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This book about the residents of Grove Park Home
is dedicated
to the staff who make it a place of caring and community.

Ex libris scientia;
ex vite sapientia.

From books—knowledge;
from life—wisdom.

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Preface

This book represents a continuation of *Connections*, published in 1999. Readers are referred to the Preface of that book for an explanation of how *Connections* came into being and the sources that were employed at that time. *Connections* celebrated the first thirty years of GPH; *Connections 2* marks its thirty-fifth anniversary. Though *Connections 2* covers a much shorter period than the first volume, it seemed like a good time to do this before the substantial expansion of the facility and the consequent much larger number of residents.

The first *Connections* was named that because I have been fascinated by the connections that have existed among residents. Such ties continue to emerge, even as people from different places and backgrounds come to live at Grove Park.

Some entries in *Connections 2* are much more substantial than others. That was also true of the first book. Here the life story of Harold and Muriel GREENWOOD is particularly full. That is true, in part, because many of us at GPH got to know them so well. We also got to know their family; their funeral services both took place in the church sanctuary.

Readers will note that this book is published under the auspices of Mr. Parker GROVE, who has lived at GPH for many years. He is a larger-than-life person who is at the same time a creation of Diane Ferrier. Perhaps you will meet him some day. I am grateful to Diane for permission to use his name.

Thanks are due to the Administrator of GPH, Darryl Culley, who has supported this second volume of *Connections*.

Both volumes of *Connections* were printed at Action Print, Beamsville. On behalf of us all I would like to express thanks to Cecil Culley for both his expertise and his kindness in printing these books for us.

November 18, 2003

Sources

The sources for *Connections 2* are much reduced from that of the first volume. The biographies which form the heart of this book are dependent upon recollections shared with me by residents which then have been checked by family members; or, a resident or family has supplied the respective entry *in toto*. Residents are not as well as they were in when the first book was being prepared, so there has been a greater dependence upon material that families have supplied.

The statistics in the Appendixes are dependent upon the first volume of *Connections* and there are occasional references — e.g., to the local history *Kith 'N Kin* — that are clarified there.

I. The Grove Park Home Story

The dream to build a retirement home for senior citizens was first conceived by L. Wesley Jones, minister of the Barrie Church of Christ, and by Clarence Rittenhouse and David Carruthers, two members of the congregation. Mr. Jones formulated this vision as the result of a phone-in radio programme which he hosted on CKBB. Wesley recalls the germ of that dream:

In the 1960s I was invited to host “Who wants to know?” on local radio. Callers could talk about anything they wanted to. One recurrent theme was, “When will someone do something about our seniors?” Our hearts were stirred. Clarence [Rittenhouse] and I went to the appropriate Provincial office in Toronto and asked, “What do we need to build a Senior Care Facility?” They said we needed a piece of land debt free and willing hands.

There were fifteen members of the congregation at the time. We found the government would loan us all we needed, which, as I remember, was about \$650,000 for 4% interest. The architect [Leonard Huget] who had worked with GLCC [Great Lakes Christian College] so many years responded to our call and offered his services without cost. (His bed care wing won a national award).

The intention was that such a facility might serve as a Christian outreach and be a place where retired folk of the Church of Christ might live. The Home was erected in 1967–68 with the generous help of the provincial government, the citizens of Barrie, and various individuals. The first members of the Board that was incorporated to operate the Home were Norman Matthews, David Carruthers, Clarence Rittenhouse, Wesley Jones and Blenus Wright.

The Opening, May 4, 1968

The front page headline of *The Barrie Examiner* on May 4, 1968 read, “Cong Offensive Wanes after Day”; that for the following Monday read, “Hope for Total Halt of Bombing.” These stories relate to the Viet Nam War, the dominating international story of that time.

On Monday, May 6, 1968, p. 2, the *Examiner* carried the story of the opening of Grove Park Home: “500 View Official Opening of Grove Park Home For Aged.” The accompanying photo shows Lynn Anderson, minister of the Church of Christ in Kelowna, BC, the special speaker, with GPH chair of the Board Norman Matthews, Mayor R.S. Bentley and Mr. Bentley’s wife. The article says that Anderson’s congregation in Kelowna paid for the furnishing of a room at GPH.

The article notes the presence of others that day: L. Wesley Jones and Dale

Rideout, ministers of the local Barrie congregation; Robert Lackie, president of Allandale Lumber Co., the builder—Mr. Lackie presented the key to Mr. Matthews; Bert Thornhill, who represented Noble Drew of the Department of Family and Social Services; and Leonard Huget, architect.

Keith Wallace was the MC for the occasion. It is noted that he was a member of Board for Great Lakes Christian College, in Beamsville. The choir from that school sang.

The brief story also mentions that Mrs. Ethel Merrick was the first resident of GPH and that she entertained quite a number of guests that day—some seventeen before noon.

Two days later the *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. Jones with Michael Lysabild at a meeting of the Barrie Lions Club. (Mike Lysabild became the Maintenance Supervisor at GPH, 1979–1987!) The photo accompanies an article entitled, “This Generation Will Be Remembered for Apathy.” That was the title of Mr. Jones’s address to the group. In it he states that GPH has a waiting list of 50 individuals—this four days after its opening!—and that the project still needs \$30,000 from the community to reach its goal of \$50,000 of community support.

Staff 1968

At the time GPH opened the Home had the following employees: Miss Crystal Cook, Jean Bercovici, Miss Margaret Carnegie, Mrs. Reta Sturt-Smith, Mrs. Loraine Burbidge, Mrs. Constance Hagan, Mrs. Sonia Woodruff, Mrs. Mary Yonge, Mr. Alexander Oleniuk—cook, Mrs. Olive Oleniuk, Arnold Sturt-Smith, Paul Woodruff, Clarence Rittenhouse, Miss Evelyn Preston, Miss Diane Preston. Total: 15! See GPH Scrapbook 1.

The Early Years

Clarence Rittenhouse served as the first Administrator of GPH. His wife Reta was also much involved with life in the Home. Residents began moving into GPH in May 1968 and over the next year or so the Home filled up to its capacity at the time, 68 residents. Jean Bercovici (“Mrs. B.”) was the Head Supervisor for the first two and a half years. She lives in Toronto and recalls many amusing stories surrounding the opening of the Home and its early days of operation. (Juanita Hulme came in Sept. 1969 and still works in housekeeping, thirty years later!) In 1971 Wesley Jones and David Carruthers left for missionary work in Indonesia.

For a church to operate a home for seniors was a relatively new thing in the area at the time, so there were many unexpected challenges.

The Board of Directors

The wellbeing of GPH over the years has been directly dependent upon the sacrificial involvement of a committed Board of Directors. Mr. Culley has provided a list of individuals who have served in that capacity since 1967. Members of the Board are drawn from Churches of Christ across southern Ontario but, of course, live within driving distance of Barrie. The Administrator served as a member of the Board until January 1972.

• The first Board meeting took place on March 26, 1967. The members of that Board were:

- Norman S. Matthews, Chair; served until 05/07/1968
- David J. Carruthers, Secretary; served until 14/03/1970

- L. Wesley Jones; served until 17/04/1971
- Blenus Wright
- Clarence Rittenhouse; served until 25/07/1972

- The Board has included the following other members since that time:
 - Ron Mason, 22/02/1969–15/11/1975
Chair, 29/01/1972–05/10/1974
 - Don MacKenzie, 27/06/1970–1976 and 04/03/1978–26/04/1997
Chair, 05/10/1974–12/03/1977
 - Blake Gieg, 25/06/1971–05/10/1974
Secretary, 29/01/1972–05/10/1974
 - Marvin Johnson, 04/03/1972–
Chair, 12/03/1977–
 - Wes McLeod, 06/05/1972–05/07/1984
 - Armand James, 13/01/1973–spring (?) 1984
 - Robert Hunter, 13/09/1975–
 - David Barlow, 15/11/1975–13/09/1980
 - Arthur JACKSON, 13/03/1976–15/06/1996
The addition of Mr. Jackson brought the number of Board members up to seven.
 - Steven Gill, 15/11/1980–
 - Terry Codling, 23/03/1985–
 - Les Cramp, 15/06/1985–26/04/1997
 - Russell Cosby, 26/04/1997–
 - Kerry Johnson, 26/04/1997–19/09/1998
 - Clark Hannah, 15/06/1996–
 - Beverly Gignac, 2000–

- The 2002 Board of Directors consisted of Marvin Johnson (Toronto; Chair); Robert Hunter (Milton; Secretary); Steven Gill (Toronto); Terry Codling (Oshawa); Russ Cosby (Barrie); Clark Hannah (Beamsville); Beverly Gignac (Ajax).

David Johnson as Administrator: 1972–1997

David Johnson became Administrator of GPH in Nov. 1972, following a few months' leadership by John Biddle of the Department of Social and Family Services, and continued to serve in that capacity for twenty-five years. He saw the Home through various expansions, filled crucial staff positions, and in many ways set the tone for life at GPH for both residents and staff.

Statistics: 1973, 1976

An *Examiner* article on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of GPH in 1973 quotes David Johnson as saying that since its opening GPH “has welcomed 158 residents.” It further mentions that the cost of living at GPH at the time was \$9 per day. A special issue of *The Spotlight* 7, 5 (May 1978) says that the Home had been a residence for approximately 200 seniors in its first ten years.

A variety of statistical calculations can be drawn from the data provided in this book, but that lies generally outside of its intention. Nevertheless, it is of interest to compare the resident population over the years. The *Spotlight*, Nov. 1976, offered the following statistics:

The youngest resident at Grove Park Home is 58 years of age. The oldest is 101. 8% of the Home's residents are 69 or less (5 residents); 15% are in their 70's (10 residents); 45% are in their 80's (30 residents); 30% are in their 90's (20 residents). The average age at Grove Park Home is 84.

After Ten Years: 1978

For the 10th Anniversary Tea Mayor Ross Archer brought greetings from the City of Barrie and Wesley Jones, then of Bowling Green KY, extended best wishes and reminisced about the beginnings of GPH. A special issue of the *The Spotlight* 7, 5 (1978) repeats information about the construction of GPH and continues with some remarks about the philosophy of the Home and the contribution of various groups to life there. The last two paragraphs state:

The philosophy of the Home is to provide for the needs of the total person — physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual—so that Seniors can live their remaining years in a dignified and meaningful manner. Residential care is provided for 68 Seniors. One wing is used for those who need extra nursing care. A new program called Senior Encounter [,] instituted under a Canada Works Grant this year brings Seniors into the Home by the day to use the Home's facilities. ...

Volunteers have played a very important role in the life of the Home over the years. Our Board of Directors are all volunteers. Many service clubs, Church groups and dedicated individuals give freely of their time and talents, helping in the tuck shop, on the tea cart every afternoon, visiting, assisting in the craft room, entertaining at birthday parties and special events, helping at sing songs, showing movies, and in countless other ways.

The Senior Encounter programme

The remarks just cited note the beginning of the Senior Encounter programme, which continues to provide an opportunity for Barrie seniors to come each day to GPH for activities and social interaction.

The Spotlight 7, 2 (Feb. 1978) reported the beginning of the Senior Encounter programme. A painting and furnishing bee turned a bare room into a warm lounge, it reported. "The following day"—no date is given for the "bee"—the first participants came, and were welcomed by Mr. Johnson on behalf of GPH and by Peggy COTTHAM on behalf of Residents' Council. Some residents acted as hosts and hostesses at dinner. Patty Hipwell was the first Director of the programme.

The programme began with funding supplied by Canada Manpower, as Mr. Johnson reported at a Residents' Council meeting on Oct. 19, 1987. He goes on to say that it was difficult financially at first because the funding expired. In 1987 the cost of the programme was 70% borne by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

In 2002 the S.E. staff includes: Kelly MacKinnon (Director); Chris Flynn; Mary Boulay; Ann Forman.

Significant Additions to Accommodate More Residents: 1983, 1987

- 1983 Maple Wing—18 suites
- 1987 Oak Wing—12 suites

Volunteers 2002

Life at GPH is enriched immeasurably by the hundreds of volunteers who have given of their time and talents over the years. Mr. Darryl Culley, the Administrator of GPH, provided the following sketch of the extent of volunteer activities.

Currently, GPH has more than 200 regular volunteers providing thousands of hours of service each year. This includes the palliative care volunteers, friendly visitors, concert and special events, daily recreational programs, horticultural therapy, monthly birthday celebrations, spiritual support, peer support, volunteer drivers, feeding volunteers, tea cart service, tuck shop, fund raising, music therapy and many other programs, activities and events.

Several organizations provide larger numbers of volunteers on a regular basis—for example:

- The May Court Club of Barrie has been involved in volunteering at GPH for 30 years. Thirty active women organize, run and participate in bingo, sing-songs, birthday parties, Christmas and Easter parties, summer picnics, Hallowe'en parties, the annual Anniversary Tea, the Christmas Bazaar and assist with daily activities such as the tea cart. In addition, the May Court women have been involved in fund raising for special projects such as specialized equipment, our wheelchair accessible bus, renovations and other projects.

