. 74, passed away August 31, 2022 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City Michigan.*

*Bill was born April 22, 1948 in Petoskey to Elva and William (Red) Seldon Sr. Bill was raised in Petoskey and graduated in 1966.*

*In 1968 Bill married Donna K. Bowers and made their home in Petoskey where they raised their family. Bill began his career in sales at Perry Sales, Pontiac/Cadillac, followed by Tallberg Chevrolet/Olds. In 1987, with his wife Donna, Bill opened and operated Seldon*

*Auto Sales in Petoskey, serving old friends and making new ones.*

*Bill attended the Worldwide College of Auctioneering, auctioning at several auto auctions in Northern Michigan. He had the ideal voice and rhythm for the job. Bill loved singing karaoke with family and friends. Bills main concern in life was loving and caring for his family.*

*Bill was best known for his quick-witted humor, fierce determination, and generous spirit!*

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

Second Child: Nora

B 20 Feb 1911 N Oxford Lot 6 Con 3

D 08 Dec 1998 Ingersoll

M 26 Nov 1928 Ingersoll

Spouse: Calvin Melbourne Yake

B 19 Sept 1898 Embro Oxford Co.

D 21 May 1947 London

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

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

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

**016696**

Certify that I solemnized the marriage of—

Groom: Calvin Melbaume Yake and  
 Bride: Nora Seldon  
 (in the presence of)

Witness: Mary Seldon  
 Witness: Ingersoll Oul and  
 Witness: Mary Jane Yake  
 Witness: Embros

City of London in the  
 County of Middlesex PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
 on the 26th day of November, 1928

Age of Groom's Father: J. Yake  
 Maiden Name of Groom's Mother: Mary Jane Spice  
 Age of Bride's Father: Wm Seldon  
 Maiden Name of Bride's Mother: Mary Tinney

REGISTRATION NO. 355-1 Wm Seldon

Registration Certificate Number. Signature of person solemnizing Marriage.

I, Calvin Melbaume Yake of the City of Detroit  
 in the Province of Michigan  
 do hereby make oath and say as follows:  
 That, for the space of fifteen days\*\* immediately preceding the date of this affidavit, Calvin Melbaume Yake  
 (Name in full of deponent or of the other contracting party or as the case may be)  
 has had his usual place of abode within the Province of Ontario.  
 (my, his, her or our)  
 THAT I believe there is no affinity, consanguinity, prior marriage or other lawful cause or legal impediment to bar or hinder the solemnization of the marriage, and  
 THAT the contents set forth herein are to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, true in every particular.  
 (my or our)

NAMES IN FULL	<u>Calvin Melbaume Yake</u>	<u>Nora Seldon</u>
OCCUPATION	<u>Trimmer</u>	<u>at home</u>
AGE AND CONDITION IN LIFE	<u>30</u> ** Age Bachelor, Widower or Divorced	<u>17</u> ** Age Spinster, Widew or Divorced
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION	<u>Baptist</u>	<u>United Ch. of Canada</u>
RESIDENCE WHEN MARRIED	<u>Detroit Mich</u>	<u>North Oxford</u>
PLACE OF BIRTH	<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Ontario</u>
INTENDED PLACE OF MARRIAGE	<u>London</u>	<u>Middlesex</u>

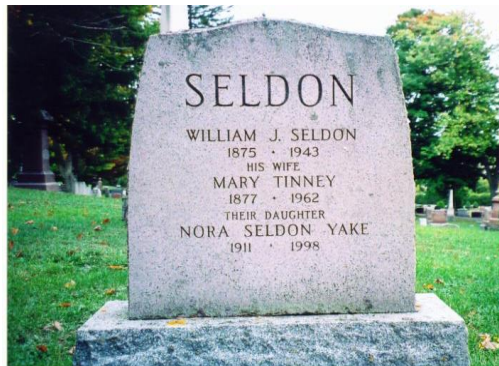
Marriage certificate.

In 1928, 17-year-old Nora married 30-year-old Calvin Yake. He had first moved to Detroit in 1923 and trained as a plumber. Later census pointed out that his occupation was as a "trimmer" working in



Mary Tinney Seldon with daughter Nora.

Detroit. After the 1928 marriage, Calvin returned to Ingersoll. Son Ernest Archie Yake was born the following year in Ingersoll. In 1939 Nora worked at Alexandra Hospital while living with her mother. Calvin was living and working in Embro. It appears the couple were separated although his 1947 death certificate indicated he was still married to Nora. The certificate also indicated he died of chronic myocarditis but also suffered from schizophrenia. The couple only had the one child, Ernie. Nora lived at her parent's King Hiram address until her death and is buried in IRC with her parents.



Nora Seldon with mother Mary Tinney and father William in IRC

**Child of Nora Seldon and Ernie Yake**

**Ernest Archie Yake**

B 1928 Ingersoll

D 30 Jan 1987 Erin, Ontario

M 30 Jun 1956 Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Toronto

Spouse: Lois Wait

B 26 Apr 1927 Fairbury, Illinois

D 16 Dec 2008 Saltspring Island BC



Ernie was a soldier who lived in Ingersoll in 1953 with his mom and grandmother. He married Lois in 1956 but the couple were not together by the mid 1960s. Voters lists thorough 1960s and 1970s have him living in Simcoe and in the town of Erin, Ontario. He was president of the Erin Ontario Legion 442 branch when he lived there. His occupations included sales and manager.

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



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

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

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

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

**Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod**

**Children of William John Seldon and Mary Tinney**

**Last Child: John Thomas**

B 22 Oct 1912 at Lot 6 Con 3 N Oxford

D 06 Dec 1912 N Oxford

He lived a month and a half and died of whooping cough. He was the second child the couple named John. Neither lived long. John's burial location is unique. He is buried with his 2 x great grandparents and family patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott. He has no visible marker.

INGERSOLL RURAL CEMETERY						
Owner	Section	Row	Lot	No	Purchased	
John Elliott	H			29	July 6, 1866	
Burials					Interred Apr. 6, 1857	
					Mary Elliott Age 65 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford, Aug. 21, 1848	
					Interred Apr. 6, 1857	
					John Elliott Age 76 Born Eng. Died Ingersoll May 1, 1864 e.g	
					Interred Apr. 6, 1857	
					Mary Elliott Age 66 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford. Sept 5, 1855 NE	
					Interred Apr. 6, 1857	
					John Elliott Age 84 Born Eng. Died N. Oxford. May 14, 1872	
					Mary Elliott Age 77 Born Eng. Died Ingersoll Mar. 30, 1872	
					John Thomas Seldon Age 6 wks Born and Died N. Oxford. Dec. 6, 1	

NW  
CW  
SW



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

Second Child: Richard Garnett Seldon

B 24 Mar 1877 Exeter, Ont.  
D Apr 1967 Exeter  
M 10 Aug 1896 Windsor  
B 31 Oct 1877 Ingersoll  
D 1947 Rochester, Minnesota

Spouse: Arabella Ellen "Bell" Berry



Richard G. Seldon was the second son of Richard Seldon and Emma MacLeod. He was also the second child born in Exeter. Like his siblings, he moved back to N Oxford and Ingersoll around 1899 when he was 12 years old. He finished his education in Ingersoll and by age 20 had married Ingersoll born Arabella Berry who was 19 years old. She was the daughter of Walter Berry an Ingersoll merchant. In 1916, just prior to her marriage, she was working a clerk in her father's store. Her family lived at 71 Francis St. a block from her soon to be husband's uncle Thomas Seldon.



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

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

Berry Bella Miss, clerk W J Berry  
bds 71 Francis



R G Seldon 221 Andrews St. R.G. Seldon Exeter home. Ancestry



Richard G Seldon Second from right  
Skip of Lawn Bowling Championship team – Exeter 1913

After reading this item in the Exeter Advocate I called in R. G. Seldon, who for 40 years was one of the best-known bowlers in Western Ontario. In that year Mr. Seldon and W. W. Taman won the Ontario Doubles championship at Hamilton, and in later years Mr. Seldon...

Exeter Tribune 1925

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

Aug 1936 Exeter Tribune

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

Ingersoll Chronicle

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

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

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

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

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

Exeter Tribune Jan 30, 1964

## Save licence issuer from burning house

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Seldon, over 80, had just come home from work about 10 minutes before and had taken off his shoes and suit coat in the living room next to the kitchen to watch television. The set remained in operation until the power supply was cut.

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

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

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

The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Donald Cowan, who lives

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## Masons fete past master

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

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

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

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



### Presents pin to father

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

T-A photo

Sept 29, 1966 Exeter Tribune



Bella and her parents

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

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

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

Jan 1 1948 Exeter Advocate





Children of Richard & Arabella Seldon  
L to R: Marjorie, Wallace, Bella Jean and Thomas

## R. G. Seldon dies at 90

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



### R. G. SELDON

pital, died Wednesday morning in the London hospital.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

Exeter Advocate 1967

Buried: Exeter Cemetery, Hay township, Huron Ontario

**Great Grandchildren of William Seldon and Maria Elliott  
Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod  
Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Arabella Berry**

**First Child: Bella Jean** B 18 Apr 1897 N Oxford  
D 17 Dec 1974 Kingston  
M 28 Sep 1918 Exeter

**Spouse: Frank Lambert Newman** B 1886 Kingston  
D 18 Mar 1945 Guelph

**Spouse: David Jackson** B unknown  
D prior to 1974



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

Left to right front row:

Bella’s younger brother Thomas “Harry” Seldon	1905 - 1991
Bella’s uncle Thomas Seldon	1843 - 1919 (he died the following year)
Bella’s step aunt and Thomas’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife Margaret Brook	1886 – 1963
Rev. J Foote	
Brother of Groom and Best Man Henry Newman	1869 – 1926
Groom Frank Newman	1886 – 1945
Bride Bella Jean Seldon	1897 – 1974
Bella’s sister (Black Hat) Marjorie	1899 – 1921 (she died within 3 years)
Bella’s Mother Arabella Seldon	1877 – 1947
Bella’s young brother Wallace Seldon	1912 – 1995



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

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

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

**Large Printing Building Burns**

**Linotype Machines and Others Are Destroyed at Kingston**

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

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

**Kingston Bowlers Win in Belleville**

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

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

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

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



**FRANK NEWMAN**

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

## F. L. Newman Dies Sunday At Guelph

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TO VISIT HERE**

A group of Shriners from the Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich., will visit Kingston for five hours, June 6. They will arrive aboard the SS **Noronic** at 3 p.m. and will leave at 8 p.m.

