

Chapter 2-1: Oldest son of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

John Rogers Elliott

B 27 Jun 1841 Marwood Parish, Devon (either in the village of Prixford Barton or Muddiford)
D 15 Nov 1912 Port Huron, Mi. Buried IRC

Spouse: Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson
B likely 17 Feb 1848 Centerville, W Oxford Ont.
D 05 Jan 1885 North Oxford Lot 15 Con 3 during childbirth
Buried IRC
M 20 Sept 1864 Centerville, W Oxford Ont.

Spouse: Phoebe Ann Thorn nee: Ward
B 1842 Norwich, Ont.
D 20 Mar 1892 N Oxford township, Ont. Buried IRC
M 29 Sept 1886 Beachville, Ont.

Spouse: Rosina Gettler (Getler) nee: Day
B 03 Apr 1852 E Nissouri Township Oxford Co.
D 10 Feb 1921 Port Huron, Mi. Buried Zion Cemetery Thamesford.
M 03 Apr 1895 Ingersoll, Ont.

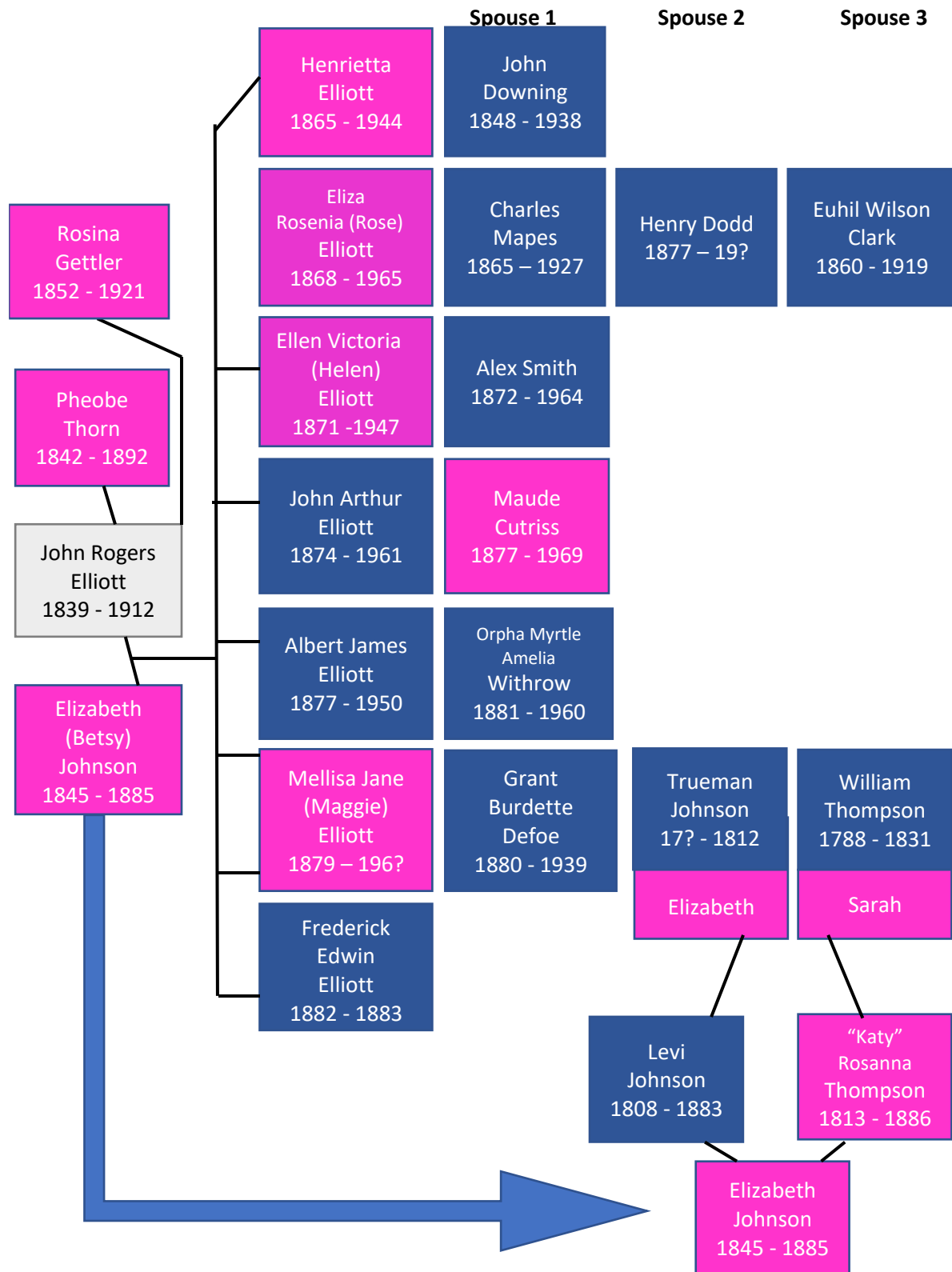


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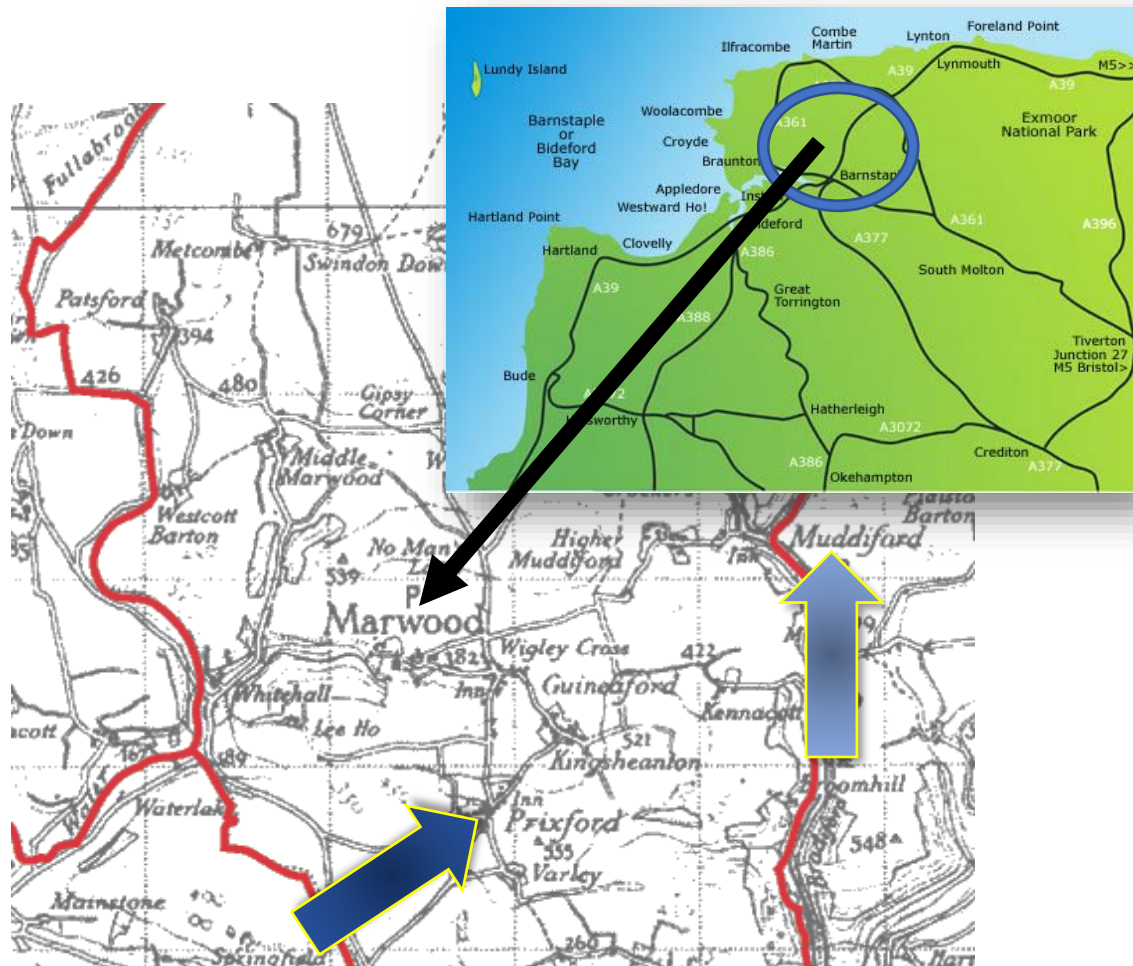
Henrietta (Hattie)	B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville	D 15 Feb 1944 "Riverside" Beachville, Ont.
Eliza Rosenia (Rose)	B 25 Dec 1868 N. Oxford	D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron, Mi.
Ellen Victoria (Helen)	B 13 July 1871 N. Oxford	D 01 Sept 1947 Beachville, Ont.
John Arthur	B 31 Aug 1874 N. Oxford	D 08 Jan 1961 Detroit, Mi.
Albert James	B 31 Mar 1877 N. Oxford	D 20 Dec 1950 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford
Melissa Jane (Maggie)	B 09 Sept 1879 N. Oxford	D unknown Plymouth/Detroit, Mi.
Frederick Edwin	B May 1882 N. Oxford	D 21 Oct 1883 North Oxford *

*Buried with parents in IRC.

John Rogers Elliott Family Tree (Oldest son of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers)

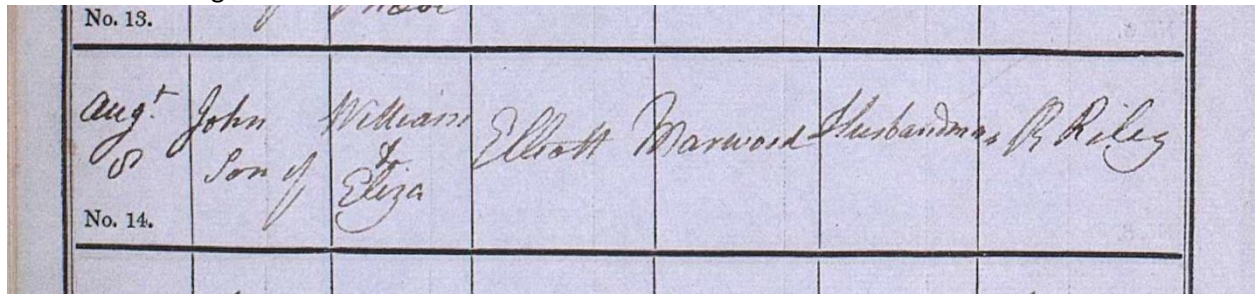


John Rogers Elliott (commonly known as JR Elliott) was born in Marwood Parish, Devon. The original Devon tithe map shows his grandfather, John Elliott, and family living in two locations: Prixford Barton farm and a house in Muddiford. I suspect that JR was born in one of those locations.



At the age of two, he was the youngest traveler of the Elliott group that migrated in 1843. It appears he came over with his father William and mother Eliza Rogers as per the Devon Emigration list of 1843 that was compiled by English genealogists and noted in patriarch John Elliott's family chapter. There is some speculation that his mother and father did not accompany that main family core but perhaps came over on a separate ship. His uncle John Jr. appears to have been in the Scarboro region for several years before the rest of the family arrived.

J R Elliott birth registration 1841. Marwood Parish Devonshire



Lists of Elliott's that travelled to Canada from Devon in 1843: (Devon Emigration list)
 Highlighted in **RED** are known ancestors:

Name	location	destination	administrator
Elliott Eliza	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Harriet	Bucks Mills	Port Hope, Ontario	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott Henry	Bucks Mills	Port Hope, Ontario	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott James	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott John	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott John	Bucks Mills	Port Hope Ont.	Janet Few jfewhistory@gmail.com
Elliott John	Hartland	Ingersoll, Ontario	D.F.H.S. journal
Elliott Mary	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Samuel	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
Elliott Thomas	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com
<u>Elliott W./Seldon</u>	<u>Hartland</u>	<u>Oxford, Ontario</u>	Joyce Groves ligroves@execulink.com
Elliott William	Marwood	Ontario 1843	Raymond Blight devonian47@gmail.com

Likely child J R Elliott

Elliott W/Seldon is William (alias Elliott) Seldon that married JR's aunt Marie and arrived in 1846. As noted in his grandfather's bio, upon arrival and living in the Port Hope/Scarborough Ont. area, the family moved to Oxford Co. When he arrived in Oxford County in 1844, the exact location where JR lived is not known. Did he live with his grandfather and grandmother at Lot 7 of Concession 1 West Zorra township at the original family homestead? Did his family build a shanty to live in while on the property? Did his father and mother have a house nearby? He likely moved with his parents William and Eliza to East Nissouri township as soon as they could secure property. JR's brother Thomas Gould Elliott was born in 1847 and his obituary lends credence to the fact that the family was living in East Nissouri at his birth.

THOMAS G. ELLIOTT

Death at noon on Saturday, May 5th, claimed one of Ingersoll's oldest pioneers in the person of Thomas G. Elliott. The deceased who was sin (sp) his 98th year, was born near Lakeside, E Nissouri. Chronicle

As noted in JR's father's bio, JR can be found in the 1851 Upper Canada census as living in a shanty on his father's 50-acre homestead of Lot 18 Con 11 in East Nissouri township in what is now the location of the village of Kintore. Onland.ca Ontario records indicate the family was living on the E. Nissouri lot prior to 1850 before purchasing it. Where they were living between 1844 and 1846 remains unknown.

By the time of the 1851 census JR was 11 years old. Due to the deaths of 2 younger siblings as noted in his father William's chapter, there was a large 7-year gap in ages between JR and his living younger siblings.

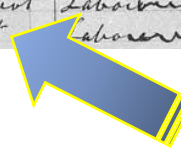
1851 Census of E Nissouri township

PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. 27							D-8 OF	
Name of Inmate.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence or out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	Male.	Female.
1 John Arthur	farmer	Canada	Presbyterian		2	✓		
2 John A. Ray	farmer	do	do		1	✓		
3 John Little	farmer	England	English Ch.		65	✓		
4 John Little	farmer	do	do		48	✓		
5 Joseph A. Little	farmer	do	do		18	✓		
6 John Little	farmer	do	do		14	✓		
7 John Little	farmer	Canada	do		12	✓		
8 William Little	farmer	Canada	do		11	✓		
9 Joseph Little	farmer	England	do		23	✓		
10 John Little	farmer	do	do		20	✓		
11 John Little	farmer	Canada	do		18	✓		
12 John Little	farmer	do	do		17	✓		
13 Joseph Little	farmer	do	do		17	✓		
46 Wm Elliott	farmer	England	do		30	✓		35
47 Eliza Elliott	farmer	do	do		24	✓		32
48 Mary A. Elliott	farmer	Canada	do		20			3
49 John Elliott	farmer	England	do		20			11
50 Thomas G. Elliott	farmer	Canada	do		14			54
51 John Arthur	farmer	Canada	do		52	✓		
52 Joseph Arthur	farmer	do	do		3	✓		
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JR likely worked on his father's farm as a farm labourer. No record was found to indicate he went to school but the 1861 census indicates that he was able to read and write. The Nissouri family farm was sold in 1856 according to Ontario deed records at Onland.ca. At this point, William Elliott moved the family to Huron Co. to another homestead purchased in conjunction with William's father John, also per Onland.ca. However, JR did not accompany the rest of the family. He would have been around 15 or 16 years old at the time. Census records of 1861 show him as age 20 living and working as a farm labourer on his uncle Thomas' farm at Lot 15 Con 3 in North Oxford. This farm lot would be the present day Cameuse Lime Co. open pit mine located north of the CNR tracks and east of the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

1861 Census of N. Oxford with JR living with his uncle Thomas and family.

27	Thomas Elliot	Farmer	England	E Methodist	40	1		m				1	
28	Laura Elliot		Canada, N.	do	36	1		m				1	
29	Mariah Elliot		do	do	15 ⁴	1		f				1	
30	Eliza J. Elliot		do	do	14	1		f				1	
31	Mary E Elliot		do	do	12	1		f				1	
32	Walter J. Elliot	Labourer	do	do	8	1		f				1	
33	Louisa G. Elliot		do	do	8	1		f				1	
34	Lewis M. Elliot	Labourer	do	do	4	1		f				1	
35	John Elliot	Labourer	England	do	20	1		f				1	



Ancestry.ca registration record of marriages

John Elliott

Ontario, Canada, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869

Name:	John Elliott
Age:	25
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	England
Residence:	Centreville
Spouse Name:	Betsy Johnson
Spouse Age:	17
Spouse Gender:	Female
Spouse Birth Place:	Canada
Spouse Residence:	Centreville
Marriage Date:	20 Sep 1864
Father Name:	William
Mother Name:	Elizabeth
Spouse Father Name:	Levy
Spouse Mother Name:	Rosanna
County:	Oxford

So why did he not go with the family to Huron County? It would only be speculation on my part as to why not. His father did appear to be a loose cannon and perhaps there was a conflict between them. Maybe he had his eye on his future bride, Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson, who lived in the village of Centreville which lay across the Thames River from his uncle Thomas’s farm.

His father William abandoned the family in 1866 and moved with another woman to Minnesota. His mother Eliza likely immediately moved her children back to Ingersoll and was found on the 1871 census living in the town with her remaining children that still lived at home.

JR and Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson were married on 20 Sept 1864. He was 25 and she was 17.

Of note in this marriage, JR was a Bible Christian Methodist and later referred to his religion as Salvation Army. The Johnson’s were Baptists. The marriage union of such divergent religious sects

was not often seen in the 1860’s. Later censuses listed Betsy as Methodist.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson, first wife and mother of the JR Elliott family

Not much has been discovered about Betsy. Her age is calculated on her tombstone to the day. It appears she was born around the 17th of February 1848. Betsy Johnson was born to Levi Johnson and “Katy” Rosanna Thompson of Centreville, Ont. Rosanna was also known as Rosina and Rosenia. Around 1850 the township of W Oxford was divided into wards. A brick school that Betsy would attend was built at that time on Broken Front Concession, Lot 15 about 6 chains length south of old highway 2 at Mill Rd.

My two times great Grandfather Levi Johnson Circa 1875 (courtesy Robert Johnson)



Censuses mention that Levi was American born. One of his son's marriage records indicate he was born in New York State. Betsy's mother Rosenia was born in 1813 in or near St. Thomas, Elgin Co. Upper Canada (Ontario). Betsy's parents married in 1828 when Levi was 20 and Rosenia was 15 years old. Levi's 1828 marriage would have indicated that the Johnson's were relatively early settlers in the Ingersoll region. They appear to have lived their entire lives in Centerville. During the early 1830s and 1840s, Centerville was competing with the future town of Ingersoll as the site of the main industrial center in the area. Centerville came into existence in the 1790s, whereas Woodstock and Ingersoll did not see populations until the 1820s and 30s. In its prime, Centerville had a grist mill, flour mill, a sawmill, a tannery, two blacksmiths and a fanning mill*

*Fanning mills removed straw, chaff, stones, dirt and dust, weed seeds, and light immature seeds from wheat, oats, rye, barley, and other grains.



A fanning mill - Wikipedia

Centerville occupied an area along today's Mill Street from Karn Rd north past old Highway 2 (now Beachville Rd) and continued north in West Oxford township up to the old Thames River edge, before it was diverted in the 1950s. The river at that time would have meandered along about where the CNR tracks are today. Up to the 1870s when the limestone kilns were first installed, Mill St. also continued to the north until it came to the original Thames water route. Reynolds Creek used to run from the Centerville Pond to the original Thames riverway. At the confluences of the creek and river was one of the oldest grist mills in southern Ontario. JR Elliott's uncle Thomas owned land north and south of the present Mill Rd and old Highway 2 intersection in the 1860s to 1870s. It is likely that the Johnson family lived in the area. Onland.ca records show the sale of Thomas Elliott and Levi Johnson properties at Lot 15, Broken Front concession West Oxford in the Centerville area.

There has been no record on the Onland.ca site to indicate that Levi bought land at Broken Front Concession Lot 15 West Oxford. It could be speculated that the War of 1812 land grant that Levi's mother Elizabeth received after his father Truman's military death may have been the land in question. The story of Truman Johnson is noted farther into the family story.

	Type of sale	Date signed	Date completed	Seller	
70051	Cealife	31 Oct 1877	1 Nov 1877	Thomas Elliott	George's
71046	Conveyance	31 Oct 1877	24 Dec 1877	Levi Johnson & wife, Thos P Johnson Jim Johnson, James Johnson, Amos Johnson, John Johnson Sarah Ann & Lucie Wife of Thos & Lucie Elizabeth Elliott	

Elliott Wife of John Elliott & Maria Hardy Wife of John Hardy being all the children of the said Levi Johnson & Catharine Perina Johnson his wife, the said Thomas & Lucie John Elliott & John Hardy
 The Credit Valley Rail way Company
 25 Dec 1879 19 Mar 1880

On the 31st of October 1877 there was a land ownership transfer from Thomas Elliott to the entire Johnson family. This is a total of 10 acres of Lot 15 Broken Front Concession of W Oxford (Centreville - north of old Beachville Rd – Highway #2 road from Ingersoll to Beachville). At the time, if women owned property, their husbands also had to be listed thus the references to “wife of” in the document. A portion of this property was sold to the Credit Valley RR for right of way purposes for a new (and still existing) rail line.

Thomas Elliott also sold 3 acres to Levi’s son and Betsy’s brother Thomas in 1866.

West Oxford: Lot No. 15, in the B.F. Concession.
 Centreville

INST.	DATE.	REGISTRY.	GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	QUANTITY
			Andrew Rees Sheriff of the County of Oxford	William Payne	
	11 Oct 1866	16 Oct 1866	Thomas Elliott & wife	Thomas Johnson	5 acres

“Bill of Sale 11 Oct, 1866 Thomas Elliott & wife to Thomas Johnson 5 acres”

Present day map with Johnson property of 1870s noted.



Betsy's father Levi seemed to be a man of many talents. Various censuses through the decades had him listed as a mechanic, carpenter, painter, and furniture maker. Rosenia Thompson and Levi were married in 1828. He died on the 17th of November 1883 and is buried in IRC. Rosenia was born near St. Thomas, Ontario in 1813 and according to Ontario death records died the 21st of October 1886 of heart disease. Later in life, censuses indicated that Rosenia did not know how to write although husband Levi could. Rosenia was the daughter of Scotsman William Thompson and his wife Sarah. It appears Rosinia's mother Sarah died at a relatively young age and no gravesite has been found. William lived out his life as a widower in St. Thomas Ont. until his death in 1871.

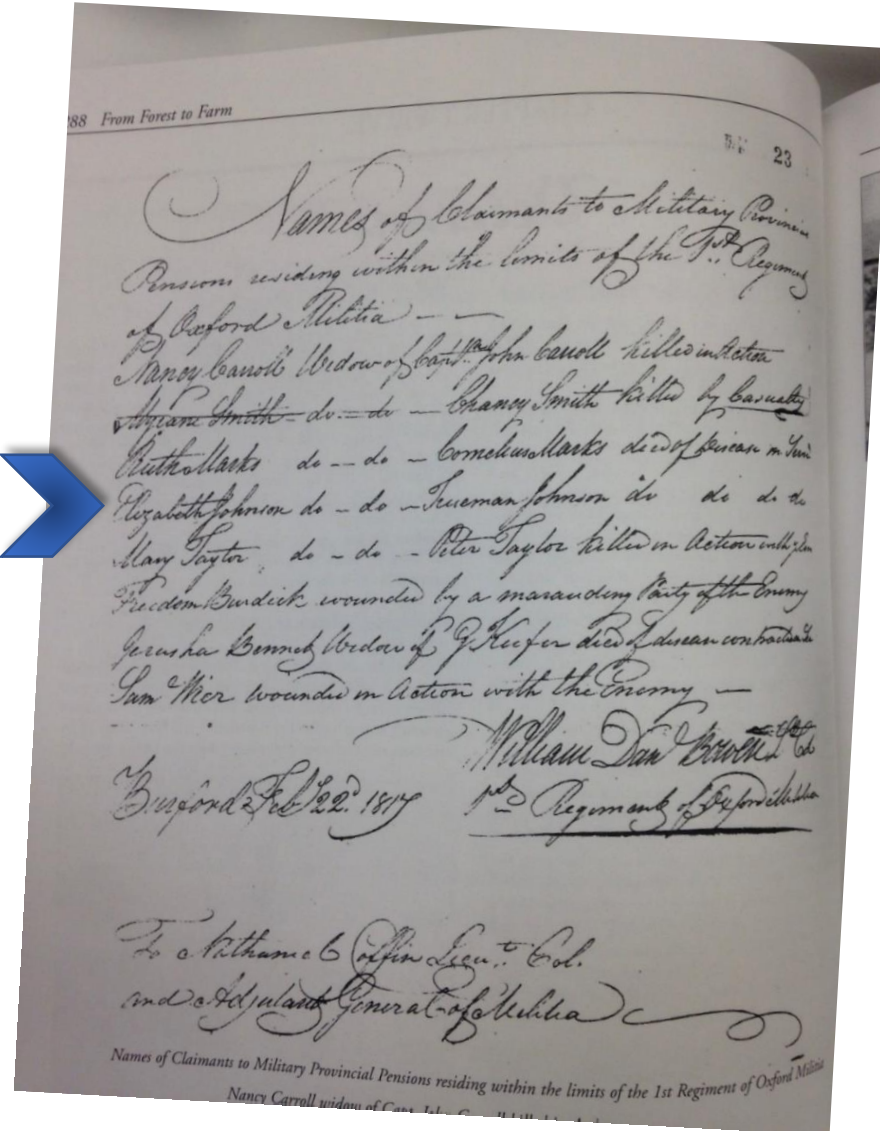
Substantial evidence has been found of Betsy's grandfather and my three times great grandfather, Truman Johnson. It appears that he was born in New York State but the date is not known. His wife was named Elizabeth and she was likely American as well. No birth date has been located for either. He moved to Centerville in the early 1800's. Interestingly, Truman was not long in Upper Canada when he fought for the Canadian side in the War of 1812 and died while on sentry duty around the time of the Battle of Queenstown Heights near Niagara Falls on the 13th October 1812. I have gone through some Canadian government records and found a 'Trueman' Johnson of Oxford township having been a private in the Oxford Militia. The records indicate he had died of disease while serving with the Militia. His widow was Elizabeth Johnson. The fact that he served in the Oxford Brigade and his widow was named Elizabeth, which has been verified in a few Ancestry trees, are strong indicators that Trueman Johnson was Betsy's grandfather. Many Johnson descendants have Trueman as their names as well. I suspect that Trueman moved from New York to Centerville around 1805. When the War of 1812 began, he took up arms for his new country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Johnson genealogists have searched for his grave in various cemeteries in the Niagara peninsula where the battles took place. No grave has yet been uncovered.

Government land grant records of 1812-1814 indicate that Trueman was an army private in the 1st Oxford Militia. Other records have him listed as a sergeant.

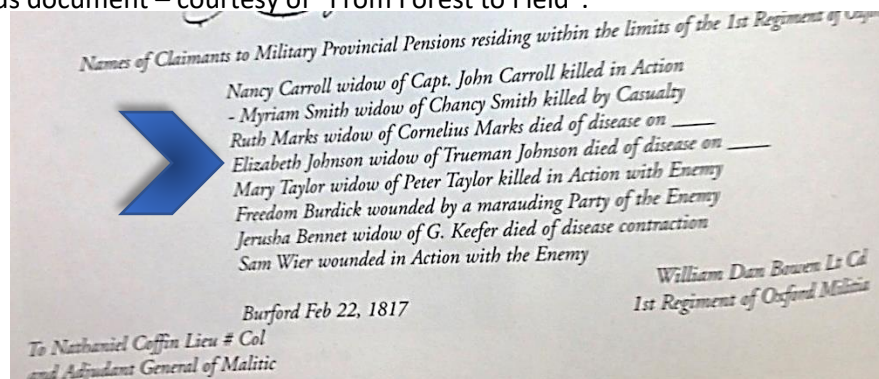
Item: Trueman JOHNSON (22882)

Given Names(s):	Trueman
Surname:	JOHNSON
Rank:	Private
Unit:	1st Oxford Militia
Date:	1817-00-00
Remarks:	Died of disease while on service. Widow: Elizabeth Johnson.
Record Title:	Pensions and Land Grants Records
Volume Number:	3
Page Number:	23-24
Fonds:	Adjutant-General's Office, Upper Canada fonds
Reference:	RG9 IB4
Item Number:	22882
Mikan Number:	183683

Elizabeth Johnson's Claimant to Provisions from the Upper Canada government after her husband's war death.



Translation of previous document – courtesy of “From Forest to Field”.



The War of 1812

“The War of 1812 was fought between Britain and the United States from 1812 to 1814. The main cause of the War of 1812 was Britain’s actions during the Napoleonic Wars (1799–1815). Firstly, the British set up a naval blockade of the United States east coast to stop supplies from getting to France. This made the Americans upset as they wished to trade with France. Anger turned to outrage when the British navy began to board American ships. Britain did this because it thought the Americans were continuing to trade with France. They were also looking for deserters from the British navy. In 1807, tensions between the Americans and the British rose when a British ship fired on an American ship in Chesapeake Bay. In May 1811, tensions rose even more when officers on a British ship “impressed” (forced) an American sailor to join the British navy. British relations with First Nations people were another source of American distrust. Britain traded with First Nations people living in American territory. Furthermore, Britain established a good relationship with Tecumseh, the Chief of the Shawnee. During the first decade of the 18th century, Tecumseh united many different First Nations to fight against the US. In 1811, Tecumseh’s forces and the United States went to war. This war is called “Tecumseh’s War.” It lasted from 1811 until 1813.

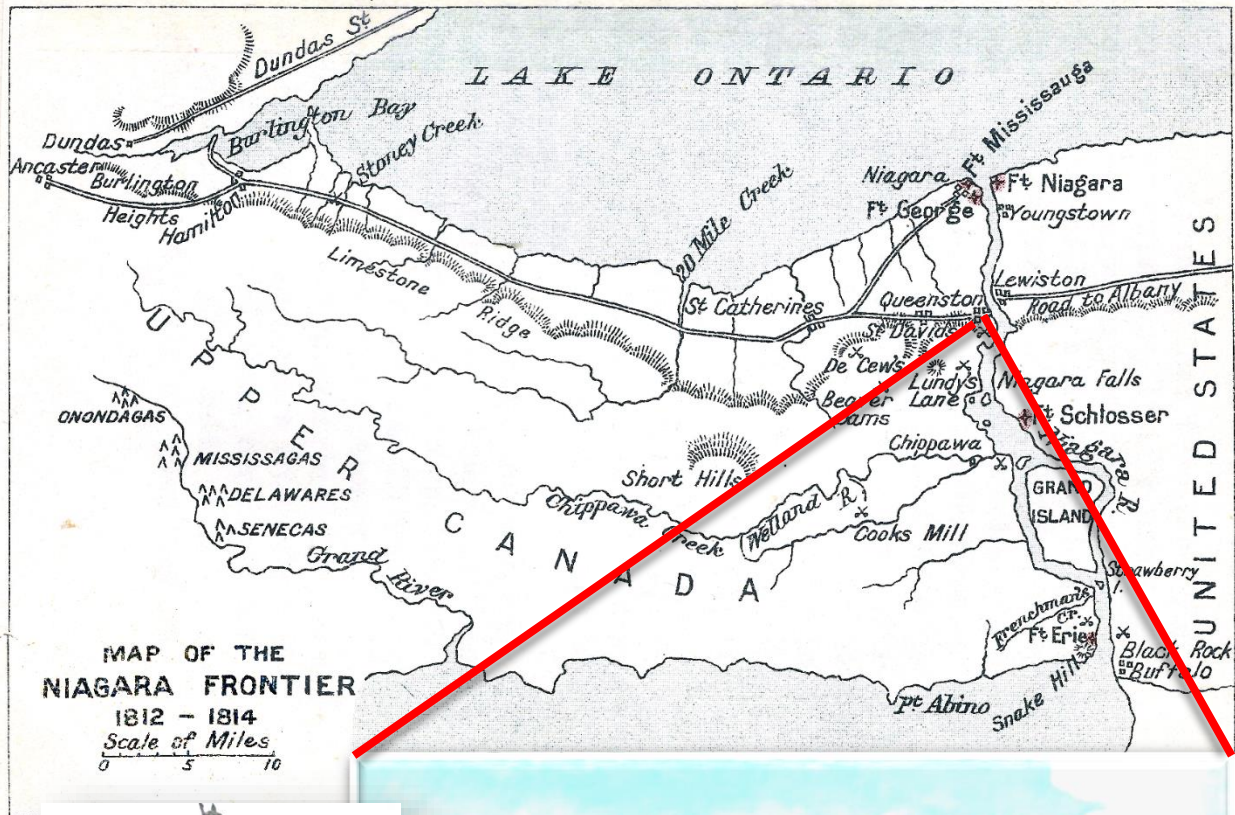
Around this time, “War Hawks” or groups of war mongering US congressmen were becoming more numerous. The “War Hawks” wanted the United States to go to war with Britain. In 1812, they got their wish. On 18 June 1812, President Madison declared war on Britain. The American congress felt an attack on Upper Canada would be an easy victory as there were few British regular soldiers in the colony and majority of the settlers in Upper Canada were American natives. The feeling was that these US settlers would not join the Canadian volunteers and would welcome the American conquest. This proved wrong. The war lasted for two years. The British side was comprised of soldiers from Britain, militiamen from Canada, Métis, First Nations warriors, and a group known as the “Coloured Corps.” Many men in the Coloured Corps. had been slaves. Some of the more important battles of the War of 1812 were fought at Fort Detroit, York (now Toronto), Fort George (at the mouth of the Niagara River), Moraviantown (the Chatham-Kent region in Ontario), and Queenston (Niagara-on-the-Lake). Most notably the American White House was burned during an attack on Washington DC. Thousands were killed and/or wounded during the campaign. The war resulted in a stalemate with both sides claiming victory. The War of 1812 had many lasting consequences. It guaranteed Canada’s independence from the United States. It also gave the population of British North America (Canada) its first sense of acting as a community. This would help develop a sense of nationhood. Finally, after the war, the United States expanded westward into First Nations territory instead of north into Canada. As a result, the War of 1812 was disastrous for First Nations peoples.

The Battle at Queenston Heights was the largest and most pivotal of the battles. Heroes were made of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock who died leading the defensive troops during the American attack on the Niagara Falls. Laura Ingersoll Secord, the daughter of James Ingersoll, the founder of Ingersoll Ontario was also made famous by her 30-kilometer overnight trek through the Niagara peninsula to warn the Canadians of immanent attack by the American forces at Beaver Dams.”

Wikipedia.

It appears that Sargeant Truman Johnson died of disease that was contracted while on guard duty at Queenston Heights sometime during the conflict. As previously mentioned, his burial location is likely at one of several military cemeteries in the vicinity.

Map of Niagara Peninsula 1812.



Painting depicting Oct 13, 1812 attack at Queenston Heights.

Monument to General Brock, Queenston Heights.

This is a list of the soldiers in the 1st Regiment of the Oxford Militia. It is amazing to see the number of deserters. War of 1812 Oxford Militia document courtesy Ingersoll Library

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1st Regiment Oxford Militia

No.	Rank	Name	Remarks
22	Privates	Henry Babcock	Deserted and joined the Enemy
		George Rouse	
		Joshua Rouse	
25		Abraham Rounds	
		Horatio Fowler	+ Jas ^d McLaughlin
		Stephen Douglass	
		Jonathan Stephens	
		George Lane	
31		Isaac Hiff	Deserted to the Enemy
		Jonathan Hiff	
		Nathan Burtch	
		Abraham Decow	
		Henry Wiley	
35		John Emmons	
		John Uptergrove	Deserted to the Enemy
		Joseph Davis	
		Peter Phillips	
		Earl Martin	Wounded
40		John Green	Wounded and taken to the Americans
		Abraham Decow	Wounded and served as a Private although he was an Ensign in the Militia
2 ^d Flank Company			
	Sergeant	Truman Johnson	Died of disease contracted while on sentry
		Abnelius Marks	Prisoner
1	Serjeant	Peter B. Brigham	
2		William Botsford	Went to the Enemy
1	Serjeant	Truman Johnson	Died of disease contracted while on sentry
2		Abnelius Marks	Prisoner
1	Private	Nathan Burtch	
2		Edward Logan	Joined the Corp ^s Militia afterwards

"Sergeant Truman Johnson - Died of disease contracted while on sentry."

A more in-depth study of the Battle of Queenston Heights can be found in the link below.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/battle-of-queenston-heights>

Truman's son Levi was only 4 years old when Truman died. It is believed that Levi and his wife Rosenia lived the rest of their lives in Centerville. Her burial location is beside her husband at IRC.

DULE O.-DEATHS
Book Division of *West*

No.
No. 26
Levi Johnson
17 November 1886
M
45 yrs 8 months
Mechanic
U. States
Consumption
ten years
J. R. Walker
James B. Johnson
North Oxford
17 Nov. 1886
Baptist
Cha. Mason

DULE O.-DEATH
 Division of *North*

No.
No.
Hattie Rosena Johnson
21 st October 1886
F
43 years
Carpenter's Widow
Canada
Heart Disease
Dr. Brown
James Johnson
Paint Contractor
North Oxford
21 st October 1886
Baptist
H. W. ...

JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson and family times

John Elliott	
Canada, County Marriage Registers, 1	
Name:	John Elliott
Age:	25
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	England
Residence:	Centerville
Spouse Name:	Betsy Johnson
Spouse Age:	17
Spouse Gender:	Female
Spouse Birth Place:	Canada
Spouse Residence:	Centerville
Marriage Date:	20 Sep 1864
Father Name:	William
Mother Name:	Elizabeth
Spouse Father Name:	Levy
Spouse Mother Name:	Rosanna
County:	Oxford
Microfilm Roll:	1030062

As noted, JR and Betsy married on the 20th of Sept 1864. Like her mother who married at 15, Betsy married at a young age, she was 17 and JR was 25.

After their marriage, it is believed that JR and Betsy lived in Centerville for a short time. They either lived near Betsy's parents or perhaps in the same wood frame house. JR's oldest child Henrietta (Hattie) was born there in August of 1865. She went on to marry into the Downing family who were owners of the lime quarries in the river valley between Centerville and Beachville.

In March 1866, JR left his wife and baby at home as he and his younger brother Thomas enlisted in the local militia (5th Brigade Oxford Rifles: nicknamed the Ingersoll Invincibles) to fight in the Fenian Raids. A website called Heroes of Zorra lists him as having lived in Zorra township (the present area that encompasses what was E Nissouri, W Zorra and N Oxford) when he was in the militia.

The Fenian Raids are not a well-known historical event in Canada. It was the last time that Canadian soil had been invaded and fighting occurred sporadically from 1865 to 1870.

In a nutshell, a group of Irish patriots believed that by successfully invading Canada via the United States and holding it hostage, they could force the English to allow the Irish island to have full independence.

They raised funds in the United States and Ireland from the large number of Irish expats and nationalist and kitted out and hired well trained former Confederate soldiers that where jobless and disillusioned. This semi organized group stormed the border. The American government seemed unconcerned and in fact some society elements and politicians were supportive. The Fenian's believed that the largely Irish, Scottish and American immigrants in Canada would welcome them with open arms. They were immensely wrong about the patriotic fever. The mostly rural citizens of Canada answered the call to defend their newly formed country. Farmers abandoned their fields to help the cause. The battles were more like skirmishes but there were casualties. The most prominent battle was at the village of Ridgeway, Ont. near Thorold, Ont. The Battle of Ridgeway was the last battle in which Canadian troops were killed on their own soil defending their country.

The link below is an excellent read about the events.

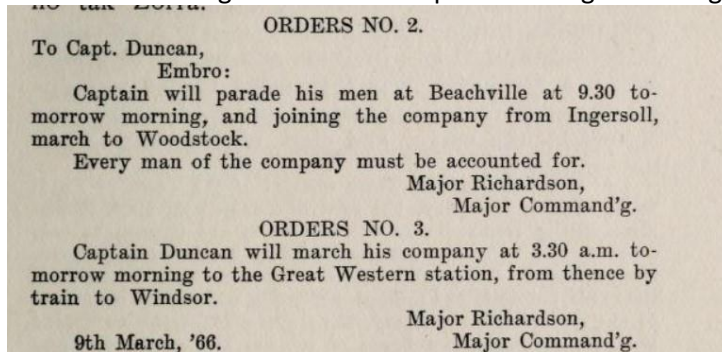
https://en.m.wikisource.org/wiki/Troublous_Times_in_Canada:_A_History_of_the_Fenian_Raids_of_1866_and_1870

“Tramp, tramp, tramp, our boys are marching
Cheer up, let the Fenian's come!
For beneath the Union Jack we'll drive the rabble back
And fight for our beloved Canadian home.”

Marching song: Fenian Raids

JR and his younger brother Thomas were mustered early in March 1866 into the 5th Brigade, 22nd Battalion (formerly the Oxford Rifles), Ingersoll Volunteer Rifle 5th Company. According to family lore, he mustered with other volunteers just west of Beachville along the old Highway #2 or what is now known as the Beachville Road. The militia marched five miles east to Woodstock then went by train to Windsor for border guard duty. This recollection by JR's daughter and my Great Aunt Rose seems to be borne out by “The History of Embro and W Zorra” written by Dean Robinson and published in 2008.

It shows 2 orders given to local companies during mustering.



Later in June 1866, the Ingersoll Co. was reassigned to Thorold/Ridgeway where the main battle was fought. There is no record to show that JR was involved in the battle or was there strictly as reinforcement.

He received the General Service Medal awarded by the Canadian government for his services. The medal is still in the family. Later, surviving veterans were also granted 100 acres of land in the

Kapuskasing area of N Ontario to encourage settlement there. I have no idea whether JR pursued this property option.



Canada General Service Medal



Duplication of Battle of Ridgeway – Wikipedia Image
 Photo below from "From Forest to Farm -History of N Oxford" book
 This is not JR's #5 Ingersoll Co. This is #8 W Zorra Co.



No. 8 Company, 22nd Battalion Oxford Rifles

1865, the movement changed their focus to planning an attack upon Canada. May 31, 1866 a force of 1000 men crossed the Niagara River near Buffalo and invaded Canadian territory. This was met with great excitement and enthusiasm and over 10,000 men volunteered their services to their country. After a battle near Ridgeway the Fenian raiders took the first skirmish

North Oxford Fenion Raid Veterans

- William Brown
- Thomas Downing
- John Elliot
- John Hacker
- Henry Holden



He also applied for a \$100 bounty for the Fenian raids offered by the government just months before his death and 56 years after the event.

FENIAN RAID SERVICE. 1862

THE FENIAN RAID VOLUNTEER BOUNTY ACT.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT. CVP

(This application and the declaration of a comrade in support of the claim, should be sent to The Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa. Blank Forms may be obtained from Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts.)

I, John Elliott of Port Huron
(Name in full) (P. O. Address)
Sgt. in the Michigan (Province)
do hereby apply for a grant under the provisions of The Fenian Raid Volunteer Bounty Act.

The grounds of my application are as follows:—

I was enrolled in the Ingersoll Company No. 4 Provisional Battalion
(Name of Corps)
and served with it at Windsor and Shores in the Province of Ontario
from about 12th March (day and month)
to Somerset in June (day and month) in the year 1866.

I was awarded and am now in possession of the Canada General Service Medal for said service.

I have not previously made any application for a grant under the said Bounty Act.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION.

I, John Elliott of the City
of Port Huron in the State of Michigan (Province)
do solemnly declare that I am the person mentioned in the foregoing application for Volunteer Bounty.

That all the statements made by me in said application are true.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at the Town
of Ingersoll in the Province
of Ontario this 10th
day of July 1912

John Elliott
(Declarant's signature)

John L. Dawson
A Commissioner, &c.

M. P. A. 1029
15 M. 4-12
H. Q. 8-6-2

(OVER)

For of Elliot (bounty 100) on Act of Lt. Col. Wonham
 comrade on also
 Ingersoll Inf Coy

*His CO Lt. Col. Wonham left notes on the side of the form to indicate he remembered J R. Elliott"

Lt. Col. "William George Wonham (1819-?), Provincial Land Surveyor, Ingersoll. b. England 1819. Resided in Ingersoll by 1851. Drew the 1857 Tremaine Map of Oxford County. Married with four children but became a widower in 1860. Wonham Street in Ingersoll is named for him. During the early 1880s Wonham left Ingersoll for the Northwest to take employment with the Dominion Department of the Interior. In 1884, in an interview with the Winnipeg Times, his talked of his work in the Rocky Mountains included surveying a national park [Banff] for the Dominion Government." Wikipedia

Luckily for most of the rural volunteers, the scrimmages were mostly over by July of 1866 and the farmers could return to the always important harvest season. There appears to have been one casualty in the Oxford Co. Regiment. He was from Woodstock.

For several years after the Fenian raids, JR continued to military drill with the Ingersoll Company. Below is a pay list for his practice with the Ingersoll Co. for 1868. Brother Thomas is also noted as participating in the drills.

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 CERTIFICATE No. 157
 CHEQUE No. 57

(To be Made out and Signed in Duplicate.)

ACQUITTANCE ROLL of the No 5 Company
 of the 22nd Battalion of Volunteer Militia for their Drill pay, for the year ended on the 30th June, 1868.

We, the undersigned Volunteers, belonging to the above named Corps, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Militia Department, by the hands of Captain W J Wigham, the Officer Commanding our Company, the amount placed opposite our names respectively, being our Pay for Drill for the year ended 30th June, 1868.

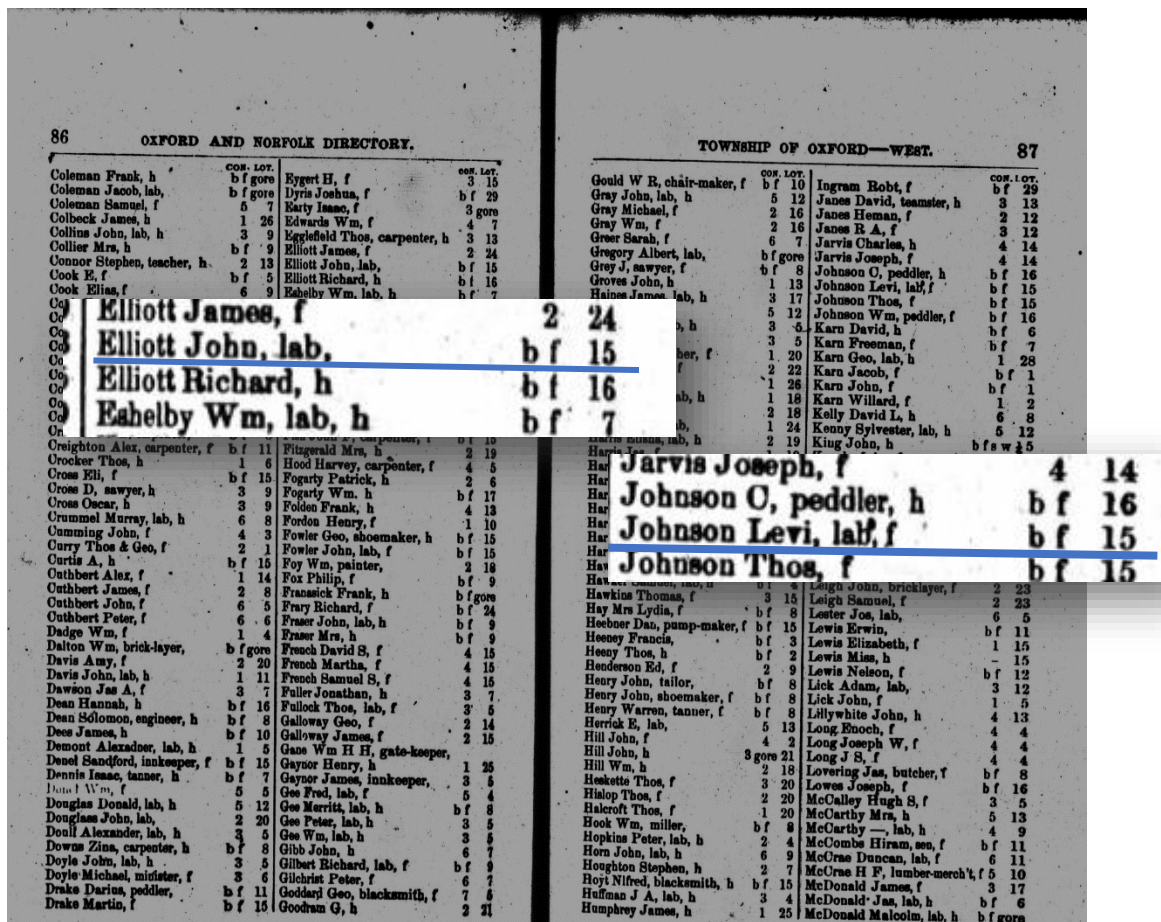
RANK.	NAMES.	Number of Days Drill Performed.	PAY.			Signatures of the N. C. Officers and Men.	WITNESS.	
			Men.		Horses.			Total.
			\$	cts.	\$			cts.
Sergeant	George Black	16	8	00	0	8	00	Geo. S. Clark
"	William Monroe	16	8	00	0	8	00	N. Munroe
"	Joseph Gibson	16	8	00	0	8	00	J. Gibson
Company	W. Robertson							W. Robertson
"	W. Robertson							W. Robertson
"	W. Robertson							W. Robertson
Private	J. Elliott	16	8	00	0	8	00	Spal. Elliott
	J. Elliot	16	8	00	0	8	00	John Elliott
	Wm Smith	16	8	00	0	8	00	Walter Smith
	J. Seani	16	8	00	0	8	00	J. Seani
	Mr. Davis	16	8	00	0	8	00	Wm Davis
	A. Gallaway	16	8	00	0	8	00	Andrew Gallaway
	C. Clifford	16	8	00	0	8	00	Charles Clifford
	A. Johnson	16	8	00	0	8	00	A. Johnson
	W. McFee	16	8	00	0	8	00	Wm McFee
	W. Snider	16	8	00	0	8	00	Wm Snider
	A. Snider	16	8	00	0	8	00	A. Snider
	A. Munroe	16	8	00	0	8	00	A. Munroe
	B. F. Fisher	16	8	00	0	8	00	B. F. Fisher
	D. Morrison	16	8	00	0	8	00	D. Morrison
	J. M. Lord	16	8	00	0	8	00	J. M. Lord
	H. S. Dyer	16	8	00	0	8	00	H. S. Dyer
	H. St. Lawrence	16	8	00	0	8	00	H. St. Lawrence
	W. Crawford	16	8	00	0	8	00	W. Crawford
	J. Buckow	16	8	00	0	8	00	James Buckow
Total carried over.....			176	00	0	176	00	WJW

*Here fill in Troop, Battery, or Company, as the case may be.
 Note.—The authorized rate per man is 50 cents for each day's drill; 75 cents is the daily allowance for drill of each horse belonging to the non-commissioned officers and men of mounted Corps.
 No. 214.

Ingersoll Library source.

After the war service JR returned to his family. Likely he remained living on Mill Rd. for a few years and it appears that he had his own home by late 1867.

Further proof of their home in Centerville can be found in the 1867 Ingersoll Gazetteer. JR and Betsy and Levi Johnson likely lived on adjacent lots. Onland.ca records indicate that both JR and Levi lived on ¼ acre lots cut out of the broken front concession Lot 15 of W Oxford. This indicated that they lived in the village of Centerville north of the intersection of old Highway #2 and Mill St.



The 1871 census had JR and Betsy and their 2 oldest daughters moving to N. Oxford township across the Thames River from Centerville. Family names listed in the 1871 census were still found near JR's homestead even in the days of my youth: Sandick, Riddick and Crawford were family names that still farmed along the river when I was growing up. Onland.ca records listed a John Elliott purchasing two acres from his uncle Thomas in 1871. This was 2 acres of Con 3 Lot 15 N. Oxford adjacent to the Grand Trunk RR right of way. I suspect that JR and family had a house built on that property where they could raise pigs and chickens while he worked as a labourer on a nearby farm. It could be possible that he was still a farm hand on his uncle Thomas' farm.

Further evidence that he raised pigs can be found by this article from a farm journal of the time

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YORKSHIRE TOM.

Farrowed May 29, 1892; bred by Jos. Baker, Littlewood; 2nd owner, **J. R. Elliott, Ingersoll**; sire Mahomet-270-; dam Yorkshire Lass, (imp. in dam)-265-by Holywell Squire V (1025); Holywell Spee, (imp.)-263-(Vol. I), (3196), by Holywell St. Chrispin, (1027), etc.

Record for Con 3 Lot 14 N Oxford.

East Half 100 acres

May 25, 1850 John Lever sold the East Half to **Daniel Carroll**. Two months later, on **July 06, 1850**, Carroll resold the 100 acres to **James A. Crawford**.

Jan. 16, 1852 James A. Crawford sold approximately two and one-quarter acres to the **Great Western Railway**.

May 17, 1861 James A. Crawford sold six acres from the south-east quarter to **Thomas Elliott**.

April 21 1869 James A. Crawford sold 92 acres, comprising of the East Half less the severed six acres and the railway land, to **Archibald McKellar**.

Oct. 18, 1870 Thomas Elliott sold two and one-half acres of his six acre property to **Daniel Shannon**.

Nov. 27, 1871 Thomas Elliott sold two acres along the railway property to **John Elliott**.

June 23, 1876 Daniel Shannon transferred his two and one-half acres to **Daniel Shannon Jr.**

Sept. 4, 1877 Thomas Elliott sold his remaining one and one-half acres to **John Fishleigh**.

March 11, 1889 John Fishleigh sold his one and one-half acre property to **Alexander McLagan**.

Jan. 23, 1890 Alexander McLagan sold the one and one-half acre to **James Norsworthy**.

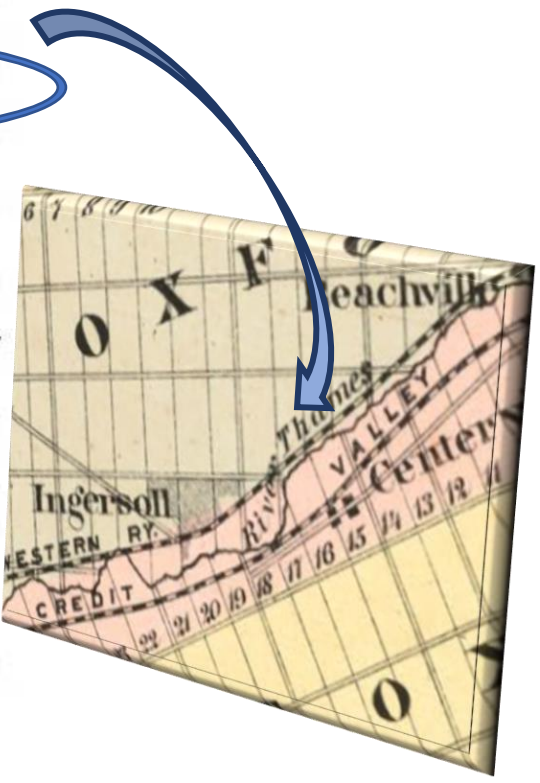
April 12 1890 John Elliott sold his two acres along the railway to **James Norsworthy** also.

March 26, 1892 The Warden and Treasurer of Oxford County awarded the two and one-half acres, previously registered to Daniel Shannon Jr., to **James Elliott**.