Churches. The following six congregations in Barrie provide more than 54 regular volunteers on a monthly basis for the tea cart and tuck shop programs:

- Grace United Church women's group has been volunteering at GPH for more than 30 years.
- Central United Church women's group—since 1972.
- Northside Bible Chapel—since 1972.
- Catholic Women's League—more than 25 years.
- St. Giles Anglican Church women's group—more than 25 years.
- Emmanuel Baptist Church women's group—more than 20 years.

Our current volunteer programme includes a dedicated team of 18 palliative care volunteers, several teen volunteers in various programmes, and numerous dedicated people from the community.

Entertainment: the Annual Christmas Dinner and Variety Programme

One of the most pleasant times of the year at GPH is the Christmas season. Each year there is a Christmas dinner for residents and staff. The dinner is followed by a variety programme, to which residents and staff contribute their talents. Just before Christmas, on the 24th after lunch, there is "Fireside," another programme that features various performers. From the time Bob Dixon came to GPH, he always sang a couple of songs for us; Marg Lepschi has sung "Silent Night"—in German—several years; Ellen Heikkila, Director of Nursing, always contributed beautiful songs during her long tenure, and has come back again and again since she left to sing for us.

The following "Variety Night Program" for December 11, 1986, was put together by Joan Walker, the Director of Activities.

1. Carols
2. Georgie Dunn: “Christmas Every Day”
“The Christmas Song”
3. Elsie MONTEITH: a poem,
“Just a Little Mixed Up”
4. Skit: “The Night After Christmas,”
by Activities and Senior Encounter Staff
5. Andrea McAuley:
“December Child”
“Why Do We Call Them Wise?”
6. Vina MCKAY: Reading,
“Where There is Love” and a joke
7. Hazel Totman, accompanied by Diane Ferrier
“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”
8. The Silver Bells (GPH Glee Club)
Gladys McKillican, conductor
Diane Ferrier, pianist
9. Ellen Heikkila, accompanied by Leanne Heikkila and Diane Ferrier
“Away in a Manger”
“Shepherd’s Rocking Carol”
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
10. Carols
11. Santa Claus!!

Major expansion and renovation, 2002–2004

May 2002 saw the groundbreaking for a major expansion and renovation of GPH that will not be finished until 2004. The story is well told by Bruce Hain in an article that appeared in the *Barrie Advance*, Fri. Jan. 10, 2003. We may simply quote from that article. The article is entitled, “Grove Park raising \$1.2 million to enlarge seniors’ home.” Construction and renovation lags about two months behind the schedule in this article; as of Nov. 2003, about \$600,000 has been raised.

A \$1.2-million fund-raising campaign to enlarge and improve the Grove Park Home for seniors is progressing full steam ahead. The effort officially kicked off this week at the not-for-profit facility, located at 234 Cook St. in Barrie’s east end. And the good news is that approximately \$200,000 in pledges have already been received, said Stan Snider, co-chair of the capital campaign cabinet team.

Using a theme of “Above and Beyond,” the seniors’ residence and activity centre opened in 1968. It was one of the first long-term care facilities to be accredited in Simcoe County. A 96-year-old resident of the home, Evelyn Hawkins, has been chosen to be the focus of the campaign. Renamed “Constance” for the duration of the fund-raising, photos of Hawkins, dressed in construction garb, are being used in all of the publicity pieces, and campaign literature. “We’ve been part of the fabric of Barrie,” said Russ Cosby, the second co-chair of the cabinet team. “We’ve undergone a few expansions — this is the most ambitious.

A three-storey addition will add 50 long-term beds, and create 14 retirement-living units. This will bring the total long-term bed count to 143. The project will be built in three phases. The first phase, now under construction, is to the west

of the current building at Grove and Cook Streets. The three-storey structure will house 81 long-term care beds, including the 50 new ones, and will be used for frail residents. Completion is expected for summer 2003.

The second phase of redevelopment will consist of significant renovations to the existing facility at Grove Park, including the addition of a “village street.” This project should be finished by February, 2004. Phase three will see the reconfiguration of the original residential wing to contain 14 retirement units. The expected completion date for this phase is June 2004.

Plans also include the establishment of a “Centre of Excellence,” which will provide leadership, and expertise, in educating both present, and future care providers. The village street will transform the home’s main entrance into a hub of activity, including shops, a lending library, and a nursery school. “We’ll have joint partnerships with local high schools, and Georgian College,” said Grove Park administrator Darryl Culley. “We’ll be offering extending programs, not just for our senior residents, but to other seniors as well.”

The Grove Park Home now houses 93 residents, and employs the services of 125 health care and support staff. More than 300 volunteers contribute their time and talent to the residents.

It was on October 29, 2003 that Phase 1 was sufficiently complete to permit residents to move from Aspen, Birch and Maple wings into the three-storey building. Now, that was quite a day!

I. The Residents 1999–2002

What follows is an alphabetical listing of individuals who have lived at GPH from Jan. 1, 1999 to Dec. 31, 2002, according to married or family name in capital letters. With it is provided the “given” name, followed by family name in italics in the case of married women. Below that is the date of birth and date of death; an asterisk (*) after the latter indicates that I conducted the funeral service. The entry ends with the date of admission to GPH and includes, in some cases, the suite or room which an individual occupied or occupies.

The names of individuals who lived at GPH on December 31, 1998 are marked with a diamond (♦). The entries for these residents may be the same as in the original *Connections*.

Finally, family names that begin with “Mc” and “Mac” are listed in strictly alphabetical order; the same holds true for “St.” (John).

A

ALLEN, Muriel *Teeter*

13/01/1922–

Daughter of Aron and Ameleia Teeter; her two sisters are Nina (m. Gordon Miller) or Orangeville and Doreen (m. Mervin Rice) of Port Elgin. She married Clifford Allen (son of William and Margaret) of Berkeley and they lived on the Allen farm south of Berkeley.

The Allens had two children: Glen and Norma (m. John Henderson); she has four grandchildren.

Mr. A. died in May 1985.

Mrs. Allen worked at Junior Footwear at Markdale until her retirement. She loved to garden: vegetables, flowers—she could grow anything! She also loved to cook and bake. There was always fresh baking at her house.

Muriel loved music, especially country music, and enjoyed dancing until she had ill health.

Mrs. Allen moved to GPH from Creedan Valley in Creemore.

GPH: 22/04/2002

ALLEN, Thursa Mary Agnes *Langdon*

26/03/1911–01/03/2003

Her family is from Yeovil, Somerset.

Mrs. A. was born in Toronto. She was the daughter of Noah W. Langdon (d. 1975) and Helene Bright Gilligan L. (d. 1975), the eldest of eight children. Her siblings are: Marguerite (m. Woodley) of Rexdale; Thomas L., of Etobicoke; Lorraine (m.

Russell) of Barrie; Shirley (m. Rosen) of Scarborough; June (m. Verrall) of Barrie; and the late Willard and Earl.

In 1932 she married Thomas Leslie Allen (d. 1963). They lived in the west end of Toronto, namely on Rosethorn Ave. Mr. A. was a firefighter; worked for the TTC; he was also a butcher.

The Allens had two daughters, Eleanor M. (m. Garth Dunphy), who lives in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Marlene D. R. (m. Richard C. Weedon), who lives in Barrie. Both daughters attended Gernal Mercer Public and High School in Toronto.

After her husband's death in 1963, Mrs. Allen lived with her daughter Marlene for some 38 years, in Weston (Rosemount Ave.) and in Barrie (Chalmers Dr.).

She was much devoted to her two daughters, seven grandchildren (Dawn, Kathy, Mark and Kerri—all of Cherry Hill, N.J.; Garth Thomas of Pennsylvania; Allen of Mississauga and Marla Weedon of Etobicoke) and 17 gt.-grandchildren. When she was younger she speed skated and she maintained a lifelong interest in that sport. Mrs. A. was also an extremely devoted fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. She was a founding member of the York West Senior's Centre in Weston and a 15-year-pin member volunteer for the City of York, Weston.

GPH: 29/04/2002

◆ ANDERSON, Mary Dorothea *Grasett*

13/01/1902–16/07/2000

B. in Barrie. Her parents were Henry James Grasett, who was born in Simcoe ON, and Mary Isabella Hogg, of Guelph. Her father was the Manager of the Bank of Commerce in Barrie.

In August 1927 she married Norman Russell Anderson at Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie. Mr. Anderson was born near Walkerton ON in 1893.

After their marriage they went to England where he attended the R.A.F. Staff College. Just after the birth of their first child, they returned to Canada, living in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Halifax, and Ottawa. Mr. Anderson died in 1948.

Eventually Mary had a house built and took residence there in 1963. This property is just outside Barrie, along the Ridge Road leading to Shanty Bay. She enjoyed many happy years there but, with failing health, came to live at GPH in 1997.

Her family included three sons and a daughter: Hugh, born in England in 1928; Hope, born in Winnipeg in 1932; Alistair and Colin were both born in Ottawa, in 1934 and 1935 respectively. Mary had five grandchildren.

Mrs. A. recalled that when she was about ten years of age the population of Barrie was 5,000 and there were just two police officers—one for the day and one for the night: Constable King for the daytime, Mr. Lambie for night-time! She and her friends were permitted to go out in the evening down to the train station to meet the train bringing the evening newspaper from Toronto.

Her husband was Leo LANDREVILLE'S commanding officer, according to Eileen L.

Church: St. George's Anglican; Trinity was the church of her childhood. When Mary was not able to attend St. George's with her daughter Hope, she worshiped with us at the Church of Christ. We all enjoyed knowing her; she was a person of gentleness and deep piety.

In his book *The Disciples of Christ in Canada since 1830*, Reuben Butchart, the editor, reproduces a list of six pioneer preachers whose names and photos George Munro had published in 1894. These, Butchart says, were the best known among such preachers at the time (p. 137, n. 1). One of them, Alex Anderson, whose biography is given on p. 140—there are many other references to him—was a grandfather of Norman R.

Anderson.

See also Henrietta GRASETT in *Connections 1*.
GPH: 01/05/1997—M72

◆ ARCHER, Frederick

29/03/1912–24/05/2000

B. at Orr Lake.

His father Frederick had one brother in Washington State and another in Broadview, SK.

Frederick jr. is the youngest of his father's second family. The family moved to Waverly when his oldest brother Lorne took over the farm. Mr. A. heard that their house has been torn down, but he didn't want to know more. He played the organ at the Anglican Church in Waverly.

Mr. A. went to the Business College in Midland; then to work in Toronto for Acme Bearings and Parts at 49-51 Charles St. E. He roomed at 50 Charles St. E.

He married Mary Elizabeth Brock, daughter of Easton Brock, whose family moved to Toronto. They had lived on the 2nd of Flos Twp. Mr. Archer worked for 50 years in Toronto.

Mr. Archer retired from the Ministry of Transportation, where he was a purchasing agent.

He was a Mason and past Grand Master of that lodge. After retirement in Mississauga, the Archers moved to Wyevale, to a huge farm known as "Dallas." From there they moved to Sandy Cove Acres, then to Midland. Mr. A. came to GPH from a retirement home in Midland because he had family in Barrie.

Mr. Archer's cousin Reg is married to Vi BAYCROFT'S sister, Mary.

GPH: 22/09/1997—O101

ARMSTRONG, Viva

30/09/1925–

The Armstrongs came from Etobicoke, but had a cottage at Gravenhurst (?). Viva moved to GPH from Sandy Cove Acres. Husband is Andy.

GPH: 12/02/2002

ARNEM, Beatrice *Leppard*

16/10/1908–15/05/2001

B. Oct. 16, 1908 to George and Ethel (Davis) Leppard at their home at the north edge of the Town of Newmarket, ON. All her records show her surname with two "p's" (unlike the rest of the family)—because, she said, her father must have made a "stop" on his way to register her birth. Her brothers and sisters would tease that she belonged to the rich Leppards with 2 p's.

Her siblings included two brothers, Herman Robert (Bob), and Isaac; and four sisters: Kathleen (m. Leslie E. Johnson); Georgina (m. Patrick Glynn); Irene (m. Carvel Tutor); and Elva, who drowned at the age of 12 in the abandoned part of the Trent Canal near Newmarket.

They all walked 2-3 miles to a one room elementary schoolhouse and attended the Newmarket High School. Beatrice graduated from High School at the young age of 12. In her early 20s she spent time around Kapuskasing in northern Ontario. She then moved to Washington, D.C., where she tutored Secretary of War Woodring's (sp?) children in the French language. She was housekeeper for the widowed owner of a large estate in Winchester, Virginia, and employed in a chain of fine restaurants called the Hot Shoppe in Florida. One of Beatrice's fondest memories was of serving the actor, John Wayne, while working at the Hot Shoppe restaurant. He would eat there during a plane

stopover and always ordered a whole “brick” of vanilla ice cream and a coffee.

She returned to Canada in 1942 when she married Wilfred Arnem, who was raised on his father’s farm on Highway 90 near Angus. They lived in Collingwood because Wilfred was sailing on the Great Lake boats and, later, employed at the Collingwood Shipyards. Their only child, Kathleen, was born in Collingwood on June 5, 1944.