**COMMER REFRIGER**

SUITABLE FOR HOTELS  
BUTCHER SHOPS, R

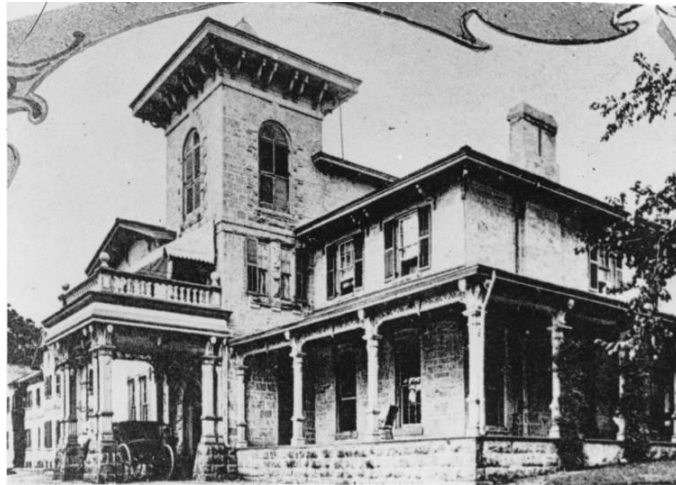
— Farm Milk

**Frigidaire Sales**

Owned and Operated b

272 Princess Street

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



Homewood Sanitarium – Guelph Ontario.

**Great Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod  
Grandchildren of Richard G Seldon and Anabelle Berry  
Children of Bella Jean Seldon and Frank L Newman**

**First Child: William Seldon**

B 13 Sept 1919 Kingston

D 22 Apr 2009 Kingston

**Spouse: Audrey Jane Climo**

B 19 Aug 1927 Niagara Falls

D 20 Mar 2006 Kingston



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



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



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

## Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

### Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Second Child: Marjorie Pauline      B 1899 Ingersoll  
D 1921 Exeter

Marjorie was living at home in Exeter and had been working as a bank teller the Molson's Bank in Exeter from age 18. She fell ill with cerebral meningitis at age 21. She is buried in Exeter.



#### DEATH OF MISS SELDON.

It is with much sadness and regret that we report this week the death of Marjorie Pauline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Seldon, who died on Monday evening about 2 o'clock after a brief illness. Miss Seldon was teller in the Molsons Bank and was one of Exeter's most popular young ladies and will be missed by her many friends. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in this their hour of sorrow. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Frank Newman, who has been here for some weeks, and two brothers, Harry and Wallace. The funeral, private, will take place from the family residence on Andrew street on Thursday, June 9th at 2 o'clock and will proceed to the Exeter cemetery for interment.

## Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

### Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry

Third Child: Dr. Thomas Harry Walter      B 16 Jan 1905 Exeter  
D 22 Oct 1991 Rochester, Olmstead Minn.  
M 30 Jun 1931 Kingston  
Spouse: Lola May Saundercock      B 04 Feb 1908 Ernstown, Ont.  
D 17 Dec 1992 Rochester, Olmstead Minn.

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

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



#### Attend Graduation

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

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

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

**JOIN MAYO BROS. STAFF**

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

The couple lived for a number of years in Sharbot Lake before accepting, in 1936, a position with the world-renowned Mayo Clinic of Rochester Minn. Thomas left first for Minnesota and in February of 1936,

Lola crossed the border with young daughter Marjorie. The paperwork noted that she expected to stay several months. It would turn out to be the rest of her life as the family took out American citizenship a few years later. The couple moved into the Erwin's Student Apartments in Rochester, Minn. Young daughter Marjorie was born in Canada and son Thomas in the United States. As noted in his mother's obit, he moved her to the Mayo clinic as her health deteriorated. Dr. Seldon worked his way up the ranks in the clinic over his career. He became a noted anesthesiologist and developed new techniques in the medical field. He published 122 medical papers over 45 years and was a world-wide leader in the field. He was director, president or advisor of numerous field related organizations. This YouTube video details his career.

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

Having retired in 1970, Thomas visited family back in Ontario and used his spare time to go fishing in Wisconsin. He and his wife are buried in Rochester, Minnesota. They had two children: Thomas Richard Seldon and Marjorie (McPeak).

**Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod**

**Children of Richard Garnette Seldon and Anabelle Berry**

Last Child: Wallace "Wally" Grant

B 15 May 1913 Exeter

D 06 Apr 1995 Exeter

M 1940 St Catherines

Spouse: Florence Coakwell

B 17 Jul 1917 Chaffey, Muskoka

D 03 Aug 1997 Exeter



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

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

Andrews St. as pictured in his father's biography on Page 46.

In 1932, at age 19, Wallace went to work in London as a clerk at a drug store.

In 1937, he attended U of T Pharmacy. Whether he graduated is not know and but he went to work at a drug store in St. Catherines where he met his soon to be

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

wife Florence Coakwell. Whereas Wallace was tall,

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

Florence was short. After the marriage, the couple were, by 1941, back living in the Seldon family home that was converted into a duplex. He later took over his father's fuel supply company in Exeter.



### Fire razes fuel office

Seldon Fuels office, Wellington St., was in full blaze before it was noticed by an early riser Sunday morning.

PUC foreman Mel Keating, first on the scene, reported the building was a "ball of fire" when he arrived.

Owner W. G. Seldon declined to estimate the value of the loss, which included weigh scales, business machines, office furniture, stove and Mr. Seldon's trusty watchdog.

Origin of the fire is unknown but the owner said it was not the space heater, as originally suspected, since the damage around that area was not as heavy as in some others.

There was no oil product in the building, which is separate from the other storage tanks and coal sheds. The office was built about two years ago.

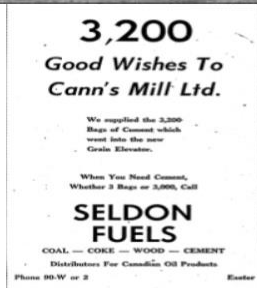
Mr. Seldon is continuing operations from his other buildings on the same location.

Exeter Advocate Mar, 1963

### LAD KNOCKED OFF WHEEL IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

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

Dec 21 1939 Exeter Advocate



Exeter Advocate 1942

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





Exeter Advocate 1965  
**Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seldon** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday in St. Catharines with family and friends.

221 Andrew St Home of W Seldon family

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

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

He was the licence bureau representative up to his death.

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

**Children of Wallace Seldon and Florence Coakwell**

Joy Ellen	B April 1948 Exeter D 2019 Exeter M March 27 1971
Spouse: Edwin Kerslake	B 1948 Elimville, Ont. D 11 Nov 1921 Elimville

**ENGAGEMENTS —**

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

Wedding 1971



Edwin and Joy



Wallace, Florence and Joy



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

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

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



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

B 1984 Exeter  
D 17 May 2016 Exeter



Wednesday, November 17, 2004 Exeter Times-Advocate 13

## A successful move for Village Vines Florists

By Scott Nixon  
TIMES-ADVOCATE STAFF

EXETER — Things couldn't be better at Village Vines Florists. Since moving the two-year-old business from Hensall to Exeter's Main Street, owner **Natalie Kerslake** says business is "awesome. We're so busy."

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

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



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




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

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

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

**Children of Wallace Seldon and Florence Coakwell**

**Paul Garnet** B 1943 Exeter  
M 11 July, 1964 Exeter

Spouse: Cherie Lorraine Earle B 1950  
Born and schooled in Exeter, Paul continued his education in Toronto.

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

Exeter Advocate 1962

July 1964 marriage living in Cooksville

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

Paul and Cherie were living in London as of 1972 where he was on the voters list. They returned to Exeter and opened the Sugar and Spice Chocolate Factory. This composed of a store downtown and a factory outside of town. A marriage separation turned for the worse at the chocolate factory in 1992.

Paul and Cherie's whereabouts are not known at present.



... photo by Kenroy  
MR. AND MRS. PAUL G. SELDON

**Exeter man married**

White gladioli, snapdragons, shasta daisies and tall white tapers formed the floral setting in Grace United Church, Brampton, for the marriage ceremony of Cherie Lorraine Earle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Earle, and Paul Grant Seldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seldon, Exeter, Saturday July 11. They carried cascade bouquets of pink sweetheart roses. Mr. Barry Grainger, Exeter was groomsman and the guests were ushered by Mr. Richard Earle, brother of the bride, and Mr. Donald Thomson, Exeter. The reception was held in the church banquet room. The bride's mother received guests

**Assault**  
Paul Seldon of Lot 16 concession 6, Elmville, received a conditional discharge and an order to keep the peace for six months on a charge of assault.  
The accused entered a not guilty plea to the charge.  
Seldon's estranged wife Cherie told the court that on March 3, during a dispute at the Sugar and Spice Chocolate Factory in Exeter, the accused verbally threatened her and physically hit her when she said she couldn't take merchandise to their outlet on Main St.  
Paul said his wife deliberately stepped in front of him when he was carrying an armful of boxes and that he may have had physical contact with her for that reason only. He also said he didn't or didn't remember verbally threatening her.  
Witness, employee Virginia Glanville, testified that after working with both the accused and his wife for two years it seemed as though both Seldons were upset with each other and that the accused had said some angry words.  
Testimony by the Seldons' daughter, Rebecca Carter corroborated with her father's testimony.  
Judge R.G.E. Hunter said he did not accept Paul's evidence, believing that he did shove her in the lower back and that he also threatened her while sentencing.



**Paul Seldon**  
Sugar & Spice Chocolates "I can't see it doing us any harm, or good for that matter," said Seldon.

Most of Seldon's chocolate supplies come through the U.S., but are not included in free-trade because the U.S. only plays the part of distributor.

"Everyone's got an opinion, but only the ones who negotiated it really know what's going on."

"As a Canadian I guess I would be against anything that's going to make us more American. We've got along without it up to now."



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

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

**Third Child: Thomas Henry**                      B 21 July 1879 Exeter  
D 14 May 1882 Exeter

He died after three years of severe “inflationary croup” according to death records.

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

**Fourth Child: Dr. George Elliott**                      B 26 July 1881 Exeter  
D 26 Feb 1971 Vancouver Mt View Cemetery  
M 10 Sept 1913 Vancouver

Spouse: Lola Lockhart Center                      B 18 May 1887 USA (emigrated to Vancouver at age 2)  
D 15 May 1958 Vancouver Mt. View Cemetery



Another doctor in the family, Dr. George Elliott Seldon had a storied life. Although born in Exeter, he grew up in North Oxford on the Seldon farm that his father Richard bought from his father and mother William Seldon and Maria Elliott. He left the farm for an education in Toronto and England as a doctor. He was a very successful surgeon in Vancouver BC and was honoured for his career. He is listed in the MemoryBC.ca website. This is a repository for significant papers produced and held by prominent BC leaders and is stored at Simon Fraser University. <https://www.memorybc.ca/seldon-george-elliott> MemoryBC.ca is a catalogue of important papers of notable BC Citizens.