March 7, 1892 James Norsworthy sold his two parcels of land, amounting to three and one-half acres, to **James Elliott**.

April 2, 1892 James Elliott sold the one and one-half acre lot

Elliott Edwin	"	1	3	11	1
Elliott John	"	4	5		1
Elliott J R	"	3	14		1



*There is some confusion in the Gazetteer of the time as to whether JR lived on Lot 14 or 15.

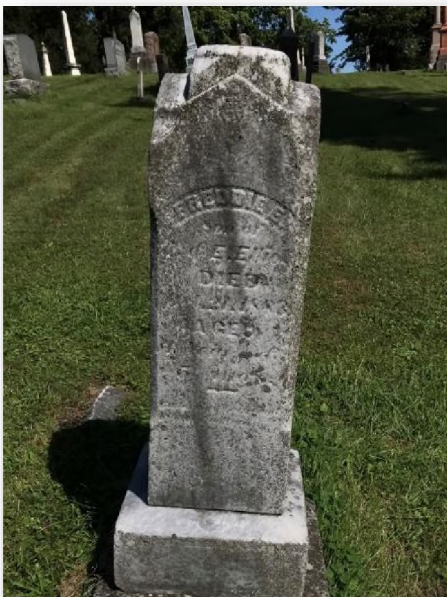
By 1882, JR and Betsy had a string of children.

Henrietta (Hattie)	B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville	D 15 Feb 1944 "Riverside" Beachville Ont.
Eliza Rosenia (Rose)	B 25 Dec 1868 N. Oxford	D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron Mi.
Ellen Victoria (Helen)	B 13 July 1871 N. Oxford	D 01 Sept 1947 Beachville Ont.
John Arthur	B 31 Aug 1874 N. Oxford	D 08 Jan 1961 Detroit Mi.
Albert James	B 31 Mar 1877 N Oxford	D 20 Dec 1950 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford
Melissa Jane (Maggie)	B 09 Sept 1879 N Oxford	D unknown Plymouth/Detroit, Mi.
Frederick Edwin	B May 1883 N. Oxford	D 21 Oct 1883 North Oxford

Fredrick Edwin would be born May 1883 but died in October of the same year.

Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Id	7882
Type of Notice	Death Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle
Newspaper Date	Oct 25 1883
Page Number	3
Column Number	6
Surname	Elliott
First Name	Fred
Middle or Maiden Name	E.
Date of Event	October 21, 1883
Associated Surname	
Associated First Name	
Note	
Text of Notice	ELLIOTT--In North Oxford [township], 21st inst., Fred E., son of Mr. John Elliott, aged 1 year and 6 months



Freddy Elliott grave marker with his parents

1881 census North Oxford Township.

CENSEMENT.
Province of *Ontario* District No. *165*
SCHEDULE No. 1—Nominal Return of the Living.
TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.

NAME OF VISITATION.			NAMES	SEX	AGE	Date within last twelve months	Country or Province of Birth.	RELIGION	ORIGIN
Household.	Houses inhabited.	Families.							
NOMENCLATURE DES VISITATIONS.			NAMES	SEXES	ÂGES	Nouveau dans les douze derniers mois.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	RELIGION	ORIGINE
Logis.	Maisons habitées.	Familles.							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			<i>James Thomas Henry</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>62</i>			<i>Scott Experience</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>W. V. Mitchell</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>W. V. Mitchell</i>
			<i>Elliott John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>B. Chris</i>	<i>English</i>
			<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>American</i>
			<i>Henrietta</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>English</i>
			<i>Eliza Rose</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Wen Vic</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>John Arthur</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Arthur James</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Melissa Jane</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>63</i>	<i>63</i>		<i>Hishleigh John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>B. Chris</i>	<i>"</i>
			<i>Ellie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

I cannot speak to the family dynamics but they appeared to be a relative healthy group as no more young children were lost to disease. The children were in school at Dunn's Corners up the concession road.

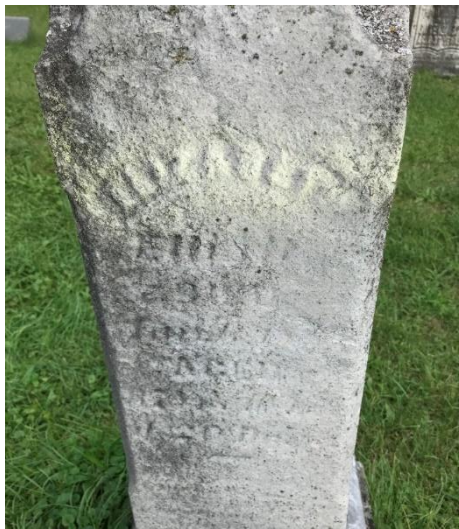
Then the wheels fell off.

On the 6th of January 1885, Elizabeth "Betsy" Elliott died of a heart attack while giving birth to a premature baby at the family home. She was 37 years old. Her surviving children living at home would have ranged in age from 5 to 16 years. Henrietta, the oldest at age 18, was married by 1885 and was no longer living at her family home. Being the oldest daughter, that left Rose as the "mother" at age 16. It must have been devastating for the family. As most men were in that era, JR probably had no knowledge or ability to care for the younger children. Hopefully, his extended family would have helped.

Betsy's death was likely traumatic for her mother as well as she died the following year.

Death Schedule for Oxford Co. showing Betsy's death registration January 1886. It indicates she suffered an "embolism following premature birth"

SCHEDULE C-DEATHS			No.	
12 Dec 1885	18 Dec 1885	12 Dec 1885	Elizabeth Elliott	
24 years	47 years 10 m	24 years	6 th Jan 6 1886	
Infant	Infant	Infant	37 years	
Infant	Infant	Infant	Labourer's Wife	
Infant	Infant	Infant	West. (Prof. of)	
Infant	Infant	Infant	Embolism of the Heart following premature birth	
Infant	Infant	Infant	J. W. Walden M.D.	
Infant	Infant	Infant	The John K. Walden	
Infant	Infant	Infant	North Oxford	
Infant	Infant	Infant	14 th Jan 3 1885	
Infant	Infant	Infant	Methodist Church of	
Infant	Infant	Infant	H. Hillston	



Elizabeth "Betsy" Elliott tomb marker is located down the south slope of IRC from the Elliott family markers but still in section H.

After a suitable mourning period, JR's priority would have been to remarry and supply a new mother for his gaggle of children.

Second wife of JR Elliott: Phoebe Ward

JR married Phoebe Ward Thorn on the 29th of September 1886, about 8 months after Betsy's death.

Phoebe Ward was born about 1842 in Norwich, Oxford Co. Ont. Her parents Alfred and Sarah were farmers that emigrated from New York state. When Phoebe was 19, she married Joseph Thorn, a labourer from Dereham Township, Oxford.

Phoebe lost her husband due to "hemorrhaging of the lungs" on the 27th of February, 1886. Both Phoebe and JR lost their spouses within weeks of each other. Their wedding took place at his oldest daughter Henrietta's "Riverside" home. Daughter Henrietta had married John Downing and the house now stands as the Beachville Museum.

Marriage Schedule for John Elliott and Phoebe Thorn

~~John Elliott~~
 44 years
 West Oxford
 Resumes England
 W
 German
 W m & Eliza
 Elliott

Phoebe Thorn
 44
 West Oxford
 Norwich Township Ont
 W
 Alfred and Sarah
 Ward
 W m & husband and
 Henrietta's wife of
 John Downing
 West Oxford
 Sept 29 1886
 Antietam Army
 Methodist
 Joseph Archer

Five years later, by the time of the 1891 census, the family was no longer recognizable.

TABLE No. 1. - Enumeration des Habitants. - Dispositif par sexe et par âge.														
NOM			Sexe			Âge			Profession			Religion		
N	N	N	M	F	N	M	F	N	M	F	N	M	F	
188	48	Phoebe	M	50	W	Engl.	Engl.	Engl.	Methodist	Farmer				
		"	F	48	W	Engl.	Engl.	Engl.	Methodist					
		"	M	14	W	Engl.	Engl.	Engl.	Methodist					
		"	F	8	W	Engl.	Engl.	Engl.	Methodist					

Phoebe and JR only had two children living with them, Albert J and Winnie T. Henrietta had married. Rose was married to a Charles Mapes and had moved to Woodstock. She had her 10-year-old sister Maggie living with her. Oldest son John Arthur was only 16 at the time but likely

in conflict with his father or stepmother which led him to no longer be living with the family. He was located boarding in Woodstock and working as a 16-year-old leather trimmer for the Siggins Carriage Co. in Woodstock. He was destined to move to Detroit, Michigan by 1897. Daughter Ellen (Nettie) was sent to live and work as a domestic at her older sister Henrietta Downing's "Riverside" home. I suspect that she went there right after her mother died. She would have been 13 years old.

The 1891 census lists a Winnie T, age 8, with the family. The census and many Ancestry.ca trees indicate that she was JR and first wife Betsy's daughter. Winnie was Phoebe's daughter. Phoebe had one other daughter, Ellen May Thorne from a previous marriage. This older daughter would have been about 25 years old and likely married by 1891. Winnie's age of 8 on the census would mean she would have been born about 1883. Mathematically, Winnie could have been JR and Betsy's child, as deceased child Fred Edwin was born May of 1882. Winnie could have arrived in 1883 before Betsy was pregnant again in the summer of 1884. That pregnancy was the one that killed her.

But with the spacing of births of their other children and Betsy's advancing years, I have my doubts that this timeline was likely. More about Winnie T later.

JR and family were stunned once again when Phoebe died on 20 Mar 1892 after suffering consumption (Tuberculosis) for 6 months. Consumption was the leading cause of death in Oxford County during the late 1890s to the 1910s. She was only 50 years old.

SCHEDULE C-DEATHS

name	Defund	name	Defund	name	Defund
James Patton	24 th Dec 1891	Phoebe Elliott	20 th March 1892	Thomas Patton	23 rd May 1892
28 years	013477	50 years	013478	69 years	
South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund
Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter
Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown
John Patton	21 st Dec 1891	John Patton	21 st Dec 1891	John Patton	21 st Dec 1891
55 years		55 years		55 years	
South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund
Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter
Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown
Thomas Patton	23 rd May 1892	Thomas Patton	23 rd May 1892	Thomas Patton	23 rd May 1892
69 years		69 years		69 years	
South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund	South Defund
Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter	Phoebe's daughter
Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown	Dr. Brown

Phoebe Elliott
 20th March 1892
 50 years
 Farmer's Wife
 Township of Norwich
 Consumption 6 months
 L.M. Brown M.D.
 John Elliott
 North Oxford
 28th March 1892
 Methodist
 Ab. Hiltz



Phoebe's misspelled tomb marker is shared with JR, first wife Betsy and JR's son Freddy. Phoebe is on the west facing side of the marker.

JR was once again a widower with 15-year-old Arthur James and 9-year-old Winnie T living at home.

As noted, Winnie's name had never come up in my Elliott family discussions through the years so I was skeptical that she was a direct relative.

That was proven to be the case.

The mysterious Winnie T

The 1901 census proves that Winnie was not JR's child but Phoebe's child from her previous marriage. After Phoebe's death, Winnie was sent to live with her aunt and uncle George and Mary Hogarth. Their 1901 census listed her as a niece and her full name was given as Winnie

Thorn, age 18, living with her aunt and uncle's family in Bruce Co. Ontario. Her mother and father had previously lived in this area in the 1871 census prior to Winnie's birth.

Ancestry records show that Winnie went on to marry a William Wilson Miller and lived in Tara, Ont. They eventually moved to Regina in 1911 as per the 1911 census and by 1921 she and her family were homesteading outside Moose Jaw.

1871 Bruce Co. census.

FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901. SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1. POPULATION. QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901.

PROVINCE		DISTRICT			R. DIVISION No. B		S. DIVISION No. C		CENSUS OF 1901		CENSUS OF 1901		CENSUS OF 1901		CENSUS OF 1901		
Ontario		49 North Bruce			No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		
No. 5		No. 49 North Bruce		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2		No. 2	
5	"	Jola	Wife	Daughter	1	Aug	1895	2	0	2							
6	"	Jennett	Wife	Mother	30	Sept	1899	72		Scotland	1853						
7	"	Sorner	Wife	Niece	24	Sept	1899	2		Irish							
8	47	Hogarth	George	Head	2	Feb	1841	59	0								
9	"	Mary	Wife	Wife	25	Dec	1849	51	0								
0	"	Oster	Wife	Son	30	Dec	1853	21	0								
1	"	Mable	Wife	Daughter	7	Dec	1854	16	0								
2	"	Winnie	Wife	Son	29	Dec	1881	9	0								
3	"	Thorne	Winnie	Niece	26	Oct	1882	18	0								

Birth of Winnie's son 1905 Bruce Co.

SCHEDULE A.

County of Spencer

No.	NAME	SEX M. or F.	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
129	Trotter, Robert, John	M	March 18, 1905	William George Trotter	Dora, Kate Anderson
130	Miller, Percy, Ward	M	March 29, 1905	William Wilson Miller	Winnie, Thorne
131	Brid	F	May 12, 1905	Edward J. Brid	Sadie Forrest

Around the time of Phoebe's death, JR appeared to decide to change his life. He sold his property and livestock in 1890 but continued to live in North Oxford up to the time of Phoebe's death. Three years

East Half 100 acres

May 25, 1850 John Lever sold the East Half to **Daniel Carroll**. Two months later, on **July 06, 1850**, Carroll resold the 100 acres to **James A. Crawford**.

Jan. 16, 1852 James A. Crawford sold approximately two and one-quarter acres to the **Great Western Railway**.

May 17, 1861 James A. Crawford sold six acres from the south-east quarter to **Thomas Elliott**.

April 21 1869 James A. Crawford sold 92 acres, comprising of the East Half less the severed six acres and the railway land, to **Archibald McKellar**.

Oct. 18, 1870 Thomas Elliott sold two and one-half acres of his six acre property to **Daniel Shannon**.

Nov. 27, 1871 Thomas Elliott sold two acres along the railway property to **John Elliott**.

June 23, 1876 Daniel Shannon transferred his two and one-half acres to **Daniel Shannon Jr.**

Sept. 4, 1877 Thomas Elliott sold his remaining one and one-half acres to **John Fishleigh**.

March 11, 1889 John Fishleigh sold his one and one-half acre property to **Alexander McLagan**.

Jan. 23, 1890 Alexander McLagan sold the one and one-half acre to **James Norsworthy**.

April 12 1890 John Elliott sold his two acres along the railway to **James Norsworthy** also.

March 26, 1892 The Warden and Treasurer of Oxford County awarded the two and one-half acres, previously registered to Daniel Shannon Jr., to **James Elliott**.

March 7, 1892 James Norsworthy sold his two parcels of land, amounting to three and one-half acres, to **James Elliott**.

April 2, 1892 James Elliott sold the one and one-half acre lot

later, The Ingersoll Gazetteer of 1895 had him living a house at the end of Carnegie Street in north east Ingersoll. There is nothing in property transfer records to show he owned the house. However, his younger brother Thomas Gould Elliott owned several lots on Carnegie St during this time. I suspect JR was renting one of his brother's houses. Whether son Albert moved with him is speculative. Winnie had moved in with her aunt by that time.

Third Wife of JR Elliott: Rosina Gettler (Getler)

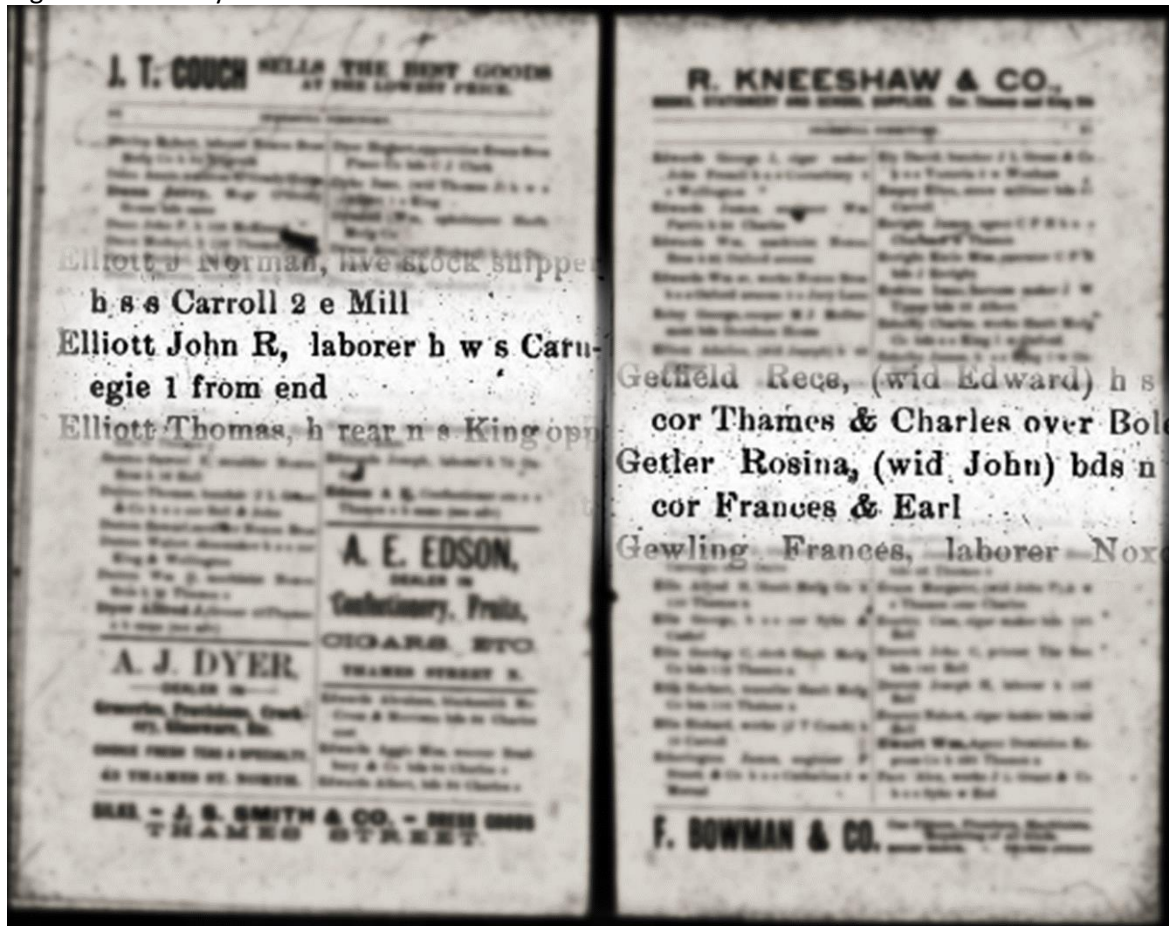
By 1895, JR had remarried once again. This time he married Ingersoll resident Rosina Gettler. Rosina's maiden name was Day and she came from a large clan that farmed outside of Thamesford, Ont., a small community 7 km to the north west of Ingersoll.

Rosina Day Getler was born and raised in E Nissouri township (just north of Thamesford). Her parents John and Eliza were from the US. There was a large contingent of Day family in the area as she grew up. Rosina was in her late 20s when she married John Gettler. He was 25 years her senior and he already had several children living in the family home. They lived in Fullerton Township, Perth Co. where John was a farmer.

He died on the 11th of January 1893. Rosina returned without her stepchildren to her Day family near Ingersoll. Of the Gettler children Rosena left behind, the youngest was 16 when his father died. The children were to fend for themselves. The youngest two boys were found as lodgers in Listowel Ont. in the 1901 census.

JR and Rosina were living separately in Ingersoll just prior to their marriage in 1895. JR as mentioned before was likely renting from his brother and Rosina was a boarder in the house on the corner of Francis and Earl streets.

Ingersoll Directory 1894



Marriage Schedule for Oxford 1895

SCHEDULE	
County of <i>Oxford</i>	
009178	
Mr Name	<i>John Elliott</i>
Age	<i>53</i>
Residence when married	<i>Ingersoll</i>
Place of Birth	<i>England</i>
Spouse or Widow (S. or W.)	<i>W</i>
Rank or Profession	<i>Labourer</i>
Name of Parents	<i>William & Betsy Elliott</i>
Mr Name	<i>Rosina Elliot</i>
Age	<i>43</i>
Residence when married	<i>Ingersoll</i>
Place of Birth	<i>Canada</i>
Spouse or Widow (S. or W.)	<i>W</i>
Name of Parents	<i>John & Betsy Day</i>
Name and Residence of Witnesses	<i>Daniel Carey Mrs ' Ingersoll</i>
Date and place of Marriage	<i>April 3rd 1895 Ingersoll</i>
Religion (Denominations of Background)	<i>Methodist</i>
Religion (Denominations of Bride)	<i>do</i>
By whom	

The couple married on the 3rd of April 1895. Although the marriage certificate has JR at age 50, he was 53. Rosina was 43 years old.

Within months the couple were living on Cherry St. in Port Huron, Michigan. I cannot locate any specific reason that they moved to Port Huron in 1896. However, according to various censuses, Rosina's mother was from Michigan even though Rosina was born in Canada. Rosina's older sister Janet moved to Port Huron in 1880. Janet and Rosina are buried together in the Day Plot in the Zion cemetery in Thamesford, Ontario. I suspect the closeness of the two sister was a factor in the move. In fact, younger sisters Lilly (Day) Eshelby and Edna (Day) Carey both moved to Port Huron a few years after Rosina and JR.

Rosenia (Rose) Elliott, JR's daughter via wife Betsy had been married and living in Woodstock. She would move to Port Huron by 1900.

Several other cousins also made Port Huron their home for many decades. Several found employment with the railroads that had border shunting and transfer railyards there. A significant number of Elliott clan can still be found in the Port Huron region.

1900 US Census Pt Huron

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Enumerated by me on the 15th April 1900, at Port Huron City, Michigan.

3965

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		EDUCATION			INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, OR SERVICE	SOURCES OF INCOME	PROPERTY	VALUE
				Color	Sex	Years	Months	Days				
John Elliott	Male	38	Married	White	Male	1862	7	10	10	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Rosina Elliott	Female	36	Married	White	Female	1864	7	10	10	New York	New York	New York
John Elliott	Male	11	Single	White	Male	1888	11	5	0	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Rosina Elliott	Female	10	Single	White	Female	1890	10	5	0	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
John Elliott	Male	10	Single	White	Male	1890	10	5	0	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Rosina Elliott	Female	9	Single	White	Female	1891	9	5	0	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan

Although hard to read, the 1900 US census for Port Huron indicated that the couple moved there in 1896.

Although I have found no record of JR or Rosina applying for US citizenship, his death certificate indicated he was a naturalized American.
 The Port Huron Herald society page found that JR was often visited by his children.

Pt Huron Herald 24 June 1896

Miss Nellie Elliott, of Ingersoll, Ont., is visiting her father, J. R. Elliott, of Cherry street.

John Elliott, of Woodstock, is visiting his father at 2309 Cherry street.

Port Huron Herald Aug 1896

The 1900 Port Huron census listed JR as a day labourer.
 1906 Port Huron Directory showed that John R was a janitor.

Elliott Alex, night yd master G T Ry, res 2106 Cypress
 Elliott Bertha, dressmaker, bds 2517 Armour
 Elliott Bertha, waitress Edwards' Restaurant, res 1421 Poplar

PARDRIDGE & BLACKWELL || The People's Store
POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL.

Elliott Charles B, lab, res 2509 Maple
 Elliott David, wks J W Thomson, res 214 Broad
 Elliott Dora B, stenog Patterson & McTaggart, res 617 Division
 Elliott Francena M, teacher Adams school, res 847 Lapeer av
 Elliott Fred, bar clk, res 615 Suffern
 Elliott George, pattern mkr Pt H Mall I Co, res 3102 Military
 Elliott Helen, res 617 Division
 Elliott Horace N, res 1421 Poplar
 Elliott James T, grocer, U S dept coll, 1126 Water, res same
 Elliott John, wks J J Bell, bds Walsh Hotel
 Elliott John B, wks B I shops, res 3148 Gratiot av
 Elliott John R, janitor Pierce and Fillmore schools, res 2519 Walnut
 Elliott Leslie, res 617 Division
 Elliott Martin V, timber scaler, res 847 Lapeer av
 Elliott Robert, marine engr, res 1533 Scott
 Elliott Robert R, wks Riverside Ptg Co, res 615 Suffern
 Elliott Wm, mach G T shops, res 617 Division
 Elliott Wm, grocer, 926 Union, res 924 Union
 Ellis Edward I, sailor, res 949 Skinner
 Ellis Louise, res 105 Broad

For a town with a population of 2000 souls at the time, there was a disproportional number of Elliott's. Many were related and with roots in Ingersoll.

GRATIOT PARK M. E.
 Tuesday evening — The Epworth League will meet for the study of the Life of Christ. A full attendance is requested.
 Wednesday evening—Midweek service at 7:30.
 Thursday—Hot supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League. Selections from the phonograph will be given by **J. R. Elliott**.

I believe that JR may have been a music fan as shown by this 16 Jan 1906 article in the Port Huron Times Herald

The local paper noted what schools he worked at and what his wages were. He was also hurt while working as a janitor.

School Janitors.

The following janitors were employed:

Carl Kresin, Washington school, per month.....	\$ 50 00
J. R. Elliott, Filmore and Pierce	65 00
M. R. Armstrong, Jefferson...	45 00
Harry Gee, Monroe	40 00
Ed. Dunn, Tyler	40 00
Wm. Moore, Van Buren	40 00
A. Baldwin, Adams	40 00
A. Fleisher, Harrison	40 00
A. Gebhart, Polk	40 00
A. Reibling, Madison	40 00
A. Fowler, Jackson and Presbyterian church	55 00
P. Englegan, Lincoln	40 00
John Rutherford, Buchanan...	25 00
Geo. Fairbrother, Sanborn house	40 00
Total	\$600 00

Source: 07 Sept and 26 Mar, 1906 Port Huron Times Herald

J. R. Elliott, of 2519 Walnut street, is confined to his home with severe injuries recently received while engaged in work at the Fillmore school.



18 April, 1908 Port Huron Times Herald

J. R. Elliott has purchased a new home on Garfield street.

In 1908, after years of renting, JR and Rosina purchased a home at 917 Garfield St.

By January of 1912, JR's health was deteriorating. His death certificate indicated he had been ill for some time. It was noted in the local Port Huron society columns that he made a few trips to visit his relatives and children in his last years. He may have known that this may have been the last trips he would make. However, there was never any indications that he socialized with daughter Rose. She was a high-profile pillar in the social fabric of Port Huron's society. More detail in Rose's Chapter.

J. R. Elliott, Garfield st., is spending two weeks with relatives in Beachville and Ingersoll, Ont.

Personals.
John Elliott, Garfield street, is spending the week with relatives in Detroit.

25 Jan, 1912 JR suffers a mild stroke (Mrs. Alex Smith is daughter Nellie) Port Huron Herald

John Elliott, of Garfield street, who suffered a slight stroke about two weeks ago, still continues very ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Alex Smith, of Ingersoll, Ont., is assisting in caring for him.

Suffers Stroke
J. R. Elliott, Garfield street, suffered a paralytic stroke at his home on Garfield street, Monday..

J. R. Elliott, of Garfield-st., is seriously ill.

Nov 13 and Nov 15 1912 Pt Huron Times Herald

JR suffered a second stroke 11 Nov 1912 and died 15 Nov 1912. He is buried beside his first wife Betsy Johnson, his second wife Phoebe Thorn and young son Freddie in IRC.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 DEC 5 1912 Registered No. 391

PLACE OF DEATH
 County Belair

Township or Village or City
Port Huron (No. 912 Garfield St., 9 Ward)

FULL NAME John Elliott

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH June 27, 1841

AGE 71 yrs 4 mos 19 ds

OCCUPATION (1) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Painter
 (2) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Public School

BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Eng

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER William Elliott
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Eng

11 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elijah Rogers
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Eng

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) W. J. Elliott
 (Address) Port Huron

15 FILED 11/14 1912

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

12 DATE OF DEATH Nov 15, 1912

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan, 1912 to Nov 15, 1912, that I last saw him alive on Nov 15, 1912 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 90 m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Paralysis

13 PERIOD OF ILLNESS 4 days

Contributory Mental Indisposition
S. S. Hanson
Nov 11, 1912 (Address) Port Huron

16 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Engelsall Out DATE OF BURIAL Nov 18, 1912
 17 UNDERTAKER Wm. Thompson ADDRESS Port Huron

One thing of interest on his death certificate is the name of the informant, John Elliott of Port Huron.

I am at a loss to identify who this John Elliott was. The closest relative by that name that JR had was his son John Arthur Elliott but he was living in Detroit at that time and not Pt. Huron. JR's inscription is on the east side of his marker. His first 2 wives and son Freddy are on the other sides.



Rosina continued to live in Port Huron on Garfield St. Later when she was ill, she lived with either her brother-in-law and sister Daniel and Edna Carey or with her sister Janet King. She died 10 Feb 1921. Port Huron Herald Aug 28, 1915

Mrs. John Elliott, Garfield street, has returned after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. King at North Street.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 273 62
 Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics
 COUNTY St. Clair
 TOWNSHIP _____
 VILLAGE _____
 CITY Port Huron (No. 917 Garfield St. 10 Ward)
 2. FULL NAME Rosina Elliott
 (a) Residence No. _____ St. Ward _____
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. (If non-resident give city or town and state.)
 Length of residence in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.
 PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
 1 SEX Female 4 Color or Race White 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widow
 2a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND or (or) WIFE of John Elliott
 3 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year.) Apr 3 1852
 AGE Years 68 Months 10 Days 7 11 LESS than 1 day. hrs. OR min.
 6 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
 (c) Name of employer
 9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Canada
 10 NAME OF FATHER John Day
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) New York
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Congdon
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) Mich
 14 Informant Mrs. Jennett King (Address) North St. 11 North
 15 Filed 2/10 1921 by W. J. Duff Undertaker Thamesford Ont Address _____
 16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) Feb 10 1921
 17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased that I last saw her alive on Feb 10 1921 that death occurred on the date stated above at _____
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Cerebral Apoplexy
 18 Where was disease contracted _____ (duration) _____ yrs. mos.
 19 Was there an autopsy? _____
 Did an operation precede death? _____ Date of _____
 Was there a postmortem? _____
 What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ (Signed) J. P. Hendraan
 20 Obtain the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in death VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS and NATURE of it and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for further instructions.)
 19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR Date of Burial REMOVAL _____
 20. UNDERTAKER _____ Address _____



She was buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery near Thamesford, Ont. with her sister Janet King. This is the cemetery, where at last count, 91 of her Day family and relatives are buried.

JR kept a low profile throughout his life. He probably had limited formal schooling and had no father figure in his life. He appears to have worked hard at manual labour his entire life and was dealt serious family tragedies with the death of two wives. His children, as was common of the times, started to move farther from the family home to the lure of industrial jobs in Michigan. It was only a matter of time that JR would find himself across the border as well.

Unlike many of his siblings, uncles, and aunts, he did not acquire any wealth or status.

Next: Chapter 2-2

Oldest daughter: Henrietta Elliott Downing

Book 7
Chapter 2 - 2:
Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Oldest Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson

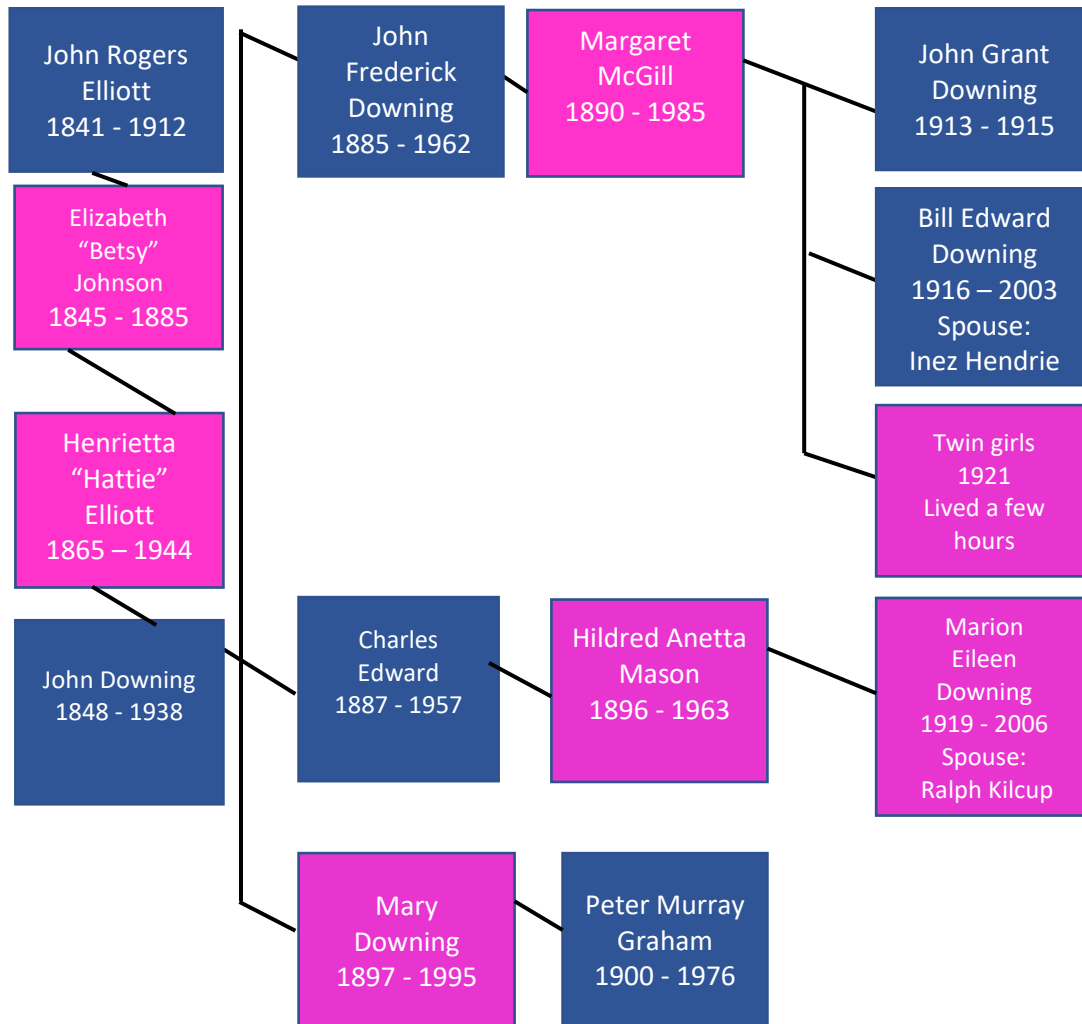
Henrietta (Hattie) Elliott Downing

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Henrietta (Elliott) Downing Family Tree

Henrietta – oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



**Great Grandchildren of John and Mary Elliott
Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Oldest Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson**

Child: Henrietta B 25 Aug 1865 Centerville
D 28 Feb 1944 Riverside Residence, W Oxford Township
Interred Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Mausoleum
M 13 Feb 1884 at her father's home.

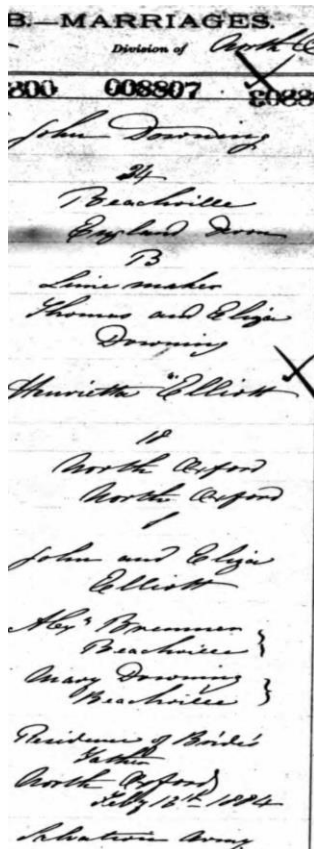
Spouse: John Downing B 01 Apr 1849 Parkham, Clovelly, North Devon
D 14 Apr 1938 Ingersoll Hospital
Residence: Riverside Home W Oxford
Interred Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Mausoleum

Children:

John Fredrick B 06 Jan 1885
D 02 Nov 1962 London

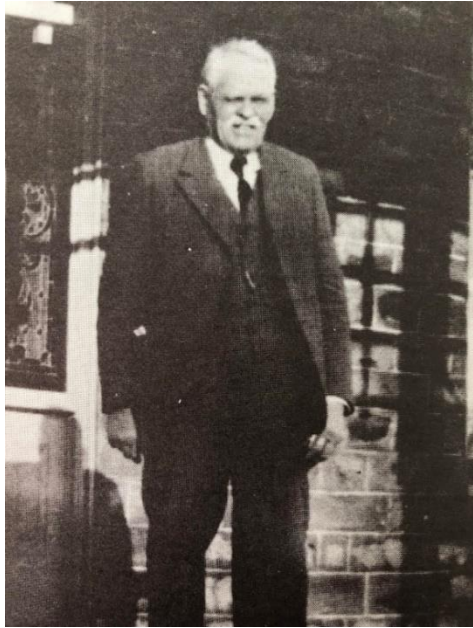
Charles Edward B 02 Nov 1887
D 13 Nov 1957 Woodstock

Mary B 06 Dec 1897
D 13 Jan 1995 Ingersoll



Henrietta was the oldest of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson's children. She was likely born in Centerville on Mill Road north of the present day Beachville Rd. Henrietta was 19 when she married 35-year-old John Downing in 1884 and was already out of the family home when her mother died in childbirth in 1886. As the oldest, Hattie was always feeling responsible for her younger siblings and later for their children as well. Hattie's mother did not teach her well at housekeeping and cooking (perhaps due to the number of children in JR's household and the fact that she left home to marry at a relatively young age). She was rather inept at sewing and cooking and her husband John offered a helping hand in teaching her. A family story has it that Hattie, while sitting on a fence overlooking the big house that would eventually become her home and now is the Beachville Museum, told a younger sister, probably Rose, that she would love to marry and live in such a splendid house. Her sister is reported to have said "you haven't a chance in the world".

John and Hattie both listed the Salvation Army as their religious affiliation. The Salvation Army organization was newly founded and prominent in Oxford County. It was a spin off of the Bible Christian faith that first started in Devon and was brought by the English immigrants to Oxford County. Hattie's father, John Rogers Elliott was a staunch Salvation Army member.



Husband John Downing was always willing to work in the family's lime business. According to his granddaughter, Marion Kilcup in her book "The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr.," John was born in the small village of Clovelly, Devon. Clovelly was the hometown of Hattie's aunt Elizabeth's husband, James Hamlyn (Book 3). The Downing family emigrated to Upper Canada and arrived in Woodstock in 1851. Two years later, John's father, John Sr. purchased land just west of Woodstock for lime burning, an occupation he had in Devon. In 1854, land was purchased in North Oxford just west of Beachville because of a better quality of white limestone. This became the location of the family business. The Downings expanded the enterprise and employee numbers. They brought Italian marble and stone quarry workers to Canada and built housing along the Beachville Rd. for the families to live in. Several descendants of these families still populate the region. The plant was constantly updated and expanded. One unfortunate incident

occurred in March of 1913 when hydro electric installers were running the first electrical wires into the plant. They threw a linen measuring tape over a live wire to measure the distance from the ground. They assumed they were safe as the measuring tape was cloth but it had a wire interior. One man was electrocuted when he picked it up. This was the first ever fatality in Ontario of anyone coming in contact with high tension electrical wires.

**FATALITY NEAR
NEW LIME KILN**

VERNON BAKER OF SOUTH LONDON, ASSISTANT TO C.P.R. SURVEYORS ELECTROCUTED—110,000 VOLTS PASSED THROUGH BODY.

From Friday's Daily.
One hundred and ten thousand volts of electricity passing through his body from the Hydro-electric transmission wires, Vernon Baker, a South London young man, probably twenty years of age, was instantly electrocuted in the vicinity of the new lime kiln, east of Centreville, shortly before eleven o'clock this morning.

The First Fatality.
This accident is the first fatality to occur by anyone coming in contact with the high tension wires, since the Hydro-electric system was inaugurated three years ago.
The tape used by the surveyors was of linen reinforced by wire.

At age 14, John left school to work full time in the family enterprise. By 18, he had purchased 12 acres and a house on Lot 18 Concession 2 N Oxford. The house would later be the home of my grandfather and the birthplace of my father.

March 6, 1913 Chronicle



Quarry Industry - Agriculture
History of the Lime Business in N
Oxford
Courtesy From Forest to Field

38 *From Forest to Field*

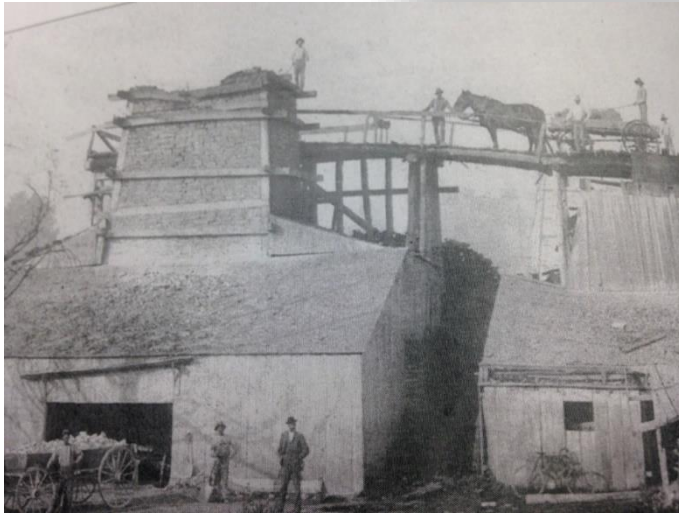
QUARRY INDUSTRY – AGRICULTURE

In its early beginning in the eastern part of North Oxford – 1800-1815 – limestone quarrying had little effect on agriculture. The commencement of open pit quarrying began in the 1850s close to the river. The river supplied power to operate water removing equipment during summer operations. This, along with only a small amount of over burden to be removed prior to quarrying, kept the quarries and lime kilns close to the river on land with marginal use in farming.

Farmers benefitted from the growing need for wood to supply heat to turn the limestone into pure lime. By 1870 hundreds of cords of wood would be hauled and piled for summer use in the lime kilns, providing winter employment to farmers and local teamsters. Smoke and dust from early quarry operations being non-toxic had little or no effect on nearby farming.

Quarry operations gradually moved downstream through Beachville towards Ingersoll along the river. The use of wood for fuel diminished, trucks replaced horses, changing the relationship of farmers and the quarry industry although in some ways a favourable co-existence continued. Pasturing cattle on quarry-held land benefitted both parties.

Purchasing of large acreages of farm land for limestone removal in North Oxford began in the 1870s.



Lime crusher 1905 Beachville Museum

John enrolled in the Woodstock Bible College in the hopes that a further education would help his business acumen. He walked to and from Woodstock every day to attend school, a distance of 18 kilometers in total. John was always ready for a walk, often walking to Ingersoll or even a 45 kilometer round trip to Tillsonburg for business. As he aged, he was active in the Beachville Gun Club, and Order of Foresters. He served as Justice of the Peace until his death. As a hobby, he read up to 12 books a week in the parlour while Hattie worked on knitting and embroidery. He travelled back to Devon in 1929 to visit his homeland. John sold and retired from the lime business. At age 82 the 1931 census listed him as a general farmer. He could not see himself retiring. He spent every winter from New Years to April in Florida. Hattie was not fond of travelling, preferring to stay in her house, but in the winter of 1937, daughter Mary and her husband drove the couple to Florida on Hattie's only Florida excursion. They stayed in a rental house but John was not well when they returned and he died in April of 1938.

His death certificate has several discrepancies. His year of birth was listed as 1848 yet the 1901 census record showed 1850. The 1851 English census agrees with the 1850 date. His age was listed as 85 at his death but mathematically he would have been closer to 88 to 90 years old.

Henrietta always had a love of children. Her house was always full of young voices. She would have her sister Rose's grandchildren Clark and Robert Brown from Port Huron stay for the summer. She played games with the children and often encouraged them to assist in baking in the kitchen and with simple chores. In the summers, Henrietta and John would often entertain with family picnics for her sibling's and their children. Henrietta was notorious for beating the sun up in the morning, often having the washing on the line by 5 am.

Hattie was a staunch church member as was common in the era. She was raising her two sons accordingly, as noted in the 1891 census of the family. She was 25 years old at the time and had her 19 - year-old sister Nellie living in the house and working as a domestic. She taught a men's Bible study class at the Beachville Baptist Church and worked diligently on missionary matters. She never touched a playing card, leaving the room when a card game sprung up. She also was President of the Red Cross Society's local branch. Both John and Henrietta were active in the community. In retirement and as a company shareholder, he was a consultant to the Beachville White Lime Co.

The Downings, as were many other in the region, land speculators. Farms or parts of farms were sold back and forth between relations and neighbours. Indeed, Henrietta bought Lot 18 Con 2, which had previously been owned by her husband and her brother-in-law around 1895 according to land records. She later sold it to her son Fred.

One humorous story passed on by her granddaughter Miriam Kilcup, was that Hattie was hosting a Mission Circle meeting. She had carefully placed all the visiting women's coats on the bed in the master bedroom. Later, she came into the room to discover the coats strewn about the floor while her exhausted husband John napped after a long day of work.

After several months of illness and nary a visit to a hospital, John died at home in 1938.

Henrietta had only been to a hospital once in her life for a goitre operation. In the fall of 1943, she visited for the second time. This time she was told she had cancer. She insisted that she return home where daughter Mary helped with her needs. Eventually she required a full-time nurse. At her insistence, the family Christmas was held at her Riverside home.

Some source material noted thanks to cousin Marion Kilcup and her book.

Woodstock Sentinel Review Feb 1944.

"The death occurred Friday, February 18 at her residence "Riverside" in Beachville, of Henrietta Elliott, widow of John Downing, an esteemed resident of Beachville for many years. Mrs. Downing was born in North Oxford and moved to Beachville 60 years ago, residing continuously since then in her residence "Riverside". She was a member of the Baptist Church of Beachville and was always interested in community affairs." "The following brothers and sisters also survive: Albert J Elliott and Mrs. Alex Smith of Beachville; Mrs. Rose Clark of Port Huron; Mrs. G H Defoe of Detroit. One brother, John Elliott, deceased."

- As a note: estranged brother John was still alive and living in Detroit.

FORM 5 This form if placed in an envelope, marked "Dominion Statistics-Free, penalty for improper use \$300," and properly addressed will pass through the mail "FREE"

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO - CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH (County or District of Oxford Township of West Oxford House No. 013102)
 (If in City, Town or Village) (Name) (Street) (City, Town or Village) (Province) (Country)

2. LENGTH OF STAY (in years, months and days) (a) In City, Town or Township where death occurred: (b) In Province: (c) In Canada (if immigrant):

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED: DOWNING, HENRIETTA (Family name) (Given name of names in usual order)
 RESIDENCE No. Beachville City, Town, Village or Township: West Oxford Province: Ont.
 (Indicate nearest place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts of the province.)

4. Sex: Female 5. Nationality: Canadian 6. Race or Origin: Catholic 7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: Widowed

8. BIRTHPLACE: North Oxford 25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from: Sept. 1934 to Feb. 18, 1944
 (Province or Country) (Date) (Date) (Day) (Month) (Year)

9. DATE OF BIRTH: April 23, 1865 and last saw h.c.: Feb. 17, 1944
 (Month) (Day) (Year) (Date) (Date)

10. AGE in: 79 Months Days If less than one day old: hrs. or min.

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as employer, contractor, office clerk, etc. James Daniel

12. Kind of industry or business, as employer, contractor, office clerk, etc. James Daniel

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Jan. 1944 14. Total years spent in this occupation: 10

15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased: John Elliott England

16. NAME: John Elliott England

17. BIRTHPLACE: England

18. MARRIAGE NAME: Henrietta Johnson

19. BIRTHPLACE: England

20. Person giving information: Charles Downing
 Address: Beachville
 Relationship to deceased: son

21. Place of Burial, Cremation or Reception: Wesleyan Church
 Date of burial or removal: Feb. 21, 1944

22. Burial Permit issued by: John McQueen
 Address: Wesleyan Church

23. Doctor: Dr. New man Ingersoll (Name and address)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

24. DATE OF DEATH: Feb. 18, 1944

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from: Sept. 1934 to Feb. 18, 1944
 and last saw h.c.: Feb. 17, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH

I. 052-2
 Immediate cause: Cancer of Bladder
 (a) due to: Cancer of Bladder
 (b) due to: Cholera
 (c) due to: Cholera

II. 093-5
 Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause: Cholera

26. If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give: (a) Date of appearance: Feb. 18, 1944 (b) Duration of disease: 10 days

27. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy? No


28. Was there a surgical operation? No Date of operation: Feb. 18, 1944
 State findings: No Was there an autopsy? No

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: (State which) (Date of injury) (How sustained)

30. Division Registrar's Record No. 1044 Signed by: Wesleyan Church M.D. Date: Feb. 19, 1944

31. Filed: Feb. 22, 1944 Registrar: C. E. Sutherland

After Hattie's death in 1944, her will stipulated that her three children were to act as Executors for her estate. Daughter Mary was willed the house and all Hattie's possessions and funds. Surprisingly, her sons seem to have not inherited anything. The house was sold to the Beachville Lime Co. in 1969 and then in turn sold for two dollars to the Beachville and District Historical Society Museum.

Canada:  Province of Ontario

**In His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the
COUNTY OF OXFORD**

BE IT KNOWN, that on the ..TWELFTH..... day of ...MAY Feb 19 .
 in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and FORTY-FOUR,
 the last Will and Testament of

.....HENRIETTA DOWNING,.....

late of the ..TOWNSHIP.... of ..WEST OXFORD.... in the ..COUNTY.... of
 OXFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA, WIDOW,..... deceased, who died
 on or about the ..EIGHTEENTH..... day of ..FEBRUARY Feb 18 .
 in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and FORTY-FOUR, ...
 at the .. TOWNSHIP.... of ..WEST OXFORD,.... in the COUNTY.... of
 OXFORD, ONTARIO, and who at the time of her death had a fixed place
 of abode at THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST OXFORD, in the said COUNTY OF OXFORD,

was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true copy
 of which said last Will and Testament is hereunto
 annexed, AND THAT administration of all and singular the property of
 the said deceased, and in any way concerning her Will
 was granted by the aforesaid Court to MARY GRAHAM, Married Woman,
 CHARLES EDWARD DOWNING, Executive, both of the Township of West Oxford,
 in the County of Oxford, and JOHN FREDERICK DOWNING, of the City of
 London, in the County of Middlesex, Railway Brakeman, the Executors

IV. I GIVE and BEQUEATH to my said daughter MARY
 GRAHAM for her own use absolutely, free from all succession
 duties, all articles of personal, domestic or household
 use or ornament belonging to me, all my furniture, books,
 plate, provisions, consumable stores, and all household
 effects of every kind which at the time of my death shall
 be in, about, or belonging to or used in connection with
 my home. I also give to my said daughter for her own use
 absolutely, free from all succession duties, any passenger
 automobile and accessories thereto which I may own at the
 time of my death.

V. I GIVE and DEVISE to my said daughter MARY GRAHAM
 for her own use absolutely, clear of all succession duties,
 all my real estate and all my farm livestock, farm machinery

(Sgd) C.E. Sutherland,
 Registrar.



They are buried in the IRC mausoleum.

Newspaper
Newspaper Date
Surname
First Name

Ingersoll Tribune
Feb 24 1944
Downing
Henrietta

MRS. JOHN DOWNING PASSES AT BEACHVILLE

The death occurred Friday, February 18th at her residence, 'Riverside', Beachville, of Henrietta Elliott, widow of John Downing, an esteemed resident of Beachville, for many years. Mrs. Downing was born in North Oxford [township], and moved to Beachville 60 years ago, residing continuously since then at her residence, 'Riverside'. She was a member and active worker of Beachville Baptist Church and was always interested in community affairs. Left to mourn the passing of a dearly beloved mother are two sons, John F., of London; and Charles E., Beachville; also, one daughter, Mrs. P. M. Graham [Mary], Beachville. Also surviving are two grandchildren, William Downing, Chatham; and Marion Downing, Reg. N., Halifax; one great-granddaughter, also the following brothers and sisters: Albert J. Elliott and Mrs. Alex Smith, Beachville; Mrs. Rose Clark, Port Huron, Michigan; Mrs. G. B. Daffoe and Mrs. John Elliott, Detroit. The funeral was held from her late residence, Beachville; on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The large concourse of friends and the numerous floral tributes, bespoke the esteem in which deceased was held. The service was conducted by Mr. A. R. Pointer of Beachville, assisted by Rev. Warner of Woodstock. The pallbearers were John F. and Charles E. Downing, sons; Peter Graham, son-in-law; William Downing, grandson; Albert Elliott, brother; Byron Downing, nephew. Entombment was made at the Ingersoll Mausoleum.

Ingersoll Tribune April 21, 1938

JOHN DOWNING

The death occurred on Thursday morning, April 14th, at his late residence, Beachville, of John Downing, son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Downing. The late Mr. Downing was born in Clovelly, Devonshire, on April 2, 1848. He came to Canada in 1852, residing in Woodstock until 1855, when he moved to Beachville. Mr. Downing was one of the pioneers of the lime business in Beachville, first engaging in the lime business along, later in partnership with the late A. R. Bremner, which firm amalgamated with the Standard White Lime Company. Mr. Downing was one of the organizers of the Beachville White Lime Company, of which company he was president. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta Downing, two sons, John F. Downing of London, and Charles E. Downing of Beachville, and one daughter, Mrs. P. M. Graham of Beachville. One sister, Miss Mary Downing, Ingersoll, also survives. The funeral was held on Saturday, April 16th at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, Beachville, with entombment in the Ingersoll Mausoleum.



The home of Henrietta and John Downing
Now the Beachville Museum

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Children of Henrietta Elliott and John Downing

Oldest: John Frederick

B 06 Jan 1885 W Oxford

D 02 Nov 1962 London

M 06 Apr 1910 Limehouse, Ont.

Spouse: Margaret McGill

B 26 Aug 1890 Limehouse Halton County

D 09 Nov 1985 London



John Frederick Downing 1925



London Maitland St Home

Fred was educated at the old Beachville Public school and Woodstock Baptist College. He was raised around the quarry operation and at one time survived a fall in the kilns. Pretending he was a horse he fell from the humpbacked bridge or ramp that the horses used to deliver limestone to the top of the kiln. He fell on the railway tracks below. His father carried his limp body to the family house where he came to and had no long-lasting injuries to the marvel of all that heard about or witnessed the fall.