In 1945 they moved to Highway 90 near Angus to live on a plot of land severed from his father’s farm. Wilfred found work as a stationary engineer at Camp Borden. Beatrice grew a large market garden there for many years and sold produce at a stand by the highway.

Mr. Arnem retired from Borden in 1972 and they took up residence on Henry St. in Barrie. A year later Wilfred passed away following a stroke. Beatrice then became one of the first members of Parkview Centre for Seniors on Blake St. She enjoyed many years as an active member there, serving on their Advisory Board and as editor of the Centre’s newspaper, called “Pals”.

She was an active member at Grace United Church on Grove St. for many years.

Beatrice played bridge, euchre; bowled; was in the mixed dart league at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club. She sewed, knitted and crocheted, loved animals and had many cherished dogs and cats during her lifetime. She loved to leave peanuts out for her squirrel friends and food for her beloved birds.

She moved from Henry St. to Sylvia St. and then to her little house at 61 Owen St. in 1979. Her daughter, Kathleen, and her husband, Roger Dingwell built an apartment on their house on Cundles Rd. E. for her when her health made it difficult for her to live alone any longer. She was a participant in the Senior Encounter programme at GPH while there.

In 1996 she went to Brookfield Place to have more company, recreation and care. She was confined to a wheelchair after suffering two falls that required hip surgery. She came to live at GPH on Oct. 21, 1999.

The Arnem’s daughter Kathleen has two daughters and a son: Jennifer Plaxton (m. Craig Tidy) has two daughters, Shannon and Alicia; Leah Plaxton (m. Scott Mercer) has a son, Keiran; and son, Rob Brockwell (m. Corry) has a son, Jamie.

Mrs. Arnem’s favourite hymns were “The Old Rugged Cross” and “(We Shall Come Rejoicing) Bringing in the Sheaves”. She drew strength from the 23rd Psalm.

Her favourite sayings were, “Waste not, want not” and “‘Don’t plan things too far ahead—Live one day at a time,’ like the Bible tells us to.” One of her habits was to get a spoon for you to eat the bubbles off the top of your cup of tea because they meant money for you!

GPH: 21/10/1999

B

BAKER, Edith Jessie *Pike*

26/06/1908–16/09/2002

B. in Exeter, Devon, England. When she completed here schooling, she worked in Exeter, embroidering church vestments. At the age of 21 she married John Baker. During WWII, while he was in the R.A.F., she worked in the lending library of the Exeter branch of Boots’ the Chemist.

In 1948 John came to Canada to seek employment. Edith and their two sons, Alan and Colin, followed three months later and took up residence in a bungalow that he had bought in North York. They later moved to Scarborough, and then to Mississauga.

In 1981, after 52 years of marriage, they were divorced. She then enjoyed life alone for nineteen years, until an illness made institutional care necessary.

She went to Creedan Valley, in Creemore, directly from hospital and, a year later, was able to transfer to GPH, a few blocks from Alan's home.

Mrs. B. was a voracious reader and, therefore, very good at crossword puzzles and a keen participant in the Chit Chat group at GPH. Her mental faculties remained intact up until the time of her death, and she was interested in the world around us and in the "goings-on" in the lives of her friends and acquaintances. I can testify to that.

Her sons were very much devoted to their mother's well-being, which is not always the case with sons, and we will miss seeing them at GPH.

GPH: 02/03/2001

BANTING, Donnell

26/10/1906–28/11/2000*

B. in Cookstown; son of Benjamin Wesley B. (1871–1920) and Catherine Donnell (1873–1953), both of whom were also born there. Mr. Banting had three brothers and two sisters; two other siblings died in infancy.

When he was 14 his father died, so he quit school and worked on the family farm. In WWII he worked for DeHavilland in Toronto, building airplanes. After the War he was in Timmins for a while, working for his brother Clare at a car dealership.

Alvina McDonald interviewed Mr. Banting for butcher at their family store at Foote's Bay. It was supposed to be a temporary job, but Don was so good at what he did and so well-liked that he just stayed on. He was up to meet the delivery truck at 4:30 A.M. In those days he would eviscerate chickens and would cut up sides of beef for the store. He made the store famous for its meat all around the Bay. It seemed he was always on the run, walking fast.

Eventually he married "the boss's daughter," Helen, and became an integral part of the McDonald family connection.

Though the summers were very busy, winters were more relaxed. He once helped build a "snow scoot" and took the children for rides on the frozen lake. There was playing in the snow and hot drinks. He and Helen were very hospitable and though they had no children of their own their doors were always open to nephews and niece Thos, Tim, Adam, and Amy when they lived next door.

It was a busy life and Mr. Banting told me that, at some point, they were spending three months at Foote's Bay; three in Florida; six months in Toronto getting ready for a new season.

Don loved the Toronto Maple Leafs and used to listen to the hockey games on the radio when Foster Hewitt was calling the action.

After he retired Mr. Banting gardened; he specialized in begonias.

In 1988 Don and Helen moved to Barrie, to Barrie Manor, a major transition from their lovely home at Foote's Bay. In 1994 Helen died; in 1999 Don moved to Grove Park Home, where Peter LAPLANTE, husband of his niece, was a resident.

Cathy describes her uncle as intelligent, resourceful and responsible. "Everyone really loved Don," she said, because he was so nice to everyone and was a gentleman."

Mr. Banting was a cousin to the well-known Frederick Banting, co-discover of insulin.

He had his photo albums at Grove Park and I enjoyed going through one of these with him, envying somewhat his life on the Bay years ago: the store, the house, a different era captured in pictures. His was a remarkable life, and in his mid-90s his memory was sharp and complete.

GPH: 04/07/2000

BARBER, Frank Philip

29/06/1917–25/04/2001

Frank was born in Toronto June 29, 1917. He grew up with his two brothers and two sisters in the family home on Beech Ave., Toronto, a few blocks from Balmy Beach, Lake Ontario.

As a young man Frank was a member of the Balmy Beach Yacht Club —where he developed his lifelong love of boats, and swam three miles every morning along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Frank's favorite childhood companion was his St. Bernard, Baron. He showed Baron in the Royal Winter Fair and won best in his class. He was very proud of this accomplishment and loved to tell stories about Baron. Newspaper clippings accompanied the many stories of Baron, Lake Ontario and his happy childhood.

When Frank was 16 he spent his first of several summers away from home in the lumber camp at Kapuskasing, working for Spruce Falls Power and Paper, where his father was the company accountant. He could keep you in stitches with his stories from the north. There were the ones about the bear that he outran; the black fly remedies; the concoctions he cooked for the camp; digging, filling in and moving the latrines.

In 1941 Frank enlisted with the Canadian Air Force to serve in WWII. Corporal Frank Barber was stationed in London, England, for four years as a payroll clerk. It was during this time that he met and married Maud Adams.

Maud was also in the armed forces—the British Womens Royal Air Force. Their first child, Anne, was born in England. With the second baby, George, on the way, Maud traveled to Canada on the S.S. Maritannia, along with veterans and their families returning to Canada. Frank remained in England until 1945.

When Frank returned from the war he continued working for Spruce Falls Power and Paper, which later became Kimberly-Clark. He worked for Kimberly-Clark as their bookkeeper for 35 years until he retired.

Frank and Maud began their new life after the war in Toronto. They bought their first house, one of many to come. Soon their third child Philip was born. With the arrival of another child they outgrew the house and moved. The family grew to six, with Vicki, Bill and Jennifer, the houses, cars and boats to many. The stories and laughter grew too. The children knew they were in big trouble if they heard him bellow all their names before he got the right one or heard from Maud, "Wait 'til your father gets home!"

Frank managed to support his large family of six children not only with his job but also in the real estate market, by renovating and reselling the family houses. Each house had its own character and favorite memories for Frank's family. One favorite story is about the time he was on top of a ladder painting while Maud was on the ground holding the ladder steady. Frank took a break, stretched and stepped back to admire his paint job, landing on Maud at the bottom of the ladder! There were houses with bats, dungeons and attics. Construction dusts and paints were a part of family life. Frank built backyard swimming pools for his gang, complete with spotlighted night skinny dippers escaping over the fence. There were family pets wild and tame, like the raccoons loose in the kitchen tracking through chocolate cake on the counter. There was lots of packing, unpacking and moving vans, and saying good byes to friends. Dad taught his family to adapt. One of his many valuable lessons on living.

Frank's cars ranged from a luxury old Packard, where the family traveled with space for games, crayons and snacks, to a Volkswagen beetle. Along with himself and Maud, Frank crammed and jammed six children and his mother-in-law into the Volkswagen. One trip to Collingwood Blue Mountain required the kids to help push it up the mountain. So Frank moved on to an Edsel, a shiny new family car with all the bells and whistles. Of course Frank didn't know that Mr. Ford had created a monster, where the bells whistled and the whistles rang. Frank took it in his stride and moved on to a Volkswagen bus and a series of family size Oldsmobiles and luxury Lincolns. He loved his Lincolns. His cars always shone with high waxed finishes and, even with the various incidents related to kids, they smelled new. Three boys seemed to become driving age when he wasn't looking and almost drove him to drink. Frank was an abstainer and proud to pay less auto insurance because of it.

His precious cars and garage no longer his own, Frank moved to Mount Albert in the country, with space and room for a horse and vegetable garden, which the horse ate. There was also a chicken, Henrietta, that became a pet—so much for raising your own food! Frank commuted to the city—not for the first time in his life—but by now it was taking a toll on his health. After a serious neck injury from a fall off the horse he took early retirement. Never content to sit still for long without a project underway, Frank began his retirement by helping neighbors build barns. Frank moved to Kirkfield, on the waterfront, finally to retire and be able to keep his boat on his own property.

Frank always had a boat even if it meant driving miles to visit it. He took the Power Squadron course and had various captains' hats. Mostly gifts from his family and with wonderful sayings like "old fart" on them. His first boat was a beautiful glossy wood launch. The wood was a lot of work to maintain. After a couple of experiences with seams opening up in the middle of Lake Ontario and bailing for his life, Frank moved on to 24-foot cruisers. He traveled the full length of the Trent Canal system and throughout the Kawartha Lakes. Then he decided the boat was too hard on gas and expensive so the boat ended up tied to the dock and was used as a guest house and for occasional short cruises.

Frank wasn't cheap but was careful with his money. His family always had what they needed and wanted but it had to come at the "right price". There was very little that wasn't bought on sale, nearly new or at a negotiated price. He loved auction sales and was known in the Mount Albert area for his top hat and cane outfit he wore at the sales. They nicknamed him "The Mayor". He was truly a genius with his money.

Frank loved cars, boats, swimming pools, renovating houses, model trains and most of all his family. He is remembered by Maud, his six children, daughters and sons-in-law, and was gramps to 28 grandchildren, great grandpa-pa to 8 great grandchildren.

A father of a large family faces many challenges and adventures in his life. Frank embraced them all with his rare sense of humor, fairness, values, and morals. He believed in the golden rule. He always did his best. He was a chocoholic and loved his sweets. He had mottos he lived by: "Life is short; eat desert first"; "Smile and the whole world smiles with you"; "Smile; pass it on"; "If at first you don't succeed, try again." Frank had the courage to never stop trying even when he had to bail.

Frank's family are grateful to his friends and caregivers at GPH for their caring support and for being a part of Frank's life.

GPH: 07/12/2000

BARLOW, Debra

21/09/1964–

GPH: 19/05/2000

◆ BAYCROFT, Viola (“Vi”) Miriam *Langman* FISHER

19/09/1907–17/08/2003*

B. on a farm between Elmvale and Wasaga Beach. She was married to Jim Fisher, a barber, for 40 yrs.: eighteen in Toronto, five in Vancouver, then in Barrie. He was a cousin to Alex Fisher, the husband of my father’s first cousin, Pauline Cox.

The Fishers’ grandson was hit by a drunk driver and seriously injured for life and that, according to Mrs. B., killed Mr. Fisher who died in the early 1970s. Their son Bill has a barber shop on Dunlop St. E., near the Queen’s Hotel, and is a frequent visitor to GPH.

Bill relates the following story.

In 1940 we were living at 89 Lee Ave., in the east end of Toronto, above the old (original?) Tamblyn drug store. This was directly across from Kew Beach Park. We lived on the third floor of the building; my mother had a beauty parlour on the second floor. We had an old, big tomcat.

The building was of wood construction. I used to collect the cardboard boxes from the drug store and I had hundreds stored in a room at the back of our living quarters. They were worth about \$2 a ton in resale. What a fire they would have made! The store was heated with coal and the stockboy who was taking out the ashes threw them against our building. In the middle of the night the tomcat roused my dad. We all got out safely and the fire department put out the fire. The hero tomcat ran away.