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

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



[Dr. George Elliot Seldon fonds](#)

Fonds 1901-1952

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

Seldon, George Elliot

Description area

Dates of existence

1882-1970

History

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

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

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

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

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

Dr Seldon was well known in Vancouver in the 1920s and 1930s. He was featured in many stories in the Vancouver Sun

Miss Maude McLeod, superintendent of nurses, reported 18 nurses graduated in May and 21 in November. Dr. R. E. McKechnie's medal for general proficiency and highest standing was awarded Miss Cecella Johnson of the May class, and Miss Ethel Elliott of the November class. Dr. Glen Campbell's prizes were awarded Miss Audrey Bond and Miss Ethel Elliott. A new medal, awarded by Dr. George Seldon for surgery work, was won by Miss Lily McTavish in May and Miss Madeline Mingay in November.

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

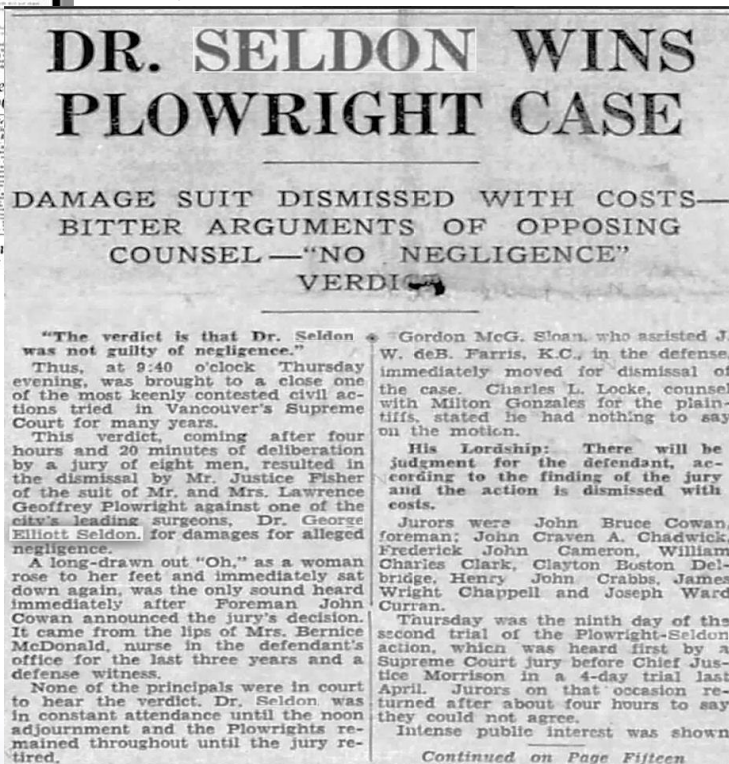
Dr. Geo. E. Seldon, house physician, has been appointed senior house surgeon to the Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester, Eng.

Dr Seldon in England - 1907



Vancouver General Hospital 1950

Feb 20, 1918 Vancouver Sun

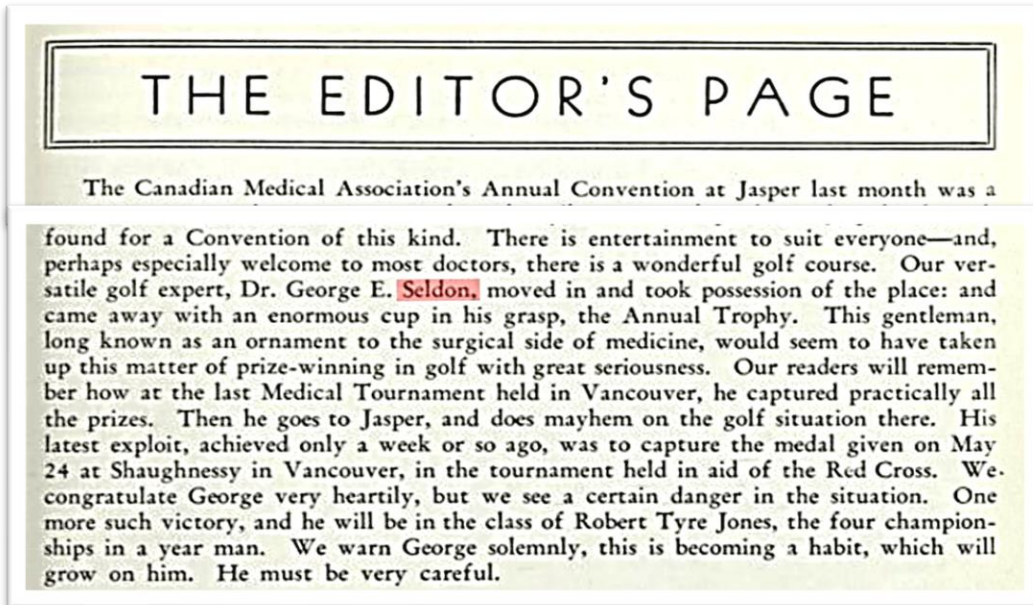


Although a successful surgeon  
He did make headlines with a  
malpractice suit



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

"I am led to believe that if you cannot find your doctor, it is because they are on the golf course."  
 Excerpt for the 1942 Vancouver Medical Association Journal describing Dr. Seldons love of golf.



He died Feb 1971.

Vancouver Sun front page

**Noted surgeon dies**

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

From 1936 to 1945 he was surgeon-in-chief at VGH and retired from medicine in 1952. A funeral service will be held Monday, 2 p.m., at Shaughnessy United Church, followed by burial at Mountain View. No flowers by request.

Dr. Seldon became one of Vancouver's most respected surgeons after he came to the coast in 1908 from 3½ years of post-graduate study in England. He is survived by three children, George Elliott Seldon, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and Mrs. G. C. Douglas.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Mrs. Lola Seldon rites slated today**

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

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

A native of New York State she lived most of her life in Vancouver. Besides her husband she leaves a son, G. Elliott and two daughters, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and Mrs. G. C. Douglas, all of Vancouver and seven grandchildren.

**W. MacDonald**

## Great Grandchildren of William Seldon and Maria Elliott

### Grandchildren of Richard Seldon and Emma Macleod

#### Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart

Oldest Child: George Elliott

B 18 Aug 1914 Vancouver

D 11 Nov 2006 Vancouver

M 1939 Vancouver

Spouse: Helen Madeline Westby

B 22 Feb 1915 London Ont.

D 02 Jul 2002 Vancouver



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

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

2 daughters: Gail (Brazier), Maureen (Williams)



George Elliott Seldon



Helen Westby Seldon

**Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod**

**Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart**

**Second child: Janet Lola**

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

Spouse: John Seaton Kennedy

B 1914  
 D 1973

Spouse: Clark Wilson Markle

B 1911  
 D 1994





Janet Seldon

## Janet Seldon to Be Bride of Jack Kennedy

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

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

## J. S. Kennedy well-known engineer dies

A prominent B.C. civil engineer, John S. Kennedy, died here Wednesday after a brief illness. He was 58.

A graduate of the University of B.C. in 1939, Mr. Kennedy was a member of both the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C. He pioneered the use of prestressed concrete in buildings in B.C.

FAMILY: Wife Janet Seldon; sons John, George and Blake; mother Mrs. J. E. Kennedy as well as a sister and a grandson.

Janet hosted several bridal showers, galas and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority events after her marriage to Jack Kennedy. She and Jack had 3 children. After her first husband's death in 1973, she married widower Clarke Markle whose wife Dorothy passed away in 1977. They had a son together.

Janet and Clarke Markle's first wife Dorothy were friends and co hosted events as per the Vancouver Sun Newspaper. Clarke Markle was part owner of Price and Markle. This company is still in business in the BC market, selling and renting heavy duty equipment for various industries with over 15 locations in the province.

### Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr and Emma Macleod

#### Children of Dr. George Seldon and Lola Lockhart

Third child: Ruth McLeod

B 18 Apr 1920 Vancouver

D 04 Jan 1999 Vancouver

M 21 Dec 1941

Spouse: George Campbell Douglas

B 18 Jul 1917 Vancouver

D 18 Oct 2006 Vancouver



Badminton was a hot craze in the 1930s in Vancouver and Ruth was mentioned often in the sports sections of the local papers. Ruth was a superior badminton player with the U of BC badminton club. Her "lanky frame" allowed her to cover the court well and she upset many supposedly better players in the late 1930s. Ruth and sister Janet were close friends throughout their lives and made many trips together. Husband George Douglas was stationed in Ottawa for a portion of WWII immediately after marrying Ruth. The couple lived there for a period before moving back to Vancouver. He became a lawyer but later moved into the lumber business perhaps on the advice of his brother-in-law Clarke Markle. His obituary indicates his business acumen.

## City Champ Loses to Ruth Seldon; Margaret Taylor Given Battle

By PAT SLATTERY

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

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

## Ruth Seldon Marries Today

*Bride and Attendant Wear White and Red.*

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

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

## Sisters Are Co-hostesses

*Miss Janet and Miss*

*Ruth Seldon Entertain*

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



Dec 1943 Vancouver Sun

Jan. 1999 Vancouver Sun

### Deaths

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

October 2006 Vancouver Province

### **DOUGLAS** — Gordon Campbell July 1917- October 2006

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

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

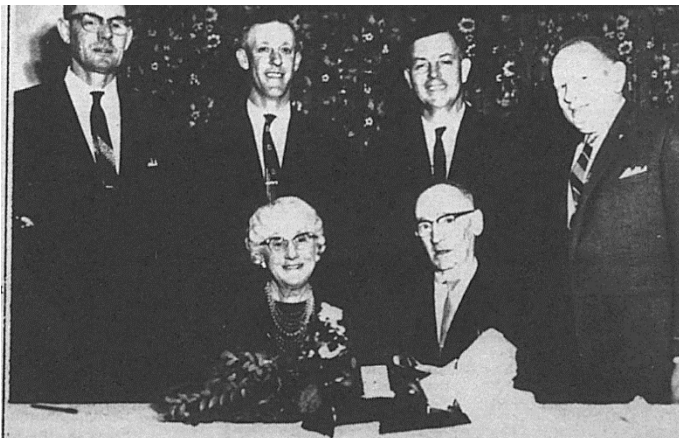
Fifth Child: Elizabeth Anne

B 06 Aug 1883 Exeter, Ont.