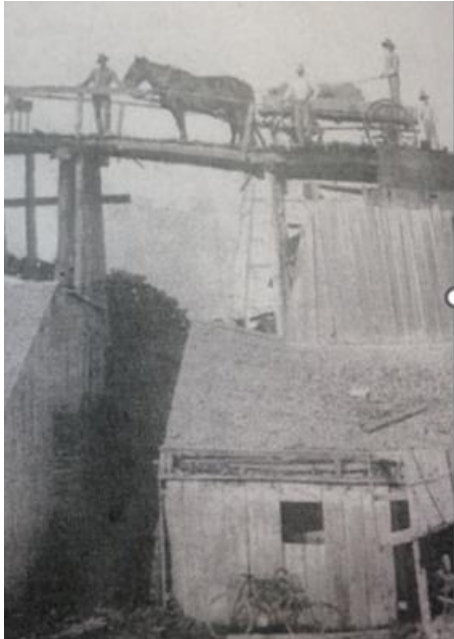


Photo of a kiln Humpback bridge

He married Margaret McGill from a farming and lime burner family in Halton Co. They met at the Standard Lime office where she worked. Later he bought a Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford farm just across the Thames River to the north and farmed from 1913 to



1918. First son John Grant was born there in 1913 but died of meningitis before he had reached his second birthday. Second son Billie Edward was born in 1916. Fred and his family then moved into Ingersoll in 1918 where he worked at various jobs including working for the Canadian National Railway. This entailed moving to 141 Peel St. in London, Ont. He served in the baggage car and eventually

became a conductor for CNR. In 1924, twin girls were born but neither survived the day. In retirement he acted as a school crossing guard and played the organ at Needham's Funeral Home.

Only surviving child of John Downing and Margaret McGill

Son: Bill (Billie) Edward

B 30 Oct 1916 Beachville
D June 2003 Chatham, Ont.

Raised in London, he attended Central High School where he won numerous pins for perfect attendance, never missing a day of high school. He first worked as an auto mechanic in London before entering the grocery business in Lucan, Ont. In 1940, he married



Inez Hendrie. After the birth of two daughters, the family moved to Chatham where Billie worked in the parts department for Chatham Motors and before retirement, worked in Tilbury with another dealership.

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Children of Henrietta Elliott and John Downing

Second Child: Charles Edward

B 02 Nov 1887 W Oxford

D 13 Nov 1957 Woodstock Lived in Beachville

M 08 Sept 1917 Ingersoll

Spouse: Hildred Anetta Manson

B 14 Feb 1895 E Oxford

D 07 Mar 1963 Woodstock Lived in Beachville

Charlie was known as an ambitious but shy young man. He went to Woodstock Baptist College and Woodstock Business College. Eager for some adventure, he and two friends went to work for the Detroit Street Railway. Adventure over, he returned to the lime business. In his mid twenties he convinced his father and a small group of shareholders to buy property two miles west of the quarry to expand the business. He quickly became the manager.

Due to his shyness, and even with his families prompting, he took several years to propose to his bride Hildred Manson. They married in 1917 when he was 28 and she was 21 years old. She was born to an E Oxford farmer, Angus Mason and wife Helen Brown. In 1929, the couple was known to have travelled to Europe on the SS Majestic from New York. The couple later moved into a house at 604 Peel St. in Woodstock. Charles commuted daily on the Ingersoll/Woodstock Street Railway to his position at the Beachville White Lime Company. They had one daughter Marion (Kilcup). Her book, available from the Oxford Library has a great deal of information on the Downing family.



Charles Downing



Hildred Manson



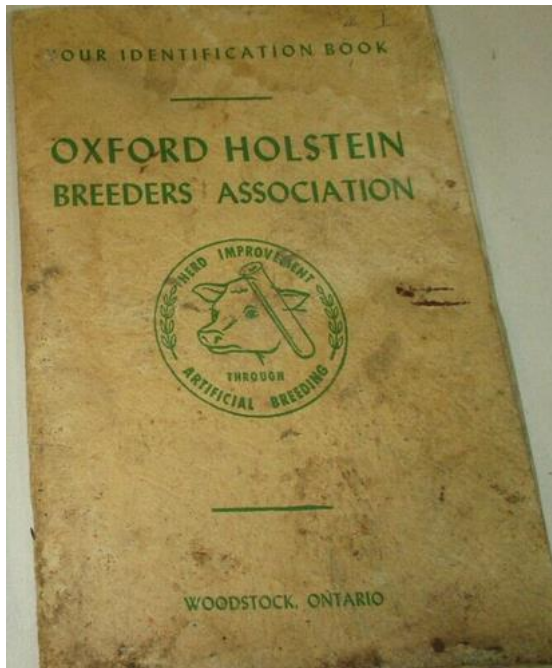
604 Peel St. Woodstock home

Charles eventually tired of the commute from Woodstock and moved the family to Beachville. Charles was a joiner. Among organizations he was involved in were: The Oxford Co. Tuberculosis Society, chairman of the Beachville School Board, Woodstock Rotary Club and Badminton Club and Golf Course. He was also a member of the Beachville Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge. Charles loved sports. He coached both hockey and baseball teams and was a director of the Woodstock Curling Club. He founded the Rural Hockey Association of Ontario which later became the Ontario Rural Hockey Association. He donated the Downing Cup that the association used for many years and is found in the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

In his later years, Charlie became restless with the lime business and purchased a farm across the road from his father's Riverside home. Although he knew little of farming, he was a voracious reader and soon learned the intricacies. He hired a cousin's husband, James Brown, to be herdsman. His initial purchase of 50 acres, known as Norloch Farms, soon blossomed to 600 acres much to the astonishment of neighbouring farmers. His knowledge of Holstein cattle breeding led to him owning several award-winning cattle. As president of the Oxford District Cattle Breeders Association, he oversaw the development of animals that were purchased by breeders from as far as Brazil and Italy.



Downing Cup courtesy Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame



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C. E. DOWNING, (Beachville), JAS. BROWN,
 Owner. Supt.

He had a ranch home built on the farm property directly across the Beachville road from "Riverside", for his retirement. At age 70, a minor operation for the removal of gall bladder stones proved fatal in 1957.

Ingersoll Tribune obituary

CHARLES E. DOWNING

Charles E. Downing, native and lifelong resident of Beachville, retired lime company manager, died at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday, November 13, in his 70th year, after a brief illness. Mr. Downing was born at Beachville, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Downing and had resided there all his life, identified with the lime manufacturing business until his retirement. In 1911 he was instrumental in organizing the Beachville White Lime Co., of which he was manager and in 1929 this business was sold to the American Cyanamid Co. with Mr. Downing continuing as manager for some years. In 1931 he founded the Chemical Lime Co. Ltd., with which he was connected until 1945 when the business was sold to the Steel Company of Canada Ltd. and Mr. Downing retired. He was also associated with the Guelph Sand and Gravel Co. until two years ago. His hobby was farming and cattle raising and he was actively interested in the Oxford District Cattle Breeders Association, of which he was a past president and director. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, A.F. and A.M., Ingersoll and was an active member of Woodstock Rotary Club for 25 years, being a member and active worker on the crippled children's committee. He was also a member and worker of the Oxford County TB Association. He was always keenly interested in sports and was the first president of the Rural Hockey Association of Ontario. He took an active interest in municipal affairs of Beachville and served his community in various capacities. He belonged to the Baptist Church. Surviving are, his wife, formerly Hildred A. Manson; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Kilcup (Marion), Courtwright; one brother, J. Fred Downing, London and one sister, Mrs. P. M. Graham (Mary), Beachville. There was a large attendance at the funeral service Saturday afternoon in First Baptist Church, Woodstock. In addition to relatives, friends and neighbours, there were representatives of the cattle breeders' association and other organizations in which he had been interested. Members of the Woodstock Rotary Club, of which he was an active member for 25 years, attended in a body.

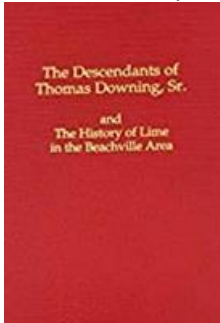
Only child of Charles Downing and Hildred Manson

Daughter: Marion Eileen

B 21 Dec 1919 Woodstock

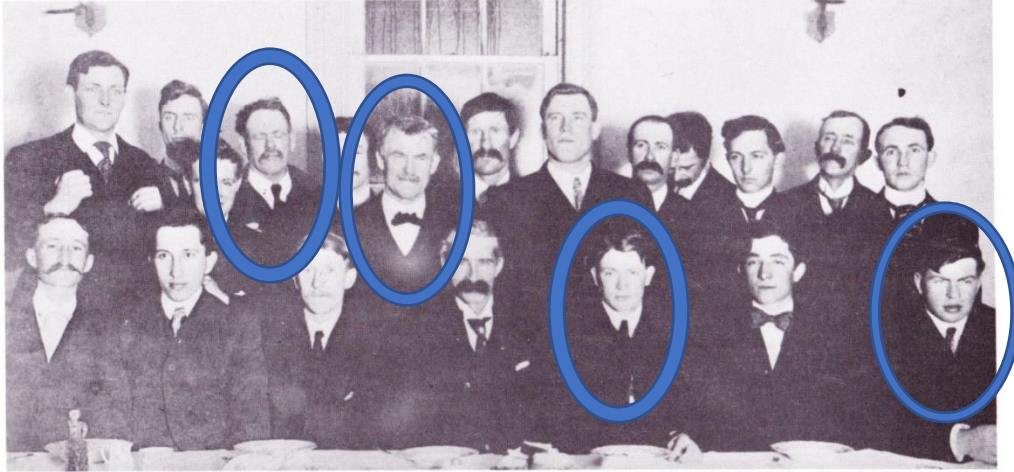
D 21 Nov 2006 Woodstock

Marion went to Beachville Public and Woodstock Collegiate before spending her last school year at Moulton College in Toronto. From there, she progressed to three years of training at East Toronto General Hospital. Once completed, she took her nursing career to Ingersoll Alexandra Hospital. She also served in hospitals in Nova Scotia for four years before returning to Ingersoll in 1946. She became the hospital Assistant Superintendent for two years. In 1848, she married Ralph Kilcup, a carpenter foreman with various construction jobs in Ontario. After a hectic schedule resulted in a him having a heart attack, the couple bought a corner store in Sarnia that Ralph operated while Marion nursed in Sarnia General. Ralph and Marion retired to a house across the highway from the Beachville museum, spending winters in Mexico until his 1973 death. Marion retired from nursing in 1984 and in 1990 started working on the Downing family history book: The descendants of Thomas Downing Sr. and the History of Beachville Lime. She travelled to Clovelly Devon to research her Downing heritage. The book was published 01 Jan 1995. As noted, the book can be seen in the Oxford Library system, Toronto Reference Library or purchased online from Amazon.



Left - Marion with her parents
Charlie Downing, wife Hildred and daughter Marion

Henrietta's father-in-law Thomas Downing, husband John and sons Fred and Charles



Beachville Rifle Club, circa 1908. Standing, left to right: H. Edwards, Rev. Hindson, Jack Bain, John Downing, Charles Gibson, Tom Downing, A. Crawford, Byron Downing, Ed McClelland, A.W. Smith, Fred Canfield, George Uren, Charles Bain. Seated, left to right: Dr. Arkell, Tom Nixon, E. Leonard, John Fordon, Fred Downing, Forrest Gould, Charles Downing.

Great Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Children of Henrietta Elliott and John Downing

Last Child: Mary

B 06 Dec 1897 Beachville

D 13 Jan 1995 Ingersoll

M 21 Jul 1932

Spouse: Peter Murray Graham

B 28 Feb 1900 Sutherland, Scotland

D 19 Jan 1976 Ingersoll



Mary was the youngest of the children and was born almost 9 years after the next youngest boy Charles. Mary was a small delicate child and prone to illness. She attended Beachville Public School before moving onto Victory Memorial School in Ingersoll and later, Woodstock Collegiate. After graduation Mary went to work in the Beachville Lime office as a bookkeeper (1931 census). For forty-five years she played the organ at the Beachville Baptist Church. Mary met Peter Graham whom she eventually married after 12 years of courtship. Both Mary and Peter were founding members of the Lawn Tennis Club of Woodstock. Peter was a veteran having served in WWI in Russia. He worked as a conductor for the CNR and other odd jobs through the depression. After a short stay in London, the couple moved back to Riverside to attend to Mary's aging parents. After Henrietta's death in 1944, Mary stayed on at Riverside, which was willed to her in Henrietta's estate papers. Peter and Mary were active members in various clubs and affiliations. Mary was president of the Ingersoll

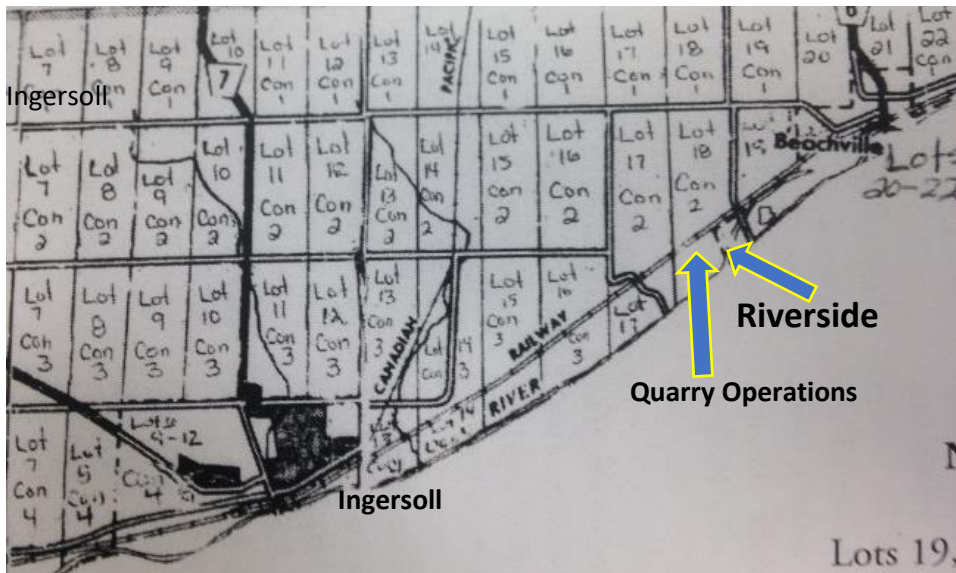
Hospital Auxiliary and Peter was a member of the Legion, Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis Club among other

associations. With the lime business sold to Domtar Industries, Domtar expressed interest in making "Riverside" the companies office for the quarry business. Peter and Mary sold the house and moved to Ingersoll to live out their lives. The couple had no children. I recall Mary fondly. As young boys, my brother and I would cycle from our N Oxford farm the half mile though the quarry operation (on present day 41st Line) to Riverside. Mary would serve up cookies and milk to her young cycling cousins. Only on special occasions, were we allowed into the main house rooms and not just in the summer kitchen and pantry.



Mary Downing Graham and Peter Graham

Riverside the House: Hattie was always fond and proud of her home estate of "Riverside". The house located on the old highway #2 (Beachville Rd) on the western outskirts of Beachville. Originally one story in height, John bought the house in 1880 from William Galloway. His sister, Mary kept house until John married Hattie in 1883.



Riverside the House

~~John Elliott~~
115 - 9 - 1856
West Cañon
Des Moines England
W
German
Wm & Eliza
Elliott

Thos Thorn
114
West Cañon
North Township Ont
W
Alfred and Sarah
Ward
M. L. Sutherland and
Henrietta his wife of
3rd Township Ont

Rev of John Downing
West Cañon
Sept 29th 1856
Salvation Army
Methodist

Many of the Christmas festivities, wedding showers and graduation parties were held in the house, not only for the Downing family but for the Elliott arm as well. Hattie's father, JR Elliott had his second wedding solemnized at the Riverside house.



Building of the house: Local resident Philander King married Susanna Mabee and moved to Michigan. They returned to Beachville in 1844 and then bought 21 acres of land at this location in 1850 and commenced building the Riverside home out of field stone. The single story house was finished in 1851. The Kings and their 8 children moved back to Michigan in 1855.



Riverside circa 1900. The second story was added on 1902.



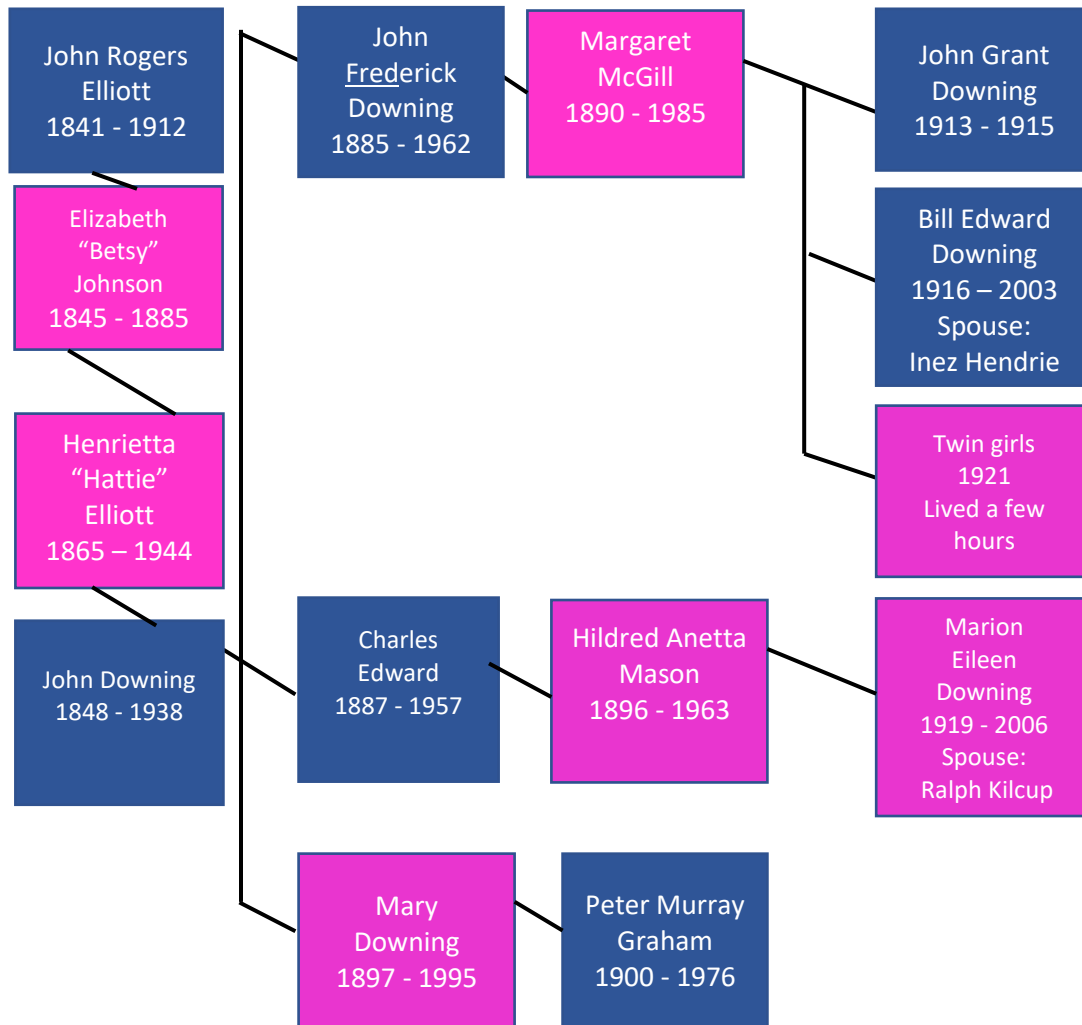
L to R: John Downing seated, wife Henrietta Elliott Downing, son Charlie Downing with bicycle, daughter Mary Downing seated with grandfather Thomas Downing Sr., behind with bicycle is John Frederick Downing



Beachville Museum – formerly the Downing residence.

Henrietta (Elliott) Downing Family Tree

Henrietta – oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



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Second Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson

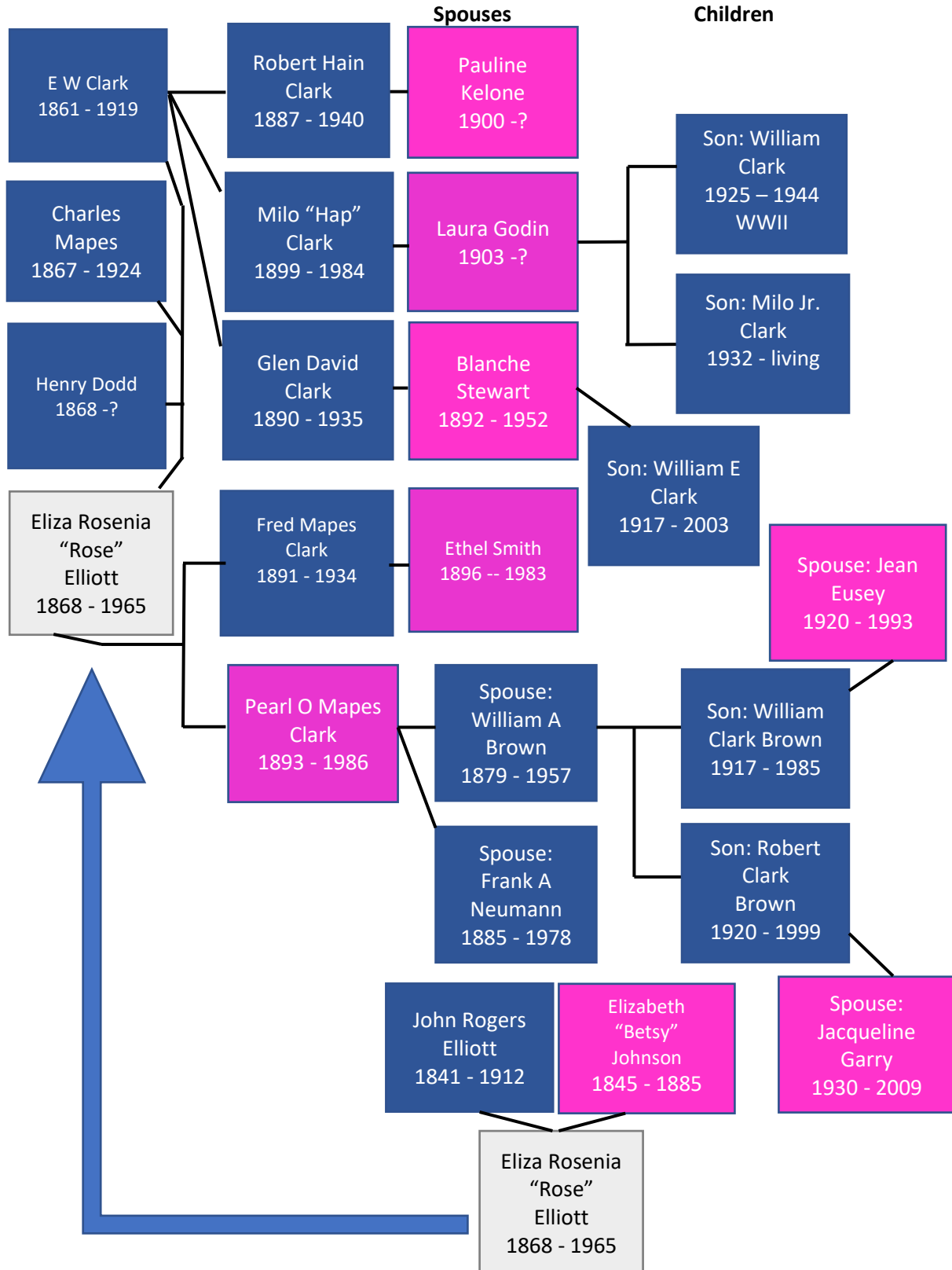
Eliza Rosenia "Rose" Elliott

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Eliza Rosenia "Rose" (Elliott) Clark Family Tree

Rosenia – second oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



**Great Grandchild of John and Mary Elliott
Grandchild of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Child of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson**

Second Child: Eliza Rosenia (Rose) Elliott B 25 Dec 1868 North Oxford Lot 14 Con 3
D 19 Mar 1965 Pt Huron
M 15 July 1890 Ingersoll
Spouse: Charles Mapes B 16 May 1867 St Catherines, Ontario
D 27 Jul 1924 York County
M 14 Apr 1900 Detroit
Spouse: Henry Dodd B 1868 New York State
D unknown
M 10 May 1903 Pt Huron
Spouse: Eliuh Wilson Clark B 30 May 1861 Portland, Indiana
D 06 Jan 1919 Pt Huron

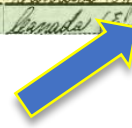
Perhaps the most interesting female ancestor I have researched is my great aunt Eliza Rosenia (Rose) Elliott. Rose was remembered in her later years when she came to visit her Oxford Co. relatives as a large, gregarious woman. She was three years younger than her oldest sister, Henrietta Downing. A Christmas baby, Rose (found as Rosa on many censuses) was 16 years old when her mother Betsy died while giving birth in January of 1885. Her father JR was left with a large brood and as her older sister was married, it fell upon Rose to deal with the raising of the children until JR remarried in September 1886. I believe that Rose never forgave her father for the situation and it appears she did not have much, if any contact, with him for the rest of their lives.

Rose was married to Charles Mapes, a St Catherine Ontario born man working as a fireman in Port Huron, Michigan. They married in N Oxford and how they met is one of the mysteries surrounding Rose. Port Huron would become a prominent spot in Rose's life story as she moved there immediately after her marriage. Everything seemed to be a confusing jumble at this point in Rose's life.

Rose married Charles Mapes in July of 1890 in N Oxford. Did she meet him in Port Huron? US Census records from 1900 stated she emigrated in 1890 so there is that possibility. By April of 1891, the Canadian census had Rose returned to Canada and, living in Woodstock with husband Charles. Rose was pregnant on her return to Canada with her son Fred who was born in August of 1891 in Woodstock. Daughter Pearl O was born in February of 1893, also in Woodstock. More confusion can be found in the records. The 1900 US census stipulates that son Fred and daughter Pearl were Canadian born and immigrated to the US. However, Fred and Pearl's emigration dates are not matching. Each child seemed to have emigrated separately after their births. Did Rose move back to Port Huron, but birthed her children in Canada and returned with her baby each time to the US? More Rose confusion.

Rose	Eliza	Wife	M	Dec	1868	34	100	0	Michigan	England	England		
Mapes	Fred	Son	M	Aug	1891	8	1		Canada (Eng)	England	Canada (Eng)	1890	10
Mapes	Pearl	Daughter	M	Feb	1893	7	1		Canada (Eng)	Canada (Eng)	Canada (Eng)	1893	7

Each child arrived in Port Huron at a different date.



22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
1838		1839		1840		1841		1842		1843		1844		1845		1846		1847		1848		1849		1850		1851		1852	
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1868		1869		1870		1871		1872		1873		1874		1875		1876		1877		1878		1879		1880		1881		1882	
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1898		1899		1900		1901		1902		1903		1904		1905		1906		1907		1908		1909		1910		1911		1912	

The 1891 Ontario census had Rose and Charles Mapes living in Woodstock, Ont. As a surprise, her youngest sister Melissa (Maggie) Elliott (age 10) was living with them. Unfortunately I do not know the circumstance as to why Maggie was not living with her father and stepmother. She would have been five years old when JR remarried, and at age 10 would only have recently moved in with her newly married sister. One thought is that Maggie's stepmother, Pheobe Thorn was not well in 1891. She died of consumption in March 1892 and it was noted in the death records that she had been ill for over six months. If that was the case, Maggie was very likely farmed out to her sister Rose.

By 1896 Rose had registered in Michigan courts for divorce from Charles Mapes on the grounds of cruelty. It was granted 20 July 1897. It appears that Rose was living somewhere in Port Huron with her two children in 1897. Charles Mapes appeared to not remarry and returned to his family in Whitechurch Township, York County. More confusion as the 1900 census for Port Huron claims he was Michigan born. He died in 1924.

Rose Mapes	July 20 1890 Ontario	2	27	Aug 8 1896	July 20 1897 Cruelty
Charles Mapes				11	7

Divorce record – Port Huron.

The plot becomes muddier as Rose marries Henry Dodd on the 18th of April 1900 in Port Huron. Henry is listed as a sailor but had previously married in 1891 in Great Falls, Montana and had passed through the Dakota Territories on his way to Detroit. How he became a sailor and met Rose and married in Detroit would be an interesting sidebar. He was one year older than Rose. An interesting tidbit on the marriage registration form noted below is that Rose's parents were "unknown". This is very unusual as she definitely knew who her parents were. Her father JR Elliott was also living in Port Huron at the time of Rose's marriage. My only suggestion is I suspect that she was estranged from him and did not want the registrar to note that he was related to her. Maggie Elliott still seems to be attached to her older sister as she is noted as a marriage witness.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:										101		287		
Return of Marriages in the County of <u>St. Clair</u>										for the Quarter Ending <u>June 30th</u> A. D. 190 <u>0</u>				
Marriage	Date of License	Full Name of Bride	Age of Bride	Residence of Bride	Birthplace of Bride	Occupation of Bride	Place of Birth	Full Name of Groom	Age of Groom	Residence of Groom	Birthplace of Groom	Occupation of Groom	Place of Birth	Witnesses
6092	May 11 1900	William S. Bell	30	Arcon	Michigan	Merchant	St. Clair	John S. Bell	29	Port Huron	Canada	Merchant	St. Clair	James J. ...
6093	May 18 1900	Rose Dodd	32	Port Huron	New York	Sailor	Port Huron	Harry Dodd	32	Port Huron	Canada	Conductor	St. Clair	James J. ...
6094	May 22 1900	Lily Murray	20	"	Michigan	Unknown	"	John Murray	20	"	Michigan	Unknown	"	James J. ...
6095	May 22 1900	Frank Wall	20	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank Wall	20	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	James J. ...

Two months after her marriage to Harry Dodd, the 1900 US census has Rose and her 2 children living with husband Harry in Port Huron, Mi. He is now listed as a railroad conductor. This is a crucial fact in Rose's future. The marriage was likely volatile and short lived as Rose files for divorce on the grounds of non-support in July of 1902 and is granted the divorce in March 1903. Harry Dodd disappears from the records at this point. So once again, Rose is on her own with two school aged children. This did not last long.

7688	May 10 1903	E. W. Clark	32	Port Huron	Indiana	Conductor	Port Huron	Geo. Clark	32	Port Huron	Canada	Conductor	Port Huron	James J. ...
		Rose Dodd	32	Port Huron	Canada	Conductor	Port Huron	Geo. Clark	32	Port Huron	Canada	Conductor	Port Huron	James J. ...

It seems that Rose can remember her parent's names when she married for the third time to E W Clark of Port Huron.

Seven weeks after her divorce to Harry Dodd, Rose married widower Eliuh Wilson Clark in May 1903. There is a high amount of suspicion that Rose and E W may have been an item even though Rose was still married. Both E W and Harry Dodd were railway conductors living in Port Huron and it is extremely likely they knew each other. They may have perhaps even socialized. Is it possible that a Rose and E W relationship was the reason Harry Dodd did not support her as her divorce decree stated?

Rose's new husband E W Clark never stood still as seen in the book: From St. Clair County Michigan: Its History and People. Published in 1912 and written by William Lee.

Eliuh Wilson Clark grew to manhood near his birth-place, and received a good common school education. At the age of fourteen years he

began to work on an adjacent farm, receiving seven dollars for his first year's work, eight dollars and fifty cents for his second year, and for his third year two dollars more. His mother and father passed away when he was only fourteen years old, and he was compelled to make his own way in the world. In June, 1880, he went to Cassopolis, Michigan.

where for two years he was engaged as a farm laborer, and then began his career as a railroad man, entering the service of the Michigan Central Railroad as an employe of the bridge construction department. After

two years he entered the train service, and during the next four years he worked as a brakeman, then becoming a mail clerk in the mail service and having run between Kalamazoo and South Haven, and remained in the mail service three and one-half years. Having incurred the enmity of some official, Mr. Clark at this time had charges preferred against him for inefficiency, although he had been promoted three times and had passed an examination with a mark of 99.86 per cent. When ex-Governor Bliss, who had preferred these charges, had been notified that Mr.

Clark's average was the highest of any who had taken the examination.

he preferred other charges, stating that Mr. Clark had secured his position through political influence, and the latter was forced to resign.

Civil service examinations having become the law in the meantime, the charges were dated back thirty days in order that he could have no chance to save his position in that way.

Having made numerous friends during his long and faithful service, Mr. Clark decided to enter the insurance field, but followed that occu

pation for only a few months, when he was offered a position by Assistant Trainmaster J. D. Clark, of the Michigan Central, and he eventually resumed braking on that line, continuing as such from August, 1889, to March, 1891, at which time he was the recipient of an offer of a position as guard at Jackson in the prison. Instead, he became a member of the police force at Jackson, and when he resigned, about five months later, he was highly recommended by both the chief and the police commission. For the next three years he followed braking on the Nickle Plate Railroad out of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he then entered the service of the Grant Trunk, being for seven years a passenger conductor running to Port Huron.

Mr. Clark had been married at Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 3, 1886, to Miss Rosa B. Wing, and they had three children: Ralph, who is now yardmaster of the Grand Trunk Railroad; Glenn, a bill clerk for the American Express Company, at Flint, Michigan; and Milo, now a lad of twelve years, attending school. Mrs. Clark died March 11, 1902, and in May, 1903, Mr. Clark was married in Port Huron to Mrs. Rose Elliott (nee Elliott), who had a son, Fred, and a daughter, Pearl, by a former marriage. On April 20, 1911, Mr. Clark came to Port Huron and engaged in his present business, which is proving a very successful one.

In politics Mr. Clark is a Democrat, but he cast his first vote for James G. Blaine. He has been elected a member of the city council from a Republican ward, and served on the board of estimates. He and Mrs. Clark are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The family home is at No. 1531 Oak street. Mr. Clark is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, of which he served as secretary for three

years and as financial secretary for two years. He has attended the national conventions at Milwaukee, in 1901, at Denver, Colorado, in 1903,

Mr. Clark is one of the self made men of Port Huron, and can look back over a career that has been filled not only with usefulness but with action. He has always been energetic and progressive, and in his new line is liable to make his mark before many years have passed. Already he has introduced innovations in his business that have been trade gatherers, and his ability as an organizer and executive will make him a very acceptable addition to the public-spirited citizens of Port Huron.

Eliuh Wilson Clark or EW to all, was 7 years older than Rose. He had been married to Rose Ving for 25 years and had 3 sons. The sons were Ralph, Glen and Milo. Rose Ving died 04 Mar 1902 of heart failure while being operated on for kidney disease. Rose and EW were married the following spring. E W Clark was very similar to Rose Elliott. He had a bigger than life personality: gregarious, loud, well liked, well known and respected in the community. He was ambitious and trained his three sons to be the same. A staunch Democrat, he attended many Democratic conventions while representing the Port Huron party branch.

The 1910 census of Port Huron had the blended family, all named Clark, living at 1531 Oak St. This house would be home for many decades. EW's sons would have been 16, 12 and 4 years old when EW and Rose married. Rose's children would have been 11 and 10 years old. It would have been a boisterous household. By 1910, the census shows that son Ralph was also working for the railroad and son Glen was working at a grocer.

More confusion surrounds Rose as the 1910 US census listed her children as being born in Michigan and not Canada. It appears Rose's memory failed her often. The following US census stated the same fact regarding her children's birth location. Why the obfuscation?

STATE Michigan
COUNTY St. Clair
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY X
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Port Huron City part of
NAME OF INSTITUTION X
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION 165
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 30 DAY OF April 1910

LOCALITY	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SATISFY			LITERARY	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION
				Place of birth of each parent and persons of 18 years or over, if born in the United States after the date of settlement; if born in the United States after the census.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.			
1771 322	Kinsley Gottlieb	Head	M W 66 CM 53	Ger German	Ger German	Ger German	1891 MA	English	Laborer Railroad
	Augusta	Wife	F W 69 CM 33	Ger German	Ger German	Ger German	1891 MA	German	Stone
	Son	M W 38 S		Ger German	Ger German	Ger German	1872 MA	English	Coal Miner
1187 323 223	Morgan May	Head	M W 55 MA	Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German	1857	English	Blacksmith at Home
	Daughter	F W 22 S		Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German		English	Blacksmith
	Charles	Boy	M W 20 S	Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German		English	Blacksmith
	Edna	Girl	M W 18 S	Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German		English	Blacksmith
1703 324 324	Miller Cassia	Head	M W 53 O S	Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German		English	Blacksmith
	Chaimberlayne	Wife	F W 25 S	Mich Michigan	Ger German	Ger German		English	Blacksmith
1118 325 325	John Anderson	Head	M W 49 CM 20	Ger German	Ger German	Ger German	1859 MA	English	Sailor
	Anderson	Wife	F W 44 CM 20	Ger German	Ger German	Ger German	1858 MA	English	Wife
	Paulina	Wife	F W 43 CM 20	Ger German	Ger German	Ger German		English	Wife
1631 326 326	Clark B. H.	Head	M W 49 CM 29	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Rosa	Wife	F W 42 CM 24	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Ralph	Boy	M W 23 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Frank	Boy	M W 19 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Edna	Girl	M W 18 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Paul	Boy	M W 17 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	John	Boy	M W 16 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	McLormick Ethel	Servant	F W 24 S	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
1622 327 327	Murray Edward	Head	M W 29 CM 10	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith
	Bessie	Wife	F W 26 CM 6	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan	Mich Michigan		Mich Michigan	Blacksmith

1531 Oak St. Port Huron – home of Rose Elliott Clark for most of her adult life.



1531 Oak St Building

The family was shocked when on the 6th of January 1919, when EW died of complications from the Spanish Flu.



He was buried beside his children's mother Rose Ving in Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron.

Rose suddenly found herself the head of the household. The 1920 census had several of the family still at home. The likely reason that several of her stepsons were not married is due to the fact all three had been in the military and were now deactivated from their WWI service.

In 1920, daughter Pearl was now married to a man named Brown and had a son named Clark. Both were living with Rose while Pearl's husband was not found. (More on Pearl later)

Household	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marital	Occupation	Color	Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Year of Immigration	Year of Arrival	Year of Naturalization
107	Clark, Rose	Head	F	52	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1887			
107	Clark, Pearl	Daughter	F	17	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1904			
107	Clark, Ralph	Son	M	23	Mar	Engineer	White	Canada	1887			
107	Clark, Fred	Son	M	20	Mar	Engineer	White	Canada	1887			
107	Clark, Pauline	Wife	F	26	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1909			
107	Clark, Helen	Daughter	F	14	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1904			
107	Clark, Mary	Daughter	F	12	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1906			
107	Clark, John	Son	M	10	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1908			
107	Clark, William	Son	M	8	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1910			
107	Clark, Fred	Son	M	6	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1912			
107	Clark, John	Son	M	4	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1914			
107	Clark, William	Son	M	2	Mar	Housewife	White	Canada	1916			

The 1940 census showed Rose living with her daughter Pearl at the same Oak Street address that was Rose's home for decades. Rose and EW and family were often mentioned in the local newspapers. Some of the stories were quite hilarious. Before discussing the daily events of the family, a biography of the children and stepchildren is warranted.

Oldest Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott

Ralph Hain Clark

B 17 Jul 1887 Van Buren, Mi.
 D 11 May 1940 Port Huron, Mi.
 M 31 Jan 1935
 Divorce: 16 Dec 1937
 Spouse: Pauline Kelone
 No children

Ralph enrolled in the Armed Forces in WWI. He was a Private in the Michigan Transportation Company of the US marines. He was one of three family members to serve. Milo and stepbrother Fred also joined. After the war he was active in the National Guard reserve. He reached the grade of Second Lieutenant.

When he returned from WWI, Ralph worked with the Grand Trunk Railway as a steam train engineer. The 1930 census has him as the only person living with his stepmother Rose (Elliott) Clark in the family Oak St. home in Pt Huron.

He had married divorcee Pauline Kelone of Port Huron in 1935. She was Louisiana born and was working in the office of a truck transportation firm when she married Ralph. They divorced 3 years later.

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage,
Greeting:
Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. Ralph Hain Clark and Mrs Pauline Marie Sawyers

aSsdavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Ralph Hain Clark is 47 years of age, color is white, residence is Port Huron, and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is yard foreman, father's name Elihu W. Clark, and mother's maiden name was Rose Wing

has been previously married no time is; and that said Pauline Marie Sawyers is 35 years of age, color is white residence is Port Huron and birthplace was Louisiana occupation is trucking business, father's name Christopher Kelone, and mother's maiden name was Elizane Chatelane

and who has been previously married one

Pauline Marie Kelone a has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed

In Wits seal of day of

L. S.

Certificate

Between Mr. Ralph Hain Clark and Mrs. Pauline Marie Sawyers

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, I have solemnized the marriage by me, at Port Huron on the thirty-first day of Janu of Mrs. D. A. Fraser and D. A. Fraser as witnesses.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF RECORDS AND STATISTICS

STATE OFFICE NUMBER 77 1601
 COUNTY ST. CLAIR DOCKET NO. 93-23

DIVORCE RECORD
 Pauline Sawyers Clark

Name of each Ralph H. Clark Age 47
Pauline Marie Sawyers Age 35

State or County in which married St. Clair Co., Mich. Date January 31, 1935

Date of Filing Petition Aug. 26, 1937 To whom was divorce granted Wife
 (Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested No
 (Yes or No)

Date of Decree or Judgment November 16, 1937

Cause for Which Divorced extreme cruelty

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute, Maiden name restored

Was Alimony Granted No

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

Marriage and divorce of Ralph Clark

After his divorce, he continued to work at the railyards as a foreman. His death certificate indicates he was living at the Lauth Hotel in Port Huron. I suspect he was still single at the time and was likely living in a small hotel room on a month-by-month lease.

Port Huron, Mich.



Louth Hotel 7th and Lapeer St.
 Downtown Pt Huron.
 Photo: History of Port Huron

WANTS FORMS WILL UNEXPECTEDLY BE THIS TO A PRESENT RECORD

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. Unknown		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 82 14211	
If veteran, name war World		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics			
FULL NAME CLARK, Ralph Hain		C-None		Local File No. 77	
PLACE OF DEATH:			USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County Wayne			State Michigan County St. Clair		
Township			Township		
City or Village Allen Park, Michigan			City or Village Port Huron		
Name of hospital Veterans Administration <small>(If not in hospital, give street address.)</small>			Street No. Lauth Hotel		
Length of stay: in hospital 39 days in this community 39 days			If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?		
Sex Male		Color or Race White		MARRIAGE STATUS Divorced	
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION					
Date of death May 11 19 40					
I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from April 2 19 40 to May 11 19 40 . I last saw him alive on May 11 19 40 . Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 2:00 p. M. Duration					
Immediate cause of death Tuberculosis, pulmonary, chronic, far advanced, active.					
Other contributory causes of importance					
Major findings and dates: Of operations NONE					
Of autopsy NONE					
In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or					
Date					
Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county)					
In industry, home or public place?					
Was disease or injury related to occupation of decedent?					
Signature <i>[Signature]</i> C. H. SMITH, M.D., Chief, Dept. of Health					
Address Veterans Admin., Dearborn, Mich.					
Name of husband or wife					
Age, if alive					
Birth date of deceased July 17 19 87					
Age: Years 52 Months 10 Days 25 If less than one day hrs. min.					
Birthplace South Haven, Michigan					
Usual occupation Yard foreman					
Industry or business Railroad					
Father (Name Elihu Clark)					
Birthplace Indiana					
Mother (Maiden Name Rose V. Wind)					
Birthplace Michigan					
Informant From Veterans Administration records.					
Address					
Burial, cremation or (removal) (Circle the word which applies)					
Place Port Huron, Michigan					
Cemetery Date May 11 19 40					
Funeral director's signature Albert A. Falk (A.A. Falk)					
Address Port Huron, Michigan					
Filed 5/12 19 40 <i>[Signature]</i> Local Registrar					



After 39 days in hospital, he died of Tuberculosis, which was a common cause of death in that era. He is buried in the same cemetery as his father and mother. He was only 52 at the time of his death.

Second Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott

Glenn David Clark

B 03 Sept 1890 Mi

D 16 Jul 1935 Flint, Mi

Spouse: Blanche Stewart

Child: William B 1917

Like his brothers, Glenn served in WWI and was honourably discharged.

The 1930 census had his occupation as production manager for the Buick Corporation in their plant in Flint. When he died, he was production manager of the foundry for the Buick Corporation.

He died due to a ruptured appendix at age 45 July 1935 in Flint, Mi.

Port Huron Times Herald

Glenn D. Clark

Glenn D. Clark, 45, former resident of Port Huron, son of Mrs. E. W. Clark, 1531 Oak street, died Friday in a Flint hospital after an illness of a week.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Blanche Clark, and a son, William Clark, both of Flint; his mother; a sister, Mrs. Frank Neuman, Port Huron; and two brothers, Ralph Clark, Port Huron, and M. G. Clark, Grand Rapids.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. Clark, who was born in Port Huron, attended school here and went to work in Flint 18 years ago. He was in the office of the Buick Motor company. He was active in Boy Scout work here.

State Office No. 2251809

Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County Genesee
Township _____
Village _____
City Flint (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME Glenn L. Clark
(a) Residence No. 1609 Garland St., Ward Flint
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 24 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. Color or Race <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) <u>Married</u>	21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>July 19, 1935</u>	
5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Blanche</u>			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>July 18, 1935, to July 19, 1935</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>Sept. 8, 1889</u>			I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>July 19, 1935</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, etc., <u>7:42</u> a.m.	
7. AGE Years <u>45</u> Months <u>10</u> Days <u>11</u> IF LESS than day—hrs. OR—mins.			The principal causes of death and related causes of importance were as follows:	Duration
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as engineer, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Manager of Foundry Division Production</u>			<u>Abdominal abscess</u>	
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Quick Motor Co.</u>			<u>peritonitis from ruptured appendix</u>	<u>4 days</u>
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>7/12/35</u>			<u>intestinal obstruction</u>	<u>3 days</u>
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>24 yrs.</u>			Other contributory causes of importance:	
12. BIRTH PLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Jackson Michigan</u>			If operation, date of <u>July 18, 1935</u>	
13. NAME <u>William Clark</u>			Condition for which performed <u>Intestinal Obstruction</u>	
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Indiana</u>			Organ or part affected <u>Appendix, Intestine, Uterus</u>	
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Rose Wing</u>			Was there laboratory test? <u>Yes</u> Autopsy? <u>No</u>	
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Indiana</u>			In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide.	
17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Blanche Clark</u> (Address) <u>Flint, Michigan</u>			Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county or state)	
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Sunset Hills Cem</u> Date <u>July 22, 1935</u>			In industry, home or public place?	
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Dodd & Sons Co.</u> (Address) <u>Flint, Michigan</u>			Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>	

Youngest Child of EW Clark and stepson of Rose Elliott

Milo (Hap) Guy Clark Sr.

B 02 Jul 1899 Port Huron

D 19 Mar 1984 La Jolla, CA.

M 28 Mar 1924

Spouse: Laura Godin

Children: William B 1925 D 1944 (killed WWII)
Milo Jr. B 1932 D living

Son Milo Jr. had 4 children -Linda Lee, Carolyn Ward, Douglas Scott (deceased) and Sarah Ellen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1949



AT BOSTON COUNCIL SCOUTS' DINNER—Left to right, Milo G. Clark, Region 1 Scout executive; Frederick Deane, toastmaster, and Charles Devens, council president.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH as per "History of Section 10 Boy Scouts"

"The story of Milo G. Clark begins with a typical story of an "All American Boy". Before we go further, however, we had better clarify the name and refer to the subject of this tale as Hap Clark. No ditto marks are needed to fence in the name Hap. To all in Scouting who knew and respected him, he was always Hap Clark. Though, no doubt, as mothers will do, she called him Milo.

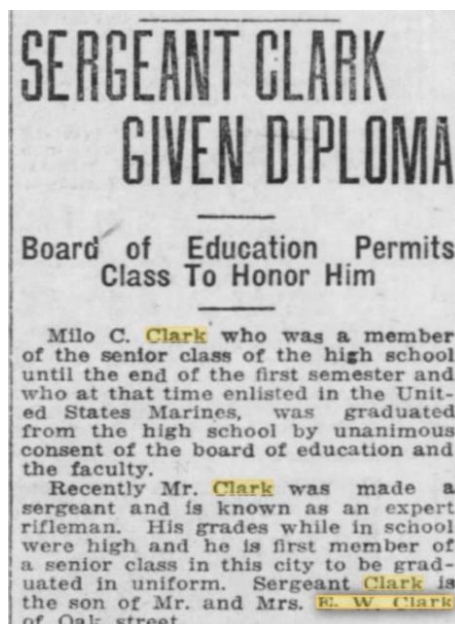
He comes by the All-American Boy designation honestly. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan, July 2,

1899 graduating from high school there, having captained the baseball, basketball and football teams. Active in the Hi-Y movement, he served as the Vice-President of the Michigan State Hi-Y Conference in 1915. Scouting hadn't reached Port Huron at that time. In December of 1917, while a senior in high school, he enlisted for four years as a Marine, but was not sworn in until January 20, 1918. The high school athlete took to army life like the proverbial duck to water: becoming Corporal, then Sergeant, serving as drill instructor, and expert in the rifle and heavy machine gun. This did not deter his education, however, and he graduated from high school in June of 1918 with a special furlough to attend the graduation ceremonies. He was placed on reserve in February of 1919 and finally honorably discharged in 1922. His father died suddenly and his two brothers had suffered service-connected disabilities, so instead of college, he found himself going to work, which was nothing new as he had pretty much earned his own way since he was 15."

After serving in WWI, but never overseas, Milo Sr. was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. He moved to Boston and the head office of the Boy Scouts after being the regional District 10 Upper Midwest head. Several of his family still live in the Boston area. Later he retired to La Jolla, California.

Although he never graduated from high school as he left early to his enlist, he was granted a diploma in June of 1918.

June 13, 1918 Times Herald



Milo Clark, who enlisted some time ago in the United States navy and who is stationed at Paris Island, S. C., is spending a fifteen days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street. He expects to leave for Paris Island, Sunday.

12 June 1918 Times Herald

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark will leave Sunday morning for Quantico, Va., where they will be guests of their son, Milo Clark, who is with the U. S. Marines. Mr. Clark has been transferred from Paris Island to the Virginia camp and is hoping to go overseas soon. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will be gone two weeks and will visit in New York and Philadelphia en route.

'Hap' Clark Visits His Mother Here

Mrs. "Hap" Clark, Grand Rapids, Boy Scout executive, Mrs. Clark and two sons, Douglas and Milo, Jr., have returned to Grand Rapids after visiting Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. Rose Clark, 1531 Oak street. Mr. Clark was graduated from Port Huron High school, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team and a member of the football team. During the war he served with the Marine corps at Quantico, Va., but did not go overseas. He has been in Boy Scout work in the Detroit area, Appleton, Wis., and Grand Rapids about 10 years.

June 2, 1934

June 13, 1918

Personal Mention

Scout Executive Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Clark, Boston, Mass., visited their mother and sister, Mrs. Rose Clark and Mrs. Pearl Neumann, at their home on Oak street.

The Clarks have gone on to Chicago where Mr. Clark will attend the Boy Scouts of America convention. He is a Boy Scout executive.

14 May, 1958

Milo's son, Milo Clark Jr., graduated from the Harvard Business School. He was well known for his predictions of automation, home computers, handheld computer devices and retina scanners as far back as 1964 when he toured the US giving speeches to various media and educational entities. He was considered an expert in the computer field at the time while employed by the University of California (Berkeley). As of 2022, Milo Jr. was retired and living on the Big Island of Hawaii where he has indulged in his passion for bamboo plants.

Below: Predicting the future while he was on a speaking tour for General Dynamics.

Revolution in News

Electronic Delivery Is Forecast

SEE ALSO PAGE A2

Your daily newspaper may someday be delivered to your living room in a matter of seconds through a small attachment to the television set.

A giant step in that direction has become possible through high-speed electronic printers which can produce 600,000 characters a minute, journalism educators were told here Thursday.

Milo C. Clark Jr. of La Jolla, Calif., management expert, told how automation may revolutionize newspaper production in an address before the Association for Education in Journalism, holding its annual convention this week at The University of Texas.

"Think of the ability to flash depth stories of breaking news directly into the customers' homes," Clark said. "Think of the merchandising applications which could be sold to advertisers. If a merchant found himself backed up in a perishable commodity, news of his sale could be flashed into the customers' homes.

"The customer can ignore the TV," he added, "but we all know the effectiveness of a piece of paper IF it can be gotten inside the household."

Clark described two other systems which he said offer great potential for newspaper operations:

— Sketchpad: "a means whereby an operator may communicate with a computer by manipulating an electronic stylus in front of a cathode ray tube not unlike that on an oscilloscope."

— Electric retina character reader: "using this machine, the source document is directly machine sensible, thereby reducing the need for human buffers such as card punchers, typists and TTS operators."

"The electronic retina character reader is particularly exciting because it represents a significant breakthrough to a newspaper untouched by human hands from copy to product," Clark said.


Like many others, Clark admitted, he is "scared" of computers.

"But as a self-identified professional manager I can no more ignore computers than a doctor can ignore Salk polio vaccine or a lawyer ignore the Supreme Court's latest decision," he continued.

Clark told the journalism teachers that their graduates should "understand more than newspapers or the revolution in newspaper technology."

"My major concern is to find young people with a quality of mind capable of synthesizing the experience of the past with the challenge of the future," he explained. "I look to formal education to nurture a capacity to learn, an eagerness to stay mentally vital, and a dedication to excellence."

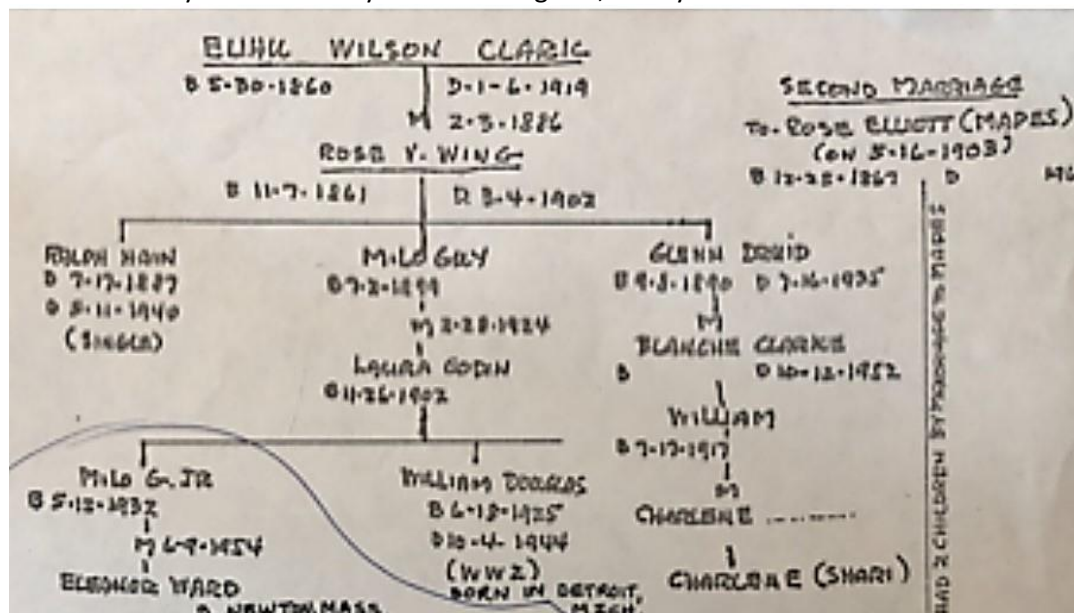
Clark is a graduate of Williams College, a liberal arts institution in Massachusetts, and has a master's degree from the Harvard Business School. He began his management career with the Bell System in New England. More recently, he has been associated with the Copley Newspapers in California.