Vi remarried. Mr. B. was from Weyburn, SK. In the mid-1970s they spent their summers in Weyburn and the rest of the time in Texas, on the Rio Grande, 30 mi. from the coast. Mr. Baycroft died in July 1989. She was familiar with the Church of Christ from Weyburn—she was there occasionally—and from Texas. The Hamilton Fishers were also from that communion; she also has relatives in the Church of Christ at West Lake, near Picton. It happens that our church treasurer’s wife, Karen Yardley Perry, is from that congregation.

“Mrs. B.” has more friends and relatives than any other GPH resident I can remember. For example, Mary LENNOX was a sister-in-law of Vi’s first cousin Dorothy Smith Bowser Henry. (Dorothy Smith’s mother was a Harman. Jack Bowser was contractor for the Empire State Building—she was his second wife; he was her first husband.)

A brother who has visited occasionally recited for us “The Cremation of Sam McGee” “at the clock” one time.

She and Lottie BONNEY share the same gt.-gt.-grandparents, Hugh Langman and Honor Saundercock, married Aug. 30, 1791. They lived near the town of Launceston, Cornwall, England. For further details see *A Langman Family History, From Cornwall, England, to Canada and Australia* (n.p., 1992). On the Langman family also see see *Kith ’N Kin*, pp. 188–192.

Mrs. B. was a frequent contributor to *Tales of Yesteryear*: vol. 1—“Memories from the Farm, 1913”; “An Insistent Helper”; “A Night to Remember”; “The Frank Rock Slide”; vol. 2— “Safety Pins are Not Safe”; “My Appendix Operation”; “A Visit to El’s Grave”; vol. 3—“Housefire During a Blizzard”; “A Life Was Saved: Two Stories from School”; “Christmas Away from Home.”

GPH: 01/08/1989—A10

BELL, Eileen *Exelby*

11/12/1918–07/07/2002

Mrs. Bell spent most of her life in the Dufferin St. and Hallam Ave. area of Toronto, near where she was born. She met her husband—who was from the east end of Toronto—at Canada Pad and Paper: she worked for a division of that company, Eaton, Crane, and Pike. He worked there from the age of 16 and finished his working life there. They lived on Delaware Ave.

The Bells had three sons, two of whom live close by, in Barrie and Ivy.

Mrs. Bell moved to Lefroy, then to Stroud; then to Parkside Villa, then to GPH.

Playing cards was a favourite pastime; she taught friends at Parkside Villa how to play euchre.

GPH: 29/06/1998

◆ BELL, Lillian *Miller*

18/10/1901–24/01/2001

B. at Mount St. Louis.

Her family worshiped at the Presbyterian Church in Moonstone. The “precentor” there was Mr. Robertson. About 1880, when Mrs. B.’s mother was 15 or 16, the church was given a piano, which she played. Until then singing was unaccompanied. There was always music in her parents’ home.

Lillian married in 1926. With her husband she built a brick house near Eady. She was very active in the community: she is a life member of the Women’s Institute.

Her son was killed in a car accident at the age of 22; a daughter lives in Toronto.

Mrs. B. loved the life of the farm. She had a pet lamb, a ewe named “Butch” from which a flock eventually grew. She recalled how clever it was: once, when it was quite a good sized lamb, she forgot to feed it and it managed to get through the door and came right upstairs in search of her.

Mrs. Bell lived for two years at Barrie Manor before moving into GPH. She related that she received more than thirty-three birthday cards for her 95th birthday.

I particularly enjoyed Mrs. Bell’s monologues, which she gave at Christmas variety programmes at GPH. For Christmas in 1997 she had a monologue/poem based on “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” It told the story of the flight of a mouse from a cat; how the cat chased the mouse into the bedroom, where it hid in “Old Johnny.” The cat upset “Old Johnny,” its owner was awakened and he threw the cat outside into the cold!

My beard was a subject of conversation almost any time we met—she didn’t like it very much, and more than once she quoted to me this riddle: “What is worse than eating an egg without salt?” The answer: “Kissing a man with a beard!” We had a lot of fun with this subject. When I shaved off the beard on Dec. 8, 1999, I went in to see Mrs. Bell in the dining room. I approached her table, she turned around, and all she could say was, “Good Lord!”

Mrs. Bell’s daughter Iona recalled about her mom (02/05/2002):

She was secretary for years for the U.C.W. (United Church Women). Somehow she always wrote up the minutes to be read rather exciting and interesting. (As you know, they are often just the opposite!) She also could write a poem about anyone or anything at the drop of a hat. She was a great credit to her community. I was fortunate to have her with me for so long.

GPH: 28/09/1995—O89

BENNER, Violet (“Vicky”) *Brumeroff* GARNER
28/06/1924–26/11/2001

B. in Toronto. She was an “only child” until she was eleven; then she had a sister.

Mrs. Benner’s first husband died in 1970 after a head injury he received in a 1964 accident at Delmo Mine. She worked at GE in Barrie but retired before it closed.

Her daughter recalled that she was a very kind person and loved to knit. Much of this went to the Salvation Army for distribution to people who needed it.

Mrs. Benner had two daughters and one son (deceased).

GPH: 23/07/2001

◆ BESWETHERICK, Gordon *Martin*

07/10/1910–

Mr. B. was born in Cambridge, MA, one of five children. His father was from Glasgow, Ayrshire; his maternal grandfather was a tailer in Edinburgh—his name was Dunnett.

The family moved to Toronto, where both parents died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. The Children’s Aid Society arranged for him to be adopted by a couple at Lisle so, at age 7, he took a train from Parkdale station to Beeton, to Lisle.

(One sister was adopted by a doctor in Toronto: they changed her name from Helen [her mother’s name] to Olive. Another sister was adopted by a family whose name was also Martin. A brother had his name changed from James (?) to Greg. One sister died of breast cancer; one sister lives at Cape May, Maine.)

Mr. B. went to a United Church at Airlie. He knew the Stephens family well—they were the leading family in the Glencairn Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). On occasion he attended that church, which closed in the late 1980s. That very old congregation had ties to the Barrie Church of Christ.

Gordon’s family moved to Barrie in 1945 and his adoptive father died the following year. Mr. B. looked after his mother until she went into a nursing home in Toronto. He worked at various jobs: e.g., as shop foreman for Hill’s auto dealership for eleven years

He is a great lover of nature and the outdoors; a devoted birdwatcher. After he fell into a stream in the spring of 1996 he spent some time in hospital. Then it became necessary for him to move into GPH.

Mr. B. enjoys going out to watch birds. On May 13, 1998, he showed me a picture of a King Rail bird, which he had seen recently in a flooded field between Angus and Brentwood. He carries a copy of *Birds of North America* (published by Golden) in his “walker”!

Just inside the door at the Simcoe County Museum there is a display of the archeological sites in Simcoe County. These sites are listed by name and by pressing a button their locations are illuminated on a large map. One of these sites is named “Beswetherick” because it is on his property on the 8th Conc., north of Highway 90. Mr. Beswetherick told me that he had a garden of 4,000 gladiolas and 100 different kinds of dahlias! He is an amazing man.

Finally GPH volunteer Senga Coutts’ mother-in-law, Alice Coburn Coutts and her two brothers were childhood friends of Mr. Beswetherick.

GPH: 06/05/1996—A16

◆ BLACK, Anne Josephine *Partridge*

03/02/1906–13/01/1999*

B. the sixth of eight children; both parents—Wellington (“Wellie”) and Sarah Emma—had the name Partridge! Her siblings were Ira, Enid, Elexy, Percy, Elmer, Stella, and Minnie. Enid and Stella did not marry. Mrs. Black’s sisters Stella and Minni survived her, the former in St. Catharines, the latter in Albany, NY.

(On the Partridges of Oro Twp. see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 291–294: Ann’s family tree is on p. 292, where her name is “Annie.”)

Mrs. Black grew up on a farm at Crown Hill and went to school in that area. Some former classmates are still alive, including Ann Avison (m. Collins), with whom she roomed when she went to Normal School in Toronto. She taught at Ferndale, now a part of Barrie.

In Dec. 1927 Anne Partridge married Allan Black. They had three children: two sons are in Alberta—Leonard (m. Patricia) and Rodger (m. Ruth), both civil servants—and a daughter, Betty (m. Martin Hazenberg), in Uxbridge. Leonard is the eldest and Roger is the youngest.

Mr. Black died in 1969. After his death, Mrs. Black, at the age of 64, learned to drive a car, so that she could be independent.

Mrs. Black enjoyed travelling in North America and liked especially the Rocky Mountains, and visiting Leonard and Roger and their families out West. She also found pleasure in reading, including poetry, until her eyesight failed.

She first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme.

Mrs. Black lived at 125 Wellington St., on the same floor as Lillian KING and they were good friends from that time.

As a girl Mrs. Black went to the United Church at Crown Hill. In Barrie she worshiped at Central United Church. At her funeral, Beth Partridge offered recollections of Ann when she was a teenager. Afterwards Viola Tuck told me that she lives diagonally across from the farm where Mrs. Black grew up: she grew up on the farm on the southwest corner where Vespra 15-16 and Highway 93 meet. Viola lives on the farm that was the LUCK farm.

GPH: 05/06/1987—O93/M66

◆ BLEVINS, Ruth *Macdonald*

26/10/1918–

B. in Ridgetown. She married Ormond Blevins, the manager of a Walker chain store. She was working in Toronto and came home for a week’s vacation: a “blind date” was arranged by a friend.

Mrs. B. worked for Ontario Hydro at the corner of University Ave. and College St. in Toronto. The Blevins lived in Etobicoke before coming to Barrie. Mr. B. died in 09/88. They enjoyed a close relationship and she “talks to him nightly.”

Ruth’s nephew David Blevins is a Barrie businessman—Blevins Insurance—and sometime member of the King Edward Choir. We sang in the Choir at the same time, so I knew Dave before I knew his aunt.

GPH: 23/05/1992—A21

◆ BONNEY, Lottie Victoria *Shaw*

18/04/1902–06/01/2001*

B. in Oro Twp., the fifth of the nine children of A. Henry (“Harry”) Shaw and Margaret Crooks, and granddaughter of Peter Shaw and Mary Ann Randal.

There is a brief paragraph on the Raddals in *Kith 'N Kin*, p. 302. The same book has a section on the Shaw family—pp. 348–354. This includes an article about Lottie’s gd.-father Peter, and a very fine photo of Lottie as a pretty little girl of seven or eight—a guess!—with her parents and siblings (p. 351). Her family tree appears on p. 354 of that book.

Mrs. Bonney's brothers and sisters were: William H. (m. Virginia Taylor) of Toronto; Stanley P. (m. Alice Brennan) of Oro; Irene (m. Robert Roy) of Toronto; Pearl, (Lottie), Isaac (did not marry) of Oro; twins Lila and Lena (m. Lewis Pengelley) of Toronto; Violet. Pearl, Lila and Violet all died young.

Lottie married Percy Bonney on Nov. 8, 1922. There is a photo of Percy Bonney in *Kith 'N Kin*, p. 33. The Bonneys had one daughter Lena (m. Charles Simpson) who, in turn, has six children, 20 grandchildren, and one gt. grandson. Lottie's grandchildren are: Myrna (m. David Jones) of Vasey; Wayne (m. Elaine McLeod) of Oro; Brian (m. Joy Sanderson) of Oro; Brenda (m. Elgin Hyatt) of Orangeville; Alberta (m. Christopher Goody) of Napanee; Glenn (m. Shelley Clark) of Oro.

Before her marriage Lottie was organist at the Esson Presbyterian Church at Rugby.

Lottie and Percy farmed all their lives in Oro Twp., attended the Barrie Farmers Market and had a regular egg delivery. She knew a great deal about Oro's history and people. She took pride in her achievements at local fairs: she obtained First Prize for milking a cow at the Oro Fair in 1937; First Prize for five, one-pound prints of butter; First Prize for a five pound crock of butter; First Prize for a pair of roasted chickens, as well as many other prizes in the 1930s. Years later, in 1977, she was still winning prizes—namely, First Prize in the Senior Citizen Queen Contest at the Oro Fair!

Lottie enjoyed playing the piano and mouthorgan and entertained several years at the Oro Fair during the Baby Show. She was also pianist for the Clowes Women's Institute, of which she was a member for thirty-six years.

In 1919 she received the following diploma, which hung in the entrance to her suite at GPH.

This Diploma is awarded by the General Assembly
of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada

To Lottie Victoria Shaw
for having recited correctly the whole of the Shorter Catechism

David Smith
Minister
F.H. McMahon
Superintendent

Dated May 18, 1919

Lena and Charlie hosted "open houses" to honour Lottie and Percy's 40th, 50th, and 60th Wedding Anniversaries, as well as their special birthdays, including Lottie's 90th.

At GPH Mrs. B. was a member of the Recollections Group and contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 3—"A Memory from Childhood"; "Driving the Wagon"; "The Day Lottie Operated on the Chicken"; "Milking Contest"; "Queen Lottie."