D 08 Apr 1968 Tillsonburg Buried IRC



Elizabeth Anne Seldon: top row 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right



Miss E. A. Seldon was honored at a banquet held at the Ingersoll Inn, Saturday April 25th, by North Oxford Township Council marking 35 years as Clerk-Treasurer of that body. She is pictured above with Reeve Henry Finlayson and Councillors Clair Minler, George West, Alwyn Patience and Thomas Comiskey.

Anne carried on the tradition of being clerk treasurer for the township of N. Oxford. Her father, Richard, was the previous collector. She collected taxes until 1967.

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

## N. Oxford's Woman Clerk-Treasurer Claimed Record

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

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

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

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

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

With becoming modesty, Miss Seldon doesn't think there



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

### Township Official Also Includes In Duties Collection of Taxes

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

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

The land was bought and cleared by her grandfather, who, Miss Seldon states, paid \$5 for the first 100 acres and \$8 for another 100 acres. Today on the farm, operated by her brother, A. R. Seldon, and his son, R. D. Seldon, may be found the fifth generation of the family in the little persons of Janet, age 2, and Ruth, 8 months.

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

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



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

Courtesy: History of North Oxford 1867 - 1967

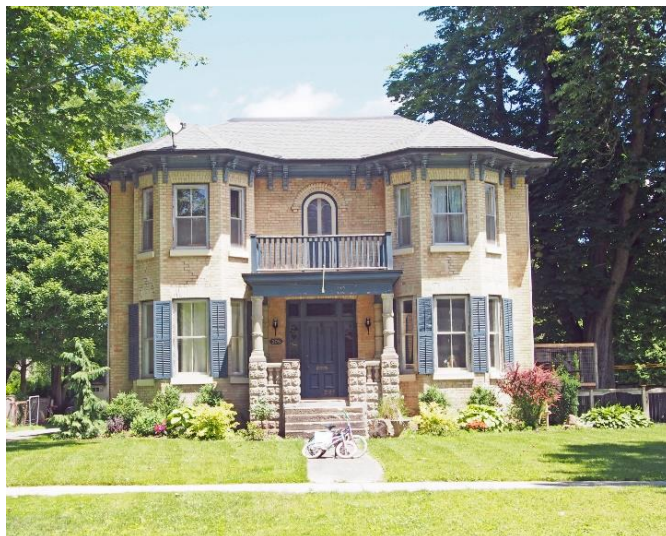
Annie wrote a book about North Oxford that was published in 1967. – see link

Titled the History of North Oxford 1867-1967

<https://history.ocl.net/Portals/OxfordCountyLibrary/documents/History%20of%20North%20Oxford%20Township.pdf?ver=2020-04-23-132939-850>

**MISS ANNIE SELDON**

*Miss Annie Seldon, 305 Oxford St., Ingersoll, well known resident of Ingersoll and North Oxford [township], passed away Monday evening at the residence of her sister Mrs. John Wilkinson, 36 Tillson Avenue., Tillsonburg, on Monday evening. She was 85 years of age. Born in Exeter, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Seldon, she came to North Oxford [township], Lot 7, Concession 3, at an early age. She received her early education in Ingersoll. Graduated from Normal School and taught for a number of years in Sombra and also supplied in Ingersoll schools for a number of years. Later she worked with her father, who was township clerk of North Oxford [township], and was appointed clerk May 6, 1929, which position she held until she retired, June 8, 1967*



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

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

**Sixth Child: Maria** B 30 Sept 1885 Exeter  
D 14 Mar 1967 Kitchener  
M 08 Nov 1911 Ingersoll

**Spouse Ralph Bechtel Doerr** B 25 Sept 1885 Blenheim Township Oxford County  
D 19 Apr 1961 Kitchener

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



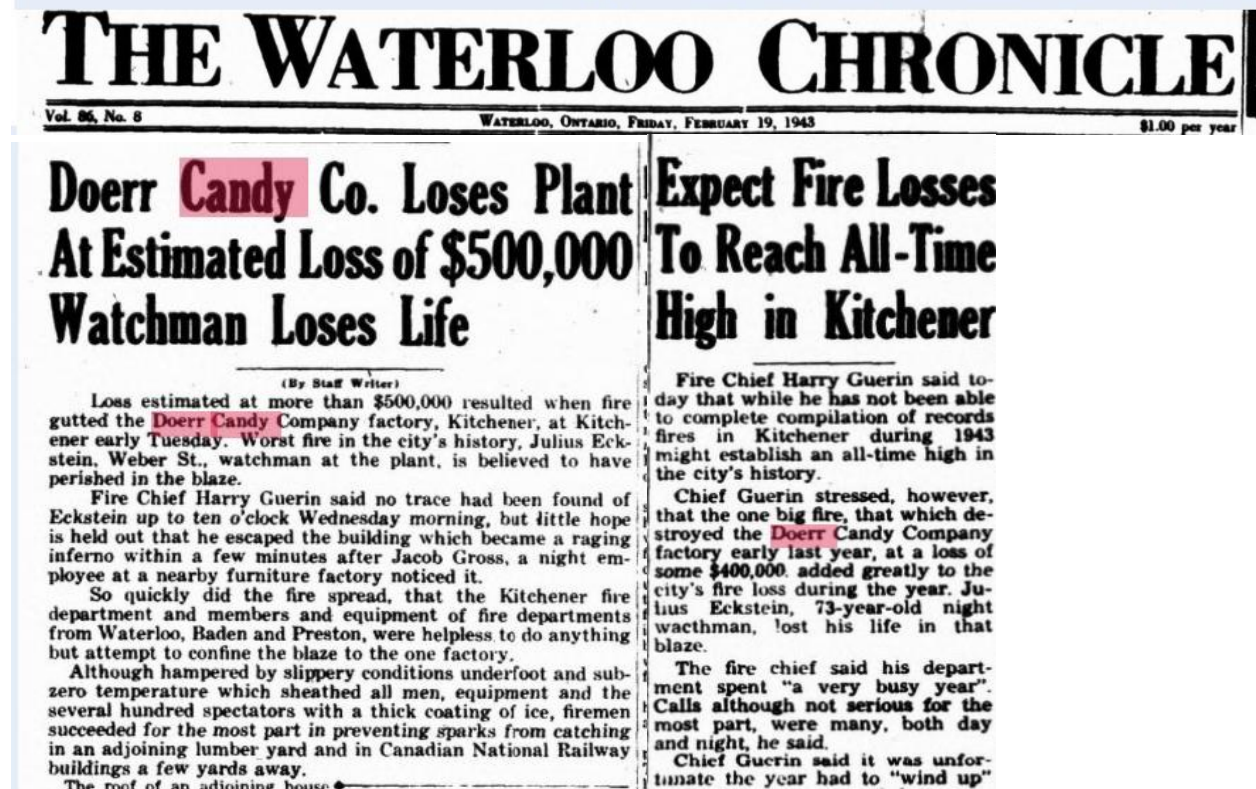
in Germany. He was the eighth of sixteen children in his family. Prior to the marriage, Ralph was a lodger at what I suspect was his older brother's house in Berlin, Ont. His father Adam Doerr lived in Conestoga Ont. At his marriage,

Ralph was working as a supervisor at his families' Doerr Candy Store and Cookie Factory. Ralph actually started work at the family business at age 13 and was a travelling salesman at age 17. Is that how he met Maria? Ralph and Marie moved to Berlin after the marriage. The Richard Seldon family must have been busy during October and November of 1911 as both Maria and her younger brother Arthur married within a month of each other. The 1921 census added two boys and the family which was living at 139 Wellington St.



in now renamed Kitchener. By then he was a manager at the family factory. The Doerrs eventually had three sons. All three were in service in 1945 during WWII. Over the years, Ralph had worked his way up

to a Vice President position in the Doerr Candy Co. The candy company has had a storied Doerr family history starting back in the 1890s with the Doerr corner store. The company expanded and grew to a thriving business. Disaster struck the company when the factory burned down Feb. 18, 1943. There was loss of life and the incident was called the largest fire in Kitchener's history at the time.



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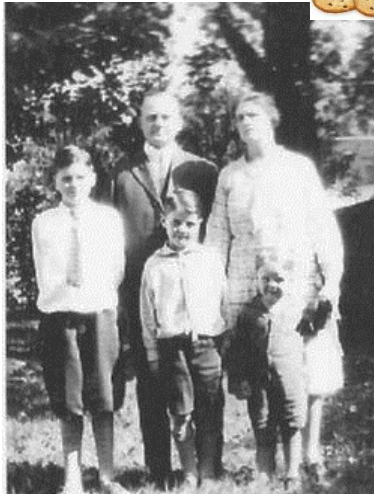
“In 1943, a disastrous fire in Kitchener swallowed up the cookie manufacturer, burning the Doerr facility to the ground. Temporarily housed in nearby Hamilton, the factory was rebuilt on the outskirts of



Kitchener. The C.H. Doerr Company, Limited title, and the family name, was changed to “Dare” in 1945, “to ease pronunciation outside of the local community as the company starts to expand distribution to all regions of Canada, said Dare Foods Limited in “About Us.” New developments and new markets have made the Dare Foods Limited company an international success. “From 7 factories in Canada and the U.S.,” said the Company, “our cookies, crackers, candies and fine breads are sold throughout North America, in Mexico, Sweden, the Far East and over 25 other countries around the world.” In 2012, Dare Foods Limited celebrates 120 years of Canadian achievement, from its early beginnings in the back

kitchen of Charles Doerr’s small grocery store to enormous delicious success today.”

History of Dares, Company website.



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

Ralph and Maria Seldon Doerr and three sons.

Courtesy mjbardon7 Ancestry.ca  
And Lesley Seldon Find a Grave

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

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



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

Child: Dr Ralph Seldon

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

Spouse: Jane unknown



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



KENNETH S. DOERR

F. R. R. Williamson, President, Ekco Canada Limited announces the appointment of Kenneth S. Doerr as Vice-President, Marketing of the Industrial Division of the Company. This new division is responsible for sales of commercial baking pans, glaze services, rigid foil containers and food transportation equipment.

Mr. Doerr joined Ekco in 1961 as Assistant General Manager, Bakery/Chemical Division and was appointed Divisional General Manager in 1963. Ekco Canada is a leading Canadian manufacturer of commercial baking pans and glaze services, housewares, rigid foil containers and sliding door hardware.