Milo Clark Sr. Home in La Jolla where he died 1983.

Dallas News Article

EW Clark family tree as sent by Milo Jr's daughter, Carolyn Clark



- Ralph is noted as single – he was married but never remarried.

Grandchildren of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson First child of Rose Elliott and Charles Mapes

Fred Charles Clark

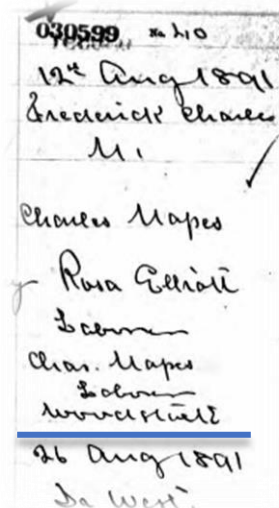
B 12 Aug 1891 Woodstock, Ont.

D 27 May 1934 Asheville, North Carolina

M 28 Apr 1920 Pt Huron

Spouse: Ethel Smith (1896-1983)

Fred Clark was the first child of Rose and Charles Mapes. When Rose married EW Clark, Fred took on the Clark name. Like his two stepbrothers, Fred enlisted in WWI. He was sent to France before returning in 1919. His birth Schedule shows he was born in Woodstock. Other records say Michigan



Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, received a telegram from her son, Fred Clark, this morning stating that he was now at Camp Dix. He arrived in New York Wednesday after service in France with the 66th engineers. He will go to Camp Custer to be mustered out of service and it is expected he will arrive here the latter part of next week.

Port Huron Times Herald 28 Aug, 1918

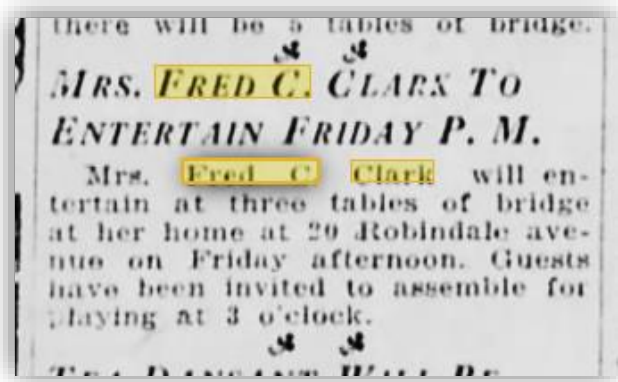
Clark Home From Overseas
Fred Clark, son of Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, who has been overseas for the past year with Company F, 19th engineers, arrived home Thursday, having received his honorable discharge. While in France these engineers were attached to the British army and for three months served in the Cambrai section. Their work was construction work back of the lines.

Times Herald 19 May, 1919

Fred married Ethel Smith in 1920 when he was 27 and was working as a "trainman" in Port Huron.

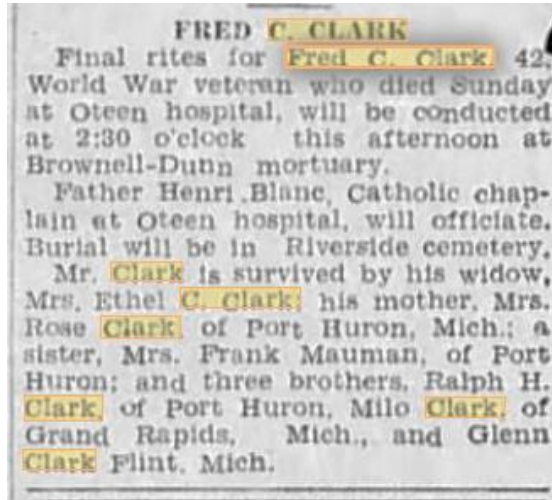
15929	Apr 27 1920	Fred C. Clark	27	W	Port Huron	Michigan	Trainman	C. W. Clark
		Ethel A. Smith	24	W	Port Huron	Michigan	Clark	Thos. J. Smith

The next sign of him is in Asheville, N Carolina in 10 November 1926 in the Asheville, N.C. newspaper



The 1930 US census confirms that he was living in Asheville, North Carolina with his wife and in-laws. Interestingly, his occupation was listed as a chauffeur for a motor company. In those days a chauffeur was also the detailer and mechanic of the vehicle. Family lore has it that there was a member of the Port Huron clan that once chauffeured for Henry Ford. Asheville had a large Ford assembly plant in the 1920s. Fred died in 1934 in Asheville, Carolina at the age of 43. He and Ethel had no children.

He is buried in the Military cemetery in Asheville.



Last child of Rose Elliott and Charles Mapes

Pearl O

B 19 Feb 1893 Woodstock

D 23 Mar 1986 Pt Huron

M 04 Jun 1915 Pt Huron

Spouse: William Arliss Brown (1893 – 1946)

Divorced unknown but likely prior 1920

M 12 Jun 1927 Pt Huron

Spouse: Frank August Neumann

B 24 Feb 1879

D Oct 1957

Divorced 03 Oct 1944 Port Huron

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan: Return of Marriages in the County of <u>St. Clair</u>										for the Quarter Ending <u>June 30</u> A. D. 19 <u>18</u>									
Maiden Name of Bride	Date of Marriage			Age of Bride	Age of Groom	Residence of Each	Ministry of Each	Description of Each	Place of Marriage	Maiden Name of Bride of Each	Time of Marriage	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Position of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE		
	Month	Day	Year									Month	Day	Year			Name	Residence	
13411	June	7	1915	21	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Rebecca Hill	4:00	June	2	1915	Port Huron	J. A. Sullivan Minister	Alice Mathews John Hughes	Port Huron Port Huron	
13419	June	2	1915	51	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Rebecca Hill	2:00	June	2	1915	Port Huron	J. Schulte Minister	Ans. Mendenhall Mrs. Ann Mendenhall	Port Huron St. Clair	
13420	June	3	1915	39	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Rebecca Hill	4:00	June	3	1915	Port Huron	C. L. Ellis Minister	John Meier Mrs. E. K. Walker	Port Huron Tuscola	
13421	June	3	1915	40	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Rebecca Hill	2:00	June	3	1915	Port Huron	P. M. Freeman Minister	Mildred Sprague Margaret Sprague	Port Huron Port Huron	
13422	June	4	1915	23	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Rebecca Hill	4:00	June	4	1915	Port Huron	E. A. Stearns Minister	Fred Clark W. H. Smith	Port Huron Port Huron	

Larasant																	
June	4	1915	23	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	Selesman Jno. Brown	4:00	June	4	1915	Port Huron	W. H. Smith	W. H. Smith	Port Huron
			22	W	Port Huron	Mich	Mich	Port Huron	W. H. Smith	4:00							

Pearl was born in 1893 in Woodstock but continually showed up in US government records as being born in Michigan. I have not yet discovered what her second name was other than it started with the letter "O." She lived with her mother and stepfather until her marriage to William Arliss Brown on 04 June 1915.

She had 2 sons with husband William: Fred Clark Brown and Robert Brown.

Her marriage fell apart sometime between 1917 – 1920 and she divorced William. He remarried and lived in Detroit until his death.

William A. Brown
 William A. Brown, 53, Grosse Pointe, former resident of Port Huron and Detroit, died Sunday in Harper Hospital, Detroit, after a brief illness.
 He was born May 2, 1893, in Toronto, Ont. He was employed as an inspector for Chrysler corporation.
 He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora C. Brown, Detroit; two daughters, Miss Otlie Brown and Miss Betty Belle Brown, and two sons, William Clark Brown, and Robert Brown, all of Port Huron; two brothers, Thomas Brown, Wyandotte, Mich., and Gordon Brown,



On 12 June 1927, Pearl married divorced father of one, Frank August Neumann. He was an emigrant from Germany and was a clothing salesman living in Port Huron. Pearl was a milliner at the time working in a dress shop. Frank's daughter lived with his ex-wife Estella Peak (Neumann).

No. 20132 **Marriage License** 1927
 77 850
 ST. CLAIR County, Michigan

To whom legally authorized to solemnize marriage,
 I do hereby certify that in accordance with the above stated, the persons named in this license have taken the marriage by me, at
 Port Huron County of St. Clair Michigan
 on the 22 day of June A.D. 1927, at the presence of
 Herman Neumann of Port Huron
 and Mrs. H. Neumann of Port Huron
 as witnesses.

H. V. Hoelzer
 Pastor
 Official Title.

This copy to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; when it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded at the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. **Frank A. Neumann** and Mrs. **Pearl O. Brown**

affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Frank A. Neumann is **40** years of age, color is **white**, residence is **Port Huron**, and birthplace was **Germany**, occupation is **salesman**, father's name **August Neumann**, and mother's maiden name was **Rose Rutkusky**

has been previously married **one** time; and that said **Pearl O. Brown** is **34** years of age, color is **white**, residence is **Port Huron**, and birthplace was **Ontario**, occupation is **---**, father's name **R. W. Clark**, and mother's maiden name was **Rose ---**

and who has been previously married **one** time, and whose maiden name was **Pearl Clark**, and whose **---** Parent's or Guardian's consent, in case she

By the 1930 census, the family, including sons Clark and Robert, were living in Flint, Michigan. Her two boys were listed as stepsons to Frank Neumann. Pearl was still mistakenly listed as born in Michigan.

NAME	SEX	RELATION	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	ATTENDANCE	RELIGION	PROPERTY	OWNERSHIP	RENT	REMARKS
Neumann, Frank A.	M	Head	40	1887	Germany	High School	Salesman	None	Evangelical	None	None	None	Michigan
Brown, Pearl O.	F	Wife	34	1893	Ontario	High School	None	None	Evangelical	None	None	None	Michigan
Neumann, Clark W.	M	Son	13	1914	Michigan	None	None	None	Evangelical	None	None	None	Michigan
Neumann, Robert C.	M	Son	9	1918	Michigan	None	None	None	Evangelical	None	None	None	Michigan



sington av
 " Russell credit mgr Flint Citizens Loan
 & Investment Co r Holly
 Neumann Anthony A (Mary) mach hd h
 1449 New York av
 " Anthony A jr r1449 New York av
 " Ella M Mrs housekpr 1701 W Court
 " Francis student 1449 New York av
 " Frank A (Pearl O) slsmn h158 E
 Witherbee
 " Herbert C autowkr 1449 New York av
 Neumann John J (Ruth) linemn h1108½
 N Saginaw apt 16

1930 Flint directory.

Clark and Robert Brown leave
 for their home in Flint today, after
 spending a week with their grand-
 mother, Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak
 street.

18 Oct, 1930 Port Huron Times Herald

By the late 1920's Frank was the manager of a clothing store.

Times Herald 19 Dec, 1922

Page Eighteen **The Port Huron Times-Herald** Tuesday, December 1

UP AGAINST IT FORCED SALE

WE BIT OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW. AFTER NINE YEARS IN THE CLOTHING BUSINESS WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH A MOST SERIOUS BUSINESS PROBLEM. THE RECENT FINANCIAL STRINGENCY GREATLY RETARDED OUR BUSINESS. CONSEQUENTLY WE WERE OBLIGED TO PLUNGE INTO DEBT AND ARE NOW FORCED TO RAISE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR CLAMORING CREDITORS — WE ARE FORCED TO PLACE ON THE MARKET OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF ROCHESTER TWO-PANT SUITS AND OVERCOATS. HIGH GRADE FURNISHINGS AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' COST. SALE STARTS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9 O'CLOCK.

FRANK A. NEUMANN, Manager.

Down Go The Prices With a Crash!

"ROCHESTER" 2 PANT SUITS AND OVERCOATS



There appears to be a disconnect in the Neumann family in 1932 as shown by the newspaper article below. Why was he living Flint while she was back in Port Huron? Their divorce was not until 1944.

Mrs. Calvin Barr, Cypress street.
 F. A. Neumann returned to Flint
 Thursday after visiting Mrs. Neu-
 mann and his two sons Robert
 and Clark in the home of Mrs.
 Neumann's mother, Mrs. E. W.
 Clark, Oak street.
 Miss Nellie Masterson, Military

Later, the 1940 Census had Rose living with the entire Neumann family at Rose's 1531 Oak St, Port Huron home. This was the Clark family home that Rose lived in the rest of her life after marrying EW Clark. At this time Pearl's son Robert Brown was a grocery clerk. Son-in-law Frank Neumann was a 51-

year-old janitor at the Post Office and Pearl worked at a ladies clothing store. There is some conjecture as to why Frank was now a janitor. Did he suffer an accident or malady that would prevent him from working as a salesman?

Four years after the 1940 census Pearl sued for divorced from Frank on 11 Dec 1944.

DIVORCE RECORD
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Records and Statistics

STATE OFFICE NUMBER
 215

COUNTY St. Clair DOCKET NO. 128-27

Name of each Pearl O. Neumann Age _____
Frank A. Neumann Age _____

State or county in which married Michigan Date June 12, 1930

Date of filing petition Aug. 2, 1944 To whom was divorce granted Wife
 (husband or wife)

Was case contested NO
 (yes or no)

Date of decree or judgment October 3, 1944

Cause for which divorced Non-support

Filed: **Pearl O. Neumann** against **Frank A. Neumann**, nonsupport and mental cruelty.

Was divorce granted, refused or withdrawn Granted

Whether absolute or conditions Absolute

Was alimony granted No

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.

Howard Murray
 Date 11/26/44 clerk of Circuit court, county of St. Clair

After the divorce, Frank continued to live in the Port Huron area and died in 1978. Later in life, Pearl continued to live at the Oak St. residence after Rose's death in 1966. Visitors from Ontario were common.

Post Herald 27 Jan, 1966

Entertains Guests
 Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Oak street, entertained houseguests over the holiday. Mrs. **Neumann's** cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Graham, were here from Beacheville, Ont., as were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Clarke, Boston, Mass.

M. G. "Hap" Clark, San Diego, Calif., visited his sister, Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Oak Street

Winkelman's Stages Party
 Officials of Winkelman's clothing store, entertained employes at a Valentine's party Monday.
 Mrs. Lorraine Sharrard, Mrs. Mary Farslow and Mrs. Margaret Gierman were in charge.
 A skit "New Chemise Adaption for Spring" was presented by Mrs. Rhoda Dewey, Mrs. Lucille Wright, Mrs. **Pearl Neumann**, Mrs. Ruth Knight, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, Mrs. Helen Finkle and Mrs. Lucille Richert.
 A dance team from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio provided entertainment.

Post Herald 5 Sept, 1951

Post Herald Feb, 1958

Pearl died in 1986 at age 93.



Sperry's was a large, long running department store in Port Huron from 1889 to 2006. Pearl worked there for a prolonged period.

Pearl O. Neumann
 PORT HURON — Pearl O. Neumann, 93, died Sunday, March 23, 1986, in Port Huron Hospital. She was born Feb. 19, 1893, in Canada, and was a lifelong Port Huron resident.

She was employed at Sperry's and Winkelmans for many years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mystic Chapter 58 and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Charles Hammond Post 8.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Jackie Brown, Port Huron; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

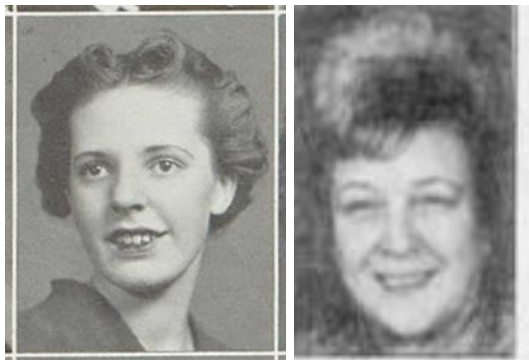
A son, William Clark Brown, died in September 1985.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Richard D. Lobb of the First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Pearl's sons **William Clark Brown** and **Robert Clark Brown** both married and lived in Michigan. Not much is known about their lives as they drifted away in the records. It is known that the young boys did spend summers at their great aunt Henrietta Downing "Riverside" home in Beachville, Ont.

Great Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Grandson of Rose Clark and Charles Mapes
Son of Pearl Mapes Brown Neumann

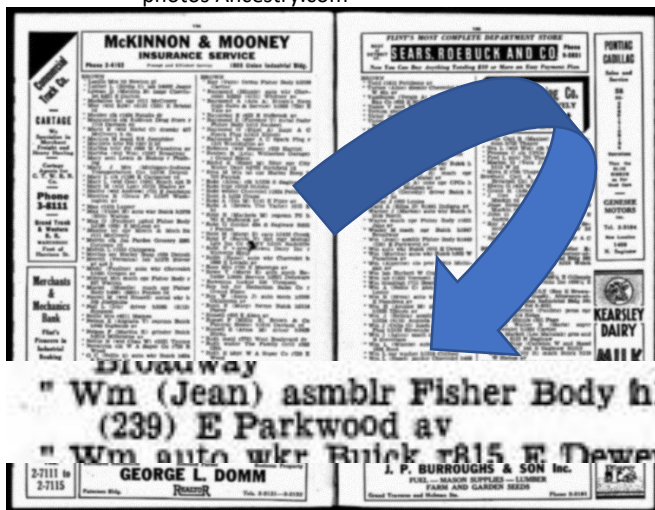
Oldest Child: William Clark Brown	B 17 Apr 1917 Port Huron D 02 Sept 1985 Port Huron M 12 Apr 1938
Spouse: Jean May Eusey	B 1920 D 1993 M 25 May 1957
Spouse: May Post	B 1922 D 1989



Jean May Eusey May Post
 photos Ancestry.com

Pearls' second son William was born in Pt Huron in 1917. He spent his childhood there.

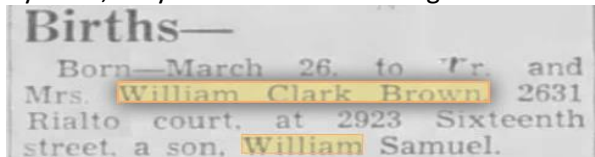
Jean Eusey dropped out of high school in Grade 11 to marry William Clark Brown in 1938. William and Jean were living in Pt Huron and were factory workers in 1940 as WWII ramped up. In late 1940, they moved to Flint where he worked in an auto factory as a driver while she worked as a machine repair person for an auto subsidiary company. They had four children. They later divorced and both remarried. William Clark married May Post in 1957. It was her fourth marriage.



1940 Port Huron Directory

March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. **William Clark, Brown** City, a daughter, **Janice Arvilla**.

By 1942, they had 2 sons and 4 daughters



William Clark Brown

Birth 1917

Death Sep 1985 (aged 67–68)

[Lakeside Cemetery](#)

Burial Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan

Plot Block CC Lot 109 Grave 4

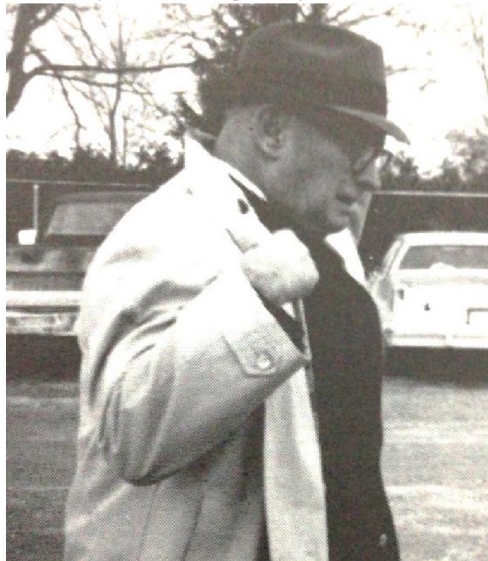
PORT HURON — William C. Brown, 68, of 917 LaSalle Blvd., died Monday, Sept. 2, 1985, in Port Huron Hospital.

He was born April 7, 1917, in Port Huron, and was a lifetime area resident. He married May Post in 1957 in Port Huron.

Mr. Brown worked for Chrysler Corp. for 48 years retiring Nov. 30, 1984.

He is survived by his wife, May Brown; two sons, Robert C. Brown, both of Port Huron, and William S. Brown, Davison; four daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Pamela) Long, Barbara Brown and Mrs. Dennis (Su) Muxlow, all of Port Huron, and Mrs. James (Penny) Tedlock, New Baltimore; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert C. Brown; and his mother, **Pearl Neumann**, both of Port Huron.

Photo: Robert Clark Brown circa 1992
courtesy: the Downing family book



Robert C. Brown



Robert C. Brown

FORT GRATIOT — Robert Clark Brown, 78, of Fort Gratiot, died unexpectedly Friday, June 11, 1999.

He was born Oct. 25, 1920 in Port Huron to the late William and Pearl Brown. He married Jacqueline Garry on Feb. 21, 1953 in Port Huron.

Mr. Brown was a Staff Sargent in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received three Bronze Stars for his service in Italy. He retired from the Mueller Brass Co. in 1978 after 33 years of service. Mr. Brown was a life member of the F.&A.M. Lodge #58 and the DAV Port Huron Chapter #12. He was a member of the Royal Arch Mason Lodge #27 and the Mystic Chapter of the OES #58.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Connie) Porzenhein of Plano, Texas; a granddaughter, Dawn of Dallas, Texas; two half-sisters, Mrs. Betty Gammage and Mrs. Ottlie Ray, all of London, Ontario; two nephews, Robert



—Photo By Blue Water Studio

Mrs. Robert Clark Brown

In a 2:30 o'clock afternoon ceremony performed in First Congregational church, Jacqueline Mae Garry, became the bride of Robert Clark Brown. Branched candelabras, and standard baskets of white gladioluses and snapdragons formed the altar setting where Rev. H. Shelby Lee solemnized the rites.

Some 300 guests were present at the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Garry, Garden City; her husband is the son of Mrs. Pearl Neumann, Oak street.

A gown of white lace was the

choice of the bride when she was given in marriage by her father. A fitted lace jacket with peter pan collar and long tapering sleeves covered the strapless bodice of the gown. The full, full skirt was ballerina length.

She wore a strand of pearls as her only jewelry and a finger tip veil secured to a seed pearl headband. She carried a white orchid on a white Bible.

Mrs. James Stone, of Sandusky, served her niece as matron of honor. Her ballerina gown was of pink tulle over taffeta. She wore a lace Juliet cap trimmed in

Jacqueline G. Brown
Port Huron
 Mrs. Jacqueline Garry Brown, 78, of Port Huron, died Saturday, March 14, 2009.
 She was born October 27, 1930 in Snover to the late Emms and Beatrice Garry. She married Robert C. Brown on February 21, 1953 in Port Huron. He died June 11, 1999.
 Mrs. Brown was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church, and loved her 'Birthday Club' friends.
 She is survived by a step-daughter, Connie (Ronald) Porzenheim of Plano, Texas; three brothers, Charles (Connie) Garry of Lexington, Glen (Pat) Garry of Garden City, and Kenneth (Pam) Garry of Brighton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her step-mother, Madge Garry.

Robert Clark Brown
 in the U.S., Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019

Name:	Robert Clark Brown
Death Age:	78
Birth Date:	25 Oct 1920
Death Date:	11 Jun 1999
Internment Place:	Michigan, USA
Cemetery Address:	3663 - 10th Avenue Rob Bramer Port Huron, MI 48060
Cemetery:	Lakeside Cemetery
Notes:	Tec 4 Us Army World War II

As I mentioned near the top of the Clark family history, Rose and EW Clark were a high-profile couple in the confines of the small town of Pt Huron. Not only was EW in the running for the most popular gentlemen in the mid-state area, he was also involved in a near train wreck (that wasn't) and Rose had a gun toting dust up over a dog. I have compiled a series of newspaper articles from the Pt Huron Times Herald to show you the busy everyday life of the family.

NEAR DEATH
E. W. Clark Narrowly Escapes Being Hit by Train.
 Slips on Tracks and Wheels Scrape Him As He Crawls Away.
 E. W. Clark, of 1531 Oak-st., slipped while crossing the railroad track at Battle Creek Thursday sustaining several cuts and bruises and injuring his spine. Mr. Clark had a very lucky escape from being killed as a train was approaching swiftly on the opposite track and just missed hitting him as he dragged himself away. He was brought to this city and attended by Dr. McKinnon.

ROWING.
Detroit Boat Club Election Call.
 Secretary George B. Sheehy, of the Detroit Boat Club, has just sent out the call for the annual election of the club, to be held in the Russell House parlors next Monday evening, October 3, at 7:45, the polls to remain open from 8 to 9 o'clock. He gives the list of those regularly nominated for the offices to be filled. Frank S. Werneken, nominated for president and director, and Harry L. Pierson, nominated for secretary and director, have declined to run for those offices, Mr. Pierson being a candidate for president against William C. Jupp. The candidates for vice-president are Davie B. Duffield and John L. Dexter. George B. Sheehy and Walter Brooks have no opponents for secretary and treasurer, respectively. The nominees for directors are: E. W. Clark, S. T. McGraw, David Gray, A. W. Diack, F. W. Andrews, Granger Whitney, Paul Carter, J. T. Wing, F. W. Holt, David S. Joy and Divie B. Duffield, who were also nominated for directors, have

FOR SALE—One pen each of thoroughbred black Lankshangs and white Orpingin chickens very cheap. **E. W. Clark**, 1531 Oak street. 4 11 2 1.

AVERTED TERRIBLE R. R. WRECK

Owing to Someone's Oversight Switch Was Turned Against Fast Special Train Coming at High Speed—Clark Reached the Spot and Righted It Just in the Nick of Time.

Port Huron, Mich., February 26.—(Special.)—The presence of mind and quick grasp of a perilous situation by Glen Clark, call boy in the Grand Trunk yards, averted an awful catastrophe in the tunnel yesterday.

A special Pullman train bearing 105 representatives of the Empire Creamery Separator Co., bound for Boston and making record breaking time, was thundering along the road, and was due here shortly after the night and day crews shifted.

Through some oversight the new shift had not been apprised of the special coming, and as the train hove in sight the switch stood turned against it. A disastrous wreck was imminent, and a terrible disaster was only avoided by the heroic action of Clark.

Seeing the special coming and the switch turned, he took in the situation at a glance and rushed for the switch. He got there none too soon, as the train crew, with through orders, supposed the track clear and were sending the train along with unabated speed.

Clark raised the lever and gave one pull, then dropped exhausted from the effort. He won the race, however, and the special swept safely by.

The young hero is 17 years old and son of E. W. Clark, a conductor on the Grand Trunk.

Huron Daily Times.

The newspaper page features several news items:

- APPEAL TO COMMISSIONER**: A large article on the left side.
- A CORONER'S JURY FINDS CULPRIT GUILTY OF MURDER**: An article in the top right.
- QUICK WORK SAVED LIFE**: A small article in the middle left.
- WHO STARTED CONTROVERSY?**: A small article in the middle.
- KEMMIS CASE IS AFFIRMED**: A small article in the middle right.
- BOY KILLED WHILE PLAYING**: A small article in the middle right.
- ARREST AFTER LONG CHASE**: A small article in the bottom middle.
- OVER STEEP EMBANKMENT**: A small article in the bottom left.
- GREAT STUDENT ATHLETIC MEET**: A small article in the bottom right.

 A large advertisement for "SOMEBODY" is located in the bottom right corner, with the text "SIMPLIFYING THE SEARCH FOR 'SOMEBODY'" and "THE GREAT SEARCH FOR SOMEBODY".

WONDERFUL "BOY HERO" IS NOT HERO HE WAS MADE OUT TO BE

He Brands Story of Saving Train and Passengers From Being Hurlled to Destruction as a Rank Fake

Grand Trunk Conductor E. W. Clark and his 17-year-old son, Glen Clark, have made formal announcement that the newspaper fabrications regarding the boy saving a special train from being wrecked in the tunnel yards on the morning of Sunday, February 25, are utterly false.

George T. Benson, local representative of the Empire Cream Separator Co., whose special train the Clark boy was alleged to have saved, says to The Herald that Mr. Clark and his son have both personally denied the story to him. Mr. Benson had in his possession \$100, which had been raised by the men on the train, to be presented to young Clark.

"After making an investigation I

have come to the conclusion that the story was a fake and the purse raised is being returned to the donors. The Empire Cream Separator Co. was also ready to give the boy a handsome purse had the story not been found to be a palpable fake."

A Grand Trunk official says that the road has suffered considerable injury by the circulation of these false stories to nearly every newspaper in this part of the country and that suit may be started by the road against several of the newspapers as means of redress.

Life has been made miserable for young Clark by the men at work in the Grand Trunk tunnel yards and everywhere the boy goes he is laughingly dubbed "The boy hero."

Patrolmen Called To Discipline Dogs

During the past 24 hours three complaints have been received at police headquarters relative to children being bitten by dogs.

Mrs. E. W. Clark, 1531 Oak street reported that her grandson had been bitten Wednesday by a vicious dog.

Lucile Jones, 1608 Sixteenth street, was badly bitten Wednesday morning by a dog. A Mrs. McDonald, who did not give her address, also reported that her little son had been bitten by a bulldog which he attempted to pet. Herman Nelson, patrolman, investigated the reports and notified the owners of the dogs to keep them tied up for a period of 14 days for observation. Police officers were called upon Wednesday to shoot two dogs which had been injured by automobiles.

MRS. PLATT'S DOG

Fight With E. W. Clark's Pup Said to Have Lead to Drawing of Guns.

A dog fight which threatened a serious turn took place on Oak street Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Platt with her pet bull dog by her side was passing the home of Conductor E. W. Clark near the corner of Sixteenth street. The Clarks also have a bull dog which was playing in the front yard, while Mrs. Clark stood in the doorway. The dogs challenged each other and in an instant there was a lively mix-up.

Evidently the Clark dog was getting the worst of it, as it is said that Mrs. Clark told her son to shoot Mrs. Platt's dog. He got a revolver and was proceeding to carry out the order, when, it is alleged, Mrs. Platt drew a revolver and drove Mrs. Clark and the boy into the house.

The matter has been reported to the officers and an investigation is being made. It is not known whether any warrants will be issued or not.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES

EDGEMERE Y. C. NAMES A BIG LIST OF NOMINEES.

Nominations closed last evening for the various offices of the Edgemere Yacht club, at a meeting held in their winter quarters on Griswold street. The election committee cut down each bunch of nominations for the different offices to three, selecting the three names that received the highest number of nominating votes. All of the present officers are up for re-election, with the exception of one director.—Fred W. Maier. Nine names are up for the three seats on the board of directors. The election will take place the first Monday evening in February. The nominations are as follows:

Commodore—H. S. Malcomson, E. W. Clark, George W. Willebrands.

Vice-Commodore—Lou H. Wetz, E. W. Clark, Fred Paquette.

Treasurer—Al R. Smith, Geo. Seesing, Geo. E. Berriman.

Secretary—Geo. E. Berriman, J. M. Clinton, Frank A. Roemer.

Captain—Otto A. Tank, Wm. P. Delphie, Frank A. Roemer.

Directors—Al R. Smith, George Crawford, Fred R. Still, Fred Paquette, Charles R. Robertson, Frank A. Roemer, Frank Martin, E. W. Clark, Wm. H. Butcher.

ANNUAL ELECTION

By Ladies' Aid Society in First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tuesday afternoon in the meeting held with Mrs. E. P. Bennett, the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist Episcopal church named the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Frank Holland.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. E. W. Clark and Mrs. W. O. Randall.

Secretary—Mrs. H. G. Snover.

Treasurer—Mrs. Isaac Edb.

Financial Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. J. Johnston.

wand in beach.
Mrs. **E. W. Clark** of Griswold St.
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John
ley, of Chicago.

Mrs. **E. W. Clark** Griswold street
left at noon today for Woodstock, Ont.,
to visit her sister, Mrs. John Down-
ing.

Mrs. John Hartley of Chicago is woman an
aunt Rose visited often. This person is unknown
to me. I will let future genealogists figure out this
piece of the puzzle.

Doorkeepers—A. K. Burrows,
Port Austin; Emery D. Weime
Ludington; **W.** F. Montague, Kal
mazoo; Alderman Buschen, Kalam
zoo; George G. Gardner, Charlotte
E. W. Clark, Port Huron; Thom
W. Fitzsimmons, George Amick, O
sego.

Jolly Twelve Club.
The members of the Jolly Twelve
club and their husbands were pleas-
antly entertained by Mrs. **E. W.**
Clark at her home on Oak-st., Tues-
day evening. Whist was the game
of the evening and six tables were
in play. The prizes were awarded
to Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin and Mrs.
(Dr.) McKinnon. The first guest's
prize, a handsome hand painting,
done by Miss Pearl **Clark**, the four-
teen year old daughter of Mrs. **Clark**.
was awarded to Miss Valette Ax-
worthy while second guest's prize
went to Dr. McKinnon. During the
evening a delicious supper was serv-
ed. The club will meet at the home
of Mrs. (Dr.) McKinnon, of 24th-st.
on Tuesday, Feb. 18th.



E. W. CLARK

To the voters of St. Clair County:
I will be a candidate for the Demo-
cratic nomination for sheriff. I be-
long to no faction. I am a Democrat.
If nominated and elected every man
will be treated right.

E. W. CLARK

Sheriff.

Edward O'Rourke, of the fourth
ward, presented the name of **E. W.**
Clark for sheriff.

Palmer Davidson, of Marine City,
nominated **W.** Zweng.

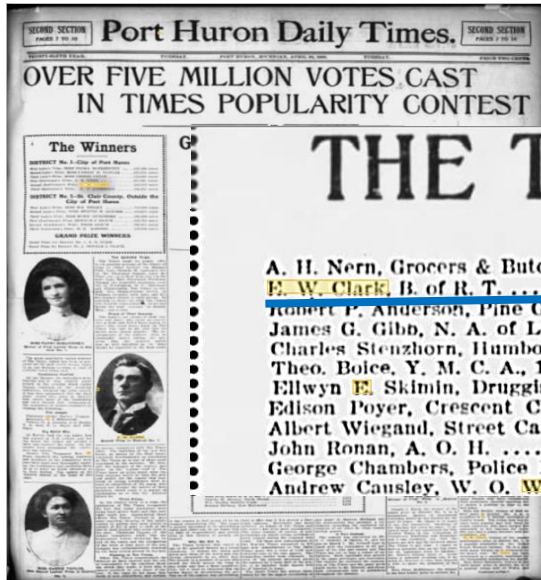
Dr. Blagborne stated that Mr. Zweng
did not want his name mentioned in
connection with the office. The doc-
tor concluded by placing in nomina-
tion George **W.** Davidson.

The vote for sheriff stood as fol-
lows:

George W. Davidson	107
E. W. Clark	49

EW Clark ran for sheriff multiple times without success.

In the spring of 1908, the Port Huron Daily Times held a contest to find the most popular people of central Michigan. EW, who was well known in the community drew into second place in the Gentlemen's list.



THE TOTAL VOTE

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

A. H. Nern, Grocers & Butchers' association	491,903
E. W. Clark , B. of R. T.	241,535
Robert P. Anderson, Pine Grove lodge No. 11, F. & A. M.	162,451
James G. Gibb, N. A. of Letter Carriers	159,145
Charles Stenzhorn, Humboldt Tent, K. O. T. M. M.	76,914
Theo. Bolce, Y. M. C. A., 1014 Lincoln avenue	62,137
Ellwyn E . Skimin, Druggist, F. & A. M.-I. O. O. F.	46,987
Edison Poyer, Crescent Club	37,134
Albert Wiegand, Street Car Conductor	36,612
John Ronan, A. O. H.	17,290
George Chambers, Police Department	10,230
Andrew Causley, W. O. W.	8,934

His New Year's Gift Is
Finest Run On The G.T.
'Tween Here And Chicago



E. W. CLARK

E. W. Clark received his New Years present on Saturday in the shape of a notice of reinstatement as conductor on the Grand Trunk railway. He took out No. 2 the finest train on the road at 12:15 today. Mr. **Clark** for years was one of the most popular conductors on the road and his suspension about two years ago came as a surprise to his many friends.

With every cash purchase at

E. W. Clark's

Store

A free ticket to the Family Theatre, good up to and including Oct. 18

In the meantime don't forget to buy your Groceries of

E. W. CLARK

Military Street

EW purchased a grocery store in April of 1915. It was located on Military St.

Circle Meeting

The members of Circle Eight of the First Methodist Episcopal Church spent a pleasant afternoon Thursday when they were entertained by

E. W. Clark of Griswold street, to meet her sister, Mrs. John Downey, of Beachville, Ont. The ladies spent the hours in making aprons, seven of which were completed at this meeting and several were sold at this time. The **Clark** home was beautified with fragrant hyacinths of various colors which had been raised by Mrs **Clark** and which made most attractive decorations. Mrs. Frank Wood was an invited guest at this meeting, which closed with delicious refreshments.

Personal Mention

Mrs. E. W. Clark of Oak street, has gone to Woodstock, Ont., to visit relatives. **Mrs. Clark** has been in poor health and has gone there for treatment.

Loses Pet Canary

Mrs. E. W. Clark of Oak street, lost a sweet singing and trained canary bird this week when it was killed by a cat. **Mrs. Clark** hung the cage upon the porch of her home and a neighborhood cat sprang at the cage, knocking it to the floor killing the bird.

Celebrating Birthday

E. W. Clark the well known and popular Grand Trunk conductor, is today celebrating the fifty-third anniversary of his birth at his home at 1430 Griswold street. **Mr. Clark** was born in Portland, Indiana, on May 30, 1860. He has been a resident of this city for over half of his lifetime having come to Port Huron when a young man. **Mr. Clark** was a mail clerk for seven years and has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk for a number of years past during which time he has made many friends and acquaintances both in the city in which he makes his home and among those with whom he has been associated in his work.

Personal Mention

Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street, will leave Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend a month with her sister, Mrs. John Downing, of Beachville, Ont.

Personal Mention

Miss LeVange Kimball has taken up her residence with her aunt, Mrs. James A. Reynolds in Detroit. Mrs. John Downing and daughter, Mary, of Beachville, Ont., arrived today to visit Mrs. E. W. Clark, Oak street.

Social Gatherings

Men Receive Boxes

Mrs. E. W. Clark, chairman of the committee of the Red Cross to pack boxes for the selective service men who go from this county to Camp Custer, assisted by her committee packed 15 lunches Tuesday for the men who left at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clark wishes to thank all who aided in this work including Mrs. A. M. Sawdon, Mrs. Will A. Brown, Chris Lamlein who donated all the bread, and W. O. Wendover who carried the boxes to the depot.

When You Think You Have Given Enough Think of What The Clarke Family Is Doing

One Port Huron father and mother are doing their bit to help win the war. Besides giving three fine sons, they have invested every extra penny in Liberty bonds, subscribed to the Red Cross, Navy League and other patriotic funds and are this week busy aiding in the Red Cross drive. Last, but not least, they are working a 3-4 acre war garden when they find a few minutes spare time.

In fact, few Port Huron citizens can give more or do more than Mr and Mrs. E. W. Clark 531 Oak street. Mr. Clark is a Grand Trunk conductor.

The proud parents have just received a letter from their son Milo, better known as "Hap". The young man has been made a corporal of marines

at Paris Island, where the is in training. His prowess with the rifle recently won him a silver medal and the title of "expert rifleman". He is 18 years old.

Fred Clark, is 26 years old. Being a railroad man like his father, he chose the railroad engineers, enlisting last week and is now at Camp Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ralph Clark, is 31 years old and he is also in the railroad engineering service. He is a member of Co. A. 6th engineer regiment stationed at Laurel, Md. and expects to start for the front soon.

Keeley's Old Fashion Chocolates.
Good for mother. Sylvester's.

Sold for The O'Sullivan Realty Company, four lots on Oak street, to **E. W. Clark** and wife.

Clark Brown, Flint, who has been visiting his grandmother, **Mrs. E. W. Clark**, Oak street, will return home Wednesday. **Mr.** and **Mrs.** John Downing and daughter, Miss Mary Downing, Beachville, Ont.; and **Mrs.** Fred Downing and son, William, London, Ont.; are expected as guests at the home of **Mrs. Clark** today.

Mrs. E. W. Clark has returned home after a 10-day visit in Chicago at the World's fair and in Appleton, Wis., where she was the guest of her son, Milo **Clark**.

Rose celebrated her 93rd and 96th birthdays as noted below. She was still living at 1531 Oak St. on her 93rd birthday but by her 96th year, I suspect she was living in a senior's home. By then her mental capacities were starting to suffer.

Mrs. E. W. Clark Will Observe 92nd Birthday

Mrs. Rose Clark, 1531 Oak street, will observe her ninety-second birthday on Christmas Day.

She and her daughter, **Mrs. Pearl Neuman**, who lives with her, and a grandson, **Clark Brown**, and his wife, will celebrate the event at a family dinner.

Mrs. Clark is active and does much of her own housework.

She is a long-time member of First Methodist church where her husband, the late **E. W. Clark** sang in the choir. **Mr. Clark** died about 41 years ago.

Mrs. Clark has a daughter, **Mrs. Neuman**; a son, **Milo Clark**, a Boy Scout executive in Boston, Mass.; three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of St. Clair. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Port Huron, in said County, on the 18th day of November A.D. 1963. Present: Hon. Vera I. Black, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of **Rose E. Clark**, Mentally Incompetent. Notice is Hereby Given, that all creditors of said estate are required to present their claims in writing and under oath to said Court at the Probate Office in the County-City Building, in the City of Port Huron, in said County, and to serve a copy thereof upon Robert C. Brown, of Port Huron, Michigan, Fiduciary of said estate, and that claims will be heard by said Court, at the Probate Court Room in the City of Port Huron in said County, on

MRS. **ROSE CLARK** celebrated her 96th birthday Christmas Day at a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacGregor, Marysville, and children.

Guests included her six great-grandchildren and her three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. E. W. Clark
 Mrs. **Rose E. Clark**, 96, of 1531 Oak Street, a resident of Port Huron since childhood, died today in Marwood Manor after a long illness.
 She was born Dec. 25, 1868, in North Oxford, Ont.
 Mrs. **Clark** was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Charles A. Hammond Post, No. 8, American Legion, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Golden Star Lodge No. 1.
 Her husband, E. W. **Clark**, to whom she was married in 1899, died in 1918.
 She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Pearl O. Neumann, Port Huron; a son, Milo G. **Clark**, San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, four great, great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.
 The remains are in Hubert V. Lucas Funeral Home where funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday.
 Dr. Ivan O. Gonser, pastor of First Methodist Church, will officiate.
 Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

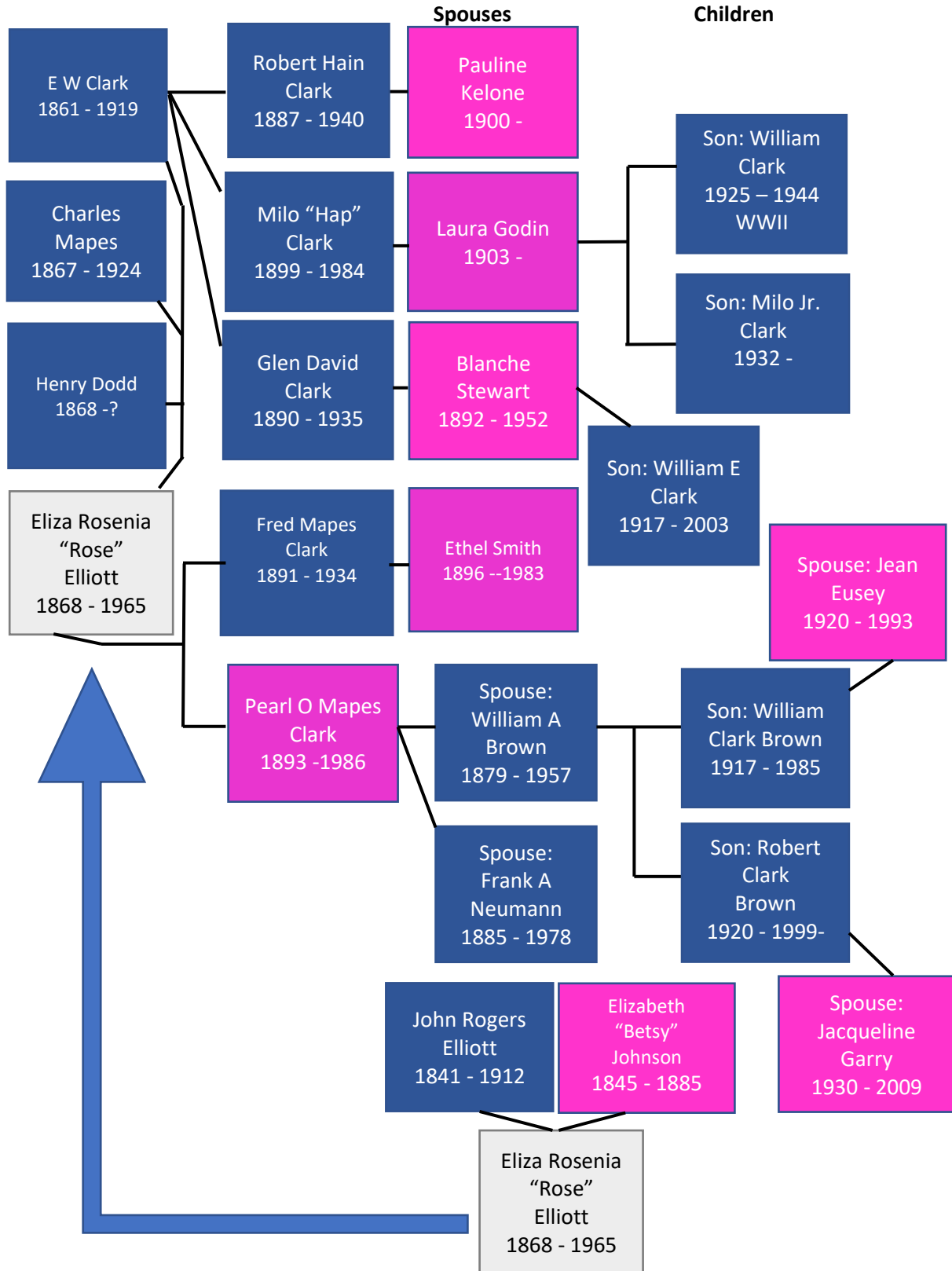
By November of 1963, she was no longer considered mentally competent to manage her affairs, so her grandson Robert took over.
 Rose was placed in Marwood Manor, a senior home in Port Huron, where her health continued to decline.
 Rose died 19 March 1965 and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Pt. Huron. She is near her husband EW Clark and her son Fred.

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Eliza Rosenia “Rose” (Elliott) Clark Family Tree

Rosenia – second oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliott



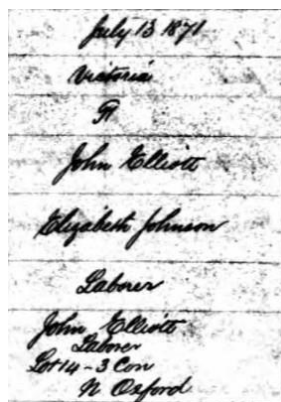
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Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Child of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson

Child: Ellen "Nellie" Victoria B 13 July 1871 likely Lot 15 Con 3 N Oxford township
 D 01 Sept 1947 Beachville IRC
 M 30 Dec 1903 Beachville

Spouse: Alexander Smith B 09 May 1872 Beachville
 D 06 Feb 1964 Beachville



Nellie was the third child and third daughter of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson. Historical records about Nellie show a conflict regarding her name. It switches back and forth between Ellen and Helen. Her birth certificate lists Victoria, her marriage schedule has her listed as Helen and the death certificate has her name as Ellen. The Oxford birth schedule indicates that she was born on her father's small property at Lot 15 Con 3 in N Oxford. Like several daughters during that time, she

was sent to work or live with older sisters. Her sister Rose took in youngest sister Maggie. In Nellie's case, her older sister Hettie was married to John Downing and Nellie was off to live with them across the Thames River at the Downing home and a couple of kilometres distance from her birth place. The 1891 census showed a 19-year-old Nellie at the Downing "Riverside" home.

Name	Sex	Age	Marital	Religion	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Religion	Remarks
Downing, John	M	41	M	-	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	Method of England	...
" Downetta	F	25	M	M	England	England	England	Baptist	...
" Dytricks	M	6	S	-	"	"	"	"	...
" Charles	M	3	S	-	"	"	"	"	...
<u>Elliott, Nellie</u>	F	19	S	-	Ontario	"	"	"	...

The 1901 census had Nellie living with her younger brother Albert. The census form indicated they lived very near Thomas Downing who was farming Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford. I believe in 1901, Nellie and Albert were renting 50 acres of Lot 18 Con 2 which was across the concession road. Albert would marry in 1905, so prior to that Nellie was the homemaker for Albert as he tried to make a go of his farm. Albert was the only son of J R Elliott to stay in Oxford County while many siblings went to Michigan. Nellie also stayed in the region and did not follow her sisters to Michigan. Father JR, in 1901 was also living in Port Huron, Mi. as well. He left for the US in 1896 when Nellie was 23 and Albert was 19. Nellie spent time in Port Huron in 1912 to assist her father after the stroke that eventually caused his death.

John Elliott, of Garfield street, who suffered a slight stroke about two weeks ago, still continues very ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Alex Smith, of Ingersoll, Ont., is assisting in caring for him.

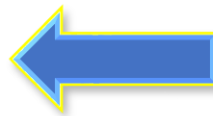
41	9	9	Downing Thomas M.	Head	Mr	5 June	1846	54	6
42			Charlotte	Wife	Mr	24 Aug.	1846	54	
43			Brown M.	Son	A	10 Nov.	1878	22	
44			Ross	Daughter	A	24 Mar.	1883	18	
45	10	10	Brown M.	Head	A	30 Nov.	1855	44	
46	11	11	Elliott Albert J. M.	Head	A	31 March	1877	24	
47			Nellie	Wife	A	13 July	1872	38	
48	17	17	1865	35	

Two years after the 1901 census Nellie married Alexander Smith of Beachville.

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SCHEDULE B.
County of Oxford

NAMES OF PARTIES (Surname first.)	AGE	Ranking with Ranking.	Place of Birth.	Married, Widowed, Single, or Other.	Occupation or Profession.	NAMES OF PARENTS FATHER—F MOTHER—M
X Groom. Vollick Wilson Lawrence	21		Woodstock	St Marys	B Clerk	Rev W. A. Vollick F. Elizabeth Hummel M.
Wife. Burkholder Eva Laura	21		Elmira	Breslau	S	Eva Burkholder F. Hannah Elzey M.
X Groom. Smith, Alexander	31		Beachville	Beachville	B Builder	Archibald Smith F. Bessie Munroe M.
Wife. Elliott Helen Victoria	33		N. Oxford	N. Oxford	S	John Elliott F. Elizabeth Johnson M.



Alex Smith's mother was Bessie Munroe and father Archie Smith of Beachville. The Smith's owned a flypaper business in Beachville for several years. The business was located at the corner of Church and Water St. (just to the west of the old United Church).

Records indicate that Alex worked at many occupations. Over the years he was listed as a farmer, a carpenter builder, a lime kiln worker and in the flypaper business.

3 3 4M Smith, A. W.	"Fly Paper"	Beachville
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The couple lived in Beachville until Ellen's death of heart disease at age 76.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
VITAL STATISTICS ACT
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Registration Number: 029878

1. PLACE OF DEATH: Beachville

2. LENGTH OF STAY: 45 yrs

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED: SMITH ELLEN VICTORIA

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: Beachville

5. SEX: Female

6. CITIZENSHIP: Canadian

7. RACIAL ORIGIN: English

8. MARRIAGE: Married

9. BIRTHPLACE: Ontario

10. Date of Birth: 13th 1871

11. AGE: 76 1 19 yrs.

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, grader, clerk, etc. (b) Kind of industry or business, as paper mill, lumber, bank, etc. (c) "Labourer" specify kind of work above. Occupation: Housewife

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: [blank]

14. Total years spent in this occupation: [blank]

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased: Mr. Smith

16. Name of father: Elliott

17. Maiden name of mother: Johnson

18. Birthplace: England

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Given under my hand at Beachville Ont. this 1st day of Sept. 1947. Signature of informant: Alex Smith Relationship to deceased: Husband Address: Beachville Ont.

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal: Burial Date: Sept. 3rd 1947 Place of Burial: Ingersoll Cemetery

21. Funeral Director: Name: R. E. Walker Address: Ingersoll

BEACHVILLE

The death of Helen Elliott, wife of Alexander Smith of this village, occurred at an early hour on Sept. 1, following a lengthy illness. She was in her 76 year and was born in North Oxford, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott of North Oxford, and her early life was spent there. Following her marriage 45 years ago she lived in Beachville. Her only daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Graham Helen, predeceased her two years ago this month. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Baptist Church and a helpful member of the Mission Circle and of the Ladies' Aid.

Surviving are her husband, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Rose Clark of Port Huron, Mrs. Grant DeFoe of Detroit, Albert Elliott of Beachville, and John Elliott of Detroit.

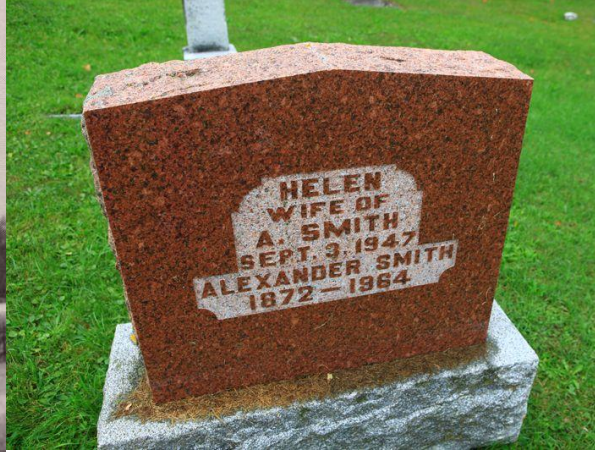
The funeral was held from her late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Alexander Smith Dies in Hospital

A well known and highly esteemed resident of Beachville in the person of Alexander Smith passed away in Alexandria Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 6th 1964. Born in North Oxford a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Archibald Smith, he was in his 92nd year and had been a lifelong resident of North Oxford and Beachville. For a number of years he farmed in West Oxford and later was employed at the Beachville White Lime Company, now known as Cyanamid of Canada.

Left to mourn his passing is one brother, Rev. William Smith of Windsor and a number of nieces and nephews. His wife the former, Ellen Elliott predeceased him in 1947 and one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Graham (Helen) predeceased him in 1945.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon from the Walker & Clifton Funeral Home 88 King Street West with service at 3.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. Babbey of Beachville Baptist Church. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends and numerous floral tributes. Temporary entombment was in the Ingersoll Mausoleum with interment later in the family plot in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gordon Elliott, Keith Brown, Ross Edwards, Morton Todd, William Sutherland and Chesco Redigouda.



After her death, Alex moved into a house across a stream from the present day Beachville Museum on the Riverside property of his sister-in-law Henrietta Downing. He continued to work in the lime kilns. He lived there until his death in 1964.

**Grandchild of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson
Daughter of Alex Smith and Nellie Elliott**

Child: Helen B 14 June 1905 Beachville
D 19 Sept 1945 Ingersoll

Spouse: Samuel Kenneth Graham B 1905?
D unknown

Helen grew up in Beachville. After school, she went to work for the Beachville Lime Co in the company office. She worked there from about 1925 to 1940.