Mrs. B. continued to play the mouthorgan at GPH, sometimes with Mrs. VAUSE accompanying on the piano. Some of her favourite hymns were "There's a Land that is Fairer than Day," "How Great Thou Art," and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Lottie lived in Aspen #12, right beside a distant cousin, Vi BAYCROFT, who lives

in suite #11. Mrs. Bonney's gt.-gd.-mother was Phillippa Langman (b. 1812; m. Jasper Raddall); Mrs. Baycroft's gt.-gd.-father was Nicholas Langman (b. 1795)—brother of Phillippa. The Langman family is from Cornwall, England. For further details see the entry under Mrs. BAYCROFT.

A photo of Mrs. Bonney was published in the *Examiner* on May 20, 1995. See GPH Scrapbook 2. In another *Examiner* photo she is pictured with Mildred MCQUADE and Sarah VAUSE on the occasion of the publication of the third volume of *Tales of Yesteryear*. The story and photo appeared on May 4, 1996. See again GPH Scrapbook 2.

Even at an extreme age Mrs. Bonnie still had a twinkle in her eye and a warm smile. We remember her fondly.

GPH: 10/06/1993—A12

◆ BOUIUS, “Wendy” *Klaver*

03/01/1906–

Mrs. B. is from Leewarden (or Drachen?), in Friesland, in the north of Holland. Her father was a butcher. Her mother died when she was six days old at age 29, leaving three children, of which she alone survives.

Her father remarried: the step-mother had seven children, Mrs. B. grew up in a family of 10 children. A step-sister is still alive. Mrs. B.'s husband was from a family of 18. They immigrated to Canada in 1948 with the seven children. Her's was a hard life: they farmed and she used to milk ten cows by hand.

Wendy loves children and the sight of a baby or child makes her eyes light up: she becomes young again. Of her own children: one son, Cornelius, is a florist in Durham; another is a police officer in St. Thomas; three daughters are in Barrie and a fourth in Bracebridge. A third son, Harry, died at age 33: he was a pilot at Val d'Or, P.Q., and was killed in the crash of a Voodoo jet fighter.

Mrs. B. sang in a church choir and knitted.

I have always called Mrs. B. “Grandma Wendy.” On “C Wing” she sat in a big wingback chair—its back against Cook St.—which gave her a view down the hall to Aspen Wing. When she saw you she would beckon for you to come ... Mrs. B. takes great pride in her children and grandchildren: for several years I would get periodic updates on the number of gt.-grandchildren she had: it was 19 in March of 1989!

Her religious faith has been vital for Mrs. B. She says, “Jesus is with me.”

Mrs. B. thinks all children are beautiful. I have showed her our children's pictures on various occasions. She always says, “They're beautiful.” I'm sure she says that of all children.

The *Spotlight*, Jan.–Feb. 1983, noted Mrs. Bouius' birthday as a participant in the S.E. Programme. The *Barrie Banner*, Apr. 9, 1986, published a photo of Mrs. Bouius being entertained by three-year old Sarah Nematallah at the Barrie Music Festival at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Mrs. Bouius and Jean BULMER were both at the wedding of Joan Hilts' daughter Pam (m. Running), who was married at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church in 1982. (Joan recently retired after working on Cedar Wing at GPH.) This was long before Joan knew either of them: she recognized them in the wedding pictures!

GPH: 01/05/1985—B40/C54

BOULTON, Vi *Gill*

21/02/1919–18/06/2003*

B. in Rotherham, England, the second of the five children of John and Rose Gill. Her siblings are: Jack (m. Jean); Arnold (m. Eva); Marjorie (m. Alf McCauley); Ron (m.). Jack and Arnold also emigrated; Ron and Arnold predeceased her.

She married Bill Boulton in Rotherham on Oct. 24, 1942, in the midst of WWII. Vi became a housewife, raising her children, while husband Bill worked at the steel plant in Rotherham/Sheffield. They were British Ballroom Dancing Champions.

The Boultons had five children: Rita (m. Crocker; d. 2001); Margaret (m. Hunt); Valerie (m. Baskerville); Carol (m. Fletcher); and Bill (Sherry Edwards). Margaret, Valerie, and Carol live in England.

Immigration to Canada followed in 1954. Mr. Boulton worked at Massey Ferguson in Toronto. They moved from Georgetown to Toronto in 1965. Vi took a job at Eatons downtown, the old store at Queen and Yonge Sts., in the petshop. At first she was terrified of the little critters she had to deal with, but eventually became protective of them: if she had a request for a mouse she thought was destined to become some snake's lunch, she said they didn't have any in stock!

Mr. Boulton died ca. 1976, on Sept. 14. When Vi retired she took an apartment in Markham, close to Rita. They were very close and when Rita died in 2001, a big chunk of Vi died as well. She moved to Barrie, where Bill lives, and moved into Grove Park Home in September of that year. She made a number of good friends, especially Gladys PRATT. The two of them became almost full-time residents of the Main Lounge, near the entrance, so they met many people coming or going.

She was an artistic person—son Bill recalls that she was always making floral arrangements and painting pictures.

At GPH Mrs. Boulton became Secretary of the Residents Council, helped in the gardens at the Home, and also volunteered at the Tuck Shop. She was outgoing and fun.

She is survived by “dozens” of grandchildren, most of them in England, so Bill's son Will, now seven, occupied a special place in her life, and she in his.

I felt I had some tie with her after she told me that her brother Arnold and his wife Eva had an orchard at Meaford for some fourteen years. As it turns out, their orchard was on the 7th Line, beyond my grandparents' place, but not as far as Sunnyside Beach, where my parents had a cottage. Doubtless I drove by their place on various occasions, perhaps even when Vi was visiting!

Vi liked gardening. She told me she had been involved at her apartment complex in Markham, working in the garden, so she volunteered to do some work on the flower gardens outside our churchbuilding. She enjoyed that and we enjoyed her. With Gladys she came and worshiped with our congregation on Sundays, until she felt unable to do so. Folks liked her.

Mrs. Boulton was cremated; Bill and Will took her ashes to England.

GPH: 29/09/2001

◆ BOWDEN, Ralph

13/07/1916–17/03/2002

B. in Winnipeg, the son of Almeda Schmidt and Harold B. He had two siblings: Dorothy, who is deceased, and Bill, who lives in Collingwood.

Mr. B. came East to Toronto and got involved in the radio business (in sales) in Toronto, Montreal, and then back in Toronto again. He went on to own Bowden's Press Clipping business on Richmond St., a business that he sold to Maclean-Hunter in the mid-1980s. He was still involved in publishing: he published something called the *Doctor's Diary*, a resource book for doctors in Canada.

Ralph and Betty and their children lived in the Royal York area of Toronto.

The Bowdens bought a summer cottage on the Lake at the 8th Line of Oro. They turned this into a permanent home and moved up.

Some eight years ago Mr. B. was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. When he needed an institutional environment, he went to live at Barrie Manor. He had a heart attack and could not return there, so he spent some time at the nursing home in Elmvale. He came to GPH as soon as a place was available.

Betty said that they had a group of friends who were fliers, so they both got pilot's licenses. Their Cessna 180 made trips all over North America.

Ralph and Betty had two children: John, who lives on the 3rd Line of Oro, and Elizabeth "Libby" (m. Hodgson), who lives in Orono. John has a son Nigel; Elizabeth has two daughters.

One time at a GPH men's lunch David Johnson, the Administrator, related that Mr. B. operated four or five companies before Alzheimer's Disease incapacitated him. He also told us the following story:

In the 1970s Mr. Bowden came to arrange for his father's move to GPH. Patti Hipwell—who directed the S.E. Programme—entered the office to tell David that the bus engine had "blown up" and that it would cost \$1000 to fix it. Mr. B. wrote a cheque on the spot to take care of it!

In spite of his illness Mr. B. made friends at GPH; he never lost his smile.
GPH: 08/07/1997—C50

◆ BOWIE, Margaret *Benoit*

13/06/1909–29/09/2001

B. "on a Sunday" at St. George's, Nfld.—her mother's name was Julia Ann Young. Her family came to include four other children: Theresa (m. Wells), now of Weston, ON; Masie (m. Boyle), who lives near Corner Brook, Nfld.; Walter, later of Buckingham, P.Q.; and Julia Ann (m. Cadieux). Her father and gd.-father were carpenters.

Mrs. Bowie's mother died when she was five—sometime after the birth of Julia Ann—and the children were adopted into other families. At the age of 10 or 11 she went to live with a retired English naval officer and had a good life with that family. Their names were Commander Carter and his wife, Ida, and they lived near St. George's. Margaret saw her brother occasionally, but she lost touch completely with Julia Ann, who was raised by an aunt and became known as "Babe" MacIsaac until her marriage.

Mrs. B. came to Toronto to visit and later met her husband Alex there. He was from Cape Town, South Africa and worked for Maloney Electric, an American factory that made transformers.

They were married on May 7, 1938 at Patterson Presbyterian Church and her church membership is still there. In Barrie she worships with Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Mr. B. died (1958) when Margaret was still in her 40s of a coronary. She then went to work for Bell Telephone on University Ave., in their central bakeshop, making pastries. This she loved and was there fifteen years before she retired in 1974.

The Bowies had two daughters, who live Elliott Lake and Barrie, respectively. Marguerite (m. Oscar Doner) has two daughters and a son: Nancy Doner (m. Geoffrey Rossie), Ann (m. John Groom), and Larry; Lindy (m. Terry Yorke) has children who are twins: Nancy and James.

Mrs. B. lived at Simcoe Terrace before moving to GPH.

Margaret enjoyed incredibly good health, fitness of both body and mind. Except in very bad weather she walked each day from GPH down to the Lake and back, this at the age of 90!

Mrs. Bowie's daughter Lindy recalled her mother's character and sense of

humour:

Mom was a wonderful example of all the things she passed on to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a good listener, yet not judgemental. She never complained about life and always looked at the bright side, taking only the good out of everyday situations. She accepted everyday life as it presented itself and this was displayed in the past year [before her death] when she suffered several setbacks after a healthy, active life. As most everyone knows though, she did speak up for herself and let people know when she thought things were not right.

Mom had a great sense of humour and particularly enjoyed trying to trick her grandchildren and, later, her great-grandchildren. Sometimes when they would pass her chair she would “give them a little boot” in the behind and then look away as if nothing had taken place. They used to turn and look at her in surprise but never say anything; they knew she had done it. She also used to challenge them to put their elbow in their ear and entice them with a \$10.00 reward if they could complete the feat. Every child, without question, fell for it and used to put themselves into contortions trying to get that \$10.00. She never did have to put forth that money.

A fine photo of Mrs. Bowie appeared in the *Examiner* on Sept. 25, 1998. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 10/02/1994—M85

◆ BOWMAN, Alex

01/03/1915–29/01/2002

B. on the 11th Conc. of Innisfil Twp., at the first farm on the north side of the road, east of #11 highway. He was one of three children: Jean (m. Ridgeway; m. Lucas); John, who was a guard at the Barrie jail; Alex.

Mr. Bowman’s father left Ireland for Scotland and in Glasgow he molded legs for Singer sewing machines. Then he emigrated to Canada. In 1910 he married Florence Wicklum who was a chef at the Queen’s Hotel in Barrie.

Alex had an interesting mix of careers and experiences. At one time he had eight licenses for operating power shovels and in stationary engineering. Among his experiences: he mixed cement for a section of road that runs from Hanover to Allan Park in 1938, and similarly for the QEW between Beamsville and Vineland in 1939.

He met his wife, Hazel Steven, in the following way. She had two younger sisters who were going out on a date with two of his co-workers. Their mother insisted that Hazel go with them, so those co-workers conscripted Alex, who had the car. The relationship of the two “chaperones” was the only one of the three to develop to marriage!

Alex recalled on that Hanover road he mixed 5600 bags of cement in one day and put down 2700' of road. He also worked on the road from Timmins to Palmore. From Beamsville he went to Valleyfield, P.Q., to work on a munitions plant; at Sydney, N.S., he worked on a docking facility during the War. When he returned from that he went to Sarnia to work at the rubber plant and then entered the army. Health issues prevented him going overseas; he worked with the Military Police on the West coast.

Mr. B. worked with Ontario Hydro for 17 yrs. as a shovel operator. One such job was at the DQ Falls in St. Catharines.

Alex farmed at Minesing; at one time he had some 65 head of cattle. He said he learned to butcher from his mother. He used George Lee at Thornbury as an abattoir. I

recall my father speaking of this George Lee when I was a boy.

The Bowmans had two children: Brenda, a teacher and farmer—she kept registered Ayreshire cattle; and Andy (m. Nancy Merritt) who lives on the farm at Minesing. Andy and Nancy have three children. Brenda died three or four years ago and was not married.

Alex recalled that his uncle, Ed Wicklum, lost his farm, a mill, and lumber to the great Haileybury fire of 1922. This uncle lived at Charlton Station.

One day GPH volunteer Wib Pearson—Jean BULMER'S son-in-law—was driving Alex to a doctor's appointment. Alex asked Wib if he is related to Fred Pearson and thus learned that Wib and Fred are cousins. It happens that Fred Pearson is married to Alice Wicklum, daughter of Alex's uncle, his mother's brother. So strangers met and learned that a cousin of each is married to a cousin of the other!