**Children of Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon**

Second Child: Kenneth Seldon

B 1920 Kitchener  
D 26 Jun 2013

Spouse: Doris Kingstone

B 1923  
D 2015



Kenneth served in the Canadian Navy in WWII and was an acting Sub Lieutenant in August of 1943 on the HMCS Alexander S Clay. He had enlisted at age 18 in 1939 and was initially a radio op. He returned to Canada and

went to the University of Western Ontario. After graduation he was involved in the production of baking goods for a bakery company and lived in London with wife Doris Kingstone.

**“DOERR, Kenneth Seldon (Veteran WWII)**

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

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**Children of Ralph Doerr and Maria Seldon**

**Third Child: Douglas Seldon**

B 29 Apr 1924 Kitchener

D 18 Mar 1991 Toronto

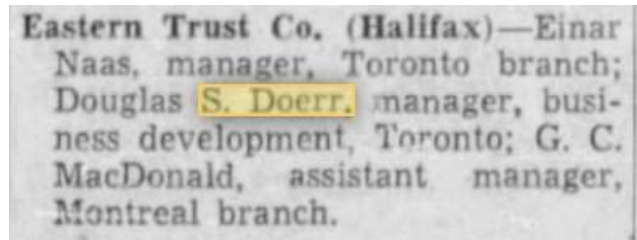
Spouse: Marie Ringler

B 09 Jan 1920 Turnberry, Huron Co.

D 22 Jan 1990 Orangeville, Ontario



Doug also went to the University of Toronto. In 1961 was working for Eastern Trust in Halifax. He later returned to Toronto to finish his career with the company.



The Doerr brothers 1926 Kitchener.  
L to R. Ralph, Kenneth and Douglas.

# Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

## Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

### Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod

Seventh Child: Arthur Russell B 01 Oct 1887 Exeter, Ont.  
 D 06 Jan 1957 London, Ont.  
 M 12 Oct 1911 Ingersoll  
 Spouse: Edith Clara Dundass B 17 Feb 1887 Ingersoll  
 D 26 Dec 1979

SELDON.—In Exeter, on 1st inst., the wife of Richard Seldon, of a son.  
 Exeter Advocate Oct 06, 1887



Arthur "Russell" was born in Exeter but came back to N. Oxford with his parents. He would have been about 2 years old when the family moved sometime around 1889. Russell was a farmer and 24 years old when he married Edith Dundass of Ingersoll in 1911. She was 24 as well. She was not the first Dundass family member to marry into the Elliott extended family. (see Book 9 – James Elliott and Family)

He worked beside and eventually took over the farm west of Ingersoll and near Dickson's Corners that had been in the family since his grandfather purchased the property in 1847. In the 1921 census, father Richard had moved into town and Russell was living on the farm. Richard was owner of the property from 1891 until 1930 when the estate (the property was owned by various children of Richard's) sold it to Russell. He and wife Edith were found on the property in the 1931 census. Edith's elderly parents were living with them. In 1965 a portion of land was sold to the township for the purpose of building a township office that opened in 1967.

**LEAVING POST-OFFICE STAFF**  
 ADDRESS AND PRESENTATIONS TO  
 THE MISSES ETHEL AND  
 EDITH DUNDASS.  
 (From Saturday's Daily.)  
 The Misses Ethel and Edith Dundass, who are leaving the staff of the post office, were kindly remembered by their associates last night, when the following address was read and they were each made the recipient of a leather handbag:  
 Misses Ethel and Edith Dundass:  
 Dear Friends,—On the eve of your departure from the post office staff we desire to express to you our very high appreciation of the faithful and valuable service which you have rendered while in the discharge of your many duties. May you meet in your new field of labor with that success which your merits so justly deserve. We can assure you that fond memory will often bring back to us the many happy days we have spent together. Please accept these small tokens of our respect and esteem coupled with the hope that your future lives may abound with usefulness and happiness. Signed,  
 Joseph Gibson,  
 Postmaster,  
 S. A. Gibson,  
 E. J. Manzer.

After Arthur Russell's death, Edith moved into Ingersoll and took an apartment at 82 ½ Anne St.

**INJURED IN RUNAWAY**  
 (From Tuesday's Daily.)  
 Arthur Seldon, son of Mr. Richard Seldon of North Oxford will be laid up for some time as the result of an accident with which he met yesterday. While engaged in farm work his team ran away and he was thrown violently to the ground. His left leg was severely injured.



Mr. Arthur Seldon, a prominent N. Oxford farmer, narrowly missed death while taking home a four-year-old Holstein bull from a sale. The animal threw him against a fence with such force that a post was broken, and then trampled him while prostrate. Had the animal not been dehorned a fatality would have been certain. Seldon was badly injured before help arrived. The injured man is a brother of Mr. R. G. Seldon of Exeter.

Exeter Advocate 1929

Before her marriage, Edith and her sister worked for the Ingersoll post office.

Edith would marry Arthur Russell Seldon in 1911. She was from the Dundass family of Ingersoll where her father was a machinest. The Dundass family owned several farms south of Thamesford on Concession 3 in N Oxford and only a few kilometers from the Seldon farms.



**A. R. SELDON NORTH OXFORD FARMER DIES**  
*One of the best known and highly esteemed farmers in North Oxford [township], in the person of Arthur Russell Seldon, of Lot 7, Concession 3, passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, on Sunday evening. In failing health for ten days, he had only been seriously ill for two days. In his 70th year, Mr. Seldon was born in Exeter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seldon, and had practically spent his entire life in North Oxford [township], residing on No. 2 highway on the Seldon homestead. He was a past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, and member of Trinity United Church. Left to mourn the passing of a beloved husband and father are his wife, the former Edith Dundas and one son, Richard, North Oxford [township]. Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. George Seldon of Vancouver, and Richard of Exeter, Ontario; three sisters, Miss Annie Seldon, Ingersoll; Mrs. R. D. Doerr [Maria], Kitchener; and Mrs. John Wilkinson [Emma] of Tillsonburg; and four grandchildren. Ingersoll Chronicle Jan 1957.*

**DEATHS**

**EDITH SELDON SELDON:** Edith Seldon, 80½ Ann Street, Ingersoll died at the age of 92 Wednesday December 26 while a patient in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll.  
 Born Edith Dundas, she was married to the late Arthur Seldon, who pre-deceased her in 1957.

Mrs. Seldon is survived by her son Richard of R.R.3 Ingersoll, her sister Mrs. R.A. (Ethel) Hutchison of Vancouver, B.C. and by her grandchildren Robert Seldon of R.R. 3 Ingersoll, Mrs. Clyde (Janet) Tomkins of Erin, Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Hutson of R.R.3 Ingersoll and Mrs. Gary (Linda) McClay of Ingersoll. Also surviving are seven great grandchildren.



**Child of Arthur Russell Seldon and Edith Dundass**

**Child:** Richard "Dick" Dundass B 06 Aug 1915 N Oxford  
 D 24 July 1987 Ingersoll  
**Spouse:** Doris Lillian Phillips B 1920 Ingersoll  
 D 1999 Ingersoll

"Richard was born on the family farm in 1915. He was an only child and spend considerable time helping his father and grandfather. Being the only son and the fact that the farm had been in the family for generations, it was likely destined that Richard D would continue the Seldon farming tradition. He worked the farm for many years and was the township clerk from 1967 to 1973. Richard transferred the

property to the next generation of Seldons in 1986 with his son Robert D Seldon taking ownership. His The farm was sold in 1992, thus ending family ownership from 1847 until 1992, a period of 145 years.”  
From Forest to Field

### North Oxford Concession 3 Lot 7 200 acres

Like Lot 6, this 200 acre lot was acquired by **John Elmsley** from the Crown in **1801**, and sold to **Charles H. Turner** by Elmsley's widow, Mary Elmsley, in **1818**. **William Seldon** purchased the 200 acres over a period of nine years from Turner. One half was purchased on **August 2, 1847** and the other half on **June 7, 1855**.

**June 11, 1891** The executors of William Seldon transferred all of Lot 7, less land for the Ingersoll & Thamesford Gravel Road, to **Richard Seldon**. [Richard Seldon was the fifth clerk of North Oxford, 1894-1929]

**Jan. 8, 1919** As a result of the will probate for Richard Seldon the 100 acre South Half was awarded to **Arthur R. Seldon**.

**April 29, 1965** Clara E. and Richard Seldon sold a portion of their property to the **Township of North Oxford** for the establishment of a new township office, which opened in 1967 as a centennial project.

**April 10, 1970** The executors of Richard Seldon transferred the 100 acre North Half to **Arthur R. Seldon**.

**1975** North Oxford Township became part of the new Zorra Township in Oxford County, following the amalgamation of East Nissouri, West Zorra, and North Oxford Townships.

**May 8, 1980** The executors of Arthur R. Seldon transferred the Seldon property to **Richard D. Seldon**. [Richard D. Seldon was the township clerk 1967 – 1973]

**Feb. 25, 1986** Richard D. Seldon transferred his property to **Robert G. Seldon** and in **1988** the property was re-registered to **Robert G. and Susan K. Seldon**.

Courtesy: From Forest to Farm

**NORTH OXFORD PICKS SELDON AS CLERK**

The office of clerk in North Oxford township is becoming a family affair. Richard Seldon, nephew of retired clerk Miss E. A. Seldon, was appointed clerk-treasurer last night by the North Oxford council. Ten applications were considered by the council and Mr. Seldon was their final decision.

The office of clerk has already been in the Seldon family for 70 years. Miss Seldon's father, Richard, was clerk before she had the job.

Mr. Seldon is expected to begin his duties in a month or two after he has cleared up matters on his farm at RR 2, Ingersoll. Until he is able to act as clerk, Mrs. Eva Baigent, Ingersoll, will attend to the records.

The new township office was built this year as a Centennial project on the Seldon farm. This is Mr. Seldon's first involvement with municipal life.



1986 Aerial photo Seldon-Cope farm



Dick Seldon would purchase 100 acres of ½ N Lot 6 Con 3 in 1964 to add to the total area of land being farmed.

This property was once owned by his uncle William in the 1920s. He later transferred the property to his son Robert G Seldon in 1974. Dick would become the third consecutive Seldon to hold the post of the Clerk-Treasurer for N Oxford. The family also established an appliance store on the farm property adjacent to the road from Ingersoll to Thamesford. The Haley - Seldon

store flourished for a number of years before closing. The building was converted into a family house. Dick loved flying and had a short grass airstrip built into one of his fields.