Helen was a wonderful singer. Her name appeared in many wedding ceremony write ups as the vocalist at the ceremony. She was the lead singer and soloist for the Beachville Baptist Church. She and her cousin Ruth Elliott Brown were great friends and Ruth often spoke of her and named her eldest daughter after her friend and cousin. Helen tragically died during a breached birth at Ingersoll Alexandria hospital. She was 40 years old that time. She and her only child are buried in IRC. Spouse Samuel K Graham has not been located either prior or after the death of his wife and son. He may have left Ingersoll after the tragedy.



MRS. S. R. GRAHAM CALLED BY DEATH

The death occurred at an early hour on Wednesday morning, of Mrs. S. R. Graham of Beachville. Mrs. Graham, who was formerly, Helen Smith, was very well known throughout the district and her death came as a shock to a very wide circle of friends. She is survived by her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of Beachville. Mrs. Graham was a member of the Beachville Baptist church and was the leader of the choir in that church. A talented singer, she had given generously of her talents. She was a member of the Junior Music Club and also assisted in the Senior Music Club. For many years she was engaged as bookkeeper for the Beachville White Lime Company. - Ingersoll Tribune, Sep 20, 1945

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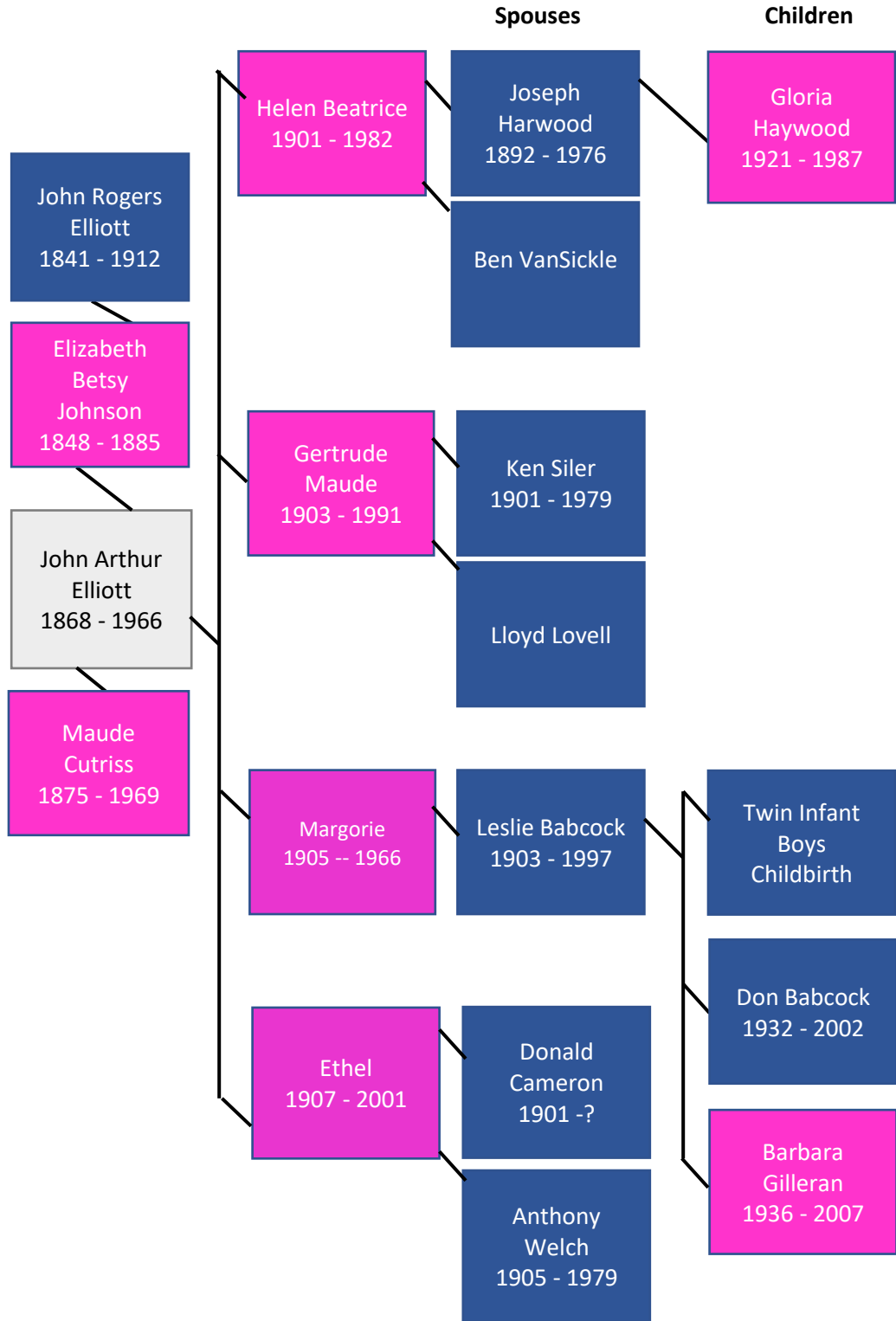
Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson Third child and oldest son: John Arthur Elliott

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John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss Family Tree

John – third oldest child of JR and Betsy Elliot



**Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers
Son of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson**

Child: John Arthur Elliott B 31 Aug 1874 Lot 15 Con 3 North Oxford
 D 08 Jan 1961 Detroit
 M 02 Jul 1898 Detroit
 Divorce 27 Nov 1917 Detroit

Spouse: Maude Cutriss B Mar 1875 Ontario
 D 01 Nov 1969 Detroit

Children:
 Helen Beatrice 1901 - 1982
 Gertrude Maude 1903 - 1991
 Marjorie 1905 - 1966
 Ethel 1907 - 2001

John Arthur Elliott was born in North Oxford township. His father JR was known to have owned two acres on Con 3 Lot 15 on the north side of the Thames River just east of Ingersoll at the time of John's birth, so I suspect he was born at that location. This was the family home and small acreage for some pigs and cows.

The earliest record of John is the 1881 Ontario Census. He was listed as 6 years old and was living with his entire family. The family were listed as Bible Christians. This was a noted break off religion from the Methodist Church that was common to emigrants from Devon, England. This was basically the start of the formation of the Salvation Army. Oxford Co. was a breeding ground for the formation of the Salvation Army in later decades.

SEX		AGE	BIRTH	RELIGION	EDUCATION	PROFESSION	INDUSTRY	REMARKS
62	62	John	M	60	England	B. Chris	English	farmer
		Elizabeth	F	36	"	"	American	
		Henrietta	F	16	"	"	English	
		Eliza	F	13	"	"	"	
		Ellen	F	9	"	"	"	
		John Arthur	M	6	"	"	"	
		John James	M	4	"	"	"	
		Melissa Jane	F	3	"	"	"	
63	63	Richard John	M	33	England	B. Chris	"	farmer
		Ellie	F	33	"	"	"	

I initially had no luck in finding John A in any 1891 Ontario census. Normally, it would be expected that he would be living with his father and step mother in the same location. He would have been 16 years old.

However, as is common in any generation, conflicts at home may have occurred. Perhaps he and his father had a falling out. Maybe he did not get along with his new stepmother when she arrived in 1885 when he was around 10 years old and he bided his time waiting to leave. Regardless, he was out of the house at age 16 as of the 1891 census. There are several places where minor children were when not

with their parents. Girls were often sent to be “servant girls” usually living with more affluent relatives. This happened to John’s father’s sister Josephine. She was sent to live with an affluent Seldon cousin in Ingersoll. Another situation would be that a younger daughter would be sent to live with an older married sister. This example can be seen in the 1891 JR Elliott family census as 10-year-old Maggie, youngest sister of John A, was living with her older married sister Rose in Woodstock. In the case of boys at age 16, they would be often found as farm labourers. They would be working for relatives or for neighbouring farmers in the summer and at home going to school in the winter. As an example, John A’s younger brother Albert had an unrelated local boy age 14, working for him as a farm labourer when the 1921 census occurred. Although there was a possibility that John A was working for another farmer when the census occurred and was not on the family list, I believe he had left home at that time. A Pt. Huron newspaper mentioned in 1895 that his father JR Elliott was visited by his son, John from Woodstock, Ont. This can be corroborated in the 1893 Woodstock Directory that had a John A. Elliott in Woodstock and working at Siggins Carriage Makers as a leather trimmer. He was boarding at a house in Woodstock at the time and would have been 19 years old. He moved to Detroit the following year.



In the 1880s and 1890s, there was great opportunities for young men to go to work in the large industrial centers of Chicago, Detroit, and Toronto. Farming options in southern Ontario were becoming scarce as more sons survived childbirth to work and eventually own their own farms. The parcels of land were constantly being broken into smaller non profitable lots in order to make sure every son had land. Increased mechanization eliminated the need for as many farm labourers thus driving farm boys into the industrial cities. Hence the large influx of rural Ontario youth moving to Michigan in the 1880 to 1910 time frame. Several of John A’s relatives had already made the trip across the border by the time he did in 1898.

John A married Mary Maude Cutriss 02 July 1898 in Detroit. The registration list indicated that both were from Ontario. How they met is unknown. There is some evidence that she was from Hamilton Ont. I suspect that the couple knew each other in Ontario before the marriage as it took place only a few months after John A had emigrated in the spring 1898. I believe that they arrived as a couple to Detroit.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan: *Wayne* 475
 Return of Marriages in the County of *Wayne* for the Quarter Ending *Sept 30* A. D. 189*8* 475

Date of Marriage	Date of License			Place of License	Age of Groom	Age of Bride	Profession of Groom	Profession of Bride	Place of Birth of Groom	Place of Birth of Bride	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Witnesses to Marriage	
	Month	Day	Year										Name	Residence
25-9-77	July	2	1897	St. Louis, Mo.	23	21	Canada	Canada	Michigan	Michigan	July 3 1897	Detroit	Edward G. Wood	Walter H. Benson

John A. Elliott 23
Maud Cuttriss 21
Detroit
Canada
molder
Canada
cuttriss
Wayne
Michigan
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Detroit
Edward G. Wood
Walter H. Benson
Pastor Hinckley

The marriage registration indicates that John already had a job as a molder in the short time he had been in Detroit. The witnesses are not family members of either side. This may mean that the wedding was spontaneous or the families did not condone it.

Detroit Free Press – 03 June 1898



John A. Elliott, 23, Detroit; Maud Courts, 21, same.

JANUARY 30, 1900.

QUEER MEETING AT THE POLICE STATION

MRS. J. A. ELLIOTT AND THE MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING HER.

When Mrs. **John A. Elliott**, of 459 East Fort street, returned from a shopping expedition yesterday afternoon she found that a visitor had called during her absence and failed to leave a card. There were many evidences of an unceremonious call, however. The doors were open and the house had been thoroughly ransacked. A search showed that two suits of clothing and a satchel had been taken.

At the same moment that Mrs. **Elliott** was reporting the burglary Patrolman Middell brought a prisoner into the central station who had the satchel and clothing in his possession. The officer's suspicions had been aroused by the efforts of the man to sell the stuff to travelers near the Brush street depot. The prisoner is registered as Charles F. Mapes, aged 34, of 253 Jefferson avenue. The charge against him is breaking and entering in the day time, and he will also be compelled to account for a number of spoons supposed to have been stolen.

As noted, Mary Maude Cuttriss was listed as being from Canada as was John A. I have not been able to locate any substantial information on Maude. She was first generation Canadian with her father coming for Germany. Even tracking her father James Cuttriss and mother Kate Alcock have not aided in furthering her story.

There was a traumatic incident for Maude as noted by the Detroit Free Press in the year 1900. The accused was Charles Mapes. Her sister-in-law Rose was married to a Charles Mapes but divorced him in 1897 in the Detroit courts. This is an eerie coincidence and no proof can be made to show that it is the same Charles Mapes.

The 1900 Detroit census gave insight into John Elliott's occupation. He was a sand molder for a company that made iron stoves. The 1910 census indicated a large change as there were now four daughters added in quick succession to the family.

1910 Wayne County (Detroit) census

The image shows a 1910 census form for Wayne County, Michigan. The household is headed by John Elliott, a 35-year-old male, born in Michigan, who is the head of the household. He is married to a 32-year-old female, also born in Michigan. They have four children: a 7-year-old daughter, a 6-year-old daughter, a 5-year-old daughter, and a 3-year-old daughter. The form includes columns for name, sex, age, race, marital status, and occupation. John Elliott's occupation is listed as 'Molder'. The form also includes a section for 'Industry' and 'Occupation' for each individual in the household.

1917 Detroit Directory:

- " Jno A, barber, h181 Locust
- " Jno A, formn Stroh Casting Co, h461 Beniteau av
- " Jno D (John D Elliott & Co) h1151 2d av

The directory indicated that John as a foreman at the Stroh Casting Co. at that time.

The Stroh family was mostly famous for the Stroh Brewing Co. of Detroit. Forbes magazine noted that the Stroh family was well known for "when Bernard Strohl arrived in Detroit in 1850 with \$150 and converted that into a lucrative business. Following generations lost an estimated \$9 billion dollars before the company folded". The Stroh Casting Co. eventually moved to Wisconsin before folding in 2005.

Detroit was the North American center for stove manufacture. Millions of cast iron stoves and furnaces were manufactured. Wood stoves were eventually replaced by coal, gas, and electric stoves. Molders like John Elliott were in great demand due to the difficulty of finding proficient molders.

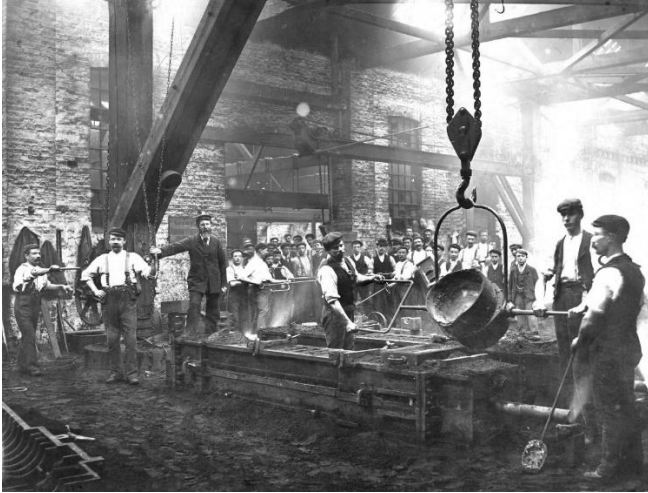
1912 description of the job of a molder

280 QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS – Oxford University Press

The molder was supreme. He was supposed to be coremaker, molder and cupola tender all in one. He cut over his own sand, shook out and cleaned his own castings, and had very little to work with except iron, fuel, sand and a few simple tools. Thorough and dirty, molding was a highly skilled trade requiring considerable technical proficiency, and in which the processes, many of them apparently simple, demanded long training and experience. A man had to know how to treat this sand so as to get a mixture just suitable for with-standing the heat and force of the molten metal. He had to set the cores accurately and ram the sand around the pattern so as to get a true and substantial matrix. Drawing the pattern so as not to break the mold was a very delicate process and any resulting imperfection had to be carefully patched. The mold had to be properly vented to allow for the escape of gas arising when the metal was poured. The iron, melted to white heat in the cupola, was poured by the molder who carried his own ladle from furnace to mold. In the process, if the mold was not properly made, an explosion might occur or pieces of sand might break loose and run in with the iron, or the metal might not flow freely and evenly,

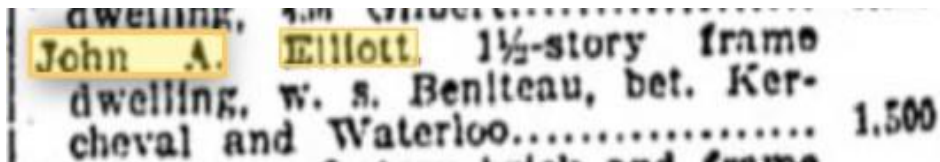
thus leaving non joined portions; or it might shrink internally, causing holes and spongy places. In any of these circumstances, the casting was imperfect; his time and the material had been wasted.

– Internet source



Example of Molders and crew 1910.

The Detroit Free Press of June 28, 1910 listed new build permits. John paid \$1500.00 for his property with the intention of building on it. 461 Beniteau Ave. was the family home from 1910.



World War I arrived and John filled in his draft registration card. His registry report indicated he had reddish hair, grey eyes and was considered tall. He was also a naturalized citizen by then. The card was filled out around 1917 when the family dynamics were greatly changing.

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER **1771** ORDER NUMBER **985**

1 **John Arthur Elliott**
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS
461 Mc Dougall Ave Detroit, Mich.
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **44** Date of Birth **August 31 1874**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE
 White Negro Oriental Indian
 Citizen Non-citizen

U. S. CITIZEN ALIEN
 Native Born Naturalized Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority Declarant Non-declarant

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?
 PRESENT OCCUPATION EMPLOYER'S NAME
Grinding Foreman **Shob Castings Co**

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
21 Chene Street Detroit, Mich.
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

NEAREST RELATIVE
 Name **Helen Elliott (daughter)**
 Address **461 Beniteau Ave Detroit, Mich.**
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
 P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Red) **John A. Elliott**

C 21-1-13 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 Grey	28 Reddish

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify) **No**

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

The year 1917 resulted in the divorce of John and Maude. Her grounds were of cruelty. At that point, he left the family home to Maude and the four daughters which explains his address on the registration card and the nearest relative being daughter Helen at the Beniteau address. Family lore has it that John was: "We vaguely recall our mother (Marjorie) referring to him aka "Bulldog" ... a hard drinker with a nasty temper" as per great grandson Gary Gilleran.

Divorce record 27 Nov 1917.

273 Return Relative to Divorces from the _____ Court, _____ County of _____, State of _____

Record Number	FULL-NAME OF EACH PARTY	Age of Each in Years	Date of Marriage			PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Number of Children in Family	Complainant Husband or Wife	Date of Filing Application			Date of Final Action			ALLEGED CAUSE FOR DIVORCE	Was the Case Contested or Not?
			Month	Day	Year				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
60779	Maude Elliott John Elliott	40 47	July	2	1896	Detroit, Mich.	4	Wife	Sept	5	1917	Nov.	27	1917	Cruelty	No

The 1920 census illustrated the changes in the family. Maude was now the head of the house. She was working as a private nurse. Helen at age 19 was a bookkeeper for a carburetor manufacturer. I imagine that Helen had to quit school in order to work to bring in money to help pay the bills. Gertrude had left school and by 16 years of age was a telephone switchboard operator for a telephone company. The two youngest, Marjorie age 15, and Ethel age 12 were in school. John A was single and a boarder living in Detroit.

1920 census Pg 1

Brown Elliott, Marie	Wife	10	M	W	42	1902	Mich	Canada	English
—, Helen	Daughter		F	W	18			Michigan	
—, Gertrude	Daughter		F	W	16			Michigan	
—, Mayorie	Daughter		F	W	15			Michigan	
—, Ethel	Daughter		F	W	12			Michigan	

1920 census Pg 2

England	English	Ireland	Irish	Yes	nurse	Private
Canada	English	Canada	English	Yes	book keeper	calculator Co.
Canada	English	Canada	English	Yes	telephone operator	telephones
Canada	English	Canada	English	Yes	none	
Canada	English	Canada	English	Yes	none	

1920 census John A

Suerwier, Frederick W.	Head	R	M	W	39	M			Yes	Yes	
—, Nellie R.	Wife		F	W	40	M			Yes	Yes	
Elliott, John A.	Lodger		M	W	45	D	1898	Ma	1904	Yes	Yes

The Suerwier's lived at 362 McDougall Ave. This was an apartment building in what was an industrial neighbourhood of the downtown core of Detroit.

“ Jno toolmkr b414 Eason av
 “ Jno A supt Lakeside Foundry b461 Beniteau av
 “ Jno B mach h100 Missouri av

Lakeside Foundry was John's new employer after the year 1919. He was a supervisor.

A molder is still a profession today. Foundry workers make foundry molds and cores by hand or machine, cast molten metal, and operate furnaces in the foundry industry. They are employed by metal foundries and foundry departments of metal products manufacturing companies.

According to Owl.net

“The **Lakeside Foundry** was located in Detroit, Michigan, United States. It no longer stands. It was on Lycaste St. South of Jefferson between Jefferson and Freud between St. Jean and Clairpointe. It opened in the late nineteenth century and was owned and operated by Alexander Russel Keys Sr. The foundry first started producing cast iron stoves and accessories. In 1920 it increased its capital from \$40,000 to 120,000.”

The Lakeside Foundry also had the contract for the manufacturer of the engines for the Ford Model T motor car. However, after a few years, Lakeside Foundry lost this contract when Henry Ford began building his own engines for his vehicles. The Foundry remained in operation for several years before ceasing manufacturing operations. The Keys family held onto the factory and used it for storage for their other economic pursuits.

GIRLS EXPERIENCED IN
 MAKING CORES; WAGES
 \$6 PER DAY; 8 HOURS;
 STEADY WORK. APPLY
LAKESIDE FOUNDRY,
 170 LYCASTE AVE.

By 1916, Lakeside Foundry was a money maker for shareholders but by January 1925 it was up for auction.

The building is apparently demolished in 2022.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
THE FAMOUS LAKESIDE FOUNDRY OF DETROIT
 Known as the most modern equipped foundry for production in the U. S. A.
 Sale includes: About 45 Molders, Squeezer, Strippers, such as Osborne, Frisore, Grimes, International, Adams & Tabor makes.
 About \$75,000 worth of chain hoists, cranes, elevators, conveyors, etc.
 Complete Pattern Shop woodworking machinery.
 Large lot of electric motors from 2 H. P. to 20 H. P., all a. c., 3 ph., 60 cycle.
 sand mixers, sand revolvers, sand blasts, oil and coke fired ovens, blowers, compressors, etc., etc.
 Also Valuable Real Estate, Buildings, etc.
 Sale takes place 11 a. m. Thursday, January 29, 1925, 600 Lycaete St., Detroit.
 Circular free.
Herbert "Action" Segal, Auctioneers.

PAYS 100 PER CENT STOCK DIVIDEND

**Company's Authorized
 Capital Increased From
 \$40,000 to \$120,000.**

With the company's business increasing in volume, stockholders of the **Lakeside Foundry** company have found a larger capitalization desirable and at their annual meeting Saturday it was voted to increase the company's authorized capital stock from \$40,000 to \$120,000 and issue \$29,500 of the new stock to the shareholders in the form of a 100 per cent stock dividend, which is to be paid for from accumulated surplus. Of the previously authorized capital \$29,500 is outstanding, representing cash paid in.

During the year the company has made additions increasing output capacity of its plant on Lycaete avenue, below Jefferson avenue, by about 60 per cent.

Directors elected are: **William Blanck, A. Russel Keys, Edward Stephens, John F. Keys, J. W. Murray.** Officers elected by the directors are: President, **William Blanck;** vice-president and general manager, **A. Russel Keys;** treasurer, **Edward Stephens;** secretary, **John F. Keys.**

There is a bit of history in regards to John A's birth certificate. It appears none was issued. For some reason in 1940, perhaps to register for old age pension, he had to have one notarized and witnessed. His younger sister was the declarer. The mention of the family bible is intriguing. I wish I knew if it still exists.

Dominion of Canada
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

In the Matter of the Registration of a Birth which has not been registered with the Division Registrar within one year after such birth took place;
 And in the Matter of The Vital Statistics Act.

To Wit:

Name of Child in full	John Arthur Elliott.	
Date of Birth of Child	August 31st, 1874.	Sex male.
Place of Birth of Child	North Oxford, <small>(City, Town, Village or Township)</small>	County of Oxford, 41
Name of Father in full	John Rogers Elliott.	
Post Office Address of Father at time of said Birth	Ingersoll, Ontario.	at time of said Birth Occupation of Father Farm labourer.
Maiden Name of Mother	Elisabeth Johnson.	
Name of Physician at said Birth	Dr. I. R. Walker.	

I, Ellen Smith, of the Village of Beachville, in the County of Oxford, in the Province of Ontario,

Do Solemnly Declare that:

- (1). I am the an older sister of the aforesaid; John Arthur Elliott.
(Relation to Child)
 - (2). I have personal knowledge of the matters herein and above set forth, and the information furnished is true in substance and in fact;
 - (3). Neither the father or mother of the said John Arthur Elliott living.
- There is an entry in the Family Bible, kept by my father, and in his hand writing as follows:--
 "John A. Elliott, North Oxford, Ontario, August 31st, 1874."
My age is sixty nine.
Ellen Smith

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if I made under oath and by virtue of the CANADA EVIDENCE ACT.

Declared before me at the Town of Ingersoll,
 in the County of Oxford, in the
 Province of Ontario, this 31st, day of
May, 1940.

Ellen Smith
(signature of declarant)

John H. Patterson
 Notary Public, Commissioner, etc., or Justice of the Peace.

my com. is good during pleasure of the Crown
 This Declaration may be made IN ONTARIO before a Commissioner for taking Affidavits, Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public. OUT OF ONTARIO, it should be made before a Notary Public who should affix his notarial seal. (OVER)

EM-Nov., 1939 (P 2872)

JUN 21 1940 EK 158

ELLIOTT, John Arthur

Except for his birth certificate, my trail for John Elliott goes dry after the 1920 census for a number of years. I believed he was still living in Detroit in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. It is known he was at his oldest sister Henrietta's funeral in 1944. The next time I found him was his obituary in the Detroit Free Press dated 10th of January 1961. My older sister remembers his visits to our grandfather's farm (John's brother Albert) around 1950. She said that he seemed to always arrive in the late evening. He gave her

a red box with candy in it one time. Our mother, his sister-in-law, was always suspicious as to why he only showed up at night.

Detroit Free Press 10 Jan, 1961

ELLIOTT
 John A., age 86. Dear father of Mrs. Helen Van Sickle, Mrs. Gertrude Lovell, Mrs. Mariorie Babcock and Mrs. Ethel Welsh; grandfather of three and great-grandfather of four; dear brother of Mrs. Maggie De Foe and Mrs. Rose Clark. Services at the Van Deweghe Funeral Home, 6150 Cadieux Rd. at Harper, Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

The Obituary shows John's three surviving daughters and two surviving siblings. There is no indication that he remarried or had stepchildren. The remaining question was were was he living for the proceeding 30 years until his death at age 86. No burial location was given.

On Aug 26, 1920 Mary Maude Cutriss married Asahel Stewart "Doc" Cooper. No reason has been found as to why Asahel was called "Doc". He was born in Sweet Bottom, York County, Penn. 25 Mar 1884. Cooper worked as a street car driver in 1930 and was 8 years Maude's junior. The four Elliott girls accompanied Maude to the Cooper home which was coincidentally, also on Beniteau St. just a few houses from the family's original home. Did they know each other prior to Maude's 1917 divorce?

Marriage Registration
 Part 1

				Fathers		
Steward Cooper	39	alt.	Detroit, Mich.	Penna.	Motorman	Wm
Mary Elliott Cutriss	42	"	"	Canada	-	James

Part 2

Mothers			Witnesses			
Katherine Mitchell	200	Aug. 26 1920	Detroit, Mich.	J.J. Richter	John M. Kijci	Detroit, Mich.
Kate Alcock	One			Justice	Edw. W. Miller	" "

The 1930 Detroit census had 2 stepdaughters living with Asahel at his Beniteau St. home. There was also a granddaughter named Gloria Harwood.

Cooper Asahel S	Head	9000	R	760	M	49	M	39	760	Yes
Maud J	Wife			V	F	51	M	21	760	Yes
Elliott Marjorie K	Daughter			V	F	25	S		760	Yes
Ethel M	Step Daughter			V	F	22	S		760	Yes
Harwood Gloria J	Grand Daughter			V	F	9			760	Yes

During the depression Asahel was still working as a streetcar driver while Marjorie was bookkeeper at a radiator shop and Ethel was a bookkeeper at an auto plant. Helen and Gertrude were not at home for this census. Because of granddaughter Gloria's age, Marjorie and Ethel could not be the mother of Gloria as they would have been too young. Helen would have been 19 or 20 at Gloria's birth and would be a likely candidate but she was not living with the family. More on Gloria and Helen later. 1940 brought a return of two daughters, Helen and Gertrude. Granddaughter Gloria Harwood was still at the house but Marjorie had married and had moved on.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	SCARS	MARKS	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT
Cooper, Asahel	Head	0	M	W	54								
—, Maude	wife	1	F	W	62								
—, Helen	daughter	2	F	W	39								
—, Gertrude	daughter	2	F	W	35								
—, Ethel	daughter	2	F	W	32								
Harwood, Gloria	Grand daughter	4	F	W	19								

There are several things to note regarding the 1940 census. The stepdaughters were back home, likely from failed marriages. Their ages also indicate such. Everyone except 62-year-old Maude was working.

Asahel street car driver
 Helen bookkeeper in the auto industry
 Gertrude was now a supervisor at the phone company
 Ethel stenographer in auto sales
 Gloria clerk at auto sales

Motorman	Street railway
Bookkeeper	Automobile Industry
Supervisor	Telephone Company
Stenographer	Automobile Sales
Clerk	Automobile Sales

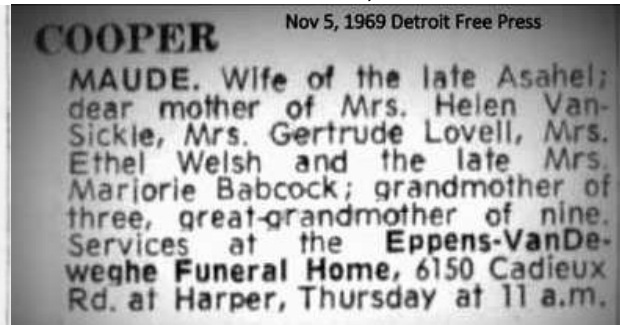
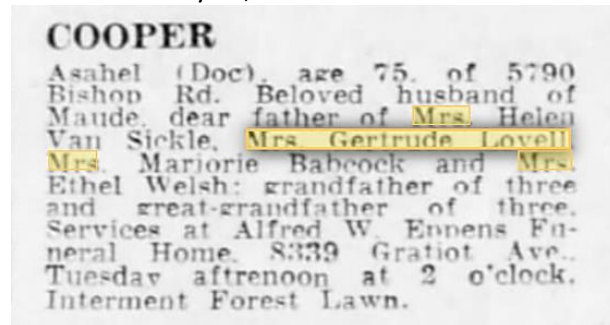
They were all living at 5910 Courville St in NW Detroit in the 1940 census. (Left photo)



Asahel and Maude downsized after the family was gone and moved into a smaller home at 5790 Bishop St. Detroit. (Right photo)

Asahel died May 23, 1959

Maude died 01 Nov, 1969



Granddaughter of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Child of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

First Child: Helen Beatrice

B 30 Mar 1901 Detroit
 D 1982 possibly Pt Huron, Mi.
 M 03 Mar 1920
 Divorced: 18 Jun 1925

Spouse: Charles Harwood
 Spouse: "Ben" VanSickle



Helen was born in Detroit, the oldest of four girls. She lived in the family home with her mother and three sisters after her parent's divorce. In the year prior to her mother remarrying, Helen married a Charles Harwood. He was listed as a toolmaker on his marriage schedule but the 1930 census had him listed as a cab driver.

03 Apr 1920 marriage registration for Helen

Joseph O. Harwood 28 w/hy Detroit Mich Penneymania Toolmaker Blank
Helen B. Elliott 19 w/hy " " Michigan Bookkeeper John
Mary E. Elston 1/2 Apr 3 1920
Maudie Curtis 7/2

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY Wayne DOCKET No. 110361 82 6975

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each Helen B. Harwood Age 29
Joseph A. Harwood Age 34

State or Country in which married Detroit Mich Date Apr 3 1919

Date of Filing Petition Apr 4 1924 Who was Libellant Wife
 (Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested no (Yes or No) Date of Decree or Judgment June 18 1925

Cause for Which Divorced Extreme Cruelty

Was Alimony Granted yes
 Whether Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted
 Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Number of Children in Family one (see reverse side)

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

THOMAS F. FARRELL
 Date June 30 1925 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne

By 18 Jun 1925 she was granted a divorce on the grounds of "extreme cruelty". They had 3-year-old Gloria L, with them when they divorced.

PLACE OF ABODE				NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME DATA				PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				EDUCATION		Place of birth of each per the United States, give which birthplace is not French from Canada-E	
Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities or towns)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation	Number of family in order of visitation			Home owned or rented	Value of home, monthly rental, if rented	Radio set	Does this family live on a farm?	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital condition	Age at first marriage	Attended school or college since Sept. 1, 1929		Whether able to read and write
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	80	D 11	26	Lindbergh - John R.	Head	R	65 ⁰⁰	no	no	M	w	29	M	27	No	yes	England
				Angela	Wife	H				F	w	27	M	27	No	yes	Canada English
	A 4	27		Royle - Jean L.	Head	R	65 ⁰⁰	yes	no	F	w	47	wid	28	No	yes	Canada English
	A 11	28		Harwood - Helen	Head	R	60 ⁰⁰	no	no	F	w	29	W	19	No	yes	Michigan


The 1930 Detroit census did find Helen Elliott Harwood paying \$60 a month in rent while living in the Lindbergh Apts. on Seward St. She was working as a stenographer. As noted previously, her daughter Gloria lived in the family home with her aunts and grandmother and stepgrandfather. It appears that 29-year-old Helen was not able to support her daughter and thus her daughter Gloria lived with the family core. Gloria's father appeared to have no connection to his daughter.

1930 census Wayne County Detroit

Copper Aschel, J	Head	9000	R	70	M	W	49	M	39	No	Yes
— Maude J	Wife			V	F	W	51	M	21	No	Yes
Elliott Marjorie R	Daughter			V	F	W	25	S		No	Yes
— Ethel M	Daughter			V	F	W	22	S		No	Yes
Harwood Gloria J	Daughter			V	F	W	9	S		Yes	Yes

The 1930 Detroit census finds Helen Harwood living in the Lindbergh Apts. on Seward St.

PLACE OF ABODE				NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME DATA	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				EDUCATION	PERSON				
Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities or towns)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation	Number of family in order of visitation				Home owned or rented	Value of home, monthly rental, if rented	Radio set	Does this family live on a farm?			Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital condition
1	2	3	4	5	6	7										
80	011	26		Ledingham - John R.	Head	R										
				— Angela	Wife	W										
	A4	27		Pool - Jean C.	Head	R										
	A11	28		Harwood - Helen	Head	R										



As was noted before, the 1940 census had three older sisters all living at their stepfather's home. Gloria was still living with them at that time.

Copper, Aschel	Head	0	M	W	54	M
— Maude	wife	1	F	W	62	M
— Helen	daughter	2	F	W	39	S
— Gertrude	daughter	2	F	W	35	S
— Ethel	daughter	2	F	W	32	S
Harwood, Gloria	Head daughter	4	F	W	19	S

Helen later remarried. Her new spouse was "Ben" Van Sickle. No information has been found about "Ben" Van Sickle other than what John A's later generations of family can recall. He was known as "Ben" although it is not known if that was his Christian name. No marriage date has been located nor birth or death dates. It appears that their marriage was the second for both and they married at a mature age. They rarely made appearances at family events.

There is conflicting evidence regarding Helen's death. It is known that her niece, Barbara Babcock moved her from Detroit to be nearer Barbara's family in Port Huron where Barbara lived from 1978 to 1996. Helen moved into the retirement community of Marine City in Port Huron and that is where she

passed away in 1993. There is much confusion regarding Helen as there was another Helen Van Sickle who lived in Port Huron at the same time but appears to have been born there and died in 1982. A humorous family story points out that Ben Van Sickle's cremation box of ashes bounced around under the seat of Helen's nephew's truck for a decade before being scattered.

Helen's daughter, Gloria Harwood, married a man named Leonard DeLiso. They moved to Chicago where she died in Sept 1987. Helen had no other children. In later years, Helen introduced Gloria to the family at a family gathering. She was a surprise to all the great nieces and nephews who had no knowledge of Gloria's existence.

No. 72816 **Marriage License** 255849 19 41
Wayne County, Michigan
To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,
Greeting:
Marriage May Be Solemnized in the State of Michigan Between
 Mr. **Leonard J. De Liso** and M. **Gloria L. Harwood**
 affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, appears that said
Leonard J. De Liso is **26**
 color is **Whit**, residence is **Detroit, Michigan**, and
 birthplace was **Michigan**, occupation is **Engineer**
Peter, and mother's maiden name was **Mary Conti**
 has been previously married **no** time; and that said **Gloria L. Harwood**
 is **20** years of age, color is **Whit**, residence is **Detroit, Michigan** and
 birthplace was **Michigan**, occupation is **Switchboard Opr**, father's name
Joseph, and mother's maiden name was **Helen Elliott**
 and who has been previously married **no** time **5**, and whose maiden name was
 and whose **Parent's or Guardian's** consent, in case she
 has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the
 seal of Wayne County, Michigan, this **22**
 day of **August**, A. D. 19 **41**
 County Clerk
L. S.
Certificate of Marriage
 Between Mr. **Leonard J. De Liso** and M. **Gloria L. Harwood**
 I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined
 in marriage by me, at **Detroit**, County of **Wayne**, **MICHIGAN**,
 on the **20** day of **September**, A. D. 19 **41**, in the presence
 of **John Must** and **Elizabeth Conak**, of **Detroit**

HARWOOD
 Gloria L. Harwood, loving daughter of Helen Van Sickle; beloved niece of Gertrude (Lloyd) Lovell and Ethel Welsh; fond Godmother of Scott and Karla Karoff. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at **Birren & Son Funeral Home, 6125 N. Clark St.** Interment private. Visitation Wednesday 6 to 9 p.m. 743-1020.

Chicago Tribune Nov 16, 1987.

Grandchildren of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Child of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

Second Child: Gertrude "Gert" Maude B 13 Sept 1903 Detroit
 D 03 Jun 1991 Detroit
 M 13 Apr 1921 Detroit
 Divorce 17 Sept 1925 Detroit

Spouse: Kenneth Siler B unknown
 M 1955-65

Spouse: Lloyd Lovell B unknown
 D unknown

Gertrude (on some documents Ruth) was born in 1903 in Detroit. She had to quit school at 16 in order to work so that she could supply an income for the family after her father left due to her parent's divorce.

She did not go back to school when her mother remarried in Aug 1920. The reason being that she herself was married at age 18. She married 18-year-old, Illinois born, Kenneth Siler. They married on 13 Apr 1921.



Gertrude spent several decades working with the Michigan Phone Company.

The "Spirit of Communications" as used on the phone book covers by the Bell System of Michigan on telephone directories, 1930-40.



The marriage was not a good one. Four years later, Gertrude filed for divorce in June 1925 due to "extreme cruelty".

Divorce was granted on the 17th of September 1925. No children were involved in the marriage.

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY Wayne 82 8060
DOCKET No. 123204

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each Henrich Siler Age _____
Gertrude Siler Age _____

State or Country in which married Detroit, Mich. Date Apr. 16, 1921

Date of Filing Petition June 13, 1925 Who was Libellant Husband
(Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contracted no Date of Decree or Judgment Sept. 17, 1925
(Yes or No)

Cause for Which Divorced Extreme Cruelty

Was Alimony Granted no

Whether Granted, Refused or Withdrawn Granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions Absolute

Number of 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

Date Sept. 30, 1925 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne

It would be expected that Gertrude would be found back at her mother's residence on the 1930 census. She was not there. I would be curious as to where she went after her divorce and during that decade. The 1940 census had Gertrude, at age 35, living back with her mother and sisters.

<u>Casper, Asabel</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>—, Maude</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>—, Helen</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>—, Gertrude</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>—, Ethel</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>Harwood, Gloria</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>S</u>

I do not know the date of Gertrude's second marriage but it would have to be between 1940 and 1954. She married Lloyd Lovell. I cannot locate, without speculation, his background or where Lloyd came from. There were several Lloyd Lovells in the Detroit area and I have no locations or dates of his family to trace information. I could not find a burial location. He remains a mystery.

I did find Gertrude and Lloyd living in east Detroit in the 1954 and 1957 City directories.

1954 Directory:

**—Lloyd L (Gertrude M) asst mgr Household Finance h16807
Juliana**

1957 Directory:

**--Lloyd L (Gertrude M) sls eng Eastland
Ofc (Det) h16807 Juliana**



Both directories indicated that they lived at 16807 Juliana Ave in NE Detroit in the 1950s.

In their later years, they lived at 3760 W. Maple Rd in Birmingham Hills Mi. Their house backed onto the north course of the famous Oakland Hills Country Club. The Club has hosted 6 US Opens and 3 PGA Championships since it first was built in 1916. The home stayed in the her nephew's Babcock family after their deaths. The couple was childless.

3760 W Maple Rd. Birmingham Mi.

Name:	Gertrude M Lovell
Birth Date:	13 Sep 1903
Address:	7803 S Extension Rd
Residence Place:	Cheboygan, Michigan, USA
Zip Code:	49721-9040

Gertrude appeared to be living in the northern Michigan community of Cheboygan in her later years, perhaps with or near her nephew Don Babcock and family who had moved there in the 1970s. I have been told by family members that the Lovell's spent time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Gertrude M

Lovell died there 03 June 1991. A Lloyd Lovell died in 2002, also in Fort Lauderdale.

Gertrude M. Lovell in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 193

Name:	Gertrude M. Lovell
Social Security Number:	363-01-4143
Birth Date:	13 Sep 1903
Issue Year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	Michigan
Last Residence:	33317, Fort Lauderdale, Broward, Florida, USA
Last Benefit:	33317, Fort Lauderdale, Broward, Florida, USA
Death Date:	3 Jun 1991

Grandchildren of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson Children of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

Third Child: Marjorie K B 25 Dec 1904 Detroit
D 01 May 1966 Detroit
M 27 Jun 1931 Detroit
Spouse: Leslie Francis Babcock B 01 Jan 1903 Mt Clemens, Mi.
D 11 Jul 1997 Burt Lake, Cheboygan, Mi.

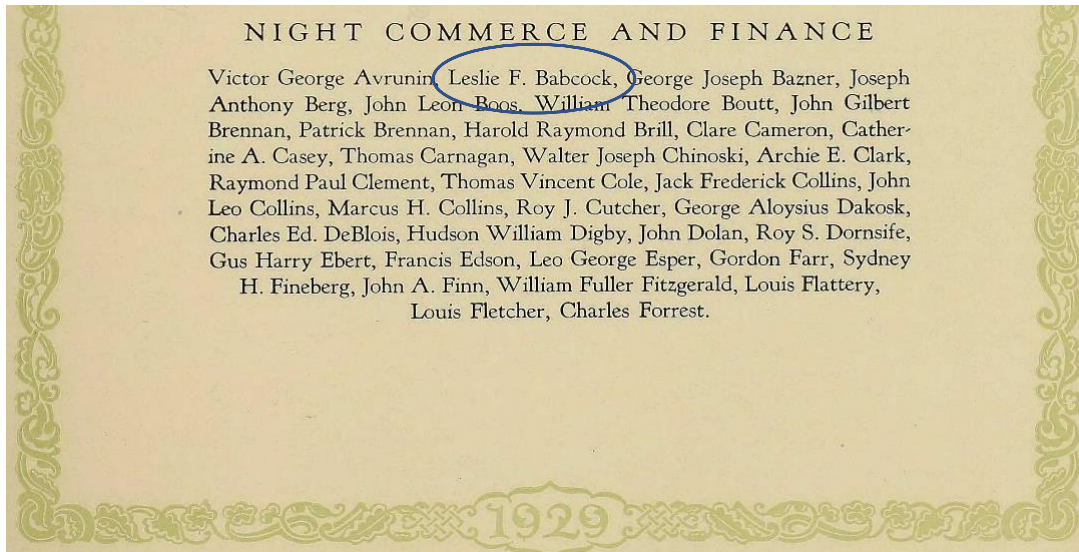
Four Children:

Donald Babcock
Barbara (Babcock) Gilleran
John B 07 May 1944 D 17 Jan 1945 Spinal Muscular Atrophy
Unknown – newborn

Marjorie was a Christmas baby. As was noted earlier, in 1919, Margorie left high school after her second year in order to work to help financially support her single mother and sisters. Marjorie was at home with most of her family in the 1920 census decade. She married Leslie Francis Babcock on 07 Jun 1931 at age 26.

Leslie was born into the Frederick Babcock and Anna Paya family of Mt. Clemens, Mi. on 01 Jan 1903. The Babcock family appears to be long time Michigan residents as early censuses record Leslie's grandparents as being born in Michigan as well. Leslie was the third child and oldest son in his family. He lived in Mt. Clemens through Leslie's formative years. His father Frank was listed as a painter in the 1910 census. Frank had moved the family to Detroit by the 1920 census. He was employed as a toolmaker. By the time Leslie was 27, he was listed in the 1930 census as a manager of a company named General Utilities.

By 1929, he had graduated from night school classes in Commerce and Finance at the University of Detroit.



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No. 394668 **Marriage License** 1931

Wayne County, Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage,

Greeting:

Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. Leslie F. Babcock and M. Marjorie C. Elliott

affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Leslie F. Babcock is 28 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan, and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is service manager, father's name Frank, and mother's maiden name was Anna Paya

has been previously married no time 8; and that said Marjorie C. Elliott is 26 years of age, color is white, residence is Detroit, Michigan and birthplace was Michigan, occupation is switchboard operator, father's name John, and mother's maiden name was Maud Cutries

and who has been previously married no time 8, and whose maiden name was _____, and whose _____ Parent's or Guardian's consent, in case she has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the seal of Wayne County, Michigan, this 22nd day of June, A. D. 1931.

Thos. J. Farrell
County Clerk
by Chas. W. Sull
Deputy Clerk

HP

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. Leslie F. Babcock and M. Marjorie C. Elliott

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein in marriage by me, at Detroit, County of Wayne on the 27th day of June, A. D. 1931 of Robert W. Babcock, of Detroit, Michigan and Lucile Koladziewski, of Detroit, Michigan as witnesses.

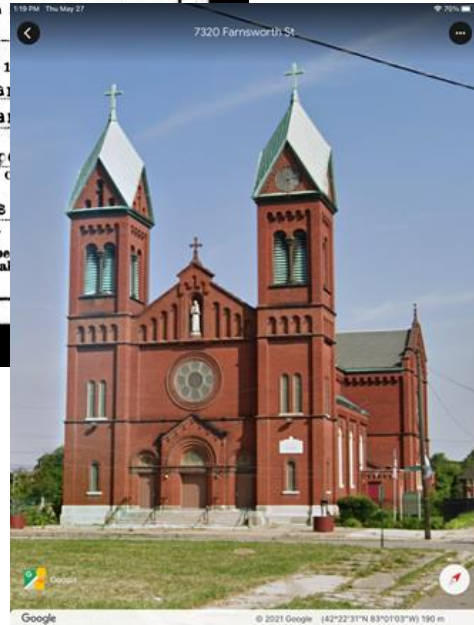
Rev. Fred W. Schaefer
Name of Magistrate or Clerk

Pastor St. Anthony's
Official Title.

This copy to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; when it is to be sent and forwarded at the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

This space reserved for binding

Cathedral Abbey of St. Anthony's.



17					Donald	son	2	M	W	7/2	S	No	0	Michigan
18	13735	74	R	38	No	Babcock, Leslie	Head	0	M	W	37	M	No	4 70 Michigan
19						Marjorie	Wife	1	F	W	35	M	No	42 10 Michigan
20						Donald	son	2	M	W	7	S	No	1 1 Michigan
21						Barbara	daughter	2	F	W	4	S	No	0 Michigan
22	15710	75	R	20	No	Blomane, Odell	Head	0	M	W	30	M	No	41 9 Michigan

1940 Pg 1 census

Leslie Babcock was 37 years old in the 1940 census. He was an assistant manager in an advertising firm making \$2040 a year and had two small children aged 7 and 4 at home.

No	2020	40	-	-	-	-	40	Assistant manager	Advertising firm	PA/100	36	1	52	2040
No	2020	No	No	No	No	No	4							0
No	2020													0

1940 Pg 2 census

There is some interesting information on Leslie's draft card. His home address and work location for 1942 is now known. He also had great penmanship as seen by his signature.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 2159 1. NAME (Print) Leslie Francis Babcock ORDER NUMBER 12293

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 13738 Eastwood Detroit Wayne Mich

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same

4. TELEPHONE Hr-6229 5. AGE IN YEARS 39 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Mt Clemens Michigan

DATE OF BIRTH Jan 1 1903

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Frank Babcock 12040 Parkgrove

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Gagnier Printing Plate Co

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1386 E Congress Detroit Wayne Mich

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

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) 10-21630-2 Leslie F. Babcock (Registrant's signature)

He was employed by The Joseph Gagnier Printing Plate Co. which was a well-known Detroit book binding company.

A customer catalogue from the Detroit Historical Society.

1948.048.004 - Brochure



Advertising brochure entitled, "Smart Printing of Smart Sayings," printed by the Liggett & Gagnier Art Printers of Detroit. The softcover is made of heavy-weight orange, purple, and green art papers that are bound with a staple and a thin green cord. The 16 interior pages are made of various lightweight art papers that are printed with colored text, pictures, and/or photographs. One of the photographs is of Joseph S. Gagnier. It appears that the variety of papers, text styles, drawings, and photographic images which are included in the brochure are intended to show potential customers the many capabilities of the printer.



The family home on the draft card is noted as 13738 Eastwood Ave. What would have been an upper middle-class neighbourhood then is no longer the case in the abandonment of Detroit neighbourhoods.

Mrs. Babcock Gives Bridge-Luncheon

Mrs. Leslie Babcock, of Eastwood Ave., was hostess at a bridge-luncheon in the Whittier Wednesday afternoon.

Her guests included Mrs. George Nankervis, Mrs. Ernest Cecil, Mrs. Harry Wise, Mrs. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Raymond Lodholz, Mrs. Herbert Daly, Mrs. Frank Groat and Mrs. Louis Davison.

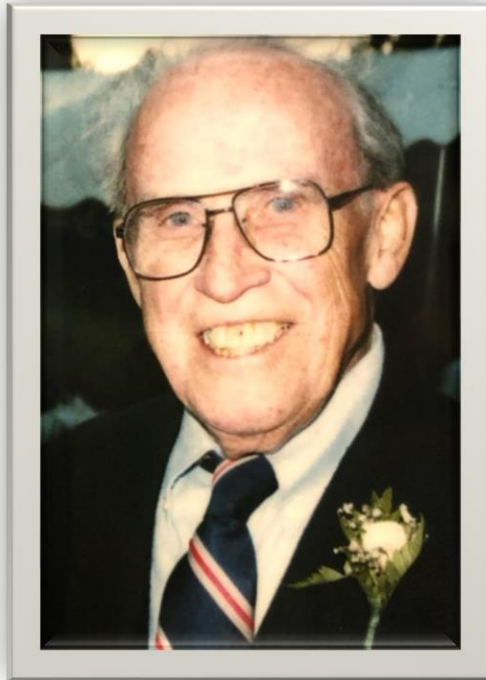
Driving from Sandusky, Mich., for the day were Mrs. Geneva Parrish, Mrs. Gerald Van Norman and Mrs. Marie Frame.

Detroit Free Press

Nov 17, 1954

Marjorie was struck down by cancer in 1966. I am told by her grandson that it was a long hard struggle for her. She struck me as a stoic woman that never complained.

Leslie retired and eventually moved to Burt Lake in North Michigan to live with his son Donald and his family. He passed in 1997.



BABCOCK

MARJORIE C. (Marge); Beloved wife of Leslie F.; Dear mother of Donald F. and Mrs. Barbara Gilleran; Grandmother of eight; Dear daughter of Mrs. Maude Cooper; Dear sister of Mrs. Helen Van-Sickle, Mrs. Gertrude Lovell and Mrs. Ethel Welsh. Funeral from the **Eppens-VanDeweshe Funeral Home**, 6150 Cadieux Rd. at Harper, Monday at 9:15 a.m. and St. Matthew Church at 10. Rosary Sunday 8:15 p.m.

BABCOCK

LESLIE F. Age 94, July 11, 1997, at his home on Burt Lake. Survived by his son, Donald Babcock, of Burt Lake, and his daughter, **Barbara Gilleran** of Port Huron. Leaves 15 grandchildren and a sister, Jane LeMay, of Spokane, Wash. Private mmeorial services were held.

Grandchildren of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

Children of Marjorie Elliott and Leslie Babcock

First and Second Child: twin infant boys did not survive the day.

Most of the information on Donald and Barbara Babcock was sent to me by Barbara’s son, Gary Gilleran. For this I am most thankful.

Third Child: Donald Francis Babcock

B 09 Dec 1932 Detroit, Mi.
D 04 Aug 2002 Petosky, Mi.
M 1955

Spouse: Joanne Lois Hanson

B 12 Sept 1933 Detroit, Mi
D 31 Jan 2017 Marquette, Mi.

As noted, Don was raised in the family home in Detroit.



Photo: Don's 1955 high school yearbook
Edwin Denby High School

Don was a very active student at Denby High Detroit. He was involved in numerous clubs and sports Teams.

VARSITY FOOTBALL — OUR "TARS"



The football "Tars" finished with 5 wins and a loss that year.

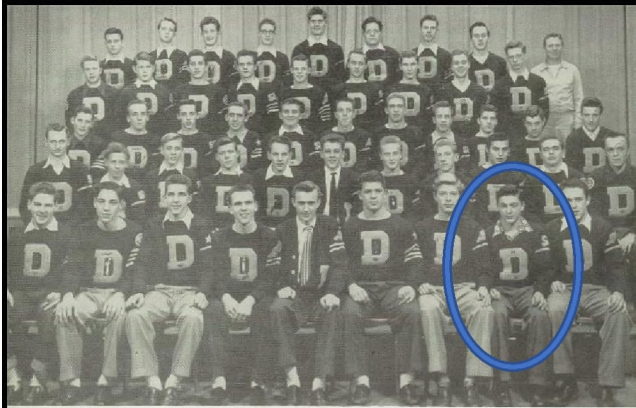
ROW 1: Chuck Malcomb, Don Babcock, Bob Knight, co-captains John DeGrandis and Mel Bernia, Norman Davis and Chester Vineyard.
ROW 2: Guy Brown, Paul Fecko, Jerry Musetti, Dick Taylor, Ray Paquette, Daryl Mechemer, Eugene Haviland.
ROW 3: Chuck Dengler, Werner Boelstler, Ted Doderhoff, George Claeys, Dave Lippert, Andy Koski, Fred Merlie, Bob Harrison.

ROW 4: Ed Vickery, Robert Santoro, Don Stuckey, I
ROW 5: Bob Krueger, Robert Bates, Eugene Goodrich, Fluegge.
ROW 6: Coach Jim Stoutton, Don Nicol and Assistant
ROW 7: Student manager

Varsity Basketball

Row 1—Frank Carly, Mac Blakemore, Bob Griffin, John Zimmerman, Don Babcock, Ronald Kay, Melvin Barchie.
Row 2—Ken Henning, Wally Rentz, Roland Eugenio, Ray Kelly, Marve Melanson, Bob Dueseweke.
Row 3—Coach Harold Lindsay, Roger Deary, Ronnie Ras, Jack Mass, Ken Ferguson, Bob Abbott.