Mr. Bowman was a large man who worked hard all his life.

GPH: 05/02/1998

◆ BOYLE, Frances *May Bradley*

09/05/1908–02/09/2001*

B. in Unionville ON. Her parents were Thomas and Martha Bradley. She had three siblings; two are deceased but the third, Ken Bradley, lives in Barrie.

Mrs. B. was married to Arthur Boyle (d. 01/1997) for 62 years. Together they raised two children: Ron, of London; and Joan (m. Boyd) of Barrie. She had six grandchildren and eleven gt.-grandchildren.

Mrs. Boyle was very fond of music. She played the piano and organ and sang in church choirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyle lived in Toronto and when he retired in 1968 they moved to Barrie and lived at 108 Cook St. That was the year that GPH opened, so they probably followed the construction going on just up the street.

On the 14th of October, 1997, Mrs. Boyle moved into GPH. We saw each other regularly after that time. She always looked her best. At different times I had lunch at her table in the dining room. Hearing difficulties prevented her carrying on a conversation much of the time, but you could be sure that at some point she would say, "62 years". Her eyes might tear up and she would explain that she had been married for 62 years. This was a long and fine marriage, as she would tell you.

Her favourite expression: "Lovely dear!"

GPH: 14/10/1997—M73

◆ BRINKWORTH, Beulah *Carabine*

21/02/1909–

B. in Syracuse, N.Y., one of five children.

When she was small they family moved to Montreal (Westmont). Her father was a platemaker for Gurney stoves. In the Depression he worked in the bush; her mother was a maid.

Mrs. B. met her husband in a store where she worked. He retired in 1967(?) and died in 1972. She told me that she was angry with God for two years after his death.

The Brinkworths used to live for six months of the year at Pompano Beach, FL, and she continued to do that after his passing—over a period of some twenty years altogether.

Mrs. B. had two children: a daughter, in Montreal; a son in Midhurst, died in the early 1990s.

In 1990 Mrs. B. spent Christmas with her family for the first time in 17 years—that was a big event: she had been in Florida for those years.

I have played Santa a few times at the GPH Christmas programme and I have noticed that Beulah, more than anyone else, likes a kiss from Santa Claus. This past Christmas I was Santa—the entry on a bicycle is well remembered! When the gifts were being given out I thought I should probably deliver Beulah's but one of my “helpers”—Merry Christmas (Lorraine Maher) and Rudolph (Carol Clothier)—did instead. A couple of weeks later I saw Beulah and she drew it to my attention that she had not got a kiss from Santa, so I gave her two kisses!

The *Examiner*, Sat., Feb. 29, 1992, on the front page of a section entitled “Senior Scene,” published a large colour photo of Mrs. Brinkworth with Tom SMITH as Winter Carnival King and Queen that year. See Eleanor's album.

GPH: 17/10/1989—M77

BRITNELL, Roger

17/04/1942–

Mr. Britnell loves sports.

GPH: 23/09/2002—C49

◆ BROADHEAD, Marjorie *Johnstone*

02/03/1911–

Mrs. Broadhead is the daughter of Laura and Robert Cecil Johnstone. She was married on Apr. 29, 1939, and had three children: John, Barbara Anne (m. Smith) and Norman Stanley Jr.

She was on the Steering Committee for Centenary Hospital and was responsible there for designing, staffing and purchasing merchandise. This involved such money-raising events as fashion shows.

Her hobbies include rug hooking, weaving and knitting. She has also taken up painting and her work always finds its way to her family. Mrs. B. is an engaging person, a good conversationalist with a friendly disposition.

GPH: 23/12/1997

◆ BROOK, Emily *Stanfield*

30/07/1910–22/11/2000

B. at Whitewater MB. When she was in grade 4 her family moved to Boissevain MB; her high school education was taken in Boissevain.

Mrs. B. trained as a psychiatric nurse in Selkirk, MB, and nursed at Brandon General Hospital. She took special training at Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

Her husband was also from Boissevain. He was in mining and after their marriage they lived at Val d'Or and then at Chapais (?), 350 miles north of Quebec City for twenty years. Mr. B. wanted to live near Toronto after retirement so they came to Barrie where they had a house on Oakley Park Square—off St. Vincent St. Mr. B. died in Jan. 1995 and Mrs. Brook came directly from her house to GPH. Mr. B. had a garden and rose garden.

Mrs. Brook was my Manitoba contact and passed on to me copies of the Boissevain *Recorder*. She used to go out to “Stitch and Chatter” at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and enjoyed that a lot. I called it “Snitch and Stitch” and we had a laugh about that!

GPH: 08/08/1995—A13

◆ BROWN, Teresa E. *Calzavara*

09/10/1912–

B. in Weston ON of Italian/Austrian descent. Her father was from Trieste; her gd.-father served in the Austrian army but then that area was given (back?) to Italy.

Mrs. Brown grew up with opera and used to listen to the Metropolitan Opera on CBC stereo on Sat. afternoons—she would let other things go so she could!

Mrs. B. showed me a book from the 1996 Calzavara Reunion which recounts the voyage of her grandmother Teresa Marcassa Calzavaras, a widow, and thirteen of her family to New York aboard the *S.S. Citta de Napoli* in Nov. 1906.

Mrs. Brown's father and mother, Davide and Margarita, left Italy with their first two children, Lena (m. Dalzilio) and Mary (m. Berti); Vicki (m. Pivato) was born six weeks after their arrival; there followed Rosie (m. Berti), Attilio (m. Flo Cadorin), and finally Teresa. From New York they made their way to Toronto.

Mrs. Brown has told the story of her early life in the following words.

My dad operated a market garden in which we all worked. We walked three miles to the Roman Catholic school and church, which we attended faithfully.

Among my earliest memories are those of my parents and two aunts getting together most Saturday nights to dance and sing half the night away to an old gramophone. In my teens and later, some relatives played piano accordion; cousins and friends got together and danced and partied to their music, mostly polkas and waltzes. My life was full of music, song and dance. The recordings my parents had were mostly Italian tenors singing an aria from some opera, so my love for opera started early.

In the winter I would visit my married sisters: one in Cleveland, another in Guelph, a third in Akron NY.

Our home was close to the Humber River, so I swam there nearly every day. I swam endlessly in the lake, hoping that someone would see me and train me for longdistance swimming.

De Haviland airport in Mount Dennis had a special on: a five-minute ride in a two-seater for a cent a pound. I was 125 pounds and went up often. Once when I was flying I asked the pilot if he had a parachute. Luckily for me he said “no” or I would have been foolish enough to use it!

Teresa married Fred Brown Jr.—born in Mount Dennis—on Sept. 28, 1940, at the Roman Catholic church in Weston. They had two girls: Gail and Louise. They lived in Nashville ON, Thornton, Holly and Barrie. Mr. B. died in 1992.

Gail (m. Gord McLean) has two boys: Tim and Jeff. Gail died of cancer in 1986 at the age of 43. Gord remarried in 1989—to Vanda Williams. They live in Shanty Bay and have a daughter.

Louise (m. Brian Heatherington) lives in Hillsdale and has two boys, Justin and Aaron. The Heatherington family was involved in a tragic car accident in May 1993 on Highway 93—a visitor from Ireland ran through a stop sign. Brian was killed instantly and the rest of the family was hospitalized. Lying on a hospital bed, Louise said to her, dry-eyed, “Don't cry, it was only a dream.” This terrible night still haunts Mrs. Brown. A year or so later, Mrs. Brown picked up Brian's grandfather, Wilf CRAWFORD, a resident at GPH and they went to Mitchell Square Baptist Church to see Louise and her sons baptized. Faith has been important.

Mrs. Brown's family has had a number of connections with GPH, staff and residents' families. Gail went to school with sisters of Evelyn Cochrane, who works in the kitchen, and with Gary Maw, nephew of Clarisse LANGDON. Mrs. Brown's gt.-

nephew John Fischer married Joanne Rozon, sister of Diane Rozon, who worked in the S.E. Programme at GPH in the mid-1980s—small world! Indeed, Teresa first came to GPH with that programme: the back of the GPH Activities schedule for Nov. 1980 notes that she is a new participant; her birthday is noted in the schedule of activities for Oct. 1988 as a member of the S.E. Programme. Christine Flynn now works in the S.E. Programme and it happens that Teresa knew her grandfather Herb Shannon—he played ball in Thornton when she lived there.

I affectionately call Mrs. Brown “Mother Teresa,” and much enjoy her good nature.

GPH: 24/06/1996—A28

◆ BRYSON, Robert

25/05/1924–19/08/2000*

Mr. B. was a second-generation resident of GPH. His wife, Ina, was of Latvian descent and he met her when she came to work at their house as a domestic in 1949 (?). Indeed the family’s connection with Latvia preceded that by some years: his father became Honorary Latvian Consul in 1938.

Bob served with the army—in artillery—in WWII. His unit was sent to Holland four months before V-Day. Robert Bryson was only 21 when the War ended and his time in action was limited, but he was one more casualty of things his generation experienced. For the War not only destroyed his hearing but it left him with a lifetime of dreadful memories that would not go away. As was the case with so many young people, the young man who went was not the young man who came back.

The Brysons had one daughter, who lives in Alberta. Mr. B. enjoyed trips out there to visit.

The death of Ina of pancreatic cancer in 1993 was a traumatic event in Mr. Bryson’s life. It was really the loss of Ina that brought Bob to GPH at such a young age—72, a second generation resident, since his mother had lived here from 1989–1991. We all liked him: tall, quiet, modest, thoughtful, helpful, well-read, spiritual. I mention his spirituality in particular, because his bookshelves were full of intellectually deep Christian classics—Nouwen, Petersen, Buechner. Indeed, it was Bob who introduced me to Frederick Buechner, first to his *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations*. We often talked and sometimes he came to worship. We all liked him.

GPH: 07/06/1996—O74

◆ BULMER, L. Jean *Beeton*

27/08/1907–05/04/2002

B. at Minesing, the daughter of George B. and Violet Alexander. Her family included a brother, Gordon (d. 1991), and a sister, Grace (d. at age 38 in 1948).

Mrs. Bulmer grew up on the 12th Conc. of Vespra Twp. Their farm was the first one on the east side of the road after you turn south off Highway 26. Her cousin Lorna *Beeton* PEARSON lived across the road and Jean used to like to babysit her.

She met her husband Melville at the doctor’s office! They were married on Feb. 17, 1931, in the midst of the Depression.

The Bulmers lived at Collingwood on the Poplar Sideroad for 14 years before farming at Holly. The farm at Collingwood produced mostly apples—that crop was “contracted out.” They also grew cherries, plums and pears. At the time apples brought 25¢ an 11 qt. basket; eggs were 8¢ a dozen—they had 25–35 hens and a few cows. It was

at Collingwood that Jean knew my father's first cousin, Pauline Cox Fisher.

The farm at Holly, where the Bulmers spent 20 years, is all houses now.

Mr. Bulmer died in 1970. It was fortunate that Jean had a job in the cafeteria at RVH. She spent seventeen years there.

Mrs. Bulmer had three children: two sons and a daughter. They are: Bill (m. Norma Cornfield, of Meaford, a cousin of my brother-in-law Garry Cornfield) has three children—Gordon (m. Barbara), Wade and Kelly; Donald (m. Dorothy Shannon), who was a police officer in Barrie for 34 years, has two children—Cathy (m. Allan Butryn, minister of the Baptist Church in Flesherton), and Graham; Joan (m. Wilbert “Wib” Pearson) has two children—Gwen (m. Carr) and Dale (m. Wilma Hoffman).

She had seven grandchildren and eleven gt. grandchildren.

Jean was a member of Hi-Way Pentecostal Church and a kindly, talkative person, with a strong sense of God's providence.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Bulmer on Sept. 9, 1995 on the occasion of her 88th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 18/10/1993—M75

◆ BURROWS, Florence Jane *Campbell Ross*

31/12/1902–05/01/2003*

B. in Margaret MB. (When I taught at Brandon University [1980–84] I visited Margaret a couple of times to see church friends. It was barely hanging on as a village at that time.)

Her parents were James McLaughan Campbell and Amy Elizabeth Neal. When that marriage ended, her mother married Alex Ross. Mrs. Burrows had two half-sisters and a half-brother.

As a young child Flo Ross's family moved to Haileybury ON. After high school she started her business career in banking and at 15 1/2 years old was the youngest female bank teller in Canada! Flo was still a young 20 yr. old bank teller in Haileybury when the famous fire destroyed the town in October 1922.

Flo met her future husband, Arnold, at a skating rink in Haileybury and in 1922 they were married and moved to Timmins. Mr. Burrows was the office manager of Doran's Brewery in Timmins and over the years Flo worked in ladies wear retail, as a bookkeeper for Amelius Jarvis—at one time the largest bond dealer in Canada, and as a medical secretary for Dr. Hedley Moore, Medical Health doctor for the mines in the Timmins area. Two daughters, Elda and Joan were born in Timmins. Unfortunately Flo lost twin boys some years prior to the birth of her daughters.