25 Sept, 1940 Wedding Dick and Doris

### *The Home farm of Dick and Doris Seldon* provided by Darin Baigent

*Land transfer records show that this farm has been in the Seldon family since 1847. It was a dairy farm until about the mid 1970s. It was cash cropped by the family until about 1990. The main barn burned down in about 1984. At that time the barn housed a small herd of beef steers who escaped the fire. The machine shop was built shortly after that. The small yellow house out front by the highway was built for a business selling Audio-Visual and large appliances.*

*Dick and Doris had four children -Ruth, Janet, Linda and Robert. Dick was a great musician. He played the organ and piano by ear and was part of a band. Dick died in 1987. Their son, Robert operated the farm, drove a truck and did custom work until 1992. Around this time the farm was sold to Gord Howe. The children, except Janet, all live in the Ingersoll area. In Tillsonburg there is a helpful lady who is the widow of a man named Seldon Wilkinson. Nora Yoke was an Ingersoll resident and the daughter of William Seldon Sr., but she passed away a few years ago with no living children.*

Courtesy: From Forest to Field

#### Obituary for Janet Elaine Tomkins (Seldon)



Tomkins, Janet Elaine (nee Seldon)  
Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of Clive Tomkins. Dear mother of Stephanie Calleja (Craig) and Jennifer Morrison (Derek). Cherished grandma of Matthew, Carmen, Nolan and Briar. Dear sister of Robert (Susan), Ruth Seldon and Linda McClay (Gary). Janet will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

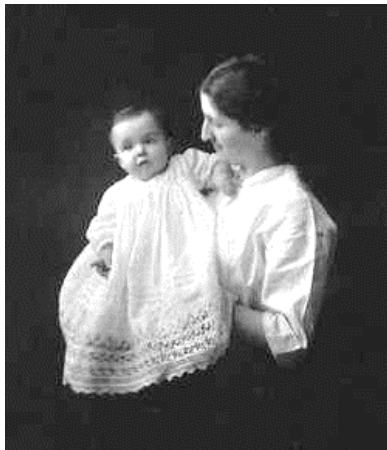
Daughter Janet

### **Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott** **Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott** **Children of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod** **Seventh Child: Emma Grace**

B 15 Oct 1889 Woodstock  
D 06 June 1978 Tillsonburg  
M 28 Mar 1912 Ingersoll  
B 23 Jun 1889 Ingersoll  
D 10 Feb 1975 Tillsonburg

Spouse: John Edgerton Wilkinson

Emma and son John



J. E. B. Wilkinson



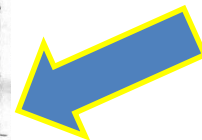
J E B Wilkinson  
General Store, Rainy  
River Ontario

Surprisingly recorded  
as being born in  
Woodstock, Emma  
was educated at

Dickson's Corners Public School and Ingersoll Collegiate Institute. John E B Wilkinson was the seventh of eight children born to William Wilkinson, a merchant in Ingersoll and Jane Hyslop. His father was a builder and contractor and the family lived at 87 Albert St. in Ingersoll. When Emma married John on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 1912 he was a resident of Rainy River, Ontario, a small town on the American border south of Kenora Ontario. The village at the time was in a remote area of the province. He ran a general store in the village. Why he was there is unknown. I suspect Emma knew him from his time in Ingersoll. Emma moved to Rainy River once they were married. Seven months after the marriage, she had given birth to a pair of twin girls. One died within two days of malnutrition but the other survived.

1	Wilkinson, Elizabeth, and Janet
2	Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1912. 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. M.
3	If in a hospital give its name. Rainy River, Ont.
4	Females (Twins)
5	yes
6	John E. B. Wilkinson
7	clerk.
8	Emma Grace Seldon
9	no
10	Ingersoll, Ont
11	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1912.
12	045640

16	Medical Certificate of Death.		11
	I hereby certify that I attended the deceased.		
Name.	Wilkinson Elizabeth		
From	Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1912	
To	" 25 <sup>th</sup>	1912	
That I last saw h.S.V.... alive on	" 25 <sup>th</sup> (at 3 A.M.)	1912	
That the Death occurred on	" 26 <sup>th</sup>	1912	
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Primary.	Inanition		
Duration.	(2 1/2 days) from birth		
Immediate.			
Duration.			
Physician's name.	Dr Murdoch		
Address.	Rainy River, Ont.		
Date.			



Birth of Twins in Rainy River

It appears that they left the Rainy River location and moved to Saskatchewan. The couple's son John Seldon Wilkinson was born in Saskatoon in the fall of 1914. How long the family were in Saskatoon is not known. They do not appear in the 1916 Saskatchewan census. I expect they returned to Ontario a few years prior to the 1921 Ontario census where they were located in Tillsonburg. John was listed as an automotive mechanic in the 1921 census and living on Tilson Ave. By the time of the 1962 voters list they were retired and still living at 36 Tilson Ave.



36 Tilson Street Tillsonburg.

As was noted before, Emma's sister, Annie Seldon lived with her in her last days. The Wilkinson's are buried in Tillsonburg.

### **Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod Children of Emma Grace Seldon and John E B Wilkinson**

**Oldest: Elizabeth**

B 23 Sept 1912 Rainy River Ont.

D 25 Sept, 1912 Rainy River Ont.

**Twin: Janet Emma**

B 23 Sept 1912 Rainy River Ont.

D 27 Nov 1932 Islington Ont.



Janet(te) was the surviving twin that was born in Rainy River. She was found as an 8-year-old on two 1921 census. She is listed with her parents on June 1, 1921 and with her grandparents Richard and Emma Seldon on the same day. She was attending the U of Toronto in the fall of 1932. She was in her first year of Household Science and in residence at Annesley Hall when on the morning of Nov 27, 1932, she died in Islington, a suburb of Toronto. Her death was under tragic circumstances.

The accident was a shock to the Tillsonburg community and source of debate in the Toronto press as to the number of deaths and the danger of that particular rail crossing. The fact that her body was not found for a long period after the crash is truly horrific. The Toronto papers went into great detail about the accident as seen on the next page.



## Tillsonburg Girl Killed In Crossing Accident

Freight Train Crashes Into Sedan on  
Bloor Street, Toronto—Party Going  
To London—Car Is Demolished.

Islington, Nov. 28.—Two young lives were snuffed out and three others are in grave danger as a result of another tragic meeting between train and motor car at the hazardous C.P.R. level crossing on Bloor street yesterday.

A happy party of five young girls, setting out for a visit to friends in London, Ont., was turned into a shambles at 9:40 a.m. yesterday when an eastbound freight train struck the light sedan, which, according to the engineer, had stalled on the tracks, and carried it some 200 yards along the right-of-way.

Marion Black, 29, 1378A Young St., and Janet Wilkinson, 20, a Victoria college student, whose home is in Tillsonburg, but who was in residence at Annesley Hall, were almost instantly killed.

Constance Cottee, 28, 15 Light St., Woodstock, the owner and driver of the car, who had been living temporarily with Miss Black, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and was reported to be in a serious condition, owing chiefly to a hysterical state caused by concern for the condition of her friends. Janet Murray, 26, 394 Avenue Road, received severe lacerations about the head and face and a fractured pelvis. Her condition was reported as fair following an operation and blood transfusion late last night. The fifth member of the party, Miss Marion Clarke, 20, of 297 London street, Sarnia, who has been residing at 5 Willcocks street, was the least seriously hurt, having chest injuries. She also suffered severe shock.

### Cause a Mystery

How the accident occurred could not be learned as neither Miss Cottee, the driver, nor Miss Clarke, the only other member of the party who was conscious, could throw any light on it. Suffering severely from shock, Miss Cottee could only say that she was unable to understand it, as she was a careful driver who had covered several thousands of miles at the wheel. She had no idea what had happened.

The crossing, which has been the scene of several fatalities, is diagonal, with a clear view in the direction from which the train came, particularly when a car is proceeding in the direction Miss Cottee's car was going. There is a wig wag and bell, which were reported to have been in operation.

The engineer of the train, J. H. Carriere, Toronto, stated, according to police, that he saw the car stalled on the tracks when his train was some distance from the crossing and that he applied the brakes, stopping the heavily loaded train in fifteen car lengths, said to be a remarkably short distance.

The train consisted of 40 cars, all heavily loaded and weighing between 9,000 and 10,000 tons.

The engineer of the train told police that the car appeared to come to a stop before reaching the crossing and then leaped forward to stall directly in front of the engine.

Another report said the emergency brake was pulled back when the car was found, but garagemen who assisted in removing the wreckage from the front of the train said the brake was not on when they arrived. The engineer believed the driver of the car became confused, police said.

### Car Wedged on Engine

The sedan was struck amidships and carried with four of its occupants about 200 yards down the track. When the train stopped the wrecked car was still wedged on the pilot of the locomotive.

Miss Black died as she was being removed from the wreckage. She is believed to have succumbed to heart failure caused by shock as she was not badly injured. Miss Wilkinson was not found until more than three-quarters of an hour later, when someone noticed her body lying in the deep ditch beside the tracks, a few feet from the crossing. She had apparently been thrown clear at the moment of impact. Death was believed to have been instantaneous as her neck was broken.

The injured were taken from the wreckage and attended by Coroner Dr. Emerson Bull and Dr. W. K. Fenton, until the arrival of police and private ambulances which took them to the Toronto Western hospital. The dead were taken to Nash's undertaking parlors, Islington. Police Chief James Suggitt and Provincial Officer Joseph Palmer were on the scene a few minutes after the crash and spent several hours afterward identifying the victims.

Marion Black and Janet Murray, the former dead and the latter critically injured, worked together in the children's branch of the Toronto Public Libraries, at St. Clair Ave. and Yonge streets. Miss Black was a graduate of University of Toronto, '26. Miss Cottee, until recently employed at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, was residing with Miss Black. Marion Clark and Janet Wilkinson were friends of Miss Black's and the party was on the way to London to visit Miss Clark's sister, who was a close friend of Miss Black. Miss Wilkinson planned to stop off in Ingersoll to visit friends. Miss Black has a brother, Eric Black, in Toronto, residing at 70 Snowden Ave.

### Were No Witnesses

No one can be found who actually witnessed the collision of car and train. R. J. Jess, driver for the Producers' and Consumers' Dairy of Islington, was driving along a street one block distant parallel to the railway and noticed that the train was stopping.

"I could see the cars jerking sharply as they do when a train stops," he said. "Then as I drove farther I noticed that the train was drawing up sharply. I wondered if the train was going to stop at the station. I lost sight of the cars for a few seconds and when I reached a spot that gave me an unobstructed view of the tracks I saw that the train had stopped."