D CLUB

- ROW 1: Dave Powell, Roger Dingman, Mel Bernia, Bill Kersten, Dick McIlhenny, John McGrandis, Werner Bolender, Walter Vaufo Velde, Don Babcock.
- ROW 2: Bob Duseweke, Julian Malcomson, Roy Midgley, George Olays, Bob Beagni, Denny Maxey, Jerry Kussner, Lola MacNally, Ron Boland, Norm Davis, Bob Krueger.
- ROW 3: Chuck McLaughlin, John Galaska, John Zimmerman, Bob Skinner, Frank Carly, Dave Cannons, Bob Harrison, Tom Vaughn, Ed Della, Ron Strope, Marve Melanson.
- ROW 4: Chuck Krutock, Andy Koski, Gene Haviland, Ray Babin, Hal Colbath, Ray Kelly, Don Head, Bill Howard, Ken Henning.
- ROW 5: Dick Brown, John Dollar, Chuck Malcolma, Bob Rudehill, Daryl Macherer, Chester Vineyard, Frank Haag, Bruce Gerbing, Len Stark.

The D Club has started a brand new project. It is sponsoring a campaign against vandalism. It also assures good sportsmanship and maintains a high standard of citizenship.

ELECTION

CLASS WOLF: BOB SKINNER

FLIRT: CHARPENE BOYLE

BEST DRESSED: JACK OWEN, PAT DEAN

PRETTIEST: BARBARA MORRIS; HANDSOMEST: DON BABCOCK

CLONING: LOUISE WEBER, JOHN O'GRADY

MOST ATHLETIC: CAROL STINES, HAL GOLDBERG



Handsome Boy: Denby High

Joanne Lois Hanson was a year younger than Don but went to Edwin Denby High as well. She was a member of the orchestra.



Edwin Denby High School



THE DONALD F. BABCOCK family would like to sincerely express their thanks and appreciation to their many neighbors and friends who came to their assistance during and immediately following the unfortunate fire to their home on Burt Lake July 5, 1976. Also a special thanks to the personnel of the Alanson and Pellston fire departments.

They were high school sweethearts and they were married in 1955. Don went to university. My understanding from his relatives, is that he owned a nursery and expanded it to include a company that manufactured colour infused cement blocks and decorative cement ornaments. He had worked on the idea of colouring cement and had developed and applied for the patent for the process. This led to a lucrative market and the business thrived. By 1970, he was able to sell the business. In 1971, much to the chagrin of the teenage children, they moved to remote Burt Lake in Northern Mi. One daughter cried the whole trip in the backseat of the car. Unfortunately, there was a mishap. The house they moved to was destroyed by fire and rebuilt and is used by his family as a summer cottage today.

Don built an 18 lane Bowling Alley (expanded to 30 lanes at a later date) called the Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan. It was a featured venue for ABC and ESPN television coverage of bowling tournaments. It opened 01 Oct 1977.

New Bowling Alley to Open Oct. 1

By the time this winter's snows close the beaches and put the sailboats in drydock, northern Emmet County residents will have a new diversion to keep them busy until spring. Bowling.

A new 18-lane bowling alley—the SpareTime Lanes—is scheduled to open Oct. 1 about five miles south of Cheboygan

on M-27. The 23,000 square foot recreation center, being built by **Donald F. Babcock** and John A. Murch of Burt Lake, will have a nursery, pro shop, ball drilling service, lounge and limited food service.

In addition, there will be paved parking for 150 to 200 cars.

Babcock said league bowlers interested in setting up schedules can contact him at 627-3361.

Spare Times Lanes Facebook photo:

By 1989 he sold the bowling alley and retired to life at Burt Lake. Later they move to 7060 East Shane Lane in Cheboygan, Mi.



1978 Petoskey Review.

The following cases were disposed of by Magistrate John Kinert in the 90th District Court at Petoskey:

Donald F. Babcock, 45, of Brutus, speeding, \$41.

We have all had one of these.

Gary Gilleran, Don's nephew, stated that Don was a bigger than life person who had a strong influence on Gary's life.



Donald's Obituary

Donald F. Babcock, 69, of Brutus, passed away Aug. 4, 2002, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Funeral service for Don was held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at St. Clement Catholic Church in Pellston, the Rev. Sylvester Micek, officiated.

Don was born Dec. 9, 1932, in Detroit, the son of Leslie and Marjorie Babcock and brother to Barbara (Jerry) Gilleran of Watervliet, Mich.

On Sept. 10, 1955, he married Joanne Hanson. He was a loving husband to Joanne and loving father to Susan Dionne (Scott) of Marquette, Brian (Shannon) of Savage, Minn., Robert (Nicki) of Brutus, and Cheryl Thies (Patrick) of Lakeville, Minn.

In 1971, he moved his family north to Brutus, locating on the west side of Burt Lake.

In 1972, he was elected supervisor and assessor for Burt Township, 30 years, an office he held until his death. In 1977, he built and operated the first 30-lane bowling alley in Cheboygan County., Spare Time Lanes was operated by the family for 12 years and

sold in 1989.

He was a past president of the Cheboygan Rotary Club. He was a member of the St. Clement Church in Pellston and served on the church council.

He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Thomas and Michelle Dionne, Brianna, Chelsie and Alicia Babcock, Bradley, Gregory, Cory and Timothy Babcock, and Celina Thies, who will miss him dearly because he was very much a part of their lives, He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant brothers.



Joanne's Obituary.

MARQUETTE, MI - Joanne Lois Babcock, age 83, of Marquette, entered eternal life Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at Mill Creek Assisted Living, in the loving, comforting care of her family and UP Home Health and Hospice.

Born September 12, 1933, in Detroit, a daughter of Donald and Henrietta (Kintzer) Hanson, Joanne was raised in the Detroit area and graduated from Denby High School, Class of 1951.

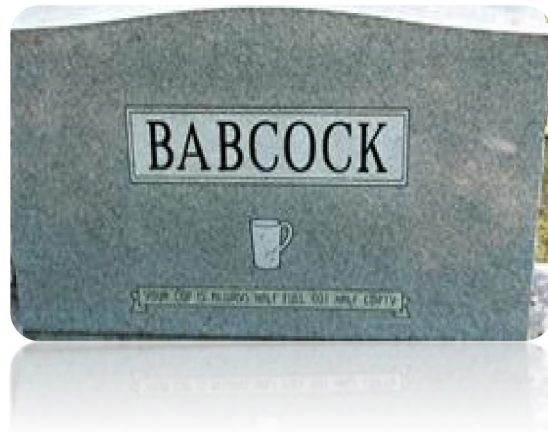
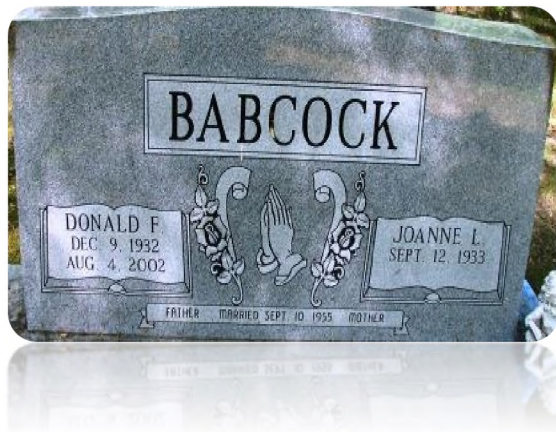
In 1955, Joanne married her high school sweetheart, Donald Babcock, and together the couple set about establishing a home and raising four children in the Detroit suburbs. Joanne was kept happily busy as a homemaker and mother.

In 1971, the family moved to Northern Lower Michigan's Burt Lake where she enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing.

Joanne and Don were active and devoted members of St. Clement Catholic Church in Pellston, Michigan. While living at Burt Lake, the couple built a bowling alley called Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan. It was a family run operation and many remember Joanne for her famous moonlight doubles buffet where no one could get enough of her legendary baked beans. She loved to cook and had an open heart for others, always making sure others were taken care of. Don and Joanne sold the establishment in 1987 and began enjoying their time together with family and friends at the lake.

Her grandchildren were everything to her, and time spent with them and following their activities were treasured. Following Don's passing, Joanne relocated to Marquette to be nearer to her daughter, Sue, and had resided at Mill Creek for the past five years.

Joanne is survived by her children, Sue (Scott) Dionne of Marquette, Brian (Shannon) Babcock of Savage, MN, Bob (Nicki) Babcock of Brutus, MI, and Cheryl (Pat) Thies of Lakeville, MN; ten grandchildren, Brad (Amanda Tryban) Babcock, Greg (Becky) Babcock, Tom (Lindsey) Dionne, Cory Babcock, Tim (Kelly) Babcock, Brianna Babcock, Chelsie Babcock, Michelle (Craig Werner) Dionne, Alicia Babcock, and Celina Thies; five great-grandchildren, Abigail and Madison Babcock, Natalie Babcock, Kinley and Emery Dionne; a brother, Donald Hanson of Cadillac, MI; several nieces and nephews. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald, in 2002; and her sister, Marilyn.



Inscription: "Your cup is always half full not half empty".

Grand Children of John Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss

Children of Leslie Babcock and Marjorie Elliott

Child: Barbara Ann

B 16 July 1936 Detroit

D 15 Aug 2007 Watervliet, Mi.

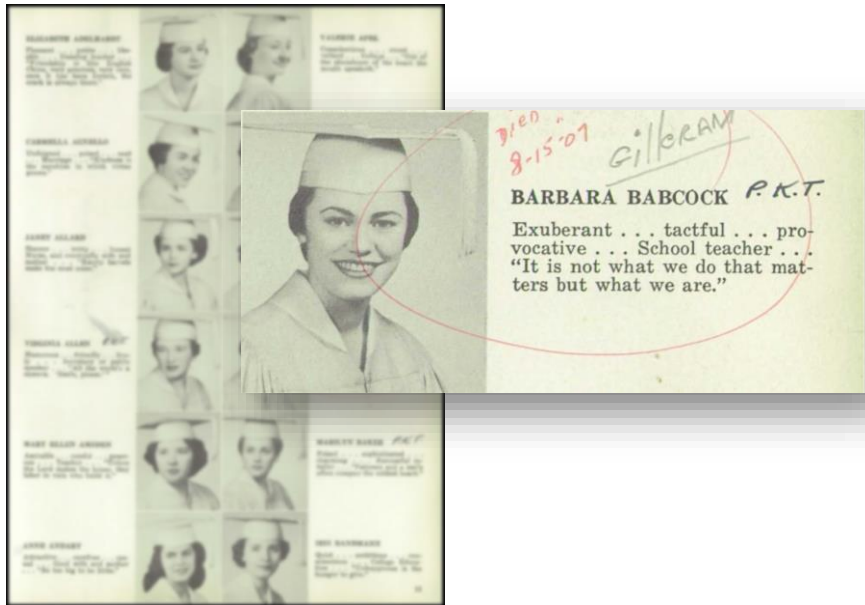
M 12 Nov 1955 Detroit

Spouse: Gerald Thomas (Jerry) Gilleran

B 16 Feb 1933 Detroit

D 13 Mar 2012 Cleveland, Ohio

Barbara was three years younger than her brother Don. She attended Assumption Grotto Elementary and Dominican High School. She graduated in 1953 and at her high school graduation party, met Gerald Thomas (Jerry) Gilleran. They were married in 1955, the same year as her brother. They had 7 children, 2 died in infancy.



Wedding, Nov 12, 1953. l to r: Leslie Babcock, Margorie (Elliott) Babcock, Barbara (Babcock) Gilleran, Gerald Gilleran, Katherine and Geo. Gilleran

St. Matthews Church, Detroit

Note Married Nov 12, 1955
Jerry Gilleran (from family history notes)

With a strong Catholic background, Jerry decided to join a Seminary and study to become a priest in the early 1950's. Family lore has it that the priests recognized that he was not cut out for the priesthood and rolled him up in a carpet and carried him out to the street. While contemplating his next move, he joined the US Army during the Korean War but was surprisingly stationed on Belle Isle in Detroit to "watch for submarines" as his son Gary stated. Once relieved of duty he and Barbara married.

After their marriage the couple stayed in the Detroit area to start a family. Jerry went to work for his father in the lumber sales industry. His father's business was very successful and I imagine Jerry was deeply immersed in learning the ins and outs of running a manufacturing/sales business.

The Grigg Box Company in Detroit was founded in 1932. In 1963 Jerry Gilleran purchased the enterprise. It is thought he paid \$35,000 for the business at the time. The company initially made crates for the original Coca Cola glass bottles. With the advent of aluminum pop cans, the business adapted. Leftover Coke crates were sold to the US Army as grenade shipping boxes. The company expanded the product line to include wooden crates and boxes for all items, some as big as an Army tank. After the family moved to Port Huron, Jerry continued to commute to Detroit. Jerry ran the 100-employee operation, including for a time with his son Gary, until 1993 when he sold it. As a sidebar, the property was sold for a significant price as it was one of the rare pieces of land where the soil did not need to be remediated due to toxic elements that lurked in most of the soil in the Detroit industrial land base. Regardless, the company was still in business as of 2021.



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In 1973 the family moved to a home on the shore of Lake Huron in north Pt Huron at 3790 Gratiot Ave. The majority of the schooling and raising of the family was done there.



Photo: The family home on the shore of Lake Huron

Jerry and Barbara moved to the western Michigan town of Watervliet in 2001. They purchased the lakefront property that was once a retreat for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and later a summer camp for girls. The property was refurbished by Jerry to serve as the family compound.



The Eleanor Camp for Girls, Paw Paw Lake Watervliet, Mich.



Barbara Babcock holding 1st Grandson Ed Gilleran. With her brother Don Gilleran (1985)

Daughter Patty now has full ownership of the house. Barbara excelled at painting; she had a studio in her home. When they moved to Watervliet, Barbara was in her 50s and she went back to school to become a dental hygienist. She went to work for her daughter Patty's dental practice in Chicago. She often commuted via train to Chicago from her home in Michigan. To facilitate her job, she and Jerry had a condo in Chicago that they could use. She worked until a year before her death.

(Don Gilleran should read: Don Babcock)



Barbara's Daughters (top left to right)
Patty Klapperich
Kathy Andrews
Margaret (Peggy) Radamaker
Debbie Frain



Barbara's son, Gary Gilleran with his Grandfather
Leslie Babcock

An interesting note: Barbara and Jerry had 18 grandchildren. Of the 18, that included 5 sets of twins. I was surprised to see in Ancestry.com records that Jerry Gilleran had died while living in Cleveland, Ohio. After conferring with his family, it was true. Jerry was always building things, not fine crafted items but home structures, additions and so on. It was pointed out to me that he had "sawdust in the blood". He went to Cleveland to help one of his daughters with construction on her house. He was there for six months when he slipped and fell and never recovered. The best way to describe Jerry and Barbara is through their obituaries. It is obvious that they are written by the family and give more insight than I could about their personalities and life.

BARBARA ANN A. GILLERAN



A talented artist, loving wife, mom and grandma, sister, aunt and friend, who taught her family so much during her lifetime through her actions, energy, love and spirit, lost her battle with cancer on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. But her approach to living like no other -- to love who you are and what you have, to find humor in everything, to laugh everyday, to welcome change and continue to dream -- will carry on in all those fortunate to have been touched by this remarkable woman. Barb was the spark, the firefly, the life-force weaving together generations through her warmth and generosity. She knew how to create a sense of community through a swimming pool and how to knit sweaters as well as families and ideas together. She also knew how to touch the deeper dimensions of life, inspire creativity and to teach her family to recognize

beauty in colors, sunsets and flowers, the favorite subjects of her many paintings. She was born Barbara Ann Babcock on July 16, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan, where she attended Assumption Grotto Elementary and Dominican High School and made many life-long friends. It was at a high school graduation party that she met her future husband, Gerald (Jerry) Gilleran, whom she married on November 12, 1955, at St. Matthews Church on Detroit's east side. And so began their story of raising five children, Gary, Patty, Kathy, Debbie and Peggy, in a fun-loving home where the front door was always open and neighbors and relatives were always welcome. In 2001 Barb and Jerry moved to the western Michigan town of Watervliet, into a former Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Retreat house, which they restored to accommodate their growing brood. While Barb continued to commute to Chicago weekdays, working as a dental assistant until last year, weekends were reserved for entertaining usually a full house of children, grandchildren, children's friends, friends of friends and family. With almost unimaginable energy and despite the cancer raging throughout her body, she still managed to plan and conduct, like an orchestra leader, one last party. Last Easter weekend, 125 adults and another 45 children, representing her closest loved ones, came together in a celebration of her life. The plants brought as gifts will transform each spring into her lasting memory and serve as eternal hope, especially for her grandkids. Because

most of all, she loved being a grandma and spending time with her grandkids, and that's what her family will miss most of all. Barb was fortunate to be double blessed, an astounding five times, as three of her daughters added five sets of twins to the grandchild roster which has wound up totaling 18 grandkids in all. So life goes on without "our anchor" for husband Jerry, children Gary (Susie) Gilleran, Patty Gilleran (Tripp Klapperich), Kathy (Bob) Andrews, Debbie (John) Frain, and Peggy (Gary) Rademaker; grandchildren Eli, Adrienne and Gabriel Gilleran; Taylor and Trevor Andrews; Drue, Annie, Ben and Alex Klapperich; Ian, Malachy, Adele, Teagan and Stella Frain; Jack, Charlie, Joseph and Eleanor Rademaker; her sisters-in-law (who were her sisters) Mary Fran Gilleran, Helen Roach, Regina Butler, Carol Gilleran, Ann Gilleran, Judy Gilleran and Joanne Babcock; and her dear nieces and nephews. Her parents Leslie and Marjorie (nee Elliott) Babcock and her brother Donald Babcock, brother-in-law Jim Butler and very close friend of the family Fr. Jack Trese, precede her in death. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, Michigan is assisting Barbs family with arrangements. She never wanted a funeral, but a memorial to celebrate her Life is being planned for next summer.

GERALD THOMAS "JERRY" GILLERMAN



GILLERAN GERALD THOMAS "JERRY" could build anything. When the east side Detroit home that he and the love of his life, Barbara Ann Babcock, was gutted due to a fire in the 70s, he rebuilt the house on the same property. After purchasing Grigg Box Company in the heart of the city in 1963, which he owned until his retirement in 1993, he built wooden boxes for housing everything from car parts to army tanks. When the city burned during the '67 riots, he stood by as a passionate Detroiter, bridging divides and restoring hope. As his five children married and moved to homes of their own, he built additions and led their remodels. All the while he was building, Jerry was also laying the foundation for the values he will be remembered for: the importance of family, spirituality, integrity and generosity. The man with the biggest heart lost his battle with heart disease and passed away on March 13, 2012. He was 79. A devout Catholic, Jerry was the eldest son of George and Kathleen Gilleran of Three Mile Drive. He attended St. Matthews Elementary School, started High School in the seminary and graduated from University of Detroit. He served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he was stationed on Belle Isle. Jerry and Barb were married at St. Matthews and celebrated 52 years together. They raised their family at Our Lady of Good Counsel. He headed up the Teen Club there, serving as a father figure to turn the lives around of many youths in need. His second "church," as Barb called it, was Grigg Box, where he was known as Mr. G. and employed 100's of people over the years, serving as a mentor and friend to all. He had a reputation as an honest and forthright businessman, someone who made deals on a handshake, always had the best interests of those who worked for him top-of-mind. In 1978, the family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where they created a new community. At their home on the lake, the garage door was never locked and the back door was always open to family, friends and new neighbors, who wound up establishing lasting friendships. The consummate hosts, Jerry and Barb presided over countless gatherings, reunions, holidays and weddings. Years later, Jerry and Barb transformed a rambling farm house in Watervliet, MI, that once served as a retreat to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, into a place where all—family, old friends and new—were welcome to gather. From here, Jerry's garage served as the hub for countless projects. With the Tigers game streaming on the radio, he passed along to all of his 18 grandchildren, including among them five sets of twins, the possibilities of wood construction and the importance of recognizing you can build anything. Jerry is survived by five of his children and their children: Gary Gilleran (Susie), Eli, Adrienne and Gabriel; Patty Gilleran Klapperich (Tripp), Annie, Drue, Alex and Ben; Kathy Andrews (Bob), Taylor and Trevor; Debbie Frain (John), Ian, Malachy, Adele, Stella and Tegan; Peggy Rademaker (Gary), Jack, Charlie, Joe and Ellie; and five of his siblings, Regina Butler (Betty Sheppard), Helen Roach (Ken), Jim Gilleran (Ann), Dick Gilleran (Carol) and Thomas Gilleran (Judy), along with beloved nieces, nephews, their spouses and children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barb; two infant children, Mary Carmel and Joseph Thomas; brother-in-law, James Butler; and his youngest sister, Sr. Mary Frances Gilleran.

**Granddaughter of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson
Daughter of Arthur Elliott and Maude Cutriss**

Fourth Child: Ethel Margaret

B 27 May 1907 Detroit
D 27 Oct 2001 Birmingham, Mi.
M 24 Dec 1925 Detroit
B 05 Dec 1901 Fishkill, NY
D 1967 Tokyo
Divorced: 05 Oct 1928
M 14 Feb 1950 Chicago
B 24 Aug 1905 Youngstown, Ohio
D 17 Nov 1979 Birmingham, Mi.

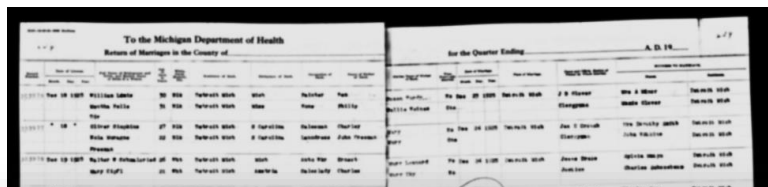
Spouse: Donald P Cameron

Spouse: Anthony Patrick Welsh



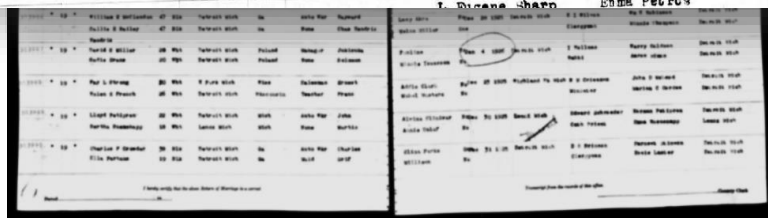
Ethel was the youngest of all the daughters of John and Maude. She likely suffered the wrath of her heavy drinking father John Elliott, as a child and was 10 years old when her parents divorced. After she had finished high school, Ethel had meet and married Douglas Cameron. She was 18 years old when she married on Christmas Eve 1925.

Douglas Perinchief Cameron was a teacher and the son of Bermudian minister Joseph Perinchief Cameron and Caroline Babcock. Born in New York State, he married and divorced Ethel in short order. He remarried in 1942, had a son Jay and moved to Hawaii. Donald died in Tokyo in 1967.



1925	" 19 "	Donald Cameron	24	Wht	Hubbard Woods Ill	New York	Teacher	Joseph
		Ethel Elliott	18	Wht	Detroit Mich	Mich	None	John

Caroline Babcock	No	Dec 24 1925	Detroit Mich	Rollin D Welany	Marjorie Elliott	Detroit Mich
Maude Cutriss	No			Clergyman	S W Cameron	Charleston W



Donald Cameron
LANESBORO — Donald Cameron, 65, of Tokyo, Japan, died Jan. 5. He was the son of the late Rev. Joseph P. Cameron, one-time rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and the late Mrs. Cameron, who made her home here and in Pittsfield until a few years ago.
Mr. Cameron, born in Fishkill-on-Hudson (Beacon), N.Y., graduated from Lanesboro Center School and from St. Luke's School in Wayne, Pa., and attended Dartmouth College. A teacher for most of his adult life, he had lived in Tokyo for the past six years, teaching English to Japanese pupils and at Keio University and other institutions.

There are two things to note on Ethel's marriage registration.

1. Her witness was her sister Marjorie Elliott (who later married Leslie Babcock)
2. New husband Donald Cameron's mother was Caroline Babcock.
3. Leslie Babcock had a sister named Caroline Babcock

Is there some kind of family link?

No record has been located about Caroline Babcock except that she is buried in Troy Oakland Cemetery in Michigan.

It is interesting to note that in the newspaper announcement of the wedding, Ethel was listed as Ethel Elliott and that her father is Asahel Cooper. Asahel was her stepfather.

Elliot-Cameron
 Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Ethel Margaret Elliot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper of Detroit, Mich., to Donald Cameron, son of Mrs. J. P. Cameron, formerly of Lanesboro. The ceremony will take place in Christ church cathedral, Detroit, at noon on December 24, and will be followed by a reception at the Statler hotel.
 Mr. Cameron is an instructor at a private school near Chicago, where the couple will make their home.



Reception was held at the Statler Hotel in Detroit.

Ethel and Douglas moved to Chicago to live due to his teaching job at a private school. It was a very short union as Ethel filed for divorce less than two years later in October of 1928 and was granted one on the grounds of cruelty. The paperwork was filed in Wayne Co. Michigan so I suspect Ethel was back living with her parents by October of 1927. Walter was living in the Walton Hotel in Chicago in 1930. This is pretty much confirmed as Ethel was found in the 1930 census living with her mother and

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COUNTY, WAYNE

82 23446
 DOCKET No. 150899

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each *Ethel M. Cameron* Age *-*
Donald P. Cameron Age *-*

State or Country in which married *Detroit, Mich.* Date *Feb. 24, 1925*

Date of Filing Petition *Oct. 4, 1927* Who was Libellant *Wife*
 (husband or wife)

Was Case Contested *no*
 (Yes or No)

Date of Decree of Judgement *Oct. 5, 1928*

Cause for Which Divorced *Extreme Cruelty*

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn *Granted*

Whether Absolute or Conditions *Absolute*

Was Alimony Granted *none*

Number of 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
 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Wayne.

Date *OCT 31 1928*

stepfather. She was listed as a 22-year-old bookkeeper for an auto plant. Ethel's life does not appear to have any real highlights through the 1930's. I suspect the depression had an effect in the hard-hit auto manufacturing center. The 1940 census had her still living with her parents. She was now listed as a stenographer for auto sales. I have no records of Ethel's involvement with the war effort of the 1940's but suggest she was busy as the auto industry swung over to the manufacture of planes and tanks.

In 1950, her life took a turn as she met and married Anthony Patrick Welsh.

They married 14 Feb 1950 in Chicago.

Name:	Anthony P. Welsh
Marriage Date:	14 Feb 1950
Spouse:	Ethel M. Elliott
Marriage Location:	Cook County, IL
Marriage license:	{AFC8ACAC-A658-496C-896F-80D0B7D397B1}
File Number:	2120587
Archive collection name:	Cook County Genealogy Records (Marriages)
Archive repository location:	Chicago, IL
Archive repository name:	Cook County Clerk

Anthony "Pat" Welsh was born in Youngstown, Ohio to a large family that mostly worked in the steel industry in town. His father was a supervisor at a foundry.

Pat was a physically imposing man for the era; in his youth he was over 6 feet and 200 lbs. He was born into an Irish family and his lively personality reflected the Irish background.
Draft card – 1940

SERIAL NUMBER 464	1. NAME (Print) ANTHONY PATRICK WELSH (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER 2325
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1548 ATKINSON DETROIT WAYNE MICH. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE TOWNSEND 8-4449	4. AGE IN YEARS 33	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Youngstown (Town or county) Ohio (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Margaret H. Welsh (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1548 Atkinson Detroit Wayne Mich. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Stambaugh - Frampton Lumber Co.				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1015 Transportation Bldg Detroit Wayne Mich. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		10-17105 Anthony P. Welsh (Contractor's signature)		

Anthony Welsh—an Irish tenor and an Irish wit

Services for Anthony P. Welsh, former president of Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co., will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln Dr., Birmingham.

Mr. Welsh, 74, died Saturday at his Birmingham home after a long illness.

His family remembered him Sunday as a warm, fun-loving man with a "very fine Irish tenor voice."

"At many social gatherings, he was called on to perform and sometimes sang harmony with us," said Mr. Welsh's brother, Jack. "He was well known for his Irish wit."

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Welsh spent most of his life in the Detroit area.

His sister, Kay, recalled how he—the oldest of seven children whose father had died — worked three jobs during the Depression to help his family.

Mr. Welsh worked as a salesman and in 1938 established the Stambaugh Frampton Lumber Co. The firm later became Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co. of Michigan and Indiana, of which Mr. Welsh was president and chief executive officer, his brother said.

He retired in 1973, but remained a director of the company until his death.

Mr. Welsh, who enjoyed fishing, hunting and handball, was a member of the Monaghan Knights of Columbus and the Lumberman Clubs.

"He had friends by the score," Jack Welsh said of his brother. "But he was outspoken. You always knew where he stood."

Mr. Welsh is survived by his wife, Ethel; three sisters, Peg Shea, Mary Carothers and Kay Welsh; and three brothers, Dave, Jack and Bill.

Pat changed occupation and became a successful lumberman and founded the Michigan Industrial Hardwood Co. The 1950 census had him living with wife Edith and his mother and two siblings at 858 Edison St. When he died, his substantial tool collection was inherited by his nephew, Jerry Gilleran. Pat and Ethel had no children.

His obituary portrayed his life story very well.

Ethel continued to live in Birmingham Mi. after her husband's death. She died in 2001. She had no children from her two marriages.

Detroit Free Press 19 Nov, 1979



Ethel Welsh's 84th Birthday in Pt Huron MI. Barb's son Gary dropped the cake and Barbara hastily put the numbers on backwards.

858 Edison St. Ethel's home 1950.

Name **Ethel M Welsh**
Middle Name **M**
State **Michigan**
Last Place of Residence **Oakland, Michigan**
Previous Residence Postal Code **48301**
Age **94**
Birth Date **27 May 1907**
Death Date **27 Oct 2001**

Of John Arthur Elliott's four daughters, only Marjorie had children. Her children and grandchildren mostly live in Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, and California. As noted, the family was genetically inclined to deliver twins.

Next Chapter 2-6: **Albert James Elliott and Family**

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Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson Fourth child and second oldest son: Albert James Elliott

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Second Child of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Child: Albert James

B 31 Mar 1877 likely Lot 15 Con 3 N Oxford township

D 20 Dec 1950 Ingersoll hospital

residence Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford

Interred Woodstock Anglican Cemetery Mausoleum

Spouse: Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow

B 14 Jan 1881 Woodstock, Ont.

D 26 Dec 1960 Ingersoll hospital

residence Lot 19 Con 2 North Oxford

Interred Woodstock Anglican Cemetery Mausoleum

M 14 June 1905 – Sweaburg Ont. -at residence of

Arthur Clarkson

Children:

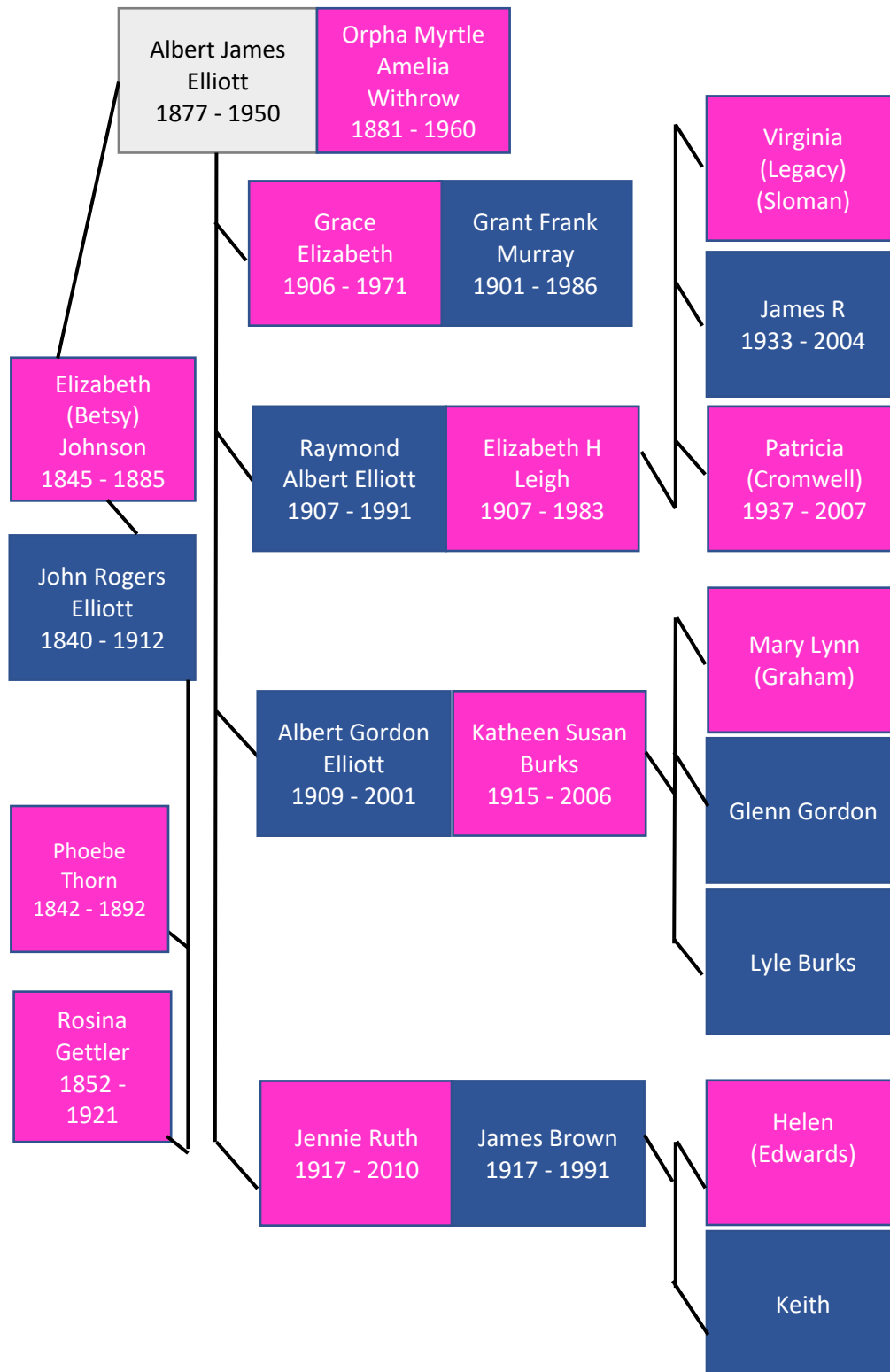
Grace Elizabeth	B 01 Mar 1906 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 06 Mar 1971 Ingersoll
Albert Raymond (Ray)	B 23 Jun 1907 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 18 May, 1991 Beachville
Arthur Gordon (Gord)	B Nov 21 1909 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford	D 28 Mar 2000 Tavistock
Ruth (Jennie)	B 18 Sept 1917 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford	D 18 Feb 2010 Woodstock



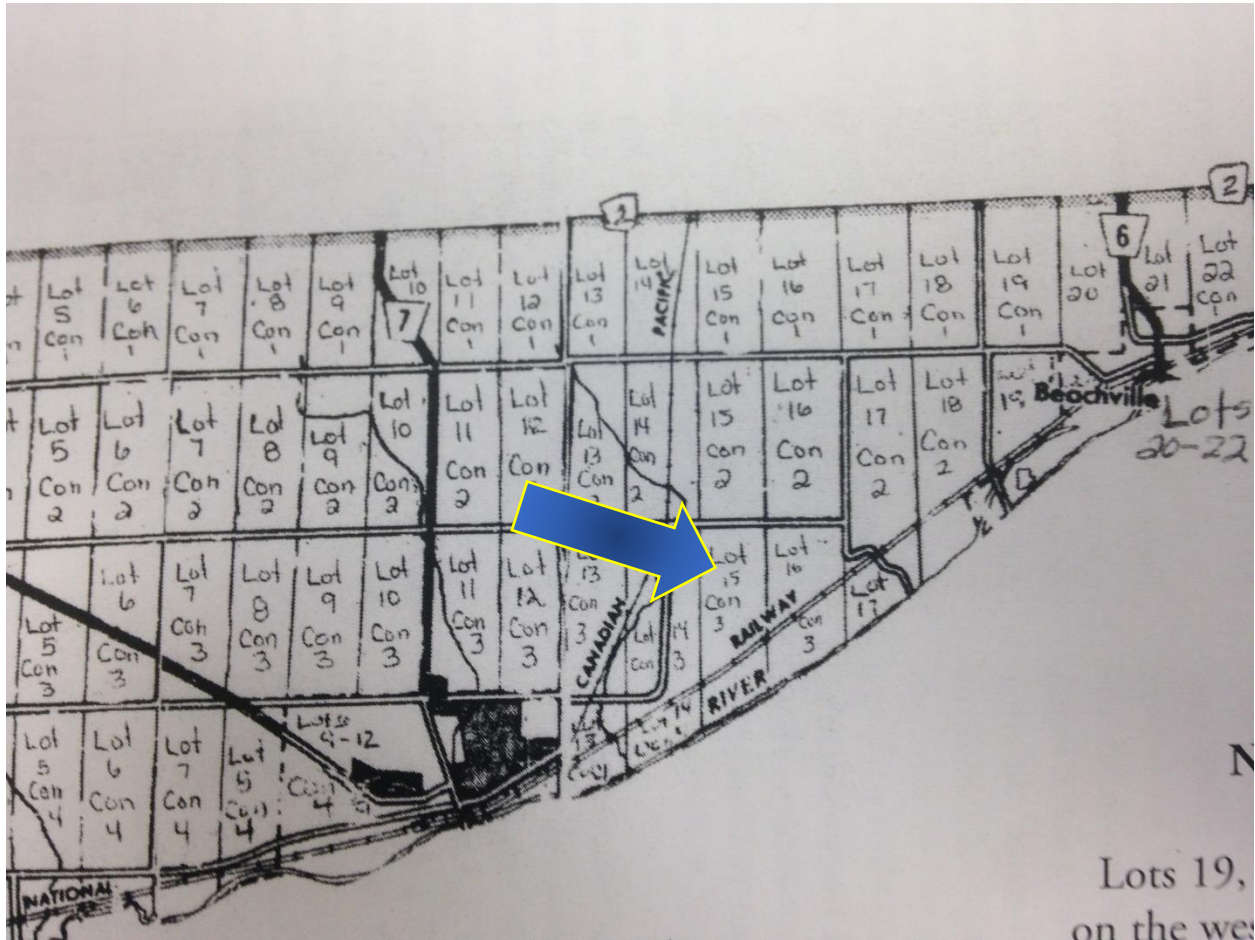
Family photo
Estimate 1929

L to R
Standing Ray and
Gordon
Seated Albert, Ruth,
Grace and Orpha

Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow Family Tree (Oldest son of John Rogers Elliott and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson)



Albert James Elliott was likely born on his family's farm at Lot 15 Con 3 of N. Oxford township. His father's farm was 2 acres calved from his uncle Thomas' 100 acre farm. Albert's father JR purchased the property in 1870, built a home and raised assorted domestic animals while he worked as a farm labourer. Albert went to Dunn's Public School until grade 8, when he turned his attention to working as a farm labourer.



After his mother's tragic death in 1885 when Albert was 7 years old, his father JR sold the family's 2 and a half acres adjacent to the Grand Trunk (CNR) rail line in 1890. Albert would have been 12 years old. The family were still at the family home as late as April of 1891 and were likely leasing. When Albert's stepmother Phoebe Thorn died in March 1892, it was very likely that Albert's father moved into town to Carnegie St. in Ingersoll. Albert would have been 15 years old at that time. There is no mention that he moved into town with them. He may have stayed in the country working as a farm labourer. JR married his third wife Rosina Gettler in 1895 and moved with Rosina to Port Huron in 1896. There is no record that Albert went with them. By 1896 he would have been 19 years old. There is no mention of his whereabouts until the 1901 census.

1891 census.

JR and family still in N Oxford.

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891. Province: Ontario District No. 108-Oxford South S. District 4 Oxford North Township

SCHEDULE No. 1 - Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 1st day of April 1891. S. D. 1

TABLEAU No. 1 - Dénombrement des Vivants. Enuméré par moi le jour de Avril 1891. S. D. 1

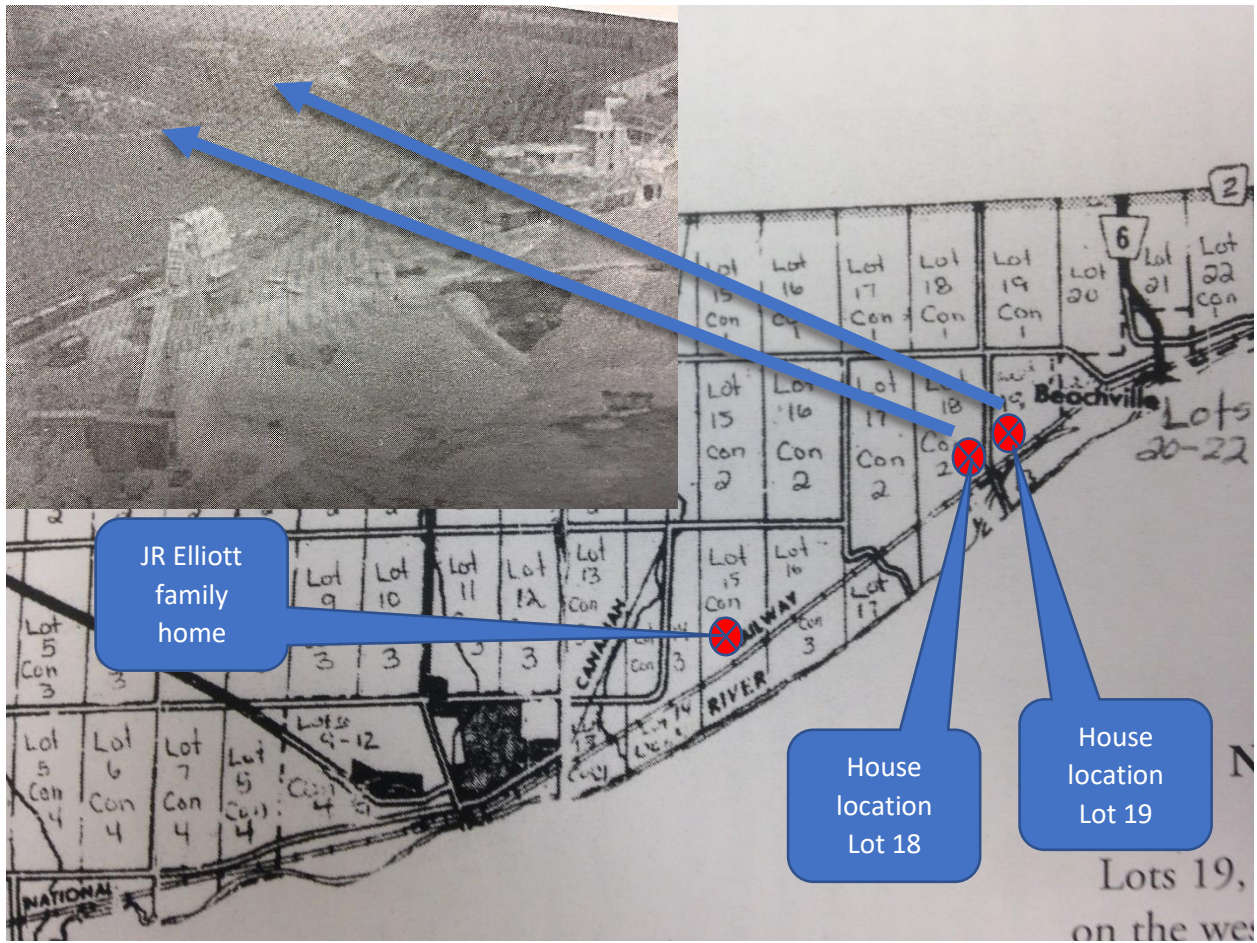
Voyage et Paroisse	Nom	Sexe	Age	Etat	Nationalité	Pays de naissance	Langue	Profession	Religion	Période, Occupation ou Métier	Profession	Etablissement	Instruction				Lectures
													Sc. Prim.	Sc. Sup.	Sc. Sup. Sup.	Sc. Sup. Sup.	
	James Webb	M	50	W	England	England	England	Methodist	Farmer								
	Thoby	M	48	W	England	U.S.	U.S.										
	Albert	M	14	S		England	U.S.										
	William	M	8	S													
	Elizabeth George	M	36	W													

Albert was next found living at Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford. He was farming and was living with his older sister Helen "Nellie" as per the 1901 census. She had been living with her oldest sister Henrietta at the Downing "Riverside" house but was now likely managing Albert's house while he worked the farm. There is no record that he owned the property he worked but likely rented 25 or 50 acres from the owners that lived on the property as well. Adam Bremner, part owner of the quarry operations owned a large portion of the lot and lived on it as noted on the census and in Onland.ca. Thomas Downing Jr, Albert's uncle by marriage, lived directly across the gravel road on lot 19 with his wife and two children. Thomas and Adam Bremner would feature in Albert's life in the future. The lot 18 farm became the Riddick farm and later the Fred Funnell family lived in the farm house. 1901 census shows the Downings and Albert Elliott as neighbours.

FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901. Province: Ontario District No. 108 Oxford S. District 4 North Oxford Township

SCHEDULE No. 1 - POPULATION. TABLEAU No. 1

Lot	Con.	Name	Sex	Age	Profession	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality	Religion	Education	Literacy	Reading	Writing	Drawing	Music	Dance	Games	Total
9	9	Downing Howard M.	Head	50	Nov.	1846	54											
		Charlotte	Wife	24	Aug.	1876	54											
		Bryden M.	Son	10	Nov.	1890	22											
		Kate	Sister	24	Jan.	1877	18											
10	10	Bremner Adam M.	Head	50	Nov.	1850	44											
11	11	Elliott Albert L. M.	Head	31	March	1870	24											
		Nellie	Wife	13	July	1887	28											
12	12	Conford Andrew M.	Head	18	May	1883	35											
		Edith	Wife	6	Jan.	1895	31											



Albert continued to work this property and put savings aside to purchase his own farm. In 1905, at age 32, he married Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow.

Orpha Myrtle Amelia McGregor Withrow and ancestors

Orpha's family has a long ancestral chain in N. America. Like her husband, her young life was filled with tragedy. She was born in Woodstock to Samuel McGregor Withrow and Grace Eodina Crocker. A Withrow cousin, Pamela MacKenzie of Victoria BC, has been researching our Withrow family for several decades and has graciously forwarded to me some of the results. Some of the details are not confirmed. Quotation marks indicated Pam's words.



Grace Crocker: Orpha's mother



Orpha's grandparents: Amelia Manzer and Joseph Withrow



023423° 6
 11 Jan^r 1881
 Opha Myrtle Amelia
 L
 Samuel M. Gupor Withrow
 Grace Eodine Crocker
 Farmer
 Samuel M. Withrow
 West Virginia
 11 Feb^r 1881
 L Swan M.O.
 Chas Mason

"The Withrow name originated in the British Isles. It is believed to mean "Wood-reeve" or overseer of the royal forests. The Withrow clan was believed to have arrived in 1717 from Ulster Ireland when Robert Withrow located his family in Chester Co. Pennsylvania. According to the Withrow Family Association and ongoing DNA tests, most Withrows in N America originated from Robert Withrow and his wife Jennet."

"The Canadian arm started with Robert's son Jacob. He was born around 1739 somewhere on the mid-east coast of the US and married an Elizabeth Alder. Through research, they are known to have raised five children and lived in N and S Carolina. Jacob and two sons, John and Jacob Jr. fought in the American Revolution. Jacob Sr. and John were British Loyalists under British Gen. Cunningham. John was captured by the Americans during the Battle of Cane Brake Dec 22, 1775 near present day Greenville and sent to Charleston S Carolina as a prisoner of war. He was released after five weeks travelled to Florida than back to Charleston to rejoin the fight. Jacob Jr. Withrow fought on the American side with Col. Thomas Pearson's US regiment Little River Militia. He died around 1781 in Dorchester S Carolina. "

Father Jacob Sr. is believed to have died during the war perhaps in Dorchester County as well.

<https://revwarmuseum.weebly.com/battle-of-cane-brake.html>

After American independence, four Withrow children were forced to leave as "Empire Loyalists." Some Withrow cousins were hanged in the public square as traitors.

"In December 1782, John Withrow and his first wife Catherine Rudolph and John's siblings were evacuated from Charleston and came to Rawdon, Nova Scotia." Their property in Carolina, believed to be 250 acres, wagons and stock were confiscated and they boarded ships for Nova Scotia, thus the Canadian arm of the family was started.

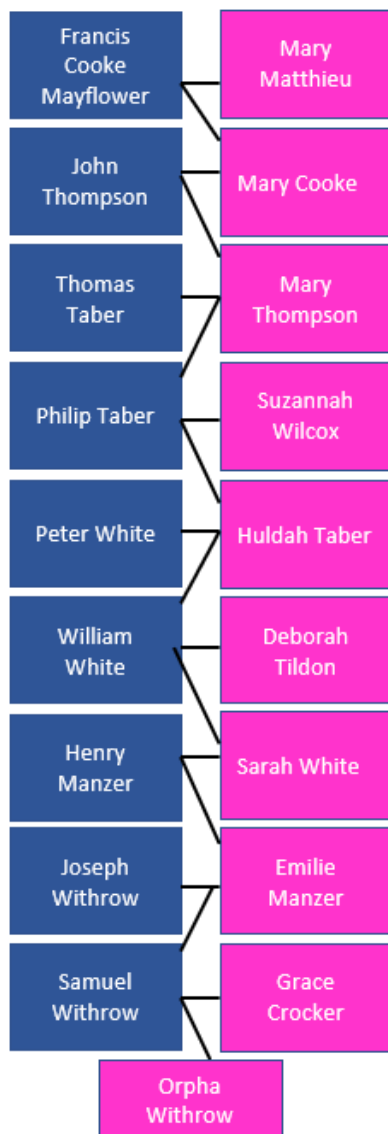
Two other brothers stayed in the Carolinas. Wife Elizabeth Alder's final resting location is a mystery as there is some genealogical belief, she died in 1781 in Dorchester, S Carolina.

The family settled near Rawdon, Hants Co. Nova Scotia. Life was hard when they first arrived as minimal assistance was given by local governments and there was open hostility from established locals of British Isles descent. John received 500 acres of land from a Crown grant of August 3rd, 1784 in Nova Scotia. The Empire Loyalist Withrows found the winters far more inhospitable than South Carolina and the soil rocky and hard to clear. The Withrow name has since been found in Nova Scotia through the decades. Notable today are the Withrow Farm Market in Rowden and J&J Withrow Holdings.

Loyalist son John B 1757 in New Jersey married Sara Whittier in 1792 in Windsor N.S. One of their sons was another John B 1793. He married a Sarah Wier another Empire Loyalist descendant from Newport NS.

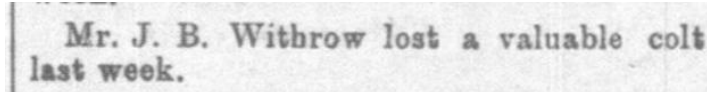
“In 1823 John and Sarah Wier moved to Queens Co., New Brunswick and in 1825 John petitioned for 1300 acres. Here he owned a sawmill. It doesn’t sound as though he was a very good businessman though, because he mortgaged his property a number of times, was sued for non-payment of debts and finally his property was seized in 1850. In 1852, he shows up in East Zorra township in Oxford Co., Ontario, presumably following the lumber trade. He dies in 1870 in Sweaburg, Ontario.”

One of their sons, Joseph Byron Withrow B 1829 – D 1912 Woodstock, married Amelia Jane Manzer B 1831 Salmon Creek NB - D 1926 Woodstock.



The son “Joseph Byron Withrow seemed to do quite well for himself. He started in the lumber trade in Paris, Ont. circa 1851 and by 1870 he was in charge of 2 sawmills. I think he was quite social as he has many articles written about him in the Oxford Weekly Sentinel.”

He moved the family to a farm in Sweaburg.



Ingersoll Chronicle May 1886

They had several children including their oldest son Samuel McGregor Withrow B 1856 East Zorra Township – D 1940 Dryden Ont. He married twice. He first married Grace Evaline Crocker of Beachville in 1879. She died 30 Nov 1889 in Woodstock. Orpha Withrow Elliott was Samuel McGregor Withrow’s only child from that marriage. Orpha’s ancestral trail does not end here. Pam MacKenzie has also found more information.

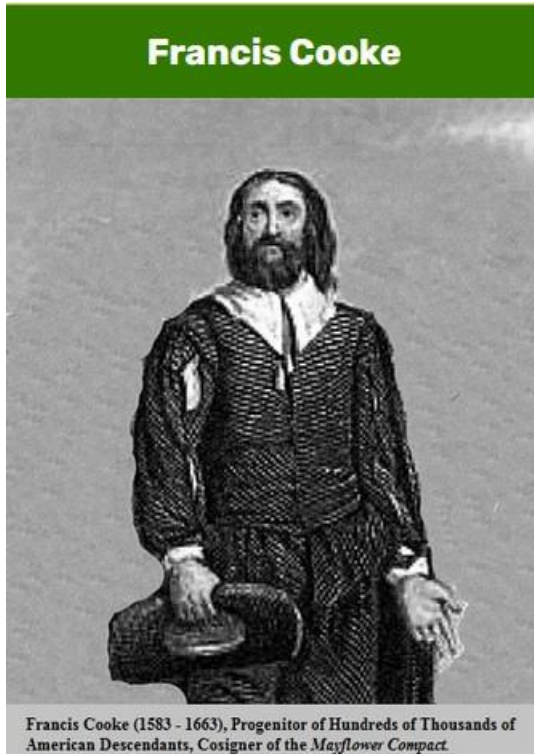
If we start with Orpha and work back in time we find:

Her father was Samuel MacGregor Withrow.
 Samuel’s mother was Amelia Jane Manzer.
 Amelia’s mother was Sarah White.
 Sarah’s mother was Huldah Taber.
 Huldah’s father was Philip Taber.
 Philip’s mother was Mary Thompson.
 Mary Thompson’s mother was Mary Cooke.
 Mary Cooke’s father was Francis Cooke.

Francis Cooke is a significant relative.

He was born abt 1583 in England and died 1663 in Plymouth Ma.

The place name Plymouth is the big giveaway.



Francis Cooke

“**Francis Cooke** (c.1583 – April 7, 1663) was a Leiden Separatist, who went to America in 1620 on the Pilgrim ship *Mayflower*, which arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was a founding member of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and a signatory of the Mayflower Compact. He was one of the fifty percent that survived the first winter in Plymouth.”

Wikipedia

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

The Wikipedia article has detail about his life and the voyage itself.

In my case he is my eight-times great grandfather.

I think that Orpha’s father Samuel had quite a sad life and Orpha a sad childhood while farming Lot 5 Con 3 on the edge of the village of Sweaburg. Orpha’s younger sister Ethalina was born 17 December 1885 and died 01 January 1887 (from convulsions) at age two. It is believed Orpha also had twin siblings. The twins Gladys and Samuel died on the same day, aged only 7 months.

“Gladys Marie b. 22 January 1889 d. 26 August 1889
 Samuel b. 1889 d. 26 August 1889. (I’m presuming Samuel is Gladys Marie’s twin, her birth and death are registered but there is no record of Samuel except an obituary in Evening Sentinel Review) “

“A few months later mother and wife Grace Crocker died of tuberculosis at the age of 30 on 30 Nov 1889.”