Mr. Burrows changed careers and joined the large northern construction company of Hill-Clark-Francis as a field manager and in the 40s the family moved to London ON. In 1951 work took the family to Barrie where Hill-Clark-Francis were building a large number of schools and houses at Camp Borden.

After Mr. Burrows' death in 1961 Flo started her 11-year career with the City of Barrie, starting with the Public Works Department and working up to private secretary for three City of Barrie mayors—Bob Bentley (for two years), Les Cooke (for nine years), and Dorian Parker (for a short time until a new secretary replaced her). She retired in 1972 at the age of 70. Flo loved her work at City Hall and all the great people she worked with.

Flo's artistic skills—dressmaking, interior decorating—and her flair for fashion always played a great part in her busy life.

Mrs. Burrows' daughter Elda married Allan Burnes from Timmins; they live in Toronto. Joan married Jack Garner; they live in Barrie. Flo has five grandchildren and nine gt.-grandchildren.

At a great age Mrs. Burrows still loved music, dancing and singing. She really loved the “sing-songs” at GPH and could be heard loud and clear with her rendition of

“She’ll be coming round the mountain when she comes”—just one of her favourites. And everyone at GPH knew her passion for desserts, especially ice-cream!

At a family memorial service in the chapel on Jan. 19, 2003, daughter Elda shared with us the wisdom that Mrs. Burrows passed on to her daughters. For example, she maintained a household and home and worked part-time when their father was away from home for long periods during WWII. Proverbial wisdom included, “If you do not have a sense of humour, develop it!” she said, “it gets you through many difficulties.” “Do it nicely” is a phrase well recalled—be tactful, considerate of the feelings of others.

One of the stories Elda told exemplified Mrs. Burrows’ ability to see the beauty or possibility of beauty in a space, object, or nature. Their apartment in Barrie was a perfect example of this. The apartment had railway tracks beside it and the Bay beyond the tracks. Flo constantly referred to the changing *beauty of the Bay*. Within a short time they didn’t see the tracks, didn’t hear the trains, and the Bay became a constant source of pleasure!

The *Examiner* published a photo on the occasion of Mrs. Burrow’s retirement. In the photo Mayor Dorian Parker is making a presentation to her, while former Mayor Les Cooke stands to one side.

Finally, at the time of her death, Mrs. Burrows was the GPH resident who had lived here the longest, twenty-two years. Rosa LEPSCHI was next—she moved to GPH on 01/11/1983; then Wendy BOUIUS, who moved in on 01/05/1985. We remember how she liked her jewellery—rings, dangly ear-rings, and necklaces. She also maintained a quick sense of humour.

GPH: 22/12/1980—B36/A20/C48

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CAREY, Katherine *Pskelyvis*

17/12/1914–09/02/2002

B. in Toronto of Polish descent.

She married Edward Alfred Carey on May 11, 1940. He died on Jan. 1, 1972.

She moved to Innisfil a few years later. The Careys had one daughter who, at age 19, died in a cabin fire while with a girlfriend.

Kay was an avid golfer and dancer and very outgoing in her younger years but kept much to herself after knee operations restricted her activities.

Tom Morton was her companion during the last eight years of her life. Her only living sibling is her brother John Pickardy of Innisfil. She was predeceased by sisters Anna, Irene, Tilley, Marie, Rose, Arlene, and by a brother, Mike.

During her illness she was taken to RVH and then became a resident at Creedan Valley (from Aug. 2001) and then came to live at GPH.

She had no close family, but there are many nephews and neices scattered across the continent. Her friends and neighbours, John and Heather Clifford, and Tom Morton and his daughter, Linda Wells, looked after Mrs. C. as her health deteriorated.

GPH: 08/01/2002—C46

CARGIN, Margaret *Stevenson*

30/11/1910–16/08/2002

B. in Meaford. She spent her life in Toronto. Mrs. Cargin has one son, Jim (m. Lois Pearce) who lives in Woodstock. I knew Mrs. Cargin from the time Jim was in High School.

GPH: 08/07/2002

CARSON, Lorraine *Prince*

28/06/1921–07/10/2001

B. in Toronto and lived there all her life. She had one step-brother, Jack Prince, who lived in Florida. They were very close until his death in 1979.

When she was younger she loved to swim and snow ski; she often looked back on those times with great fondness. She was a terrific athlete, something she was most proud of, and travelled frequently to Montreal to ski. She also loved to bowl and was on a women's league for a good number of years.

Mrs. C. met her husband Ernie—he was born in Montreal—when he was her boss in 1939 during her employment at what was called Toilet Laundry. They were married in Toronto on Jan. 11, 1941. At first they lived with her parents on Davenport Rd. They bought their first house, in Etobicoke, in the early 1960s and had one son, Paul, born on Jan. 30, 1946. They were there for thirty years before buying a condo at Brown's Line and the Lakeshore in the early 1980s. Mr. Carson died on Dec. 17, 1990.

Mrs. C. stayed in the condo for another ten years, then moved to Barrie to be closer to Maureen Kase, an "adopted daughter": it was Mr. Carson who drove Maureen's mom to the hospital at the time of Maureen's birth and Maureen became the daughter that Lorraine never had. Mrs. C. moved into the Barrington Retirement Home on June 8, 2001 and had a massive stroke on the 17th of the same month. She was admitted to RVH and after a few weeks came to live at GPH.

Maureen relates: "She touched many people in her 80 years with us. There isn't a day goes by that I don't miss her. Life is not quite the same without Lorraine." Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill, alongside Mr. Carson.

GPH: 11/07/2001

CARTER, Charles Harold

19/02/1910–23/07/2000

B. in Calgary, AB to Alfred and Rachel (Owen) Carter; he had an older brother Elgar, a twin sister Connie, and a younger brother Alfred. His parents had emigrated to Canada in 1907; his father was from Bath, Somerset, and his mother was from Wales.

The Carters were a musical family and Harold was taught to play the violin, viola, and flute at an early age by his father who had been a musician in the D'Oly Carte opera company in England. The senior Carter's wooden flute is in the Museum in Calgary.

As a young man, Harold played in the dance bands of the Banff Springs Hotel and the Chateau Lake Louise.

Harold met Irene (Fischer) at a dinner and dance put on for its staff by the Hudsons Bay Co. in Calgary. As Irene told me, the drummer in the band, Charlie Innis, bet Harold 25¢ that he was too shy to go over and ask Irene to dance. As they say, the rest is history: they were married on Jan. 1, 1937. The next year Harold became a staff artist for CBC in Winnipeg, his first "steady job." They built their first house there, and their first child, Sylvia (m. Larry Lippitt), was born in Winnipeg.

After a few years Harold wanted to move on; they came to Toronto so he could study with Kathleen Parlow, who invited him to lunch with Sir Ernest MacMillan.

MacMillan asked Harold to play and invited him to join the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, starting the next day. This began a distinguished thirty-year career as second viola. The family lived in the Kingsway; second daughter Carol Carter (m. David) was born in Toronto. Irene became a successful businesswoman and lecturer in Humber College's extension department.

Mr. C. was honoured with a United Nations medal for "Contribution to the Arts."

Harold was a lover of nature, from the Rocky Mountains, to the many gardens he created and maintained.

I asked Irene for her favourite story about Harold, and this is the one she chose:

Wednesday nights we used to go to the symphony. This particular Wed. night Leontine Price was singing. At that stage of our lives, the children were gone; I was in my 50s. Leontine Price sang the "Minon's Farewell Song," and I was very sad. I was silent on the way home in the car. Harold asked me why I was so quiet. I explained. Harold said nothing—he didn't "fix with words." That was not his way.

It was our custom to have cinnamon and toast after these concerts. Harold got out his portfolio and sang the song. He talked about the music, its notes, and said that I had got caught up in the lyrics, which are often sentimental. He said, "It is true that we can't die together. One of us will know that sadness." Harold had an instinctive understanding of the other person's place of being. Not many men have that.

Mr. Carter came first to GPH with the S.E. Programme. Many of us got to know him in that way. We too enjoyed him.

Harold and Irene have three grandchildren: Laura, Tina and Eric.

The information here was provided by Irene on November 4, 2003, a few days before she herself died. Like Harold, she was an extraordinary person.

GPH: 01/02/2000

◆ CASEY, Eileen *Little*

27/07/1919–19/11/2001

B. in Ottawa, the second eldest of a large family. Her husband Les died when their son Colin was three, so they lived with her parents. When her son was sixteen the two of them took an apartment.

Mrs. Casey was a secretary, a civil servant. She was a very pretty woman and I said that she must have had opportunities to remarry. Yes, she said that was so, but there never was anyone who could replace Mr. Casey in her affections.

She moved to Barrie to be close to her son.

Mrs. Casey's grand-daughter Laura has worked in the kitchen at GPH.

GPH: 27/05/1998

◆ COMEAU, Cliff

14/06/1918–22/01/2001

B. in Meteghan, N.S., in Digby Co. He was the eldest of four children: his brother and sisters were Mae, Isaac, and Amelia.

His father fished for quahogs from the ocean's edge; he himself fished for lobster with his uncle, collecting pink mussels at low tide for bait. He told me that quahogs are really too coarse to eat like oysters—it is best to put them through a grinder first, then use them in soups and so on.

Mr. Comeau's parents were French and he spoke no English until the family

moved to Boston when he was seven. He had an uncle there who was a carpenter. In that “total immersion” environment he learned English quickly.

He worked as a carpenter on the military base on the Bay of Fundy during WWII. In ON he worked on the tunnel that brings water to the Hydro plant at Niagara Falls. As a “custom builder” Mr. Comeau built homes in Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Ontario.

His daughter Carol says:

His lifelong hobbies were hunting and fishing; he brought home many a deer, moose, and also, one time, a bear (whose hide is still displayed in my home in New Hampshire). He also loved boating and owned a few “cruisers” to go deep-sea fishing while he lived on the Atlantic coast.

His wife, Edna Mae (Cleveland) pre-deceased him in 1991.

Daughter Carrol Ryan lives in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Grandchildren Cliff Coates and Christina Perry live in Massachusetts and NH, respectively. Gt.-grandchildren are Joshua, Hayley, Anthony, Carly, and Cassidy.

GPH: 06/11/1998

COMER, Gladys *McSherry*

17/04/1905–07/08/2001

B. in Mulmer Twp., Dufferin Co., the second eldest of four children; her siblings predeceased her.

The McSherry family moved to Barrie in 1922, to a house on Penetang St. Mrs. C. answered an ad in the *Examiner*, and Mr. Walls asked her if she would train to be a linotype operator. So it was that she spent some 40 years at the *Examiner*, with short periods off to have her children. She retired in the early 1970s.

She married Ross Comer and at the time of his death in 1972 they lived in a house on Ross St. She sold that and moved to 414 Blake St. It was there, in Sept. 1980, that she awoke one morning to find herself completely blind. (The cause of this lay in diabetes.)

Mrs. C. stayed on in her apt., by herself, until she fell on May 24, 2001. She managed well, with some outside help; took her own oral medication. Quite amazing.

Her daughter-in-law told me that Mrs. C. had known a lot of sadness in her life. Her mother died of appendicitis while still young: so Jan. 1, the day of her death, was always a dark day. Her youngest son died in 1993 at the age of 47; her only daughter, Margaret, died in 1995. Her family said that she would outlive them all! Son Robert alone survives her.

Mrs. C. was an independent person. Her 90th birthday brought various plaques and she joked that she would get greetings from the Queen at 100! She was close to her grandchildren, Dana, Christopher, and Kelly and was known among her family for her caring ways. She was also interested in the future and, in spite of her blindness, kept up with current events.

Mrs. Comer’s granddaughter Dana prepared a eulogy for her. She begins with this poem, which is a fitting tribute to many grandmothers.

What is a Grandmother?

A grandmother is someone who knows all our needs
Our hopes and our dreams and desires,
With a genuine interest in all that we do
Someone who guides us and ever inspires.

The heart of a grandmother is full of compassion
 Is loving, generous, kind and forgiving,
 The smile of a grandmother is always tender
 And it adds so much gladness to living.

A grandmother is someone with infinite patience
 Who soothes all our troubles away,
 Someone with limitless faith in her children
 And love for them day after day.

A grandmother is full of true wisdom and strength
 Of liveliness, insight and grace,
 She's someone whose love we will cherish forever
 Yes, no one can take a grandmother's place.

GPH: 05/07/2001

◆ COOPER, Ruby *Cragg*

29/12/1906–08/01/1999

B. in Toronto, in the Parkdale area; she had two brothers—one is deceased (Harold, b. 1913) and the other lives in Brampton (Wilmot, b. 1914); a sister, Viola (b. 1919; m. Donneral) lives in Nobleton.

(Her father was married twice: she had two step-sisters and a step-brother; Ruby was the eldest of the second family. Ruby's mother's family name was Cook.)

Her parents moved to West Toronto, then to Caledon. After grade 8 Ruby went out to work.

Mrs. Cooper's husband, Robert ("Bob") worked at Peace Foundry—as a "coremaker," with his father and uncle. The Coopers are Welsh. As far back as son Allan remembers, Mr. Cooper worked at the Disposal Plant in Brampton, indeed from the time it opened until he retired.