"The car was pinned to the front of the locomotive. I turned and ran back to the street and found a telephone. I told the operator to get two doctors and an ambulance right away and then I telephoned for the chief of police."

A man, who said he was going to Hamilton and gave his name to the conductor of the train, witnessed the entire accident, according to William Mackenzie of Islington. Mackenzie saw the train slowing down, with the car pinned on the front, and rushed to

the aid of the injured people. He was given the task of looking after their property, which was strewn about the road and the tracks, and he was asked by a man, who was going to Hamilton, how he could make a detour. This man, he declares, was right behind the doomed car at the time of the accident.

Miss Wilkinson, who was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Wilkinson, was a valued member of St. Pauls United Church, and was active in the young people's work of the church. She was a member of the Sunday school and one of the leaders in the C.G.I.T. group. She was held in the highest esteem by her associates, and the news of her tragic death came as a great shock to the community. She graduated from the Tillsonburg High School last year, and was taking her first year's course in household science at Toronto University. The deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother, Seldon Wilkinson.

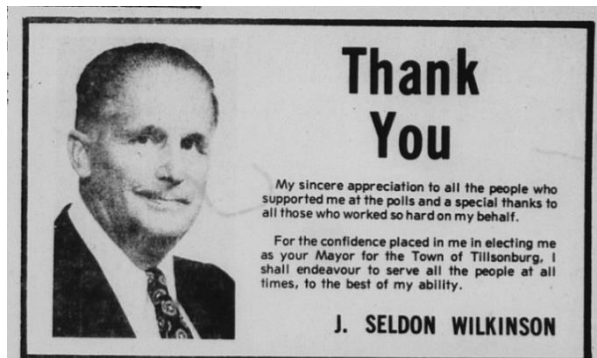
**Grandchildren of Richard Seldon Sr. and Emma Macleod  
Children of Emma Grace Seldon and John E B Wilkinson**

**Third and last child: John Seldon** B 25 Sept 1914 Saskatoon  
D 01 June 2002 Woodstock (lived in Tillsonburg)  
M 14 Nov 1938 Tillsonburg  
Spouse: Mildred Ellen Stover B 1916 S Norwich Township  
D Mar 16 2014 Tillsonburg



John was very young when the family returned from the prairies and moved to Tillsonburg. He went to school in Tillsonburg and eventually owned an automotive repair shop business, likely started by his father. He became active in town politics and ran for council and eventually was elected Mayor of Tillsonburg in 1975-1976. He followed in the footsteps of his uncle Thomas Seldon who was Mayor of Ingersoll in 1889. He was very active in school and county councils and other organizations and served with the Long Point Conservation Authority. His family lived in his father's 39 Tilson Ave home in Tillsonburg his entire life until he was placed in a retirement home in Woodstock.

J. Seldon Wilkinson 1975-76



**SELDON WILKINSON**  
Seldon Wilkinson, formerly of Tillsonburg, passed away at the Woodingford Lodge Home for the Aged, Woodstock, on Saturday, June 1, 2002. Beloved husband of Mildred (Stover) Wilkinson. Dear father of Ann Wilkinson of Kitchener and Barbara Crawford and her husband Maurice of Melbourne. Predeceased by one sister: Janet Wilkinson. Seldon was a former Mayor of Tillsonburg, served on Tillsonburg Town Council as well as Oxford County Council, he was a representative on the Board of Education for Tillsonburg and Norfolk County, a representative for the Long Point Conservation Authority, served on the committee for the Tobacco Board, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge King Hiram #78 and secretary for the District Lodge. Family and friends will be received at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on Monday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a Masonic Lodge Memorial Service under the auspices of King Hiram Lodge #78, Tillsonburg, being held at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Robert Shaw officiating. Interment, Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to St. Andrew's

**Obituary for Mildred Ellen Wilkinson (Stover)**



Mildred Ellen Wilkinson (1916 – 2014) Peacefully, at the Woodstock Hospital on Sunday, March 16, 2014, Mildred Ellen (Stover) Wilkinson, of Tillsonburg passed away at the age of 98 years. Beloved wife of the late Seldon Wilkinson (2003). Loving mother of Barbara Crawford and her husband Maurice of Melbourne. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mildred was predeceased by her daughter Janet Ann Wilkinson (2003) and 2 sisters. Friends and relatives will be received at Ostrander's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg (519-842-5221) on Sunday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. The Funeral Service for Mildred will be held in Ostrander's Chapel on Monday, March

24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Robert Shaw officiating. Interment in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital or the Woodstock Hospital would be appreciated.



Daughter Janet D 2003

John Wilkinson and sister Emma



Wilkinson's Garage and shop Tillsonburg  
Photos courtesy Lesley Seldon

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

**Ninth and Tenth Children: Flossie and Flora** B 03 Jan 1892

The twins were the last children born to the couple. Flora died the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and Flossie followed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Reasons for the death of the two girls were not given. Richards and Emma's daughter Emma Wilkinson also had twins as noted a few pages previously.

*Ingersoll Chronicle:* January 18, 1892

*Associated Surname* Seldon

*Associated First Name* Richard

*Note* twin daughters

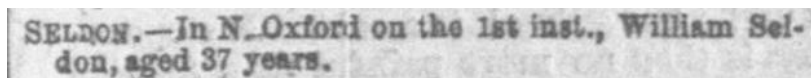
*Text of Notice* SELDON--In North Oxford [township], on the 18th inst., the twin daughters of Richard Seldon

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

**Fifth and Youngest Child: William Jr.** B 25 Sept 1849 N Oxford  
D 01 July 1887 N Oxford  
M 24 Mar 1875 London  
B 05 May 1851  
D 23 Dec 1925 Toronto

Spouse: Jamima Jane Armstrong

Although it is difficult to tell from property records, perhaps he purchased a portion of the Seldon farm in 1862 and continued to farm the property in North Oxford during his life. In the 1881 census he was



living in N Oxford with his wife, three daughters and 68-year-old recently widowed mother Maria

Elliott Seldon. He was only 37 when he died of cancer. He was predeceased by his father by 7 years. At his death his three daughters were aged 10, 8 and 6. After his death his wife and 3 daughters moved to

599 Spadina Ave in Toronto. The house was an elegant three-story brick duplex. The location is now a condo complex. Later the family lived at 286 Huron St. which is now part of the University of Toronto Forestry building.



Daughters of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong.  
L to R: Elizabeth, Minnie, Laurretta

## Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

### Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Oldest Child: Minnie Alberta

B 10 Feb 1877 N Oxford

D 23 Dec 1904 Shanghai, China

**Missionary Dies Far From Home**  
A cable was received on Wednesday from Shanghai announcing the death of Miss **Minnie A. Seldon, B.A.**, of Toronto, of smallpox. Miss **Seldon** left Toronto last September for the Methodist mission field in China, and since her arrival there has been engaged in teaching a school at Shanghai, conducted for the education of children of English residents and missionaries. She was a graduate of McMaster University class of '02. Her sisters and widowed mother reside at 599 Spadina avenue, Toronto.

After moving to Toronto, Minnie was educated in Toronto public schools before entering university at McMaster in Hamilton.

She graduated in 1902 and sent to China for her missionary duties in 1905.

It is believed she was working with the Christian Missionary Alliance, an umbrella organization set up in the 1890s to coordinate missionary work in conjunction with multiple religious groups and churches. She is buried with her father and mother at IRC

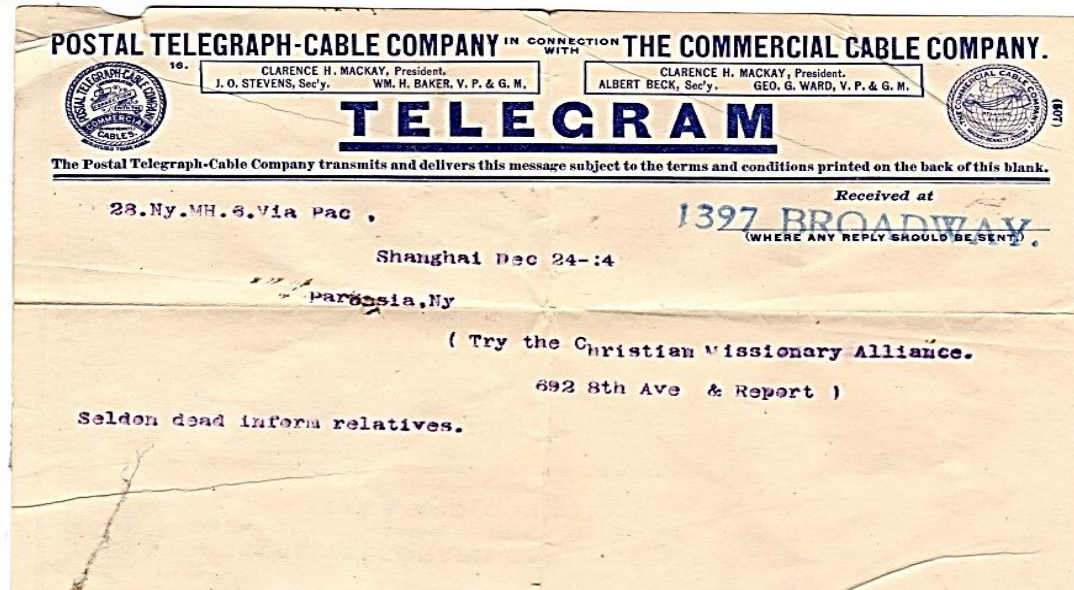
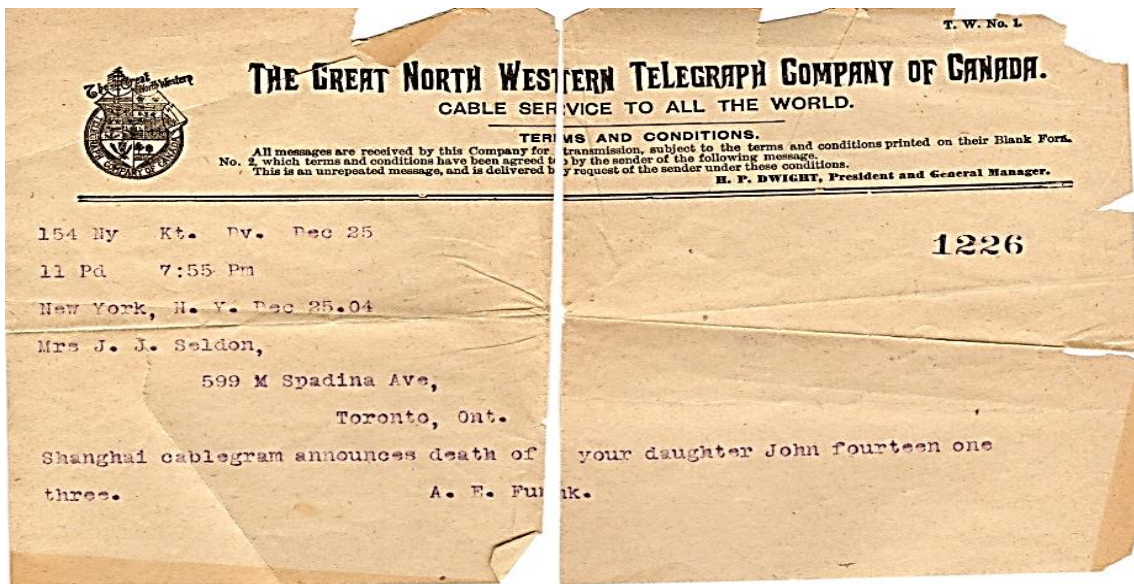
Saskatoon Star Phoenix Jan 06, 1905

“Canadian women were more highly integrated into China than many other Westerners; that as missionary women, they were uniquely able to have direct and sustained contact with Chinese women; and that as Canadians, they were treated differently from other Westerners, occasionally serving as power brokers at the local level. These women and their colleagues impacted upon China simply by being there as alternative role models; by their educational activities and public health instruction; and by initiating the liberation of Chinese women from their traditional restraints”

Shulman, Deborah (2008) *Prisms of China: Canadian Women Missionaries in China, 1904-1945*. PhD thesis, Concordia University.

