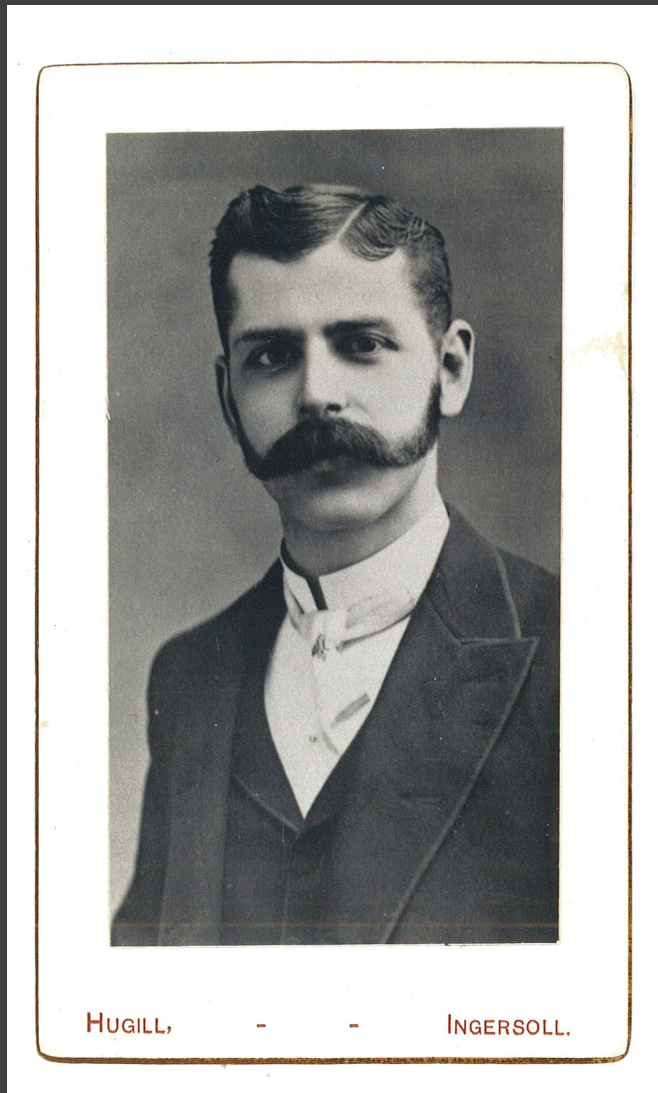


# Edgar Herbert Hugill,

a photographer of Ingersoll



Edgar learned the art of photography from his father, John, who started a studio in Ingersoll in 1866. John was self taught and during this early period of photography, he experimented with daguerreotypes and ambrotypes, finally working with glass plate negatives exclusively.

Edgar Hugill studied his father's techniques and took over the second floor studio on Thames Street in Ingersoll in 1888. Edgar documented small-town life in Ingersoll and became a prominent citizen, socializing with the cream of society.

Upon Edgar's wife Minnie, becoming ill in 1896. Hugill sold his photography studio and decamped to Keewaydin

Island in Muskoka in hopes that the climate may improve her health. This move resulted in Edgar's greatest opportunity, to record his beloved Muskoka and his many friends, through the lens of his camera. Hugill produced his finest and largest number of photographs by the turn of the century. Hugill's images of Ingersoll and Muskoka are featured in the book, 'The Hugill Chronicles: a mosaic' by David L. Gibson.

## Town's Oldest Businessman E. H. Hugill, Laid to Rest

The town's oldest businessman, Edgar H. Hugill, died on Thursday at Alexandra Hospital. Mr. Hugill, a life-long resident of this community was in his 96th year and was a man loved and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Hugill had been in failing health for only a week, and seriously ill since Sunday. He had lived at 186 Thames Street South and was able to live alone until taken ill. For many years Mr. Hugill was a photographer, and many pictures, taken by him, are among the prized possession of our townfolk. For the past 35 years he had been an insurance broker. A member of Trinity United Church, he served on the session of the church and for nearly 50 years, was recording secretary. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., and was recording secretary of that lodge for a long period.

Each summer Mr. Hugill spent at Port Keewaydin, in Muskoka, and for 50 years he was the post master there for the summer. Through this, he had friends all over Ontario as well as his very wide circle of friends here. Despite his advanced years, he was very young in spirit and maintained a lively interest in his

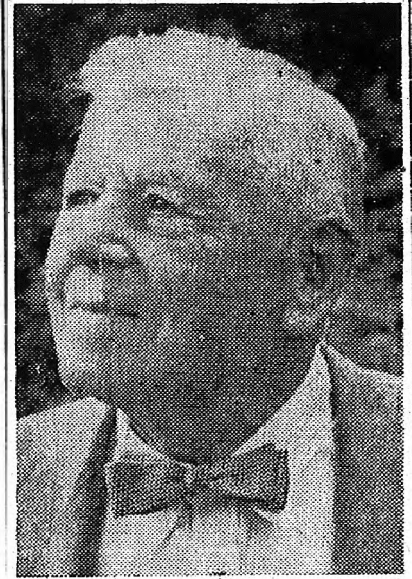
friends, his church and his community.

Mr. Hugill is survived by one brother, Ronald Hugill, Mystic, Connecticut; two nephews, Stewart Walley, Ottawa, and Clarence Stevens, Burmis, Alberta; six nieces, Mrs. William Spear, Pottsville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. C. D. Moncrieff, Windsor; Mrs. A. T. Bell and Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Calgary; Miss Marion Robinson and Mrs. Estelle Ferguson, both of Ingersoll.

The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Walker Funeral Home and was very largely attended by relatives and by friends, not only from the community, but from Toronto, Windsor and Detroit. The many floral tributes were further evidence of esteem. Rev. C. D. Daniel of Trinity United Church conducted the service. Temporary entombment was made at the Ingersoll Mausoleum.

St. John's Lodge No. 68, held a service in the mausoleum, conducted by Worshipful Master, W. B. Ross and fellow officers, Rev. C. D. Daniel, chaplain; James W. Dean, secretary and Russell Stringer, Director of Ceremonies.

The honorary pallbearers were fellow-members of the session of Trinity United Church and mas-



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onic brethren, H. T. Bower, H. I. Stewart, W. W. Wilford, E. A. Webber, R. W. Green and Earl Fugard. The active bearers, who also carried the flowers, were Charles Christie, Wilfred Allen, William Sutherland, Roy Marles, Charles Meatherall and George Beavis.

*Edgar Herbert Hugill*

September 12, 1859-January 26, 1955

## Hugill interments in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery



Ida Claire Robinson Hugill 1857-1886, wife of Edgar, their baby daughter, Ida Claire Hellena, died in 1886, 1 month old.  
Minnie Stevens Hugill, 1866-1918, second wife of Edgar Hugill, 1859-1955.