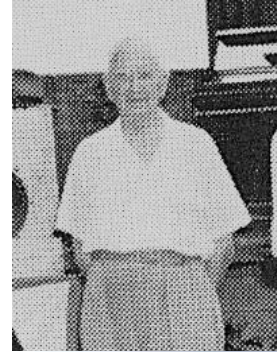
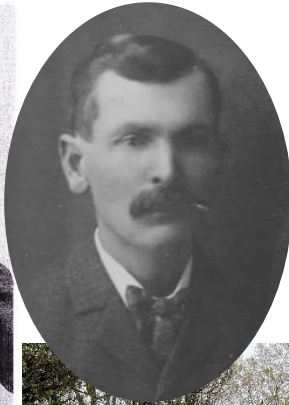
After these multiple tragedies, Samuel and his daughter Orpha moved to Woodstock to his parent’s house. It is hard to imagine the rest of Samuel’s life was all that happy as he appeared to be unable to hold down a job likely due to his inclination to drinking. Alcoholism was involved in his brother Amos Withrow’s death and it is believed that his father John was an alcoholic as well. Samuel and Orpha lived in Woodstock until he married Lizzie Holden in 1891. Orpha, was 10 years when her father remarried. I am told that her stepmother was a spiteful woman. Lizzie’s family recollections noted her a “difficult woman”. Lizzie and Samuel had a son and lived with Orpha in Woodstock for a few years. Orpha was later cast aside to live with her aunt Jenny Withrow Clarkson and her husband Arthur Clarkson in Sweaburg. Once she was moved out, Samuel and Lizzie moved to Owen Sound Ont. with their new son. Samuel worked in a chair factory. The threesome eventually moved to Dryden Ont. where Samuel lived out his life and died in 1940. Whether he saw his daughter Orpha again is open to speculation.

Samuel Withrow

cousin Lorne Clarkson 1955

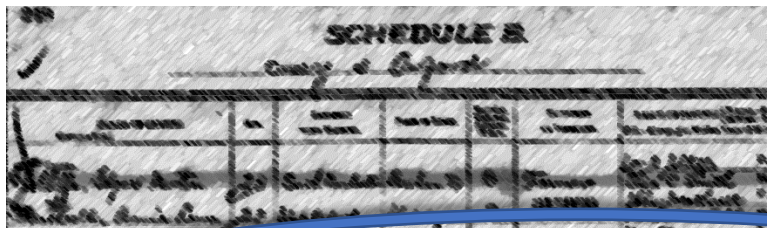


Orpha, Stepmother Lizzie and Stepbrother Leslie



Clarkson house Lot 6 Con 3 W Oxford

The Arthur Clarksons lived at Lot 6 Con 3 W Oxford which is just west of Sweaburg. They purchased 62 acres in 1883. The property would eventually fall into the hands of distant cousin Ann (Nancekivell) and husband George Jakeman (Book 2) in 1963. The site would become the location of the Jakeman maple sugar business. The Clarkson's had a son, Franklin Lorne Clarkson, who was close in age to Orpha. The two cousins treated each other more as siblings as they grew up and the Elliott family would often visit Lorne and wife Goldie at their Dorlands subdivision retirement home.



		Groom		Bride			
Name	Age	Residence	Residence	Name	Age	Residence	Residence
Harriot	20	West Oxford	N. Dorchester				
Groom: Elliott, Albert James	28	North Oxford	W. Oxford	Bride: John R. Elliott			
Bride: Withrow, Orpha Myrtle	24	West Oxford	West Oxford	Elizabeth Johnson			
				Samuel Withrow			
				Grace Crocker			

Marriage – Orpha and Albert

On the 14th of June of 1905, Orpha and Albert were married. Albert was a Methodist and Orpha was a Baptist. I guess Orpha's beliefs were stronger than her husband's, as all the children were raised as Baptists and attended Beachville Baptist Church.



Lot 18 Con 2 farm (thanks to M Kilcup).

With Orpha now living at the farmhouse on Lot 18 Con 2 directly north of the Grand Trunk rail line and the Quarry plant partially owned by Albert's sister Henrietta, they settled in and by the 6th of March 1906 daughter Grace Elizabeth was born. This was quickly followed by Albert Raymond (Ray) on the 23rd of June 1907 and Arthur Gordon (Gord) on the 21st of November 1909. Gordon always said that he was born in the bathroom of the farmhouse (it was a bedroom before being converted to a bathroom when plumbing was added).

On Sept. 21, 1915 Albert was able to purchase the 141 acres of Lot 19 Con 2 North Oxford. This property was directly across the road from the property he had been working but did not own. The Lot 19 property was owned by Thomas Downing, the brother-in-law of Albert's sister Henrietta (Hattie). Thomas had not been in the farming business since 1888 but lived on the property and leased out the land.

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK.

There will be sold by public auction, on Lot 19, Con. 2, North Oxford, one mile west of Beachville, at Downing's Lime Kiln, on **MONDAY, MARCH 19th, '88.** At 1 o'clock sharp, the following:

8 - COWS - 8

Supposed to be in calf.

4 two year old Heifers in calf, 4 two year old Steers, 4 one year old Heifers, 1 one year old Steers, 1 yearling Bull, 4 spring Calves, 5 Sheep, 1 four year old Horse, 1 three year old Colt, "Marquis of Lorne;" 1 two year old Colt, "Nero."

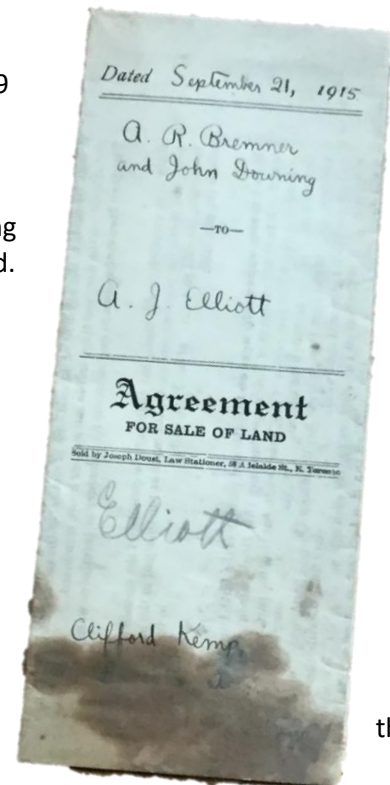
As the proprietor is leaving his farm, and going into the lime business, everything will be sold without reserve.

TERMS.—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount, 3 months credit on furnishing approved notes without interest. Seven per cent per annum off for cash.

JAS. BRADY, Auctioneer. **T. DOWNING,** Proprietor.

Thomas died in 1915 and the executors, A R Bremmer and John Downing, sold the property to Albert. The purchase price was \$10,000.00 (\$280,000.00 in 2023 dollars) with a \$2000.00 down payment. Bremmer was the owner of the Lot 18 property Albert had been working prior to purchase of Lot 19.

Ingersoll Chronicle 1888



the

North Oxford – the first granted lots in the N Oxford township were 17/18/19 broken front in 1799.

The township was surveyed by Mr. Hamley in 1799.
The following are the first and only lots granted previous to 1800:
Hon. D. W. Smith, July 16, 1799, 2nd con., lots 17, 18, 19, and B front,
500 acres.

The ownership transfer agreement for Lot 19 Concession 2 of North Oxford was effective on the 21st of September 1915 between Albert James Elliott and John Downing and Adam Rae Bremner.

Articles of Agreement made this
Twenty-first day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen

Between Adam Rae Bremner
and John Downing, both of the Township
of West Oxford in the County of Oxford, executors
of the estate of Thomas Downing, late of the
Township of North Oxford in the said County of Oxford,
Farmer, of the First Part,
and Albert James Elliott of the said Township
North Oxford, Farmer, of the Second Part.

Whereas the said part (a) of the First Part have agreed to sell to the
part (y) of the Second Part; and the part (y) of the Second Part has
agreed to purchase from the said part (a) of the First Part the lands and premises,
hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

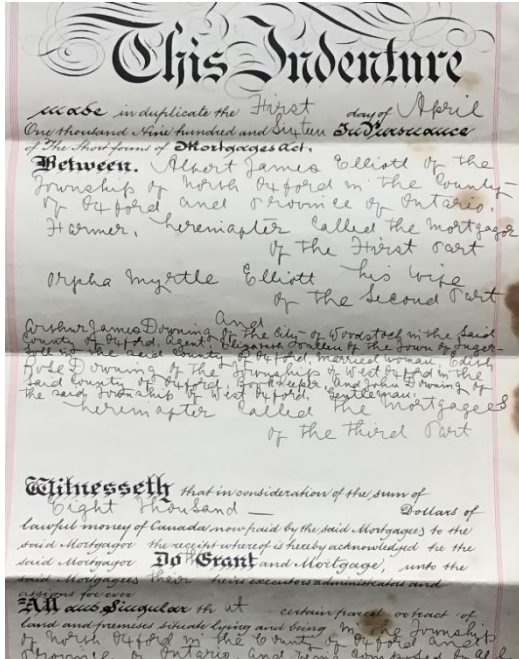
All and Singular the at certain parcel or tract of land and premises
being composed of situate, lying and being in the Township
of North Oxford in the County of Oxford and Province
of Ontario, and being composed of all that part of
Lot Number Nineteen in the Second Concession of
the said Township of North Oxford, lying north
the Grand Trunk Railway and containing by
admeasurement one hundred and twenty acres more or
less.

Together with the appurtenances, for the price or sum of ten thousand
dollars of lawful money of
Canada, payable in manner following that is to say:

Two hundred dollars on the date hereof and
eighteen hundred dollars on the first day of
March, 1916, when possession of the said land
and premises is to be given. The party of the second
part shall give to the parties of the first part
a mortgage of the said land and premises
for eight thousand dollars, said mortgage to be
dated March 1, 1916, and to bear interest at the
rate of five per cent per annum payable yearly, and to
become due and payable five years after its date.
The mortgage shall have the privilege of paying
on account of principal one hundred dollars or
any multiple thereof whenever interest is due and
payable. The insurance is to be assigned to the mortgagee.
Now it is hereby agreed as follows, that is to say: The said part (y)
of the
Second Part, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, DOth
PROMISE AND AGREE, to and with said part (a) of the First Part, their
heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that he or they shall well and truly pay

A mortgage of \$8000.00 was procured. The children of Thomas Downing signed off on the \$8000.00 mortgage for a term of 5 years at an interest rate of 5%.
The Elliotts took possession on March 31, 1916.

Provided This Mortgage to be Void on payment of
Eight Thousand -
Dollars of lawful money of Canada with Interest Yearly at
five per cent per annum as follows:
The principal shall become due and pay-
able at the expiration of five years
from the date hereof with interest in the



The custom of the time was to give the farm a name. The farm was called Ellsdale Farm.

The name was stenciled onto the side of Albert Elliott's first farm truck. By 1921 he had paid off his mortgage held by his aunt Henrietta and her children.

Youngest child Ruth was born in the farmhouse a year later in September of 1917.

Although the exact date is unknown, the farmhouse was likely built in the late 1850's or early 1860's. The owner of the house at that time was E A Nelles and the 1861 census indicated he was living in a two-story stone house on the Lot 19 property. The house was made of field stone with walls and window sills that were two feet thick. The rear half of the house appears to be an addition as the inside door from the living area to the new addition has a two-foot-thick door threshold. There is no known date as to

when this addition occurred. The roof was of long-lasting slate and had a red coloured pattern on it that could be seen from a distance. A two-story lean to "woodshed" was attached to the house on the north side. There were two chimneys, one for the original kitchen and one for the parlour. There was no basement in the older part of the house but a basement was constructed in the new north addition.

The Oxford County website has more information of the house in it's Stone Houses of Zorra Project. It is the house at the 417774 41st Line address Page 5 of 59.

https://history.ocl.net/Portals/OxfordCountyLibrary/documents/history/Stone%20Houses%20of%20Zorra_Volume_5.pdf?ver=2023-04-13-195619-300

Photo estimate 1930 (courtesy M Kilcup)



House fall 2021

There was likely a small barn built to the south of the house close to the mainline rail tracks. It was replaced in 1895 by a large barn. The event was noted in the Woodstock Sentinel Review newspaper. The article mentioned that it was built by Thomas Downing and that no injuries occurred during the construction. A south side addition that made the barn into a U-shaped design was added in in the early 1900s by owner Tom Downing and assisted by Albert Elliott. This became the horse barn so that the old milking barn could be used to accommodate a larger milking herd.



In the photo below, between the windmill and the main house there is a building in the background. This was initially a granary but was converted to a residence for families of farm labourers.



Photo era approx. 1950



1990s.



Photo era: mid 1930s



View from quarry with barns in background 1906



Winter 1971

Additional outbuildings were added over the years and a small cold water milkhouse was built under a tree beside the windmill and well water pump location. There is no indication as to when the cement silo was built but the first concrete silos started to appear in Oxford County around 1920.



In photo from left to right: Albert with horses, back row: Henrietta Elliott Downing, Henrietta's sons John Downing and Fred Downing. Front row seated: John Downing – husband of Henrietta, young Mary Downing Graham - daughter of Henrietta, Tom Downing – father-in-law of Henrietta, Mary Downing - sister-in-law of Henrietta. The photo was taken in front of Riverside, the home of Henrietta Elliott Downing. The house is the present day Beachville Museum. At the time of the photo, the house was only one story. A second level was added later.

Earliest known photo of Albert Elliott – circa 1890 about 13 years old.

In his prime, Albert Elliott was a typical farmer of the day. He was busy with chores but took time to have a quick nap on the sofa after a meal (a trait that still runs in the family). He was a member of the Beachville Baptist congregation and he, Orpha and their children were active churchgoers. I am told he was a quiet man that never spoke much. His childhood miseries were not discussed with descendants.



He was a member of the Beachville Band. The photo below shows the band in 1906 when Albert was 23 years old.



Notation in a local paper celebrating an election win:

a procession of Dr Connor's friends – to the number of between 1,000 and 1,200 ... led by Mr Thomas Brown of Ingersoll, in a buggy, carrying a Union Jack, followed by Dr Connor and Mr W.A. Rumsey of Ingersoll, then the Beachville band in a wagon drawn by four horses, followed by a large six-horse vehicle which, with its load of human beings, looked like a moving mountain. These were followed by wagons and carriages driven by four and two horses, and

Bandsmen's race—C. Downing, A. Elliott, F. Downing.

Chronicle: June 1906 - Beachville Civic Holiday Picnic

Albert was also a proficient bicycle rider and racer during his early 20s. Cycling was a popular sport and there were many races with many spectators at these events. According to the Woodstock paper, one popular local race was the annual Beachville to Woodstock Race. Albert won the race in 1897 at age 20. The top prize of \$4.00 was taken by Albert with a time of 23 1/2 minutes. Family lore has it that he had developed a system during the race where he would “draft” behind friends that would be stationed

along the course on their bicycles and when they saw him coming would position themselves riding in front of him. By doing so he would not have to face a headwind.

Images courtesy of the National Automotive History Collection



Ingersoll Meteor Cycling Club – Oxford Library

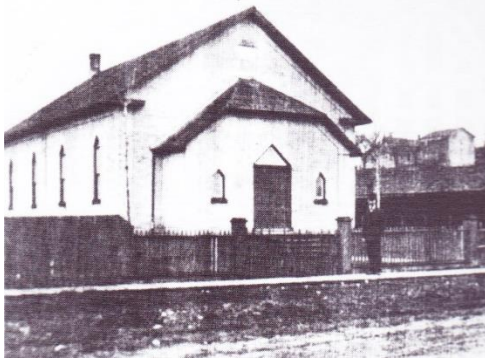
As noted, the family were staunch Baptists. In 1909 Albert was a member of the Volunteer Bible Class in Beachville.



VOLUNTEER BIBLE CLASS (Beachville)
Top row - Ernest Barton, Albert Findlay, Lynn Zufelt, Drury Brink,
Albert Elliott, Will Brink, Amos Reeves, Newell Forden, Morton



Wife Orpha was also active in the church. The Beachville Baptist Church was located on the north side of the Thames River.

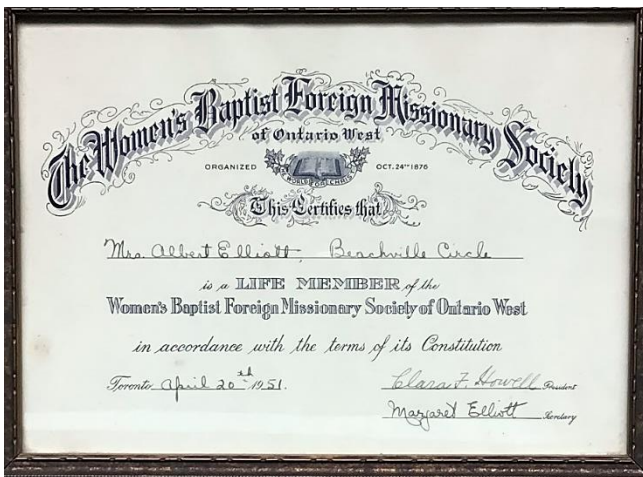


Original Baptist church built 1878



In 1943, the original church burned to the ground. In 1949, a WWII barracks building was moved from the Woodstock Fairgrounds and transported to the church site where it was repurposed and opened in 1949. The Elliott family donated the carpet runner and paid for the aluminum steeple that adorned the new church. A paragraph in the book, “The Descendants of Thomas Downing Sr.” by Marion Kilcup, sums up the family’s church ties.

“Mary Downing (daughter of Henrietta Elliott Downing) was a member of the Beachville Baptist Church, where she taught a girl’s Sunday school class and for forty-five years played the organ. She also sang in the choir – which almost doubled as a family reunion. Her mother’s sister, Mrs. Alex (Nellie) Smith was choir director, Nellie’s daughter Helen was soprano soloist, Helen’s uncle Albert Elliott, sang in the choir as did his daughters Grace and Ruth.” Orpha was church treasurer for two decades and was always in attendance.



Orpha’s missionary commitments were recognized in 1951.

The north west corner of the Lot 19 farm property was a 20-acre deciduous forest. There were sufficient maple trees to allow for maple tree tapping. A working sugar shack was located at the south end of the forest lot until the 1940s. In the 1980’s, the timber was thinned in the forest and sold by Domtar. Four decades later the “woods” are now full of mature trees. The family farm continued to progress through the Depression of the 1930’s and into the Second World War. Albert, nor his farm son

Gordon, were enlisted in the wars due to the essential work they were doing. The farm work also included working Lot 20 Con 2 N Oxford on the western outskirts of Beachville. This property was approximately 70 acres of relatively steep stone filled rolling land leading down to the “river flats” and the rail line. In 1944, Albert was given 20 plus acres of the land in Lot 20. This land was bequeathed to him by his sister Henrietta Downing when she died in 1944 (see chapter 7-3). A large area of Lot 20 had been designated and surveyed as Beachville streets and town lots as far back as 1856. This land was set aside in the hopes that Beachville would continue to expand. The undesignated 20 acres of the lot remained in the Downing family until 1944. The area’s proposed street and housing

development fell through and Albert and Gordon leased that land for crops. The property was resurveyed for larger home lots and, minus the streets, not built on until the 1990s.

October 11th, 1944.

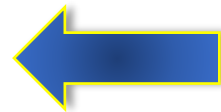
Albert James Elliott, Esq.,
Beachville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Re: Henrietta Downing Estate.

We have registered the conveyance of the Bain property from this estate to you and we enclose herewith:

1. Deed of conveyance from Henrietta Downing Estate to Albert James Elliott registered number 6502.
2. Release of Equity of Redemption from Alice Bain et al to Henrietta Downing registered number 6189.



Lot 20 Con 2 property transfer completed in 1944.

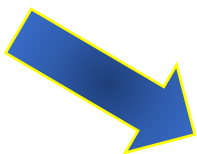


By 1930's all the modern conveniences had arrived. Electricity likely came to the farm in the late 1920s. In 1927, lines were built where three farmers per mile would sign a contract for service for a 20-year period. The telephone arrived in 1920s. The original family hand crank party line phone is still in the family.

The family phone "number" in 1927 was 1 5 9C.

16 **INGERSOLL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

2R	Elford, Wm.....	Residence	Victoria St.
2 4 0A	Elery, Walter	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
4 3 3X	Elery, John	Residence	Concession St.
3 8 0X	Elery, Albert	Residence	Church St.
2 8 5Y	Elery, George.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
2 8 5R	Elery, Ed.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
2 4 0L	Elery, Wm. R.....	Farmer	Dereham Tp.
1 6 1Y	Elliott, Richard	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
4 2R	Elliott, E. H.....	Residence	King Hiram St.
1 7 1C	Elliott, Mrs. William J.....	Residence	King St. W.
2 4 9Y	Elliott, Mrs. W. A.....	Residence	Oxford St.
1 5 9C	Elliott, A. J.....	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
2 6 4K	Elliott, Stanley	Farmer	N. Oxford Tp.
3 9 5X	Elliott, Garnet.....	Residence	King Hiram St.



Modern equipment and tractors started to replace the use of horses as power sources on the farm by the 1940s. Gordon had four Percheron horses: Nelle, Maudie, Babe, and Charlie. They were all gone by 1955. The last one that sold would not enter the trailer until my then inconsolable ten-year-old sister led it in. She says she did not speak to her father for a long time after that traumatic day.

The quarries were a constant source of noise and dust in the 1940s as the farm buildings were a very short distance from the plant. The noise and dust were still happening into the 1980s. The rock crushers and trucks were working 24 hours a day to meet the war demands. Local farmers, including the Elliotts, often drove trucks or laboured loading them during the winter downtimes.

Photos from the Elliott farm.



Ellsdale farm consisted of a Holstein dairy herd, four Percheron plough horses, some chickens, a 30-tree apple orchard and a large garden. The farm was pretty much self-sufficient in that there was enough acreage to supply corn silage, oats, and wheat as well as hay and straw for the animals. The produced milk was transported from the barn to a milk house in metal cans and stored in a cold well water tank until picked up by the farmer's horse and wagon or later via truck and delivered to Neilson's Dairy in Beachville. The dairy was the first one owned by the Neilson family of Toronto in 1909 and was a former cheese factory. By the early 1960's, a cinder block milk house with a large stainless-steel tank and agitator was added as an addition to the main barn. By then, large tanker trucks would come directly to the farm to empty the tank via hoses.





Rear: Mary Downing Graham, Grace Elliott Murray, Helen Smith Graham, Ruth Elliott Brown
Front: James Brown, Orpha Withrow Elliott, Albert James Elliott, Helen "Nettie" Elliott Smith
Circa: mid 1940s. courtesy: Beachville Museum

1950 portrait



1949 – a new car arrived



By the late 1940s, Albert was in his 70s and as with all farmers, arthritis was an issue. Son Gordon dealt with the day-to-day operations. Gordon lived in the farm labourer's house across the lawn and to the east of main farm house.

In 1950 Albert contracted cancer.

Ingersoll Tribune dated Dec 28, 1950.

ALBERT J. ELLIOTT--The funeral of Albert J. Elliott, 78, of North Oxford [township], who died December 20, in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, was held December 23, at the Keeler & Johnstone Funeral Home, with entombment in Woodstock Mausoleum. The service was conducted by Mr. Walter Loader, of Beachville Baptist Church, and Rev. John Watson of Beachville United Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Bonesteel played the organ. Pallbearers who also acted as flower bearers were Charles and Fred Downing, Peter Graham, Fred Canfield, Lorne Clarkson and Henry Edwards. Deceased's wife is the former Orpha Withrow

Note Funeral notice



After Albert's death, his will stipulated, that daughters Grace and Ruth received \$1000.00 each. His son Ray received Albert's new 1949 Chevrolet sedan and \$5000.00 of which \$2000.00 was already received as a loan. Gordon, was the only child that stayed on the farm and had been a farm labourer. He would inherit the stock, feeds, and some farm implements, but only after his mother's death. He was gifted a tractor, plough, and seed drill. Prior to Orpha's death he was a paid labourer and any profits were in her name. The farm deed stayed in Orpha's hands. Also included in the Albert's estate was the transfer of ownership to his wife of 4 horses, 12 head of milking Holsteins and two 2-year-old heifers. The will stipulated funds were to be set aside to allow Orpha to "live in the main house and all that was needed for her to do so until she otherwise deemed that she no longer wished to." Gordon was to have first opportunity to purchase the farmland from Orpha if she wished to sell.

Not long after Albert's death, Orpha made the decision to renovate and repair the old stone house as per her husband's will. She would move upstairs to her own apartment that included a kitchen and bathroom as well as bedrooms and living area. Son Gord and his wife Kay and young daughter Mary Lynn would move to the downstairs of the house. Gord's wife Kay only agreed to the move to the big house on condition that modern indoor plumbing would be installed during the renovation. The main floor of the house would be renovated with an updated kitchen, bathroom and furnace and had the chimneys removed. A whole house electrical update was undertaken.



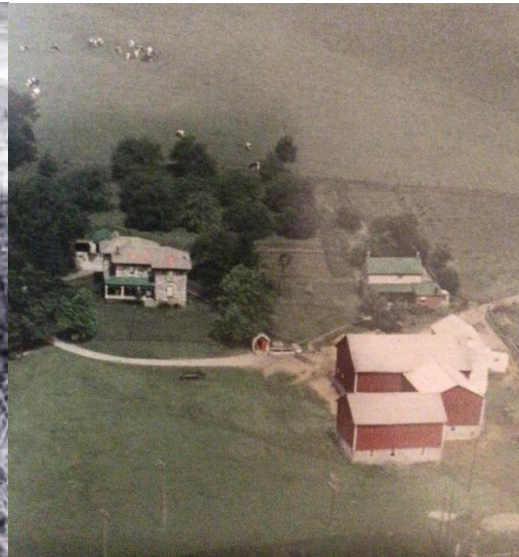
January 1956 – Orpha's 75th birthday with her children. L to R – Grace, Raymond, A Gordon, Jennie Ruth

Another major event occurred in 1956. The Gypsum Lime and Alabaster Co. approached the farmers that owned land near their quarry and were located adjacent to the CN rail line. This land included Lot 18 and Lot 19 and part of Lot 20 of N Oxford. The Gypsum Co. believed that there was grade one white lime under the soil and was eager to buy the properties as Canada Cement, that ran their operation on the old Governor's Road, was rumoured to be interested in purchasing the land as well. In fact, the Cement Co. did that en masse in 1957, when company lawyers went to every farmer in an area south of the plant and, at the same moment, forwarded a proposal to each farmer to purchase their farm. The offer was more than a fair price but had a limited time frame for acceptance. All but one farmer took the deal. The Gypsum offer was also above the value of the Elliott property. As noted, Orpha owned the land with first right of purchase granted to her son Gordon. I do not know the reason that he did not exercise his option as per his father's will but likely he was not able to match the offer. The Gypsum offer was accepted and \$96,000.00 changed hands on the purchase of a total of 170 acres. A clause in the agreement stated that the farm could continue to be worked until the land was needed by the company and the family could live in the house on a 20-year lease. The cost of this arrangement was \$1.00 per year. My older sister recalls accompanying our mother to the plant office as she placed a one-dollar bill on the counter for the year's lease. The irony of the rush purchase by Gypsum was that they later sold the Lot 19 property to the Cement Company. No quarrying ever took place on the Lot 19 land as it was later found that the lime was not as of good quality as thought and the overburden was very thick in order to reach the lime. The cost to remove the overburden would make the extraction unprofitable. The same cannot be said today for Lot 18 and 17, as both are now large working quarry holes.

Quarry pit: Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford - north of CN tracks



Ellsdale Farm 1955



Statement

Date FEB 1 1960

Mrs. Orpha Elliott,
Beachville,
Ontario.

TO
THE ONTARIO CANCER FOUNDATION
LONDON CLINIC
375 SOUTH STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO DR.

59/1962

	\$
To account rendered	
X-ray Therapy	
Radium Therapy	
Nov. 10 - Dec. 4/59	
Cobalt 60 Beam Therapy 19 treatments Allowed by the Foundation	190 00
	95 00
Radioactive Iodine Pick Up Test	95 00
Blood Test November & December 1959	2 30
Other	97 30

In 1960 Orpha, like her late husband, developed cancer. Treatment at the Cancer Foundation in London did not help. She succumbed at Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll the day after Christmas in 1960.



Newspaper Ingersoll Tribune
Newspaper
Date Dec 29 1960

Text of
Notice

MRS. A. J. ELLIOTT DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred in Alexandra Hospital, Monday, December 26th, of a well known and highly esteemed resident of the Beachville district, Mrs. Albert James Elliott of Lot 19, Concession 2, North Oxford [township]. Mrs. Elliott who was in her 80th year, was the former Orpha M. Withrow, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Withrow, and was born in Woodstock. She moved to Sweaburg at an early age and made her home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clarkson. She attended school and spent her early life there. Fifty-five years ago, she married. Albert James Elliott in Sweaburg, moving to North Oxford [township], where her husband engaged in farming and where she had resided continuously. She was a member of the Beachville Baptist Church, a life member of the Mission Circle of the church, and was treasurer for over 20 years and had taken an active interest in all church work. Her husband predeceased her 10 years ago. Left to mourn the passing of a beloved mother are two daughters, Mrs. Grant Murray [Grace], Ingersoll; Mrs. James Brown [Ruth], RR1 Beachville; and two sons, Ray and Gordon, both of Beachville. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon, from the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South, where service will be conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. C. R. Evans of the Beachville Baptist Church. Entombment in the Woodstock Mausoleum

Orpha's will also made provisions for her family. Daughters Grace and Ruth both received \$3000.00. Son Ray was willed \$5000.00. Gordon was allowed to keep the profits from the farm after her death. After all costs were factored in, including a sizeable donation to the church, each sibling split the remaining funds in Orpha's accounts. This amounted to roughly \$10,000.00 each.

Like her husband, Orpha was said to be quiet person but with a strong will. I only remember snippets of her as I was a young child when she died. I do recall that she was noticeably short of five feet tall. She would babysit my brother and I on occasion and I do recall that bedtime was bedtime.



Mausoleum in Woodstock Anglican Cemetery



Grandmothers Orpha Elliott and Margaret Burks with grandsons Lyle and Glenn Elliott about 1957.

The farm was purchased by the Lussier's in 1993. A solar panel farm was installed on the non-class 1 farmland in 2014.

Lot 19 and Lot 20 Con 2 Aerial view.



Solar Panels
House and barn location

North Beachville

CNR Rail line

Limestone Valley Trail

**Grandchildren of John R Elliott and Betsy Johnson
Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow**

Oldest Child: Grace Elizabeth B 01 Mar 1906 N Oxford Lot 18 Con 2
D 06 Mar 1971 Ingersoll
M 23 Nov 1944 Ingersoll
Spouse: Grant Frank Murray B 17 Jun 1901 W Oxford Lot 10 Con 3
D 12 Sept 1986 Ingersoll



Grace was born 11 months after her parent’s marriage and two years before her brother Roy. She was born on the Lot 18 Con 2 farm of her father. This house was directly north and across the railway line from the Downing Lime plant kilns and would later serve as the Fred Funnel family home. Grace went to school at Beachville Public. How many grades she completed is not known.

Primer class, according to merit.—
Willie Paterson, Isabel Brown, Irene
Sandiek, Grace Elliott. All pupils
making 360 marks or over are entitled
to promotion to a higher class.

Ingersoll Chronicle 1911. School report

- 44 Edwardus, James, farmer, R.R. No. 2, Ingersoll
- 45 Elliott, Albert, farmer, Beachville
- 46 Elliott, Mrs. Albert, Beachville
- 47 Elliott, Miss Grace, spinster, Beachville
- 48 Elliott, Miss Ruth, spinster, Beachville
- 49 Elliott, Gordon, farmer, Beachville
- 50 Elliott, Dan, labourer, Beachville

1938 Voters list – Grace still at home at age 32.

Grace came across as an intelligent but quiet and reserved individual. Coming from a highly religious Baptist mother, she was a lifelong church goer. She moved with her siblings and parents to the big stone house in 1915 when she was 9 years old and lived there until her marriage to Grant Murray in 1944. What she did as an occupation while living on the farm until she married at age 38 is not known. The 1931 census indicated she had no occupation.

Grant Frank Murray was born on his father’s West Oxford farm at Lot 10 Con 3 in 1901. His parents were William Murray, a second-generation Scot who was born in Toronto and Harriet Larry who emigrated from Scotland in 1879. When his father retired in 1918 and moved into 57 Charles St. Ingersoll, Grant found work as a farm labourer. The 1921 census showed him as a 19-year-old working and living at the David Riddle farm on Lot 17 Con 2 N Oxford. This farm backed onto the Lot 18 Con 2 farm where Grace was born. The Riddles were close friends and farming neighbours to the Elliotts. In 1921, 15-year-old Grace very likely knew 20-year-old Grant. As the Riddle boys grew older and the need for a hired hand disappeared, 1931 census found Grant living at and working as a dairy farm labourer for the George Witty family south of Ingersoll. Neither Grant nor Grace were tall. He was under 5’ 7” and she 5’ 3”.

36			Edward		
37	72	82	Riddle David	Lot 17 Con 2 N Oxford	
38			byie		
39			April		
40			Lucas		
41			Dorothy		
42			Murray Grant		
43	73	85	Riddle Charles	Lot 17 Con 2 N Oxford	
44					

1921 census – Grant working for the Riddle’s at Lot 17 Con 2

Grant was a man on his own path. Family memories state that Grant would not marry until he had fully paid for the house in Ingersoll that he had bought. It was also pointed out the Grace would often sneak out to see Grant, much to the consternation of her father Albert, who was not a big fan of Grant. So, 22 years later, they married and moved into Grant’s house at 218 Metcalf St. on the southwest corner of Metcalf and Bruce. They lived at that address for their entire lives.

MISS GRACE ELLIOTT WEDS GRANT MURRAY

Rev. J. M. Warner of Woodstock, officiated at a quiet wedding on Thursday afternoon of last week, November 23rd at 3:30 o'clock when he united in marriage, Grace, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elliott, Beachville, and Grant Murray, son of Mrs. Murray and the late W. J. Murray, Charles St. E., Ingersoll. The bride wore a smart frock of navy blue with white trim, hat and shoes to match, and a corsage of Better Time roses. They were unattended. Following a trip to Dundas and points east, Mr. and Mrs. Murray will take up residence in their new home, Metcalfe Street, Ingersoll



Grant went to work for the “quarries” and worked for Chemical Lime (the kiln closest to Ingersoll) for several decades. His occupation as “fireman” meant he was one of the labourers that fed and stoked the kiln with coal. He had retired by 1968. He was in the forefront of fighting climate change as he either rode his bicycle or walked to work year-round, a distance of over 4 kilometers.

Grace always had a dark pallor to her skin and dark rimmed eyes. She died of cancer in 1971 at age 60, two years after Grant had retired. I recall that it was a painful battle for her.

They had spoken of travelling, Grant often mentioning he wanted to attend the Calgary Stampede. I do not believe either managed any long-distance trips.



Grant with old kiln equipment (circa 1960)



Grant and his 1954 Buick Super Riviera

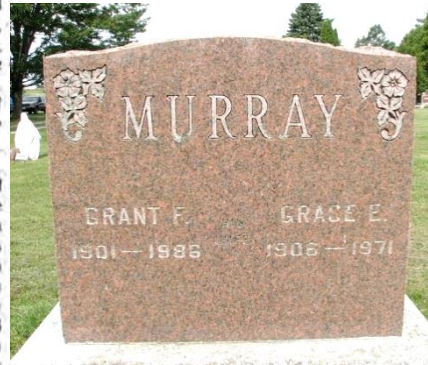
Grant seemed to always manage to have a large car and the trunk was usually stuffed with tools. He failed a driver license renewal exam but that did not stop him from driving his car sans license. One of his idiosyncrasies was to supply Grace’s family with new light bulbs removed from his place of employment. It was not technically theft as he would take the older non-burnt-out bulbs that he was replacing and put them into service at the lime plant. He would often come out to his brothers’-in-law farms to help with the harvest. His uniform was rolled up cuffs, dark denim jeans and a cowboy hat. Whereas Grace was quiet, Grant was loud. Grant lived in the Metcalfe St. house until old age sent him to Oxford County Old Age Nursing Home. He died in 1986. They are buried in the Harris Street Cemetery beside Grace’s sister Ruth and her husband.

METCALFE STREET	
128 Murray, Grant, fireman	230
128 Murray, Grace	231
128 Murray, Grant	232

1956 voters list

MURRAY — At Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Saturday, March 6, 1971, Grace Elliott, beloved wife of Grant Murray, 128 Metcalfe Street, Ingersoll. Dear sister of Ray Elliott of Beachville; Gord Elliott, R.R. 2, Ingersoll; Mrs. Jim Brown (Ruth), R.R. 1, Beachville. In her 66th year.
 Friends will be received at the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South, Ingersoll, where funeral and committal services will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 2 p.m. Rev. C. R. Evans of First Baptist Church, Woodstock officiating. Temporary entombment in Ingersoll Mausoleum. Interment later in Harris Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cancer Society may be arranged for at the funeral home. M8-71

MURRAY — At Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll on Friday September 12th, 1986 Grant Murray, age 85 of Oxford Regional Nursing Home, formerly of 128 Metcall St. Ingersoll. Husband of the late Grace (Elliott) Murray (1971). Dear brother of Gordon of Ovid Mich. Predeceased by three brothers James, 1962. Donald, 1970. George, 1971 and one sister Bell Grant 1986. Friends will be received at the McBeath Funeral Home, 246 Thames Street South Ingersoll on Monday September 15th from 2-4.30 and 7-9 where complete service will be held on Tuesday September 16th at 3:30 pm Rev. Roden Evens officiating interment in Harris Street Cemetery.



Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow

Second Child: Albert Raymond "Ray"

B 28 Jun 1907 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford
 D 18 May 1991 Beachville
 M 05 Jan 1928 Lucas County, Ohio
 B 31 Jan 1907 Ingersoll
 D 10 Dec 1983 Woodstock

Spouse: Elizabeth H (Betty) Leigh

Ray was the first male child born to Albert Elliott and Orpha Withrow. He was born at the family farm at Lot 18 Con 2. Ray left the family at the age of 18. It was common at that time that many members of rural families were setting their sights to work in the manufacturing centers in the US. I suspect that there was a conflict between him and his father and that led to him jettisoning the family and heading west to Detroit in 1925. He crossed the border at Windsor on the 23rd of February of 1925 with \$80.00 in his pocket. His contact in Detroit was Grant Defoe, husband of Ray's aunt Margaret (Maggie). Grant was a restaurant owner in Detroit and Ray was seeking permanent residence.

MANIFEST
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Family name: **Elliott** Name: **Albert Ray** Port of: **Detroit**

Age: **18** yrs. Sex: **M.** Occupation: **Farming** Date: **2-23-25**

Height: **5-7 1/2** in. Complexion: **Med** Eyes: **Blue** Nationality: **Can** Race: **W**

Place of birth: **Beachville Ont** Language or reason for exemption: **Eng** Wife: **N** Money shown: **\$80.00**

Last permanent residence: **Can** Town: **Beachville** Destination: **Town** State: **Plymouth Mich**

Country: **Can** Ticket: **N** Passage paid by: **Self** From: **no** To: **no** When: **no**

Going to join relative or friend: **Uncle Grant Defoe - Plymouth Mich** Address: **Plymouth Mich**

Time remaining in U. S.: **Perm** Purpose in coming: **Res** Intend to become U. S. citizen: **yes** If not, when: **on 4651**

Accompanied by: _____ Of what country a citizen before becoming citizen of Canada: _____

Name and address nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came: **Da. Albert Elliott - Beachville Ont** Address: _____

Name and address of agent: _____ Date of landing: _____ Name of U. S. _____ Issued by: _____

Year to Detroit 9/28/35, AH, 3406/48.

W Leigh Harry Gordon, carpenter h
e s Oxford 6 n Ann
Lick House W wks 1 Morrow

Before Ray left for Detroit, he met Elizabeth Leigh. She was the daughter of Henry G Leigh and Ontario born Mary Norris. Henry arrived with his parents from Southwark, Surrey, England in 1875. The 1901 census had Henry working as a carpenter and later he would be noted in Ingersoll directories as a builder. Henry purchased property at the northwest ¼ corner of Lot 20 Con 2 of W Oxford in 1914. The property was listed as a cider mill and farm. On this site, the family lived in the octogen house that is still standing near the corner of Clarke Rd W and Ingersoll Rd S.



As Ray's daughter Virginia confirmed, 20-year-old Elizabeth Leigh eloped with Ray. They were married in Lucas County Ohio, just south of the Michigan state line on the 5th of January 1928. The 1930 US census paperwork also confirmed that she crossed the border into the US in 1928. I suspect that Ray went back to Ingersoll to retrieve Elizabeth and they made their way directly to Ohio. Michigan had strict marriage license procedures whereas Ohio did not. Lucas county was then referred to as the marriage mill of Ohio. On the marriage certificate, they were listed as living in Detroit.

No. 63082

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

In re. Ray Albert Elliott and Elizabeth Leigh

The undersigned respectively make application for a Marriage License, and upon oath state: that

Is 21 years of age on the 31 day of Jan 1927

His residence is Detroit Mich In Lucas Co, Ohio

His place of birth Canada Occupation truck driver

His father's name is Albert Elliott

His mother's maiden name was Ophe Malheur

That he ~~was~~ previously married and ~~is~~ widower or divorced man;

That he has no legal wife living.

That she was ~~not~~ previously married, and is ~~not~~ a widow or divorced woman;

Her ~~married name~~ being Mrs. _____

That she has no legal husband living.

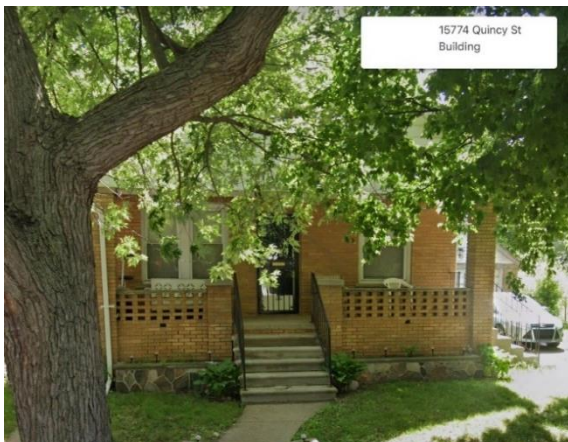
It is expected that _____ will solemnize the marriage of said parties.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 5 day of January, 1927

Consent _____

The State of Ohio, Lucas County, ss, _____

I do hereby certify that on the 5 day of Jan, A. D. 1927, I solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ray Albert Elliott



The 1930 Detroit census had them renting an apartment in a large apartment building and they had baby daughter Virginia. Ray was driving a truck for a small company. The 1930 census inaccurately stated that he was French Canadian. He also worked as a crane operator in Detroit. Later, a 1931 Detroit directory had them living at 15774 Quincey St. (see photo)

Border records indicate the family moved back to Canada in 1932. Since Virginia was American born, she had to be registered upon entry into Canada.

Likely, Ray's employment opportunities were limited in 1932 due to the depression and the closing of many Detroit factories, Ray and family moved back to Beachville.

Page 2. CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE
Quillite & Landings
 Report of Admissions and Departures at the Port of *Windsor Ont* *217* VOL. 17 PAGE 217
 dated *Sept 30 1932*

FAMILY NAME, GIVEN NAME, FAMILY NAME (LAST)	AGE	COUNTRY OR STATE OF LAST RESIDENCE	IF IN CANADA BEFORE		OCCUPATION	DESTINATION	REMARKS
			ENTERED	DEPARTED			
<i>ELLIOTT, Virginia L.</i>	<i>24 1/2</i>	<i>Detroit Mich U.S.A.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>	<i>Child of 2005 60-7 at - Beachville Ont. R.R. 4 - Beach Rd. Plymouth & Ford</i>

Border paperwork for Virginia Elliott Sept 30, 1932

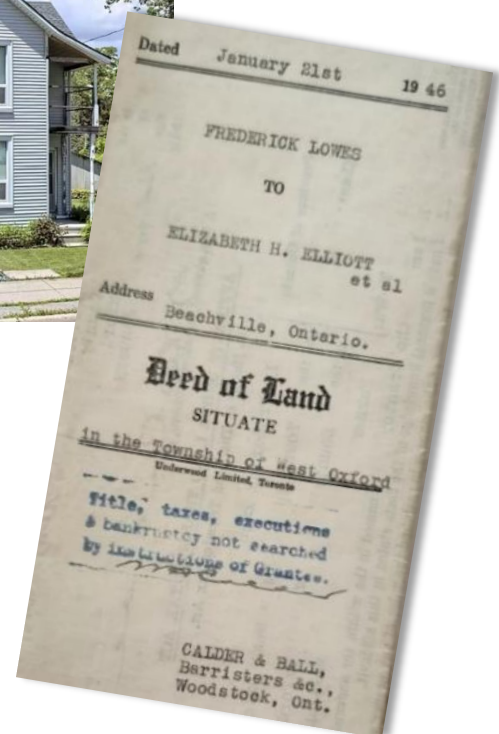
When Ray and Elizabeth returned, they took up residence in a house on old Highway 2 (Beachville Rd) a short distance to the east of the Lime business owned by the Downings. This house, now long gone, was one of many on the north side of Beachville Road that were constructed by the Downings as worker accommodations for Italian stone workers the Downing's assisted to immigrate to Beachville. It appears Ray's two other children were born in this house. After Elizabeth's father died in 1939, Ray and his family moved with Elizabeth's mother to King St. in Beachville and into the former parsonage of the Beachville Baptist church. Around 1945, Ray moved the family to the family home on Beachville Rd, four houses east of the Old Village Hall and library. Interestingly, the deed was in wife Elizabeth's name. Ray and Elizabeth lived the rest of their lives there. The house is still in the family.



King St. Beachville home



Beachville Rd. home



When Ray returned to Canada in 1932, he went to work driving truck for his relatives by marriage, the Downing family. Family stories indicate that he was the only one that always drove a specific truck and the vehicle was a source of pride for Ray and for his Downing employer, Byron Downing.



Swank. This isn't the first streamlined Diamond T — it's a '36 — but it conveys the idea - style and lots of it. Note the big hub caps, the vee windshield, the fancy grille and tapered, skirt-sided fenders. And this is only the "standard" version: the "deluxe" job had more of everything.



Example of 1950s construction crane.

In Detroit, he learned to operate large construction cranes and when he returned to Beachville he also continued with the profession. He was the crane operator when new kiln towers were raised at the lime plants.

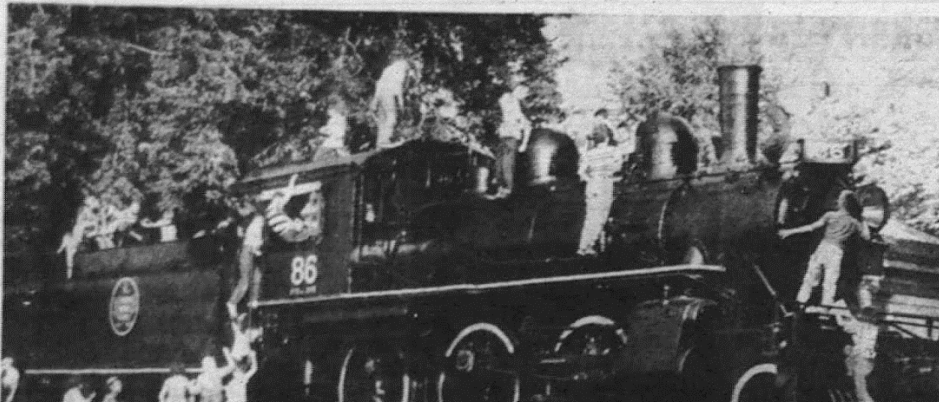


Quarry kiln towers raised by crane

I am told by his direct descendants that he was badly hurt in a crane accident in London, sometime between 1954 to 1956, while working near a foundation hole for the Veteran's Hospital (now Westminster Hospital) in London. The crane toppled into the excavation. Ray tore muscles and likely broke bones. He was seriously hurt and required hospitalization. He was also the crane operator who raised the steam locomotive #86 over a building and onto its present location at the Western Fairgrounds, Queens Park in London.

Young Crew Takes Over

Old 86 Runs Her Last Mile In Four Days



CHILDREN CLAMBER ABOARD TIRED OLD 86 -- PROUD OF REACHING QUEEN'S PARK RESTING PLACE

Wavering only once, "old 86" completed her final run yesterday, halting on the concrete pad in Queen's Park at 1 p.m. — almost four days after beginning a journey of less than a mile.

Here, the ancient CNR steam engine will serve only

as a reminder of the days when she and her kind pioneered in the growth of a nation.

A workman guiding the monster on her silent last trip jumped up to ring the bell at the end of the line, to the delight of scores of young aspiring engineers who impatient-

ly awaited the last inch.

Before work crews could disengage towing equipment, the children swarmed over the relic and set up a ceaseless clangor on her bell.

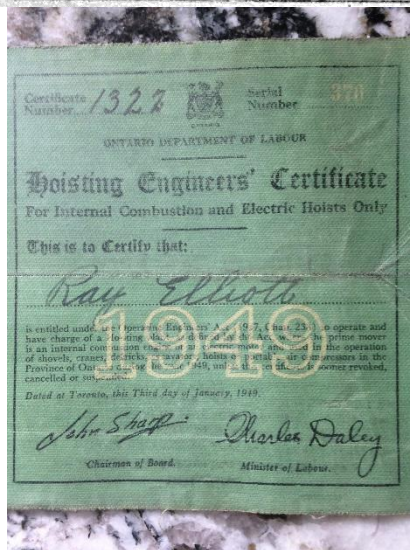
Retired only recently, the venerable chugger started her last trip at 8 a.m. last Sunday. PUC workmen and trucks

provided the motive power while Alvin Mills, road master and supervisor of the London and Port Stanley Railway, acted as guiding engineer.

It was a 12-hour job, foremen estimated. But old 86 balked from the start, jumping a dry pony truck (a set

of small wheels) right off the track. A dose of grease persuaded the aging monster to move.

Then, while workmen swung portable tracks from her rear to lengthen the road ahead, old 86 crept, as if grudgingly, inch by inch to a stagnant end.



#86 at the Queens Park location

Recollections of Ray by Grandson: Mark Legacy

“Grandpa was bigger than life and grandma was just the best person, always loving and caring to all us grandkids. Grandpa did drive truck earlier in his life and after he retired. But he was mainly a crane operator and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He ran the big crane that

built Westminster Hospital in London and also the cranes that put up most of the large silos and heavy equipment into the buildings at the Beachville quarries. In his later years he operated the crane at London Steel on Hale Street loading and unloading trucks of steel. Grandma was a homebody and I remember in her fifties she became a beauty consultant and I used to go with her to deliver cosmetics, what a hoot! They both liked to travel with their trailer and spent winters in Winter Haven, Florida and a couple of years they went to New Mexico for the winter. Grandma use to like painting pictures of mountains and landscapes there. They also travelled to the west coast and back with their trailer and grandpa went salmon fishing there. Grandpa's passion was to fish and hunt and I remember getting up at 4:00 am to head to Long Point, fishing for the day on his boat with him and my dad. He also liked to go to Leamington and Pelee Island to fish and where he also went hunting pheasants and quail. He also liked hunting deer and rabbit in the winter. I remember freezing my butt off out in the Dorchester swamp hunting with him, dad and Uncle Lloyd. He also went hunting in the north with several other men, some I remember (Charlie Swartz, Babe Bowman, Hugh Gordon). They had a hunting cabin on a lake in the North Bay area. They went there to hunt moose and the occasional bear. I remember a picture of Grandpa with a bear he had shot. Sometimes they fished there also in the summer. Grandma loved Christmas, it was her special day and everybody had to show up for the day and a fun day was had by all, opening presents, playing cards and a little libation, the only day of the year it was allowed in grandma's house and of course Christmas dinner with everybody around the kitchen table and of course, grandma's rum pudding with lots of rum in it. Grandpa loved his cars and truck and was always tinkering and kept them in tip top condition and I guess that's where I get my tinkering from. There was always a cold beer in the old coke cooler in the garage and hell to pay for from Grandma when you went to the house later. All in all, they were great Grandparents. They were lots of fun to be around and always loved by all of us kids."

A story shared by another family member was about the time that Ray took Elizabeth fishing. She was not a fan and rarely fished but that day she caught a 20 plus pound Pike. Ray spent a long time fuming over her catching such a big fish and he never coming close to doing so.



Ray and Elizabeth

ELLIOTT: Elizabeth H. (Betty) (Leigh) Elliott died at Woodstock Private Hospital Saturday, December 10, 1983 at the age of 77.

Born in Ingersoll, Mrs. Elliot had resided in Beachville.

She is survived by her husband Ray, and her children Mrs. Kenneth (Virginia) Legacy of Ingersoll, Jim of Woodstock, Mrs. Lloyd (Patricia) Cromwell of R.R. 2, Ingersoll; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her grandson, the late Clinton Legacy, who died in 1981.

The Rev. Lorne Throver of Beachville United Church officiated the Tuesday, December 13, 1983 funeral service at McBeath Funeral Home. Interment in Oxford Memorial Park Cemetery.



Ray and grandchildren

Ray and Elizabeth had three children.

Virginia B 25 Jul 1928 Highland Park, Mi.
D living

Virginia worked in an Ingersoll bank. Tragically, bagpiper and young son Clint (1960-1981) was killed in an auto accident.

James "Jim" Raymond B 21 Sept 1933 Beachville
D 16 May 2004 Ingersoll

Jimmy had his own gravel truck but it was a money pit so he went to work for Lowes Transport. He and wife Elise then ran a convenience store for 15 years before Jimmy went to work as a part time Woodstock City bus driver. He went to five National Bus Rodeos in the 1990's.

Patricia B 18 Oct 1937 Beachville
D 06 Apr 2007 London

Pat worked at the Bank of Montreal branch in Beachville for several years'



Children of Ray and Elizabeth:



Patricia, Jim and Virginia

Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson Child of Albert Elliott and Orpha Withrow

Third: Arthur Gordon B 21 Nov 1909 Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford township
D 28 Mar 2001 Tavistock (resident of Woodstock)
M 15 Jun 1940 Beachville

Spouse: Kathleen Susan Burks B 13 Nov 1915 Springfield, N Dorchester Lot 2 Con 2
D 21 Mar 2006 Woodstock

Gord was born in the farmhouse of his parents at Lot 18 Con 2 of N. Oxford. This house, no longer standing, was directly north of the most eastern Lime Plant. A running joke was that he was born in the bathroom of the house. At the time it was a bedroom but when indoor plumbing went in, the bedroom became the house bathroom. His name was improperly transcribed on the birth schedule as Arthur "Fordon" Elliott. A mistake that shows up in multiple Ancestry.ca family trees, much to my chagrin. Gord went to school in Beachville. He completed Grade 8 before quitting school to help with the farm. By the time he had completed Grade 8, the family was living across the road in the big stone house and the 150-acre farm his father had bought in 1915 from the Thomas Downing estate. Having gone from a 50-acre lease farm to owning his own 150 acres, Gord's father needed help. The 1931 census showed that Gord was a farm labourer for his father and making \$650 a year.