[Manitoba Free Press, via Toronto Dec 27<sup>th</sup>:

“A Cable received today from Shanghai announces the death of Miss Minnie Seldon, a Missionary from Toronto. Her death was due to Smallpox”]



## Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Second Child: Laretta Mae

B 12 Mar 1879 N Oxford

D 19 Dec 1930 Toronto



Laretta lived in the family home at 286 Huron St. in Toronto. The house site is now part of the expanded University of Toronto footprint. Her death certificate had her occupation listed as a teacher. She died at age 51 of breast cancer after six weeks in St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto. It appears she was not married and very little information can be located about her life in Toronto. She is buried with her missionary sister and parents in Elliott section H of IRC. Her marker has an incorrect birth date.

## Grandchildren of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott Children of William Seldon Jr and Jamima Armstrong

Third and Last Child: Elizabeth Gertrude

B 07 Mar 1881 N Oxford RR #3

D 10 July 1982 Nottawasaga, Simcoe Co. Ont. age 101  
Buried Ingersoll Rural Cemetery



Like her sisters, she never married. She lived at the Huron St. Toronto home after her father's death until leaving for university in 1903. She was noted on various voters lists through the 1930s-1960s as living at 96 Walmer Rd with at least two or three other single women. She led an eventful and inquisitive life. She started working at the University of Toronto after graduation. She was a highly respected head secretary to four university headmasters from 1921 until her retirement in 1951. Her obituary speaks of her other notable accomplishments and her character.

U.T.S Secretary was related to local family

Ingersoll Funeral services were held this week for 101 year old E. Gertrude Seldon a secretary at the University of Toronto Schools who developed an enduring interest in the careers of the Boys who passed through that institution. She was buried in the family plot at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery alongside many of her relatives. She was a member of the same Seldon family which served as clerk's for North Oxford Township for three generations.

Richard Seldon who was clerk until the restructuring of the county in 1974 , said Miss Seldon was the daughter of his grandfathers brother. He pointed out that she was born in the house on his farm at RR3, Ingersoll next to the Zorra Township municipal Offices, Seldon one of the pallbearers at the funeral, said he had only met her a few times as she left the area around the turn of the century, but had learned alot about her since the funeral this week. Betty Rose, another cousin and the sister of Donald Rose another pallbearer ,said she knew Miss Seldon very well.

Vivacious,

She was the most vivacious person ive ever known said Miss Rose. Throughout her life she had a keen interest in many subjects, especially politics and music. Miss Seldon graduated from the university of Toronto in 1903, from 1921 to 1951 , she served four headmasters of university of Toronto Schools as a secretary. For many years after her retirement she was the only woman at the annual dinner of the Universitys Old Boys Asociation.

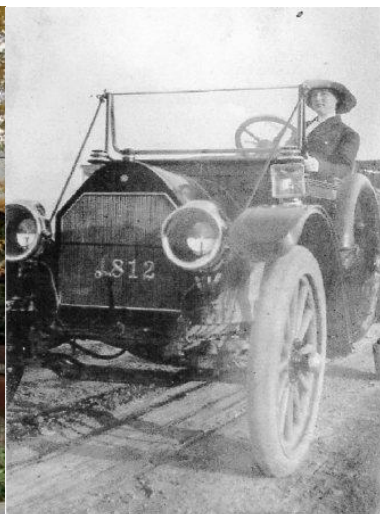
Miss Seldon was a redhaired woman with a determined manner, she was an avid concert goer and held the same seat for 50 years at Toronto Symphony Concerts. Seldon said his cousin had been living with a family in Stayner, near Georgian Bay for the past few years. Other pallbearers at the funeral included Dr. Ralph Doerr Sr of Stayner and his son Ralph Jr.

source

The Woodstock Sentinel Review

Friday July 16, 1982

By the time Gertrude had retired in the 1950s, various ship passenger lists showed she travelled first class several times in the 1930s, 1950s and later the 1960s to England, staying in high end London hotels. In later years she often travelled unaccompanied. Gertrude lived to 101 years of age. She ended her days living in the Nottawasaga/Stayner area southwest of Barrie Ontario. She was living with her great nephew Dr. Ralph Doerr who had retired to the area.



96 Walmer Rd. Toronto. Gertrude's home for over 30 years



L to R: Sisters, Minnie, Lauretta and Gertrude Seldon circa 1900. Location unknown.



The three sisters buried with their parents and grandparents in IRC in the Elliott "H" section





## Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Hodges Elliott Child of William Elliott Seldon and Maria Elliott

Ninth and last child: John

B 1852 N Oxford

D 01 Sept 1854 N Oxford

John was the second child named John born to William and Maria. His older brother John who shared a common given name was born in Cornwall, crossed the Atlantic and lived from 1846 to 1848. They were both buried in the Elliott family cemetery and "removed" to IRC in 1867 after the cemetery had opened and the various Elliott families had bought adjacent plots. Both boys only lived to their second year.

No.	NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	WHERE BORN.	WHERE DIED.	WHEN DIED.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	WHEN INTERRED
147	William Elliott	6		England	2. Oxford	July 17/58	Removal	1867 April 6
143	John Seldon	2		England	2. Oxford	Nov 19/48	"	"
144	John Seldon	2		North Oxford	2. Oxford	Sept 15/54	"	"
145	Anna Prouse	14		England	Bercham	July 8/69	"	"
146	Sarah Prouse	6		Bercham	Bercham	June 29/44	"	"
147	James Prouse	8		Bercham	Bercham	July 13/44	"	"
148	John Wilson	11		Bercham	Bercham	July 28/51	"	"
149	Mary Wilson	2		Bercham	Bercham	Aug 21/51	"	"

Patriarch William (alias Elliott) Seldon was not the only Seldon to move to Canada.



As per Lesley Seldon, a descendant from a stepbrother of William's:

"The Seldon Family that also came over to Canada from my husband line where Thomas Frederick Seldon 1871-1937, Emigration 1898 to the Klondike Gold Rush, in 1901 in Ingersoll working as superintendent at St Charles Canned Milk Co. In 1911 he and family had moved to Clayburn BC and on 1st Dec 1911 had opened the Cooper-Seldon Store in Clayburn. He is buried in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Clayburn.

His eldest daughter Marion Lindon Seldon 1903 -1986 married John Maxwell Roxburgh who was an Elected member of Parliament for Norfolk 1962 Liberal candidate serving three terms in House of Commons at Ottawa. John M Roxburgh and Roger Matchett were responsible for the event that led to the formal organization of Minor Hockey in Ontario.

The next son to go to Canada was Arthur Lindon Seldon, wife and two daughter they sailed on



the S.S. Corsican, 15 Nov 1912 went to Clayburn, by the 1921 census where living the Township of White Rock New Westminster B.C. as Hotel Keeper, Arthur died 21 June 1942 at 2554 Cornwall Street Vancouver he is buried Mountain View Cemetery. Both of his daughters Edna Zoe Clemence Seldon and Mary Eileen Seldon married the same man, Edna in 1938 and Mary 1977 the Rev Clare Clemens Richardson, Christian Minister. The only surviving sister Annie

Rowett Parkyn Pomeroy nee Seldon Emigrated 12 Sept 1936 sailed on S.S. American. A banker, she died 8 Dec 1944 at Vancouver Hospital her death certificate was signed by Dr George Elliott Seldon. She is buried Hazelwood Cemetery Clayburn BC.”

Several family members remained in Cornwall.



Marriage Notes for THOMAS SELDON and ELIZABETH PARKYN:

Golden Wedding

Mr and Mrs Seldon Our Kilkhampton correspondent writes

The Golden Wedding of Mr & Mrs Thomas Seldon, formerly of Elmsworthy, has just been celebrated. The happy event took place at Hook Grange, Warsash, Southampton at the residence of Mr Wm. Seldon, the second son. The proceedings commenced with the Wedding Breakfast, there being present seven sons with their wives and one daughter and her Husband. Mr and Mrs Thomas Seldon (Cousins), travelled from Canada (Ingersoll) for the occasion, as also did Mr Fred Seldon, the fourth son. Mr C Dayman, of Kilkhampton, was also one of the party. The seventeen grandchildren present brought the company up to the number of 60. Toasts were proposed and were repounded to. A presentation of 50 pounds (the value of a pony and trap), was made to the parents by the family. The ceremony of making the presentation was ably performed by the eldest son Mr J.P. Seldon, the esteemed Bradworthy auctioneer and Circuit Stewart of the Kilkhampton and Bude Wesleyan Circuit.

Mr and Mrs Seldon were the recipients of other presents, whilst telegrams and letters of congratulations came pouring in from all quarters. The day closed with a sumptuous supper and a programme of excellent music. We join in congratulating our old friends in their long and happy married life and rejoice with them at having seen their family settled in life. We wish Mr and Mrs Seldon long life and continued happiness.

Many thanks to Lesley Seldon.

End of Book 4: Maria Elliott and William (Elliott) Seldon

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Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

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## Book 5 “The Eliza Elliott and Charles Wilson Family “