Birth Record

1. Elliott Arthur Gordon

2. 21 November 1909
Lot 18 Con 2 N Oxford

3. If in a hospital give its name.

4. Male

5. Yes

6. Albert J Elliott

7. Farmer

8. Orpha Myrtle Withrow

9. 034962

10. Swainsburg

11. June 14th 1904

12. —

13. —

14. Home wife

15. Dr. DeKell

16. Father

17. Yes

18. Albert J Elliott
Beachville
18 December 1909



Gord and his brother Ray were only two years apart in age and often in their teens, in trouble with their father. Apparently joy rides in their father's car were not uncommon. Gord was known as a proficient ice skater and often gave others a head start in skating races but ended up winning. Through the 1920's and early 1930's Ingersoll had very good Junior and Intermediate hockey teams. Gord played forward for several years on the teams in the old Charles St. Arena.

Hockey at Three Arenas
HOCKEY HISTORY OF INGERSOLL & DISTRICT
 Ingersoll over the years has had three arenas and two still stand, the first according to records is the Hayes, now on Nip Hen was used charge c kids six about 1929. The St. E. W. George J. December arena is the orial Cent October 5. Buffalo and American Hock exhibition g referee and Henderson II also worked Charles St. Friday, De between two, from Crumli were all out equipment, in etc. and was a decided to team going to play at As for O.H.A. sol, the old H. A. rictorial Book lists Ingersoll first in 1904 and says the Ingersoll 1909 Intermediate team was group champs. The town had some very good teams between 1915 to 1930 - both Junior and Intermediate, including players "Bud" Kelly, "Bubber" Cline, "Had" Petrie, "Robin" Henderson, George Mason, Walt Moulton, "Babe" Hollands, Lorne McDoug-

all, G. Gregory, "Thorny" Noe, "Mouse" McMillan, "Dinty" Moore, Fred Filmoe, Ralph Beemer and Juniors "Soda" Crane, John Brassi, Bill Jordan, Cec Longfield, Gord Elliott, Clayt Knapp, Don McKay, Harry Dales etc.

Brother Ray struck out for life in Detroit and Gord decided to carry on with the farm. In June of 1940, he married Kathleen Susan Burks. She was the only child of Charles and Margaret (Hutcheson) Burks. Charles was a second-generation farmer born in South Dorchester township. His father and family emigrated from Yorkshire, England. Kay's mother was born in Middlesex County and can trace her family back to Aberdeenshire, Scotland in the 1690s. This location is about 50 km north of Aberdeen and 200 km north of Edinburgh, Scotland.



Charles Burks and Margaret Hutcheson Wedding Photograph.

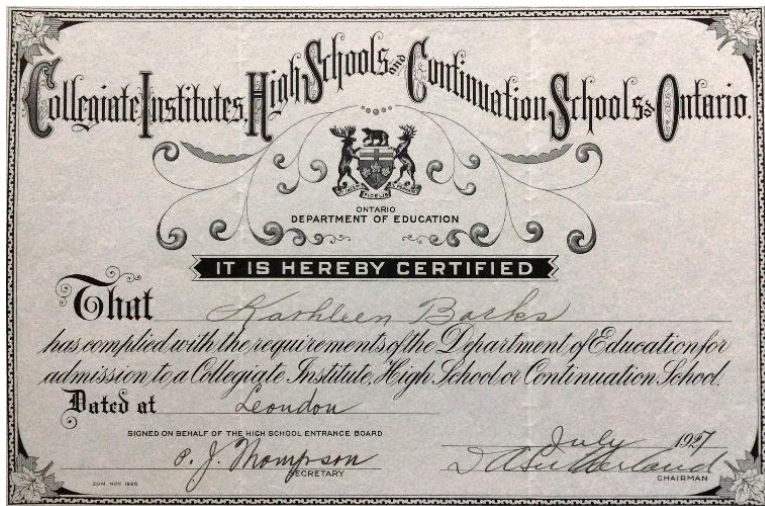


Charles Burks (with frying pan) hunting party



Cousins: L to R: Myrtle Hutcheson, Ruth Hutcheson and Kathleen Burks age 3 Dec, 1918

Kathleen's birth was extremely traumatic for her mother as Kay was delivered unassisted. The midwife was not available or perhaps not summoned and her father was out working on the farm. Later, he checked in to discover his exhausted wife, an uncut umbilical cord and a baby that had turned blue. Kathleen was born at Lot A & B Con 8 South Dorchester township, Elgin County. This is about three kilometers north of Springfield on the Putnam Road. According to a farm auction flyer, C E Burks sold the farm in 1920 and purchased, in March of 1920 (onland.ca), a farm three kilometers southeast of Putnam at Lot 2 Con 2 North Dorchester (South of the Thames River). He bought the ½ N lot, a total of 100 acres from James Rath for \$10,000. On July 2, 1959 Charles Burks sold the farm for \$15,000 and moved to Holcroft St. E in Ingersoll. Kathleen "Kay" was a smart but, in her words, lonely child. Without siblings to play with, she valued her spent time with her Hutcheson cousins that dotted the nearby countryside.



She went to primary school in Putnam and skipped several grades. She was accepted into high school at age 11. She took the daily train from Putnam to high school in Woodstock and graduated at age 15. She also took piano lessons and was proficient enough to have been tested at the Canadian Academy of Music in Toronto by world renowned pianist and composer Sir Ernest MacMillan. "One of the major figures in Canada's musical history, MacMillan influenced virtually all facets of the country's

musical life both by his precocity and brilliance as a performer and by his tireless activities on behalf of education.”: The Canadian Encyclopedia.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sir-ernest-macmillan-emc>

How Kay and Gord met is not known but I suspect it was at a dance. Dancing was a favourite pastime and they took dancing lessons so that they cut a fine profile on the dance floor.



She was 25 and he was 31 when they married at her father's Putnam farm. The honeymoon was a trip to Quebec. When they returned, they took up residence in the "hired mans' house" on his father's farm. This was a converted granary that now became their home. The house was rather rudimentary, under insulated and had no indoor plumbing until added in the late 1950's. A daughter was born in the fall of 1941. The family continued to live in the house while Gord's father Albert, mother Orpha and spinster sisters Ruth and Grace lived in the big house. To supplement income, Gord worked in the winter as a truck driver and dock loader for the adjacent lime plant. As his father aged and retired to the background, Gord took over the daily operation of the farm.





With Gord's father Albert's death in 1950, and with his sisters married, Gord and his family moved into the stone house still occupied by his mother in 1951. Kay was pregnant at the time and stipulated she would not move in until the indoor plumbing was finished. Two sons were born in the early 1950s and this necessitated advancing a renovation to the interior of the house. Orpha had a suite built in the upstairs and a downstairs parlour was converted into a bedroom for the boys. With the hired man's house vacant, the need for farm labour to assist

Gord was crucial. Fortunately, church organizations in conjunction with the Canadian Government, were beginning the process of bringing Dutch immigrants to Canada.

"After the Second World War, a growing population and an economy devastated by war were leading reasons for many Dutch immigrants to seek economic opportunity in North America. 185,000 individuals chose to resettle in Canada. The Netherlands experienced a surplus of farmers after the Second World War due to the destruction of its dykes by German forces, unworkable land, and unemployment. Much of the country's agricultural land was flooded. In an attempt to increase Canada's rural population, Canadian officials signed their first postwar bilateral immigration agreement with the Dutch government to bring families to Canada. Between 1947 and 1949, close to 16,000 individuals from Dutch farm families resettled in Canada. A majority of these newcomers resided in Ontario. Under the resettlement scheme, 94,000 Dutch immigrants came to Canada between 1947 and 1954. Over 80 percent of these individuals were agriculturalists. Most of these Dutch immigrants chose to resettle on farms in the southern regions of Ontario and Alberta. The Canadian and Dutch governments relied heavily on religious organizations to help place immigrants across the country. These organizations chose areas they were most familiar with and believed would bring economic opportunity to Dutch newcomers."

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

With the blessing of the church and governments, the first of the immigrant families made their way to the Ellsdale Farm in 1950. The Kikkert family of Rolph, Lammi and several young accompanying children knew little, if any English. As the children quickly picked up the language through school, Kay and Gord took in upon themselves to teach the parents. I am sure the initial attempts were rudimentary and frustrating for all but in the end successful. This was not the only family that Gord and Kay taught English to. The Kikkert family were diligent savers and, in the end, purchased a successful turkey farm near Grimsby, Ontario where they prospered. Many family stories are often repeated of the chaos of



the Kikkert and Elliott children's escapades. The "gold dust twins" as two of us were called, set teeth clenching what with all the windows we broke, molasses barrel fallen into and general havoc created. Later, the arrival from the Netherlands of the Scheper's family and their six kids, the neighbouring Fred and Ruth Funnell flock and the Elliott's, resulted in an unending parade of misadventures. As so many have said during recollections, "it's was a wonder no one was killed".

As was noted in Gordon's parent's history, the farm was sold in 1955 to the Lime Company. The stipulation that a \$1 year rent and a 25-year lease meant that a large herd of Holsteins was possible. At it's peak, the large red

horseshoe shaped barns housed around sixty-five head. According to his son John Reeves, neighbour Charlie Reeves often spoke of Gord Elliott's excellent herd and his innate ability to plough a straight line with either a team of horses or a tractor.

After Orpha's 1960 death, her second-floor suite was removed and additional changes were made to allow family members their own upstairs bedrooms, an upstairs bathroom and a large master suite. Gord always loved to drive and Kay loved to travel. As a family compromise, in the early 1960s the boys were often taken out of school in June or December (if the school marks were up to snuff), the farm was put in the hands of the hired help and the family was off on a driving adventure. Many memorable trips were made around North America taking in the sights from the confines of the family car. Disneyland, Vancouver, a Christmas time Grand Canyon, Key West, the Seattle and Montreal Worlds Fairs and all places in between were driven to. It was no exaggeration to say that over 45 states and 7 Canadian provinces were passed through reminiscent of Chevy Chase's National Lampoon Vacation movie. Later trips to Europe and the Caribbean (minus the children) were taken.

My dad was the only person I have met that could face forward on a bicycle while sitting on the handle bars and pedal the bicycle backwards. In my teenage years I tried and tried but to know avail.

Gord was also excellent at horseshoes, dabbled in curling and was always up to going to a local hockey match to cheer on the home team. No mention can be made of Gordon without including his wavy hair. Wavy hair ran in his family and much time was spent carefully combing the waves into just the right style.



His love of new cars was widely known. Every fall would entail sussing out all the new cars sitting in the dealerships. Auto dealers would often phone to tell him a beautiful new Buick or such had just arrived and they were holding it for him.

As mentioned, Henrietta Downing, Gord's aunt, had willed to his father a portion of Lot 20 Con 2 after her 1944 death. That meant that the arable farm stretched as far east as to the edge of the village of Beachville. Including a portion of property that was rented from across the road at Lot 18 and the Lot 19 and Lot 20 farm, it totaled two hundred and ten acres. The farm was a mixed crop Holstein dairy farm. After the incessant chore of stone picking was finished, (it was never finished), hay and oats, corn and wheat were all grown on the property. One of the first grain combines in the area was purchased by Gord in 1960. Gord put it to work renting himself and the machine to neighbouring farmers. By the early 1970's it was obvious that his two sons were not going to continue with the farming business. He sold the entire

herd to a New Jersey interest around 1977. It was a sad day when the trucks arrived to take the animals away en masse. After the animals left, he bought new equipment for cash crop farming. Purchases included a Ford tractor; a small Massey Ferguson tractor and a bigger Massey combine. Purchase was made of a larger plow, cultivator and discs as well. His youngest son would help in the evenings and weekends. It was always corn he planted and sold. In the late 1980's he rented the land out. At that point, the barns were empty and

dilapidated so he tore them down and sold the boards. As with most farmers, his riding lawnmower was the last implement left when he sold the rolling stock and tools in 1987.



1967 – milking time



Gord and sons on the new combine - 1960

Kay and Gord were also known to give their time to help others. She was recognized for her service with the Hero from the Home Award.

AUCTION SALE

CLEARING SALE OF IMPLEMENTS & MISC. AT THE FARM - FIRST ROAD WEST of BEACHVILLE on COUNTY RD. 9 and ½ MI. NORTH on DOMTAR RD. - or - 1 ½ MI. SOUTH OF NO. 2 HWY. on GYPSUM RD.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 11 A.M.

COMBINES & TRACTORS:
M.F. 750 SP diesel combine w/cab, air, 4 row Model 44 corn head, 13' grain head, automatic load leveller, 1249 hrs., in excellent cond. Ford 9700 diesel w/cab, air, radio, dual remotes, 918 hrs.; Ford 7700 diesel w/cab, radio, triple remotes, load monitor, duals, 1522 hrs.; MF Model 32A industrial tractor w/20 C industrial loader, weight box, 128 hrs. Combine and tractors all in excellent cond.

IMPLEMENTS & MISC.:
MF 620 18' wheel disc; Int. 720 automatic reset 5 F. 18" plow w/hyd. furrow straightener; Brillion 15' mulcher packer w/hyd. cylinder; Int. 56. 4 row corn planter w/herbicide and insecticide applicators; MF 3PH 7' Dina balance mower; Nobel 4 row 3PH corn cult; 215 bus. Turnco gravity bin on Case wagon; Geo. White 14' 3PH cult; Case wagon and flat rack; 2 - 16' flat racks; 12' fertilizer auger w/long hoses; Ford 8' 3PH grader blade w/turning cylinder; 2 Kilbros 350 bus. gravity bins on 9 ton wagons; 24' Speed King 8" pto auger; White 150 gal. 3PH weed sprayer; 100 gal. 3PH sprayer for fence bottoms; New Idea 3PH fert. spreader; 10" chain harrow; 6 sec. harrow; Gehl forage blower; Woods oat roller; 4" grain auger; 14 Beatty cow stalls; water tank on skids; set of farm sleighs; Antique 1 furrow Farmers Friend riding plow; 1000 and 1200 bus. Rosco steel grain bins; Remington chain saw; 2 DeLaval milker pails; 2 S.S. strainers; hydro fencers; work bench w/vise and emery; socket sets; box end wrenches; handyman jack; several el. motors; 1 ½ HP and down; wheel barrow; scale; walking plow; MF 450 pressure washer; Pioneer chain saw; air compressor; barn back; set half track chains for 410 Case; pipe die ¾ - 2"; 2 hay fork cars; bolts and misc.

Interested parties should attend this Sale as all the implements are in above average cond. and ready for spring.

TERMS: CASH SALE DAY. Decision Auct. final. LUNCH BOOTH. Prop./Auct. not responsible for accidents.

A. GORDON ELLIOTT - PROP. - 423-6324
WALLIE ROSS - AUCTIONEER
539-5077

Mar. 24-77



**Community Care Access Centre
(CCAC) - Oxford**

Kathleen Elliott
139 John Davies Drive
Woodstock, ON
N4T 1N1

Dear Kathleen:

CCAC-Oxford's "Heroes in the Home" Award Program recognizes caregivers in the community who give their time and energy in support of someone who needs their care.

On September 18th 2001, over 160 individuals gathered together to celebrate the dedication and commitment of 42 family and volunteer caregivers in our community.

You were one of the "Heroes" recognized that evening. As you were unable to join us on the 18th, we have enclosed your "Heroes in the Home" Plaque in appreciation of your dedication as a caregiver.

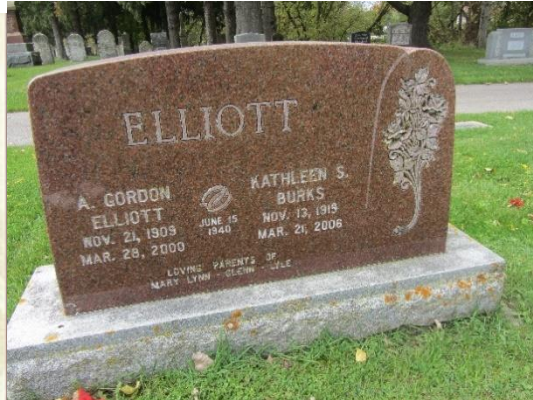
Your generosity of spirit is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Osterink
Chief Executive Officer

After retirement, Gord and Kay filled their time with driving visits to their son in Vancouver, driving to Florida and Texas to visit friends and watching the Leafs on TV. The two of them rattled around in the big stone house for a few years into the late 1980s. They finally found a home that as Kay said, Gord finally liked, and in March of 1990 moved to 139 John Davies Dr. in Woodstock. By the late 1990's, Gord's health was beginning to fade. He died in 2001 in Tavistock at the Bonnie Brea retirement home, from old age and Parkinson's. Kay stayed in the Woodstock home until a stroke took her in March of 2006. An interesting fact was that Gord was six years minus 7 days older than Kay. She died six years minus 7 days after he did. They are buried with Kay's parents in the Putnam Cemetery.

Woodstock home on John Davies Dr.



The farm house sat empty for several years in the early 1990s. The quarry owners installed a new furnace in the house to keep mildew out. It was promptly stolen and the house was in disrepair until 1994. At that time, Jack and Dawn Lussier bought the property, renovated the house from top to bottom, had the fire department burn down the farm labourer's house and had the silo toppled. The farm implement buildings stayed. Today solar panels occupy most of the farm land.

Ellsdale farm circa 1950s



**Grandchildren of John Rogers Elliott and Betsy Johnson
Children of Albert James Elliott and Orpha Withrow**

Fourth and last child: Ruth “Jennie”

B 20 Sept 1917 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford
D 18 Feb 2010 Woodstock

M 04 Apr 1942 Lot 19 Con 2 N Oxford

B 30 Jan 1917 Ingersoll

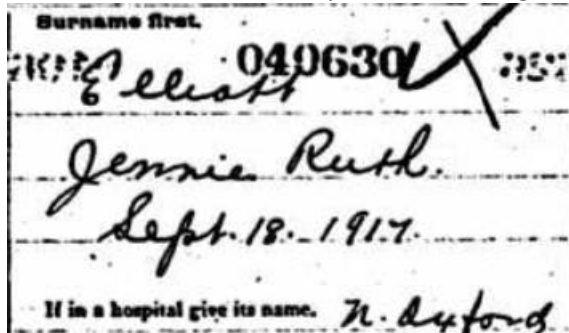
D 29 Mar 1991 London lived Lot 7 Con 2 W Oxford

Spouse: James “Jim” Brown



Ruth Elliott – age 13, 1931/32 Beachville Public School. Courtesy: John Reeves

Ruth was youngest of the children and the only one born in the big stone house. She was given the name Jennie Ruth but I only recall her being referred to as Ruth. She was six years younger than her



next sibling. She went to school at Beachville Public School with well-known Mr. Finch as teacher. He was known to have taught parents, their children and in some cases grandchildren through his decades of teaching in Oxford County. Ruth religiously attended Beachville Baptist Church with her parents and siblings. She was in the choir at the church. She was involved in Junior Farmers and sewing circles. Jim Brown was also a Junior Farmers participant and they may have met there. Jim was born to James Brown and Margaret

Fair. James Sr. met wife Margaret Fair in Edinburgh and they married in 1909. James arrived in Canada from Ireland via Scotland in late 1910 and Margaret came over the following year. The 1921 census had the family living on Tunis St. in Ingersoll and father James was an odd job labourer. James later became a gardener. Son Jim was born in Ingersoll. He and Ruth “Jennie” married in 1942 at Ruth’s childhood home. An interesting dynamic was introduced at the wedding as Jim was from a Roman Catholic family and the Elliotts were Baptist. After the marriage, Jim went to work for Vern Meek – a Prouse family relative by marriage. Vern Meek was Jim’s first employer on Vern’s farm just south of Ingersoll. Jim and Ruth lived upstairs in the Meek’s farmhouse while the Meeks lived downstairs.

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 Former Canadian Butterfat Record Holder 2X
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 (Sister of above). Three records above 20000
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Colantha Alcantra Dewdrop
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C. E. DOWNING, (Beachville), **JAS. BROWN,**
 Owner. Supt.

When the Meeks retired and sold their farm, Jim found work as a herdsman on the Norloch farm. This farm was owned by Charles Downing, son of Henrietta Elliott who was wife Ruth's aunt and was located at Lot 12 Broken Front Concession in W Oxford. Charles Downing came late to life as a farmer having managed his families Lime company for several years. Charles' dairy farm was noted for the excellent breed herd and Jim was the in charge of the day to day running of the farm. The Browns lived in a small house adjacent to the retirement rancher that Charles Downing built for himself. The houses are on the south side of Beachville Rd across from Ruth's aunt Henrietta's home which is now the Beachville Museum. Jim supplemented his income, as most local men did, with work at the quarries, mostly in the kilns.

On the 8th of March 1948, Jim and Ruth purchased 50 acres (southeast quarter) of Lot 16 Con 1 in North Oxford from Ross Edwards as per Onland.ca. They paid \$7000.00. Ross Edwards held the mortgage but it was satisfied by April of 1953. In the meantime, the farm barn burned down in 1950 or 1951 with the loss of feed and animals. It was rebuilt.

In the summer of 1955, the Ontario Limestone Mining Co. on the old Governors Road, approached many farmers

along Con 1 of N. Oxford township in order to purchase their farm land. This was in response to the potential threat that the nearby Beachville Lime Company was preparing to do the same. The offer to these farmers, all received the same day, was above market value. Only one farmer did not accept the offer and by March of 1957, the Browns had received \$22,500 for their 50 acres. At this time, with two children in the family, they started the search for a new farm.

Grant #	From	To	Buyer	Company	Acres	Price	Location
21	Jan 1957	4 Mar 1957	Phleas Sheather & Yontje A. Sheather	Ont. Limestone Mining Co. Ltd.	35	\$3500	N.E. 1/4
23	Jan 1957	4 Mar 1957	James Brown & wife	Ont. Limestone Mining Co. Ltd.	50	\$22,500	S.E. 1/4
25	Jan 1957	4 Mar 1957	James G. Sandick	Ont. Limestone Mining Co. Ltd.	25	\$10,500	E. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4

In March 1958, a purchase from Harvey Daniels was finalized for 80 acres of the northwest corner of Lot 7 Con 2 in West Oxford. The purchase price was \$16,000 and the farm was named the Circle D farm after the circle driveway at the house entrance. The size of the farm was a direct result of the build of the new #401 freeway, that was in the process of land acquisition. The freeway cut a portion of the farm along the back much the same as it did to Prouse and Wilsons cousins farms.

Grant 21st Mar 1958 25th Mar 1958 Harvey B. Daniel & Gertrude E. Daniel James Keown
 \$16,000 Comming 71.21st. Then by along My ldy to My ldy Highway 401
 in shown on 1st 515. Then by along ad My ldy to a point 67 ft. My from My ldy lot 7. Then My
 42° 33' W. to a point in My ldy of lot 7, 775 1/2 ft. My from 71.21st. Then My along ad My ldy 755 1/2 ft.
 to 71.21st. Then My along My ldy 675 1/2 ft. Then My ad 12° 145 1/2 ft. Then My 11 My ldy 310 ft. Then My
 at 22.2 to My ldy 145 1/2 ft. to My ldy. Then My along My ldy to beginning.

Above: The 25 March 1958 purchase of W Oxford Lot 7 Con 2 for \$16,000.00. The accompanying notation was indicating the exact land size and location due to the disruption of the survey markers by the passage of Highway 401.



Lot 16 Con 1 N Oxford Lot 7 Con 2 West Oxford



Over the years additional outbuildings were added as were new silos. Jim died in 1991 and son Keith took over. The working farm stayed in the family until 2009 when the property was sold the neighbouring Markus family. The barns and silos were taken down in 2011 but the house remained. Ruth stayed in the house after the land sale and until ill health placed her in a facility. Son Keith lived in the house until 2019.

Jim Brown was involved in several organizations through the years. He was a 4H leader and a member of the township council in 1974 when there was a general reorganization of townships and government



responsibilities. He also worked with the provincial government in overseeing and confirming the removal of Elm trees that had succumbed to Dutch Elm disease in Oxford County. He was interested in antique farm implements and equipment and had a sizeable collection. He and his son Keith restored old tractors. They once won the Best Restored Tractor division at the International Ploughing Match. Jim was famous for entertaining people with amusing stories and antidotes. I remember that he could polish off a BBQ steak and corn of the cob with gusto.

Ruth was a cat lover. It was rare to not see a feline prowling around her feet. Gregarious and always loudly laughing at a funny comment, she was fond of a good yarn. Ruth had a pen pal when she was in primary school. Her name was Nancy and her husband was Fergie and they lived in Heathrow, England. I stayed with the couple for a day during an English visit in 1974. Ruth and Nancy continued their correspondence for over 50 years before they finally met when Ruth and Jim travelled to England. The Browns also spent time in California, Western Canada, and Alaska. Ruth suffered from diabetes in later years but was in good spirits up until her health started to fade.



Aunt Ruth and Author



Mr. and Mrs. Vern Meek and the newly married couple. The Lot 7 Con 2 W Oxford farmhouse.

The couple had two children. Jim and Ruth share a burial plot and stone with Ruth's sister Grace and her husband Grant in the Harris Road Cemetery.

End of Book 7. Chapter 2 - 6

Next Book 7 Chapter 2 -7

Margaret Elliott and Grant Defoe

Book 7: Chapter 2-7 and Chapter 2-8

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Child of JR Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Second youngest child: Melissa Jane (Maggie) B 09 Sept 1879 Lot 15 Con 3 North Oxford Co.
 D around 1965 Plymouth/Detroit
 M 09 Sept 1904
 B 08 Dec 1880 Picton, Ont.
 D 12 Oct 1939 Detroit/Redford Mi.

Spouse: Grant Burdette Defoe

Aunt Maggie as I knew her, was first noted in the Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper with her birth announcement. No name was given to the baby. No birth registration has been found either. She was the youngest daughter of JR and Betsy and spent her early years on the small family farm beside the main line Grand Truck Rail line in N. Oxford.

Ingersoll Chronicle Newspaper

Id	7828
Type of Notice	Birth Notice
Newspaper	Ingersoll Chronicle
Newspaper Date	Sep 11 1879
Page Number	3
Column Number	5
Surname	Elliott
First Name	
Middle or Maiden Name	
Date of Event	September 9, 1879
Associated Surname	Elliott
Associated First Name	John
Note	daughter
Text of Notice	ELLIOTT--In North Oxford [township], on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. John Elliott, of a daughter

The first indication of her name was noted on the 1881 Oxford Census. She was listed as Melissa Jane. She never used Melissa, instead using Margaret on future paperwork. Everyone called her Maggie.

1881 census

62	62	Scott Christina	F	24	-	B	Pres	Scott	Scovana		
		Elliott John	M	40	-	England	B. Elliot	English	James Johnson	M	
		Elizbeth	F	36	-	"	"	Bluecoat			
		Margaret	F	16	-	"	"	English			
		Eliza R	F	12	-	"	"	"			
		Ellen Vic	F	6	-	"	"	"			
		John Arthur	M	6	-	"	"	"			
		Arthur James	M	4	-	"	"	"			
		Melissa Jane	F	2	-	"	"	"			
63	64	Richard John	M	38	-	England	B. Elliot	"	James	M	

With her mother's death in January of 1885, the household was in chaos. Maggie was 6 years old. She was next seen on the 1891 census as a 10-year-old living with sister Rose and Rose's first husband Charles Mapes in Woodstock. Rose had married at age 20 in the year prior. I would say that when Rose and Charles married, Maggie was the third member. Maggie and her sister Rose's life would be entwined until their deaths.

1891 Woodstock census

22																				
23																				
24	187	Proprietor	Charles	M	26	W				Belgium		Belgium	Belgium	Methodist						
25			Rose	F	31	W				Belgium		Belgium	Belgium							

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891.

Province *Ontario* District No. *105* S. District *4*

PAGE *21* SCHEDULE *1* Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the *21* day of *April* 1891.

Enumerated in the Cities or Towns					Enumerated in the Villages or Hamlets												
Village and Hamlet	Household	Household	Household	Household	NAMES.	Sex.	Age.	Married	Religion	Country or Province of Birth.	French Canadian.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Employer	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
					<i>107 1/2</i>	<i>Elliot Maggie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Belgium</i>		<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Baptist</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>-</i>	
					<i>107 1/2</i>	<i>Reuter William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Holland</i>		<i>Holland</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Presbyterian</i>	<i>Tailor</i>		

By studying Rose's marriage certificate and other papers, we find that the Mapes had 2 children and were living in Port Huron Mi. in 1891. Maggie was no longer with the couple and she would have been 20 years old. Maggie's own census of 1930 indicated she emigrated to Detroit in 1895 at age 16 but there is no knowledge of where in Michigan she went. There is a period between 1895 and 1900 where I cannot find Maggie's exact location. I can assume she was near her sister in Pt. Huron. Although not positive proof, there is a possible sighting of Maggie in the 1900 Port Huron census. She is living in a boarding house and working as a house servant. This woman's age, birth location, parent's birth location and year she emigrated all match her circumstances.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE No. 1. POPULATION

City of *Port Huron* Michigan

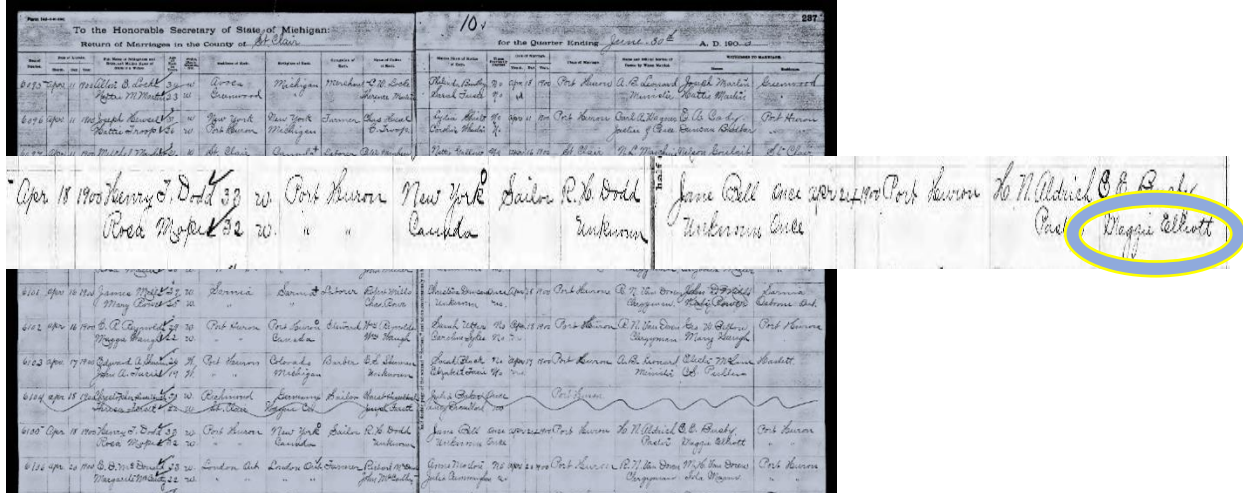
NAME	SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF IMMIGRATION	RELIGION	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR TRADE	INDUSTRY
<i>Elliot Maggie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>1894</i>	<i>Baptist</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Boarding house</i>

1900 Port Huron census

<i>Elliot Maggie</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>1894</i>	<i>Baptist</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Boarding house</i>
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Rose divorced Charles Mapes in July of 1897. I suspect that Rose and her 2 young children were living in Port Huron after the divorce. Rose remarried in 1900 to Harry T Todd and Maggie was there for that event as a witness. Rose divorced again in 1903 but was remarried the same year. Rose's family history chapter explained the chaos.

9 Sept 1900 Wedding registration Harry Dodd and Rose Mapes



Maggie was married in 1904 on her 25th birthday to Grant Defoe of Detroit. The marriage took place in Essex Co. Ontario, likely in the Windsor or Riverside area of Ontario where Maggie had several relatives. Grant was 2 years Maggie's junior.

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SCHEDULE B.
Count 4 of Essex

NAMES OF PARTIES (Surname first.)	AGE	RESIDENCE WHERE MARRIED.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Bachelor, Widower, Spinster, Widow.	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.	NAMES OF PARENTS (Father— Mother—) N.B.—Always give Maiden Name of Mo-
Groom. ✓ Harwig N. W.	29	Detroit	New York	B	Bookkeeper	Harwig William Harwig Anna
Bride. ✓ Hall Julia E.	35	"	Michigan	S		Hall Ben McCauley Annie
Groom. ✓ Goodspeed Wm J.	42	Leaning, Mich	"	W	Printer	Goodspeed O J. Hell Mary
Bride. ✓ Stewart Catherine F.	29	"	Ireland	S		Stewart Robt Auderson Rachel
Groom. ✓ Nobus Gustave	56	Detroit	Germany	W	Teamster	Nobus Fred Cautin
Bride. ✓ Schalk Augusta	53	"	"	W		Schial Adam Schild Carrie
Groom. ✓ Doty Lee	23	Columbus Grove O	Ohio	B	Restaurant	Doty A J. Stavira Carrie
Bride. ✓ Sanderson Fay	23	"	"	S		Sanderson A Boquet Hannah
Groom. ✓ De Foe Grant B.	23	Detroit	Ontario	B	Salesman	De Foe Hiram De Foe Sarah J.
Bride. ✓ Elliott Margaret	25	"	"	S		Elliott J R. Johnson Elizabeth

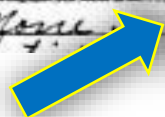
Grant Burdette Defoe was the oldest son of Hiram Defoe and Sarah Crowe. The Defoe clan were long time settlers of Picton Co. The Defoe's had emigrated from Picton in 1885 and settled in Detroit. Hiram must have died before the 1881 Michigan census as Grant's mother was listed as the family head. Grant's siblings lived throughout the southern regions of Michigan and several descendants can still be found there.

Grant was a cigar salesman in the Detroit area in the 1910 census but changed occupations throughout his life. The census also shows that he and Maggie were both naturalized American citizens at that point.

They were living on McGraw Ave in the northern Dearborn area. Today it is a neighborhood of condemned houses.

1910 census

De Defoe	Grant R.	Black	M	4:25	5	Can. English	Can. English
—	Margaret	White	F	4:30	45	Can. English	Can. English
Grant	Margaret	White	F	4:30	45	Can. English	Can. English
Grant	Margaret	White	F	4:30	45	Can. English	Can. English
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The couple moved to Beech Rd in suburban Detroit prior to the 1920 census. They lived there through most of if not all of their lives. The street address numbering must have changed over the years as I have not been able to locate the 12204 Beech Rd address that is listed in phone directories at that time for Detroit.

As many others did, Grant filled in his draft card. His registration date was Sept of 1918 just as the war was ending. It indicates he was a short man with “dark hair and black eyes” and by this time was in the restaurant business.

REGISTRATION CARD					REGISTRAR'S REPORT					
SERIAL NUMBER	501			ORIG. NUMBER	2753					
1	Grant Burdette De Poe			DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT						
2	PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: R. P. D. # 4 Plymouth Wayne Mich			HEIGHT	BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	
3	Age in Years	Date of Birth		23	Short	Slender	Medium	Slend	27	28
4	37	Dec 8 1880		X			X		Black	Dark
RACE				on lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? no						
5	White	Negro	Oriental	Indian		that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has seen his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:				
6	X			Citizen						
U. S. CITIZEN				ALIEN						
10	Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant					
11		X		13	14					
15	If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?									
16	PRESENT OCCUPATION			EMPLOYER'S NAME						
17	Restaurant			Self						
18	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Cor 14th and Washtons Ave. Detroit Wayne Mich									
19	NEAREST RELATIVE	Name	Address							
20		Margaret De Poe	R. P. D. # 5 Plymouth Wayne Mich							
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THEY ARE TRUE										
P. M. G. O.				Grant De Poe						
Form No. 1 (Red)				Board, Div. No. 4, 14th, Wayne Co., Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)						
				of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which his permanent home shall be placed in this box.						

Like sister Rose’s husband EW Clark, Grant Defoe had his fingers in everything. By 1924, he was operating a number of restaurants in west Detroit. He was involved in several land deals as well. He pushed the envelope in terms of business dealings and had several run ins with city authorities.

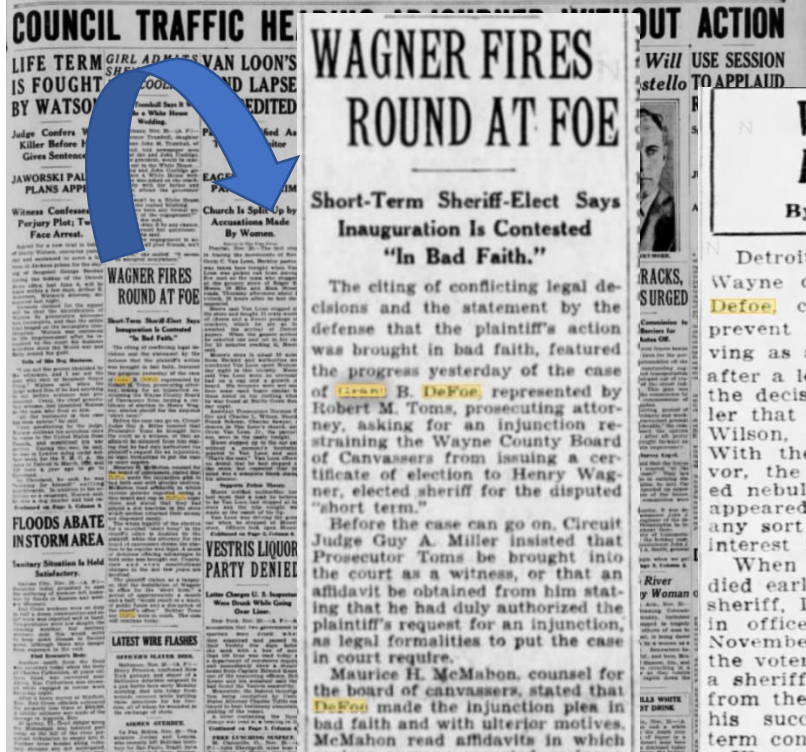
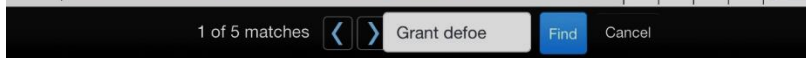
The Charwood apartments, 35 Charlotte avenue, which is owned by Lambrecht-Kelly company, 155 West Congress street was leased last week by Henry L. Kinnucan to Benjamin F. Glines, **Grant B. DeFoe** and Charles P. Campau for a term of 10 years. The Charwood is a 56-apartment building with 2, 3 and 4 room furnished apartments. While the price of the lease was not made public, it is reported it was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000.



The Charwood Apartments as of 2022

07 March 1924 Detroit Free Press

In late November 1928, Grant Defoe was front page news in Detroit.



What's New In Detroit?

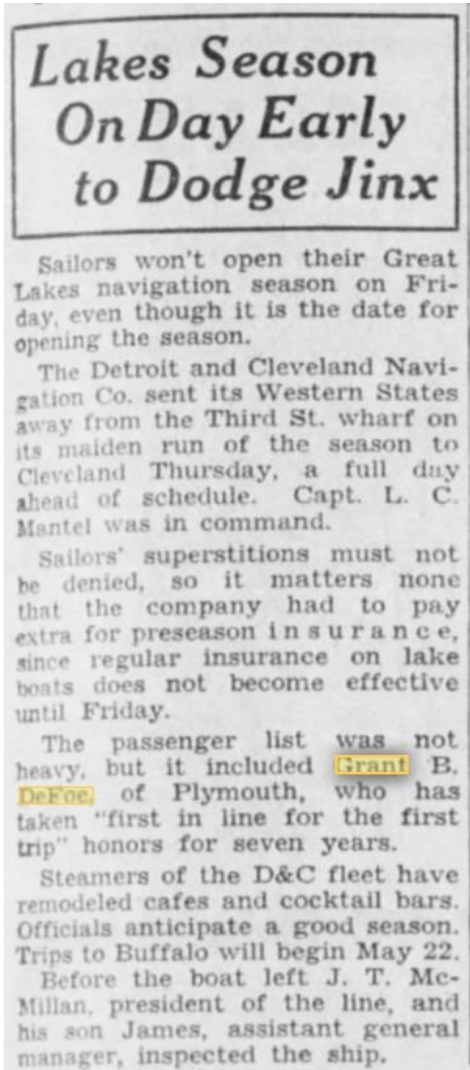
By JACK CADILLAC

Detroit, Nov. 30—The suit in the Wayne circuit court of **Grant B. Defoe**, cigar store proprietor, to prevent Henry Wagner from serving as sheriff until Jan. 1 ended after a lengthy court hearing with the decision of Judge Guy A. Miller that the present sheriff, Ira Wilson, should remain in office. With the suit decided in his favor, the plaintiff, **Defoe**, remained nebulous litigant, never having appeared in court nor having made any sort of a statement as to his interest in the proposition.

When Sheriff Edward F. Stein died early last summer his undersheriff, Ira Wilson, succeeded him in office to hold over until the November election. At that time the voters were instructed to elect a sheriff for a short term dating from the election until Jan 1, and his successor for the two-year term commencing on that date.

Wagner, former turnkey in the county jail and a prominent figure in Wayne county politics, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Stein's death. Wilson won easily in the race for the two-year term. Wagner called on Wilson and it was reported in the newspapers that Wilson said that he would willingly turn over the

In summary of the headlines in the Free Press, he was contesting in court that when Sheriff Edward Stein died, his underling Ira Wilson, illegally succeeded him and should not be sheriff until the next election in 40 days. Wilson claimed Defoe had ulterior motives in pursuing the claim. He felt that Defoe was angry and seeking revenge in Wilson's claim that Defoe had an illegal gambling set up in one store and that his candy machines were purposely not delivering candy after taking the customer's money. Defoe lost the challenge.



15 April, 1938 Detroit Free Press

Grant also made the news for his habit of being the first passenger every spring to travel on the Detroit to Cleveland ferry run. The ferry did not run in the winter. The 1930 census for Grant and Maggie had a third member living in the house on Beech Rd. Jerry O Chesney was listed as an 8-year-old boarder. He appeared in the 1940 census as well. The only difference was that he had changed his name to Defoe in 1940. Where he came from or who he was remains a mystery. He was not an orphan as his parents and several of his siblings lived in the Detroit area in several censuses. No concrete link between the families has been found. It appears that Jerry was contributing to the family income as a laborer in 1940.

1930 census

6863	Ne. 1st. Boul. B	Head	0	5200	16	78	72	W	49	7/2	23	No	Yes	Canada	Canada
	—	Wife	4					W	50	7/2	20	No	Yes	Canada	England
	Chesney Jerry	Boarder						W	8			Yes		Michigan	Michigan

As an aside note: the 1930 census included a column to indicate that the household owned a radio. It appears that the Defoe's were among those leading the charge and had acquired one.

1940 census and Grant is no longer listed.

6	12204	124	0	4000	Yrs De Foe, Margaret J.	Head	7	W	60	Wt	No 8	5	Canada, England	3	Mrs. Sarah Jane DeFoe
7					Jerry	Son	7	W	18	S	No 4-1	7	Michigan	1	Jerry DeFoe

In the winter of 1939 Grant developed a bad case of pneumonia. He never recovered. He died in the early morning of the 8th of December at his longtime home on Beech Rd. in Plymouth Mi. He was in his 58th year.



Wilson's Dairy at I-94 and the Jeffries

Grant's last job was working as a salesman at the Ira Wilson Dairy. The dairy was one of the largest in the region and supplied milk to the Detroit market. There was a cow head on the billboard advertising the dairy. It was a local icon for many years.

Grant B. DeFoe, Mr. DeFoe died Thursday at University Hospital, Ann Arbor.
 Born in Picton, Ont., Dec. 8, 1880, Mr. DeFoe lived in Detroit 40 years. He operated restaurants for a number of years on the West Side. During the last nine years he worked for the Ira Wilson & Son Dairy Co. He was a member of the Detroit Lodge of Elks No. 34 and the Knights of Pythias.
 Surviving are his wife, Mrs. **Margaret DeFoe**, a son Jerry; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane DeFoe, of Pontiac; a sister, Mrs. Jay Sutton, and three brothers, Harry, of Pontiac, and Charles and Frank, of Detroit.

After Grant's death, Maggie and Gerry remained at the 12204 Beech St. address.

1943 Plymouth Directory.
 (Grant was still listed 4 years after his death)

HEIDES

BLUNK & THATCHER
 Plumbers - Floor Coverings - Electric Appliances
 12204 BEECH ST. PHONE 26

USSES

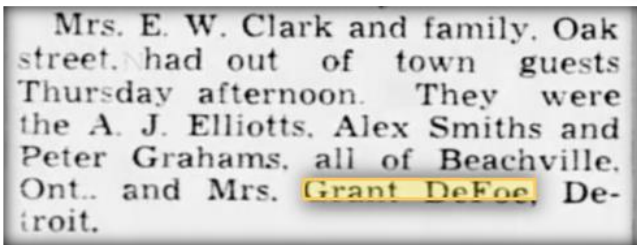
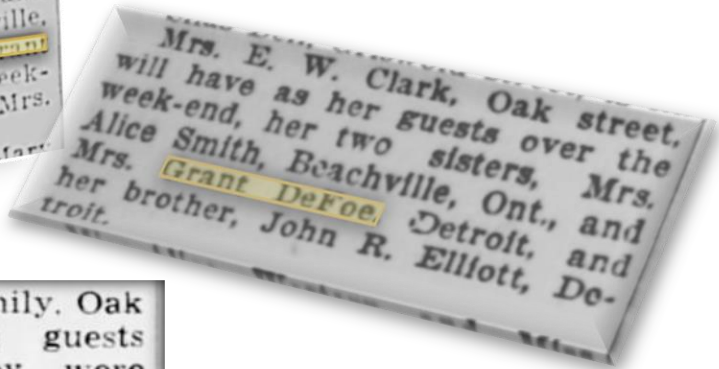
Plymouth BUICK SALES Company
 Buick - Frigidaire - Radio - Frigidaire
 12204 BEECH ST. PHONE 26

MERCHANTS

Defoe Grant 12204 Beech rd
DeFoe J O 12204 Beech rd
DeFoe M J 12204 Beech rd
DeFoe P A (W) 11004

After Grant's death, not much is known about Maggie. I recall her visits to Oxford County when I was a child and I remember a weekend trip to Detroit with my parents to see Greenfield Village, The Ford Museum, Detroit Zoo, and Aunt Maggie in that order.

Maggie continued to visit her close sister Rose in Pt Huron and made several visits to her relatives in Oxford Co. As opposed to her large and boisterous sister Rose, I recall Maggie as being petite, slim and quiet. They often arrived together to visit their nephews and nieces from brother Albert's and sister Henrietta Downing's families.



Port Huron Times Herald;

Top Left – 18 Aug, 1925

Top Right 11 Apr, 1931 – John would have been John A Elliott.

Bottom Right 17 Jun, 1961

Bottom Left 29 Nov, 1946

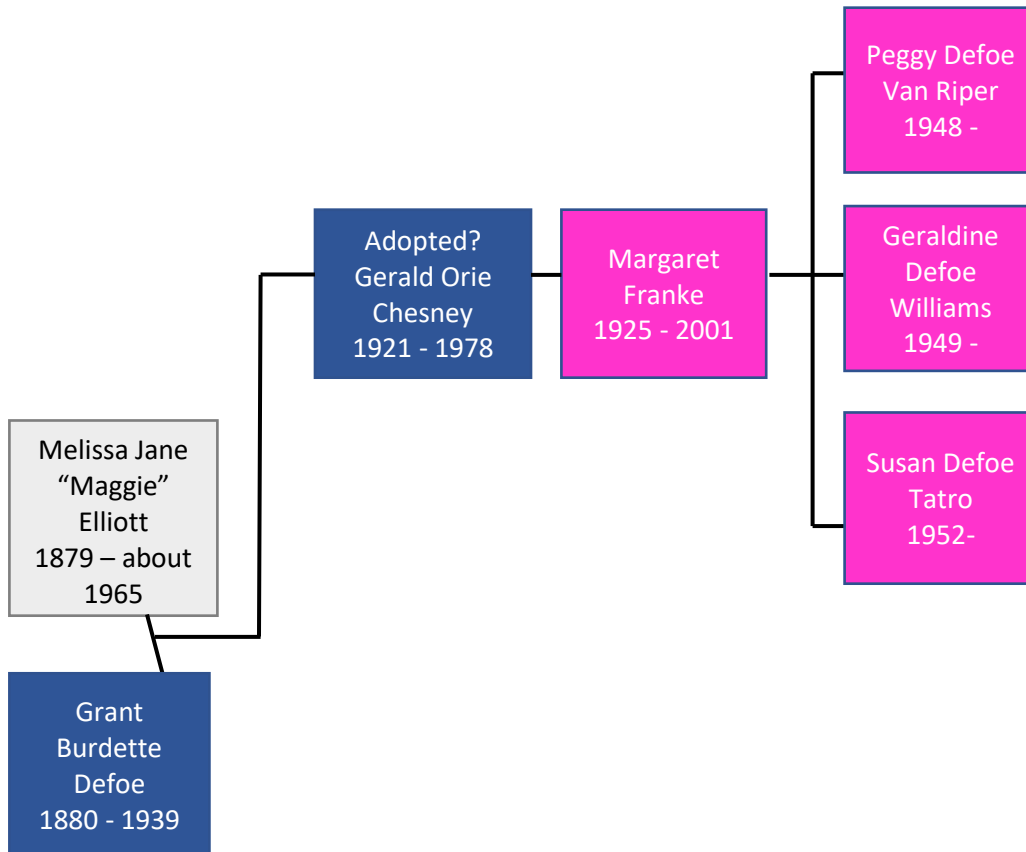


I have not been able to confirm Maggie's death nor her burial location. In fact, after 1950, Maggie cannot be located. We know that she is listed as a surviving sister for her sister Rose who died in 1965. Grant's obituary stated his interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Redford, Mi. I cannot locate his name for that cemetery on the Find a Grave website.

Regardless, I suspect both he and Maggie are buried or cremated there.

Like her sister Rose and her brother John, she set out to make her life in the urban and industrial center of Detroit. She emigrated with her sister Rose and there is no evidence that she saw much of her father JR Elliott when he also lived in Port Huron at the same time as she did in the early 1900's. I suspect that like her older sister Rose and brother John, they were estranged from their father after the implosion of the nuclear family with the death of their mother Betsy in 1885, when Maggie was 6 years old.

Melissa Jane (Maggie) Elliott and Grant Defoe Family Tree – youngest daughter of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson



Gerry Orié Chesney also worked at the Wilson Dairy and went on to serve in the US Navy during WWII. In 1944, he married Detroit native, Margaret Louisa Franke while he was stationed in Oakland, CA during WWII. Gerry was wounded in action and returned to his family home not far from the Beech Rd. address of Maggie's.

De Fol

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)			
SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)		ORDER NUMBER
T. 2006	Gerald	Orie Chesney	T. 11591
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)			
12204 Beech Rd		Plymouth	Wayne Mich
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS			
12204 Beech Rd		Plymouth	Wayne Mich
4. TELEPHONE			
Emergreen 6023		5. AGE IN YEARS	
		30 yrs	
6. PLACE OF BIRTH			
Detroit		Wayne Mich	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
Mrs Grant De Fol		12204 Beech Rd, Plymouth, Mich	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
Ira Wilson Dairy			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
5255 Sellman		Detroit Wayne Mich	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42)		Gerald Orié Chesney	

John 31, a	Campbell, Ohio, now living, Detroit, Mich. NILSSON, Ray Walter, 29, 1454 Portland Avenue, Albany, TA-
Burnell Aug. 27,	VEIRA, Ruth Florence, 18, 910 Stan- nage Avenue, Albany.
Burnell e, Aug.	BOYD, Thomas Wesley, 27, Ger- mantown, Pa. MILLS, Jeanne Eliza- beth, 20, 2828 Hillegass Avenue, Berkeley.
wife of Street, r.	HARWOOD, Chadron McKinney, 38, Livingston, Calif. CONLEY, Mable Anastasia, 35 Livingston, Calif.
ld Hite, a son.	DeFOE, Gerald Orie, 23, Detroit, Mich. FRANKE, Margaret Louise, 19, Detroit, Mich.
of Wil-	

Marriage notation: Oakland California

17601 Brush St., Detroit.
DeFOE, Gerald Orie, Seaman 1c,
USNR. Wife, Mrs. Margaret Louis
DeFoe, 25245 Fonkell Ave., Detroit.

Wounded list USNR

He had three daughters that I am aware of.



Peggy B 1948



Geraldine B 1949



Susan B 1952

Peggy and Susan live in Fort Worth, Tex. Geraldine is in Florida.

After the war Gerry and family stayed in Detroit where he worked for a refrigerator manufacturer as a stock man. He died in 1978. His obituary noted his birth father but no birth mother nor the Defoe's whose name he took. After his death, his wife Margaret moved to San Antonio to be near two of her daughters and died in 2001. Interestingly the funeral was held back in Detroit with her family.

DeFOE
GERALD O. Beloved husband of Margaret; dear father of Mrs. Susan Tatro, Mrs. Peggy Drury, Mrs. Geraldine Williams; also survived by eight grandchildren; dear son of Roy Chesney Sr.; dear brother of Miss Edna Chesney. Funeral service Friday 11 a.m. at the **Hammond-Goodnuff-Burnham Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mi. (btwn. Telegraph & Beech Daly).**

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan) • 14 Dec 1978,

WATAUGA — Marge DeFoe, 76, who retired from retail sales, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at a Fort Worth hospital.
Funeral: will be held later in Detroit, Mich.
Marge was born March 15, 1925, in Detroit, Mich. She had lived in Fort Worth for 16 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald DeFoe, in 1978.
Survivors: Daughters, Susan Tatro and Peggy Van Riper, both of Watauga, and Geraldine Williams of Florida; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.
Mount Olivet Funeral Home
2301 N. Sylvania Ave., (817) 831-0511

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Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of J R Elliott and Betsy Johnson

Youngest Child: Frederick Edwin

B May 1882 N Oxford

D 21 Oct 1883 N Oxford

IRC cemetery index records

Margaret Forbes	3	"	Wm. S. 10/10	"	17	Blood Poisoning	"	103
Frederick Edwin Elliott	1/2	"	Luzerne	"	17	Membranes Croup	"	77
Margaret Forbes	1	"	North Oxford	"	18	Inflamatory Croup	"	78
James Grant	78	"	Seplian	"	25	Membranes Croup	"	79
Wm. S. 10/10			Sedland	Durham	25	D.I. 5		80

Blood Poisoning	"	103	"	Spellar	"	J	"	106
Membranes Croup	"	77	"	Reynolds	"	D. S. 10/1	"	104
Inflamatory Croup	"	78	"	Archer	"	St.	"	74



Cause of his death: inflammatory croup. This was a common cause of death in the Ingersoll area in the weeks before and after his death. He is buried with his parents in IRC.

Inscription

Freddie E., son of J. & E. Elliott, died October 21, 1883, aged 1 year, 5 months

Possible Premature baby:

Name:	Elizabeth Elerick [Elizabeth ELLIOTT]
Gender:	Female
Age:	37
Birth Date:	abt 1848
Birth Place:	West Oxford, Ontario
Death Date:	6 Jan 1885
Death Place:	Oxford, Ontario, Canada
Religion:	Methodist Episcopal Church
Cause of Death:	Emhyim of The Heart Following Prematurie & Birth

Betsy (Johnson) Elliott was giving birth to a baby when she died on the 5th of January, 1885.

In the IRC death Index, the cause of her death is listed as inflamed bowels. No baby was found in the directory to have died at that time.

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