Ruby and her husband lived in an apt. in Brampton, close to downtown, prior to Mr. Cooper's death in 1982. It was a lovely place she said.

Ruby had a stroke that destroyed part of her memory in 1994; it also changed her personality somewhat. She moved to a retirement home and, following a hip replacement, when she needed more care, she came to live at GPH. This brought her much closer to her son, Allan (m. Joyce), who lives in Barrie, and her daughter Marion (m. Ben Morenz), who lives in Washago.

Mrs. Cooper started at St. Paul's United Church in Brampton as a Sunday School student and continued there until she came to Barrie. Mr. Cooper sang in the choir at St. Paul's for some 40 years.

Mrs. C. has been a member of the Eastern Star for more than 60 years and rose to the position of District Deputy.

GPH: 22/09/1995—C55

COOPER, Ruth

20/08/1909–

Mrs. COOPER is the grandmother of Laura Amon (staff, 1985–2001). She lived at GPH for a few months before going to live with family.

GPH: 07/05/1999

◆ COTTON, Elsie *Rowat*

21/09/1915–

B. near Hillsdale in Flos Twp., the daughter of Mabel and Wilson Rowat. Elsie was an “only” child and grew up on a farm at Elmvale. The Rowats went to Hillsdale Presbyterian Church.

She is a good storyteller and easily recalls the events of her life, with humour.

Sometime after she finished school she got an orphaned lamb, which she called “Peter.” This sheep, a ewe—in spite of the name, was a pet and the lambs it had eventually provided Elsie with various new clothes. It would come across the field when she called its name. She had it some 12 yrs.; it died a natural death: her father found it in the field one day.

Her husband Noah had a job as a boy at the hardware store in Elmvale. After their marriage on June 1, 1940—they were married in the home where she was born by the Presbyterian minister—Noah decided he’d like to own a hardware store, so they bought one in Thornbury. This store they sold to Gord Pyatt in 1946; they bought another in Stayner which they sold in 1952. (I recall my father speaking of this Gord Pyatt.) It was from the years in Stayner that Elsie knew Alice LOUGHEED.

At Stayner they also knew Mary SCOTT’S husband who was a travelling salesman in the hardware business. Elsie remembers the night that the Scotts’ son, Kent, was born. George Scott was snow-stayed at Sunnidale Corners for four days when Kent was born in Alliston. Once they were at Mary’s for dinner with four other couples.

Noah then took a job at the Co-op in Barrie. That was how the Cottons came to know Allan BEACH. They bought a new house on Letitia, where Elsie lived until coming to GPH. Mr. Cotton died in 1977.

The story that follows, about Mrs. Pluss, is a favourite story that I heard from Elsie.

There’ll always be an England

When Elsie and Noah lived in Thornbury, from 1940–1946, they had an apartment in the upper floor of a house on main street. It was owned by Mrs. Pluss, whose husband had had a photography business in the house until the time of his death. The shared bath was upstairs so that when Mrs. Pluss wanted a bath she would come up to use the bathroom. This inevitably happened when the Cottons had company!

Mrs. Pluss also loved to play the piano and the song Elsie remembers her playing so much was “There’ll always be an England!” When the Cottons returned from church on Sundays, Mrs. Pluss would invite them in for a few minutes of music before they went up to their apartment for lunch.

Sometime later she made a small apartment on the back of the downstairs. The woman who lived there had a fire on in the stove one day and the pipes caught fire. She ran upstairs to Elsie, who called the fire department. When the firemen arrived they quickly got the problem under control. Mrs. Pluss was oblivious to all this: the firemen looked in on her and found her playing “There’ll always be an England!”

Elsie is a “regular” at my Wednesday Bible Study at GPH and sometime after her arrival at GPH quoted to me a short rhyme that her mother taught her. The rhyme helps one remember the names of the four Gospels. It goes, “Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, // Hold the horse till I get on.” I have found the full nursery rhyme in a book that Myrna Stephens and her family gave to our little girl Laura for her third birthday:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,
Hold my horse till I leap on;

Hold him steady, hold him sure,
And I'll get over the misty moor.

That Mother Goose nursery rhyme is doubtless the source of what Elsie's mother knew. It's in Iona Opie, ed., *My Very First Mother Goose* (Cambridge, MA: Candlestick Press 1996) p. 104.

Mrs. Cotton has two children: a son, Doug (m. Donna), with three girls—Tammy, Cindy and Patty, in Shanty Bay and a daughter, Beth (m. John Hoare), with a boy and girl, Marc and Elizabeth, in Peterborough.

Noah Cotton's birthday was Sept. 26; Elsie's is Sept. 21. Whenever my birthday comes around—Sept. 23—I know that Elsie's and Noah's are nearby.

There is a brief paragraph on the Rowats of Oro Twp. in *Kith 'N Kin*, p. 331.

Mrs. Cotton appears in a newspaper photo with Vi CHAMBERLAIN in "Seniors on the Move" for June 1992 on the occasion of the recognition of GPH Senior Volunteers. Another photo features Sally COOPER and Margaret BALL. The article notes that Elsie SLATER sang "Bless this House" and in so doing "filled the room with emotion and tears." See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 28/08/1989—O82

COULSON, Kathleen *Henry*

20/12/1912–10/09/2001

B. in Toronto, in the west end. She had five children, one of whom has died. She lived for many years in Barrie.

GPH: 16/06/2000

CRAIG, Frances *Crittenden*

20/12/1914–02/08/2002

Married Walter C. in 1935 and they took over the family farm upon the death of Walter's dad. Mrs. C. spent much of her life looking after other people, first a handicapped brother-in-law and then her mother-in-law.

Mrs. C. had a fine memory farm life in Oro and enjoyed showing her photographs of family and farm years ago. The Craigs had two sons, Bill and Terry; Bill (m. Ellen) lives in Midhurst; Terry (m. Shirley) lives at Sundridge.

GPH: 07/06/2000

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D'AMBROSIO, Hazel *Stunden*

03/04/1914–16/02/2002

B. in Barrie; one sister. Her father was a carpenter. She met and married Frank D'Ambrosio who was part of a large family. He became ill and died at the age of 45. They had four children but three of the four died at a young age, leaving only Carol (m. D'Amour).

Then she met Jack and they formed a relationship that lasted twenty years. After his death Mrs. D'A. lived at Barrie Manor, before coming to live at GPH.

Mrs. D'Ambrosio enjoyed crafts, knitting; she crocheted. Carol said that her

mother was a selfless person: she spent much of her life looking after other people. This included her father, who lived to a considerable age.

She is survived by Carol and Carol's three children and their children; also by another gd.-daughter, Andrea.

GPH: 14/09/2001—B38

DANGERFIELD, Pearl

28/10/1908–

Her father grew apples of every kind at Thorold. Mrs. D. has a very quick sense of humour.

GPH: 26/09/2001

◆ DARKE, Ethel *Dunsford*

01/01/1909–16/11/2000

B. in Toronto. Her family included two brothers and two sisters. She married Elmore Shier Darke.

Mrs. Darke was a hairdresser and he worked in real estate. Her nickname was “Dunny.”

Mrs. Darke was a sister-in-law of Myra ST. JOHN.

GPH: 16/03/1998

◆ DAY, Eda *Baker* HALLETT

30/11/1913–22/06/2001*

B. in Lawrenceton, near Botwood, Nfld. Her parents and a baby brother all died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. She and her sister Belle were raised by their grandparents. A younger sister Myrtle was adopted by a family in Botwood. Both sisters still reside in Nfld.

Eda married Harry Hallett in 1931 and they had five children: Tom, Madge, Bruce, Edward and Ellen. In 1943 the family emigrated to Ontario. After being widowed Eda married Richard Day and gained a step-daughter, Delores. Mr. Day resided in Simcoe Manor, Beeton.

Mrs. Day's family said of their mom:

A hard-working, warm, loving and much-loved lady, an exceptional cook and avid knitter and gardener, Eda's proudest accomplishment is her family. Sundays always found some of her children, 16 grandchildren and their spouses, as well as 14 great-grandchildren gathering at her home for some corned beef and cabbage, home baked bread, and all the trimmings. During these happy times Eda would often bring out her accordion and play.

Prior to coming to GPH, Eda and her husband Richard had resided—since 1980—in their own apartment at the home of her daughter Ellen and son-in-law Stewart Harper in Tottenham. While she was still able to travel, her greatest pleasure was her annual trip to Newfoundland to visit her family and friends, both in St. John's and the outlying villages.

Mrs. Day enjoyed weekly visits from both daughter Ellen and son Edward, who came up from Scarborough. She was also regularly visited by her grand-children and her great-granddaughter Kaitlyn. After arriving at GPH in January 1998, Eda's daughter-in-law Roberta and granddaughters Ellen and Susan, from St. John's, visited her.

Mrs. Day's grandson Robert Hallett of St. John's is a founding member of the internationally known Newfoundland recording group Great Big Sea. At the time of her death, Mrs. Day's accordion was on tour with her grandson in Europe.

The *Barrie Advance*, July 8, 1998, published a fine colour photo of Mrs. Day

with GPH health care aide Joan Kanis on the front page of a section devoted to “Health & Wellness.”

GPH: 21/01/1998—B30

◆ DEANE, Howard

22/11/1911–15/07/1999

B. in Birmingham, England. He came to Canada in 1928, just before the Depression, and went out West. He *walked*, hitchhiked and rode the rails across Canada as far as Vancouver and then all the way back to Halifax. Based on these travels he says that he liked northern Alberta the best of the Prairies and British Columbia which “had everything.” He made the trip to England about six times before marriage and WWII came.

Mr. D. was working as an RNA at Basingstoke when he met his wife Elizabeth (“Betty”) Shutt who was working at the same institution in the laundry. She was from Trimden Grange, one of 8 children and her whole family worked in the coal mines. When they married in 1939 she sent a wire home that said simply, “Just got married. Blame it on Hitler.” Mr. D. joined the Nova Scotia Regiment and fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Belgium and France.

In 1951 the Deanes came to Canada, to the Toronto area. Later they moved to Barrie and lived at 37 Johnson St. When Mrs. Deane’s health deteriorated she went to live at Sierra Vista nursing home in Elmvale. Mr. D. took an apt. in Elmvale to be close to her. Mr. Deane later moved into the Home as well so that, including his time at GPH, he spent the last ten years of his life in such institutional settings. Mrs. Deane died in 1996.

Mr. D. always enjoyed travelling and after his marriage and emigration to Canada he travelled to England, Scotland, California and Hawaii. But it is his adventures early in life—he came to Canada for the first time at age 17—that capture our attention. He had a wealth of stories from those adventures and had diaries that included money and other souvenirs. His son Ron shared with me just a couple of his stories.

In one case Mr. D. was travelling back east and had reached Trois Rivières QC. He was walking, it was November, so he went to the town jail where he got a cell in which to spend the night. In the morning the jailkeeper’s wife made him breakfast and he set out on his way. About 20 miles from there the RCMP found him. There had been a murder the night before and they took him as a suspect. They returned to Trois Rivières and to the jailkeeper who provided a very good alibi for him: he had been in a jail cell all night!

In 1936 or 37 Mr. D. was working for the Parker family in Welsford NB. There he learned of a job opportunity: someone was needed to go on a cattleboat to Bermuda. He took the job, expecting to stay in the warmer climate for the winter. So when he arrived in Bermuda he got a job washing dishes. He was arrested for working—non-Bermudans were forbidden to work there at the time. When he appeared before the judge he explained his situation, namely that he just wanted to work for a few months before he returned to Canada in the spring. The judge accepted his story and he was permitted to stay. In the spring he travelled on *The Empress of Britain* north. On the boat he befriended a woman in a wheelchair and helped her out in various ways. When they docked in New York it turned out that the woman’s father was the head of the Roman Catholic church in that city. He blessed Mr. D. and wished him a long, happy life. Mr. Deane always considered that the blessing contributed to his longevity.

On his travels in Canada Mr. D. made friends that lasted a lifetime. In particular we may mention Bob Webster and his descendents of Varna ON—with whom he stayed in 1928—and the Parker family of Welsford NB. A memorial service was held for Mr. Deane in Varna on July 31, following his death. His favourite hymns were “The Old

Rugged Cross,” and “In the Garden.” A piper played “Amazing Grace” for the service in Varna.

Children: Ron, of Barrie; grandsons Jeff, of Thornton, and Shawn, of Toronto. Mr. D. has two gt.-grandchildren: Janet and Grant.

According to Ron, his father said that what got him through life was his politeness and good manners.

Mr. Deane appears in a photo published in the *Examiner* on May 21, 1998. He is carpet bowling during Senior Encounter Day. Also in the photo are Chris Flynn and Georgian College Co-op student Kim Nunn. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/09/1997—A2–1998

◆ DE GENNARO, Robert

22/03/1902–19/01/1999

Mr. De Gennaro was born in San Guiseppe de Vesuviano (St. Joseph of the Vesuvius), near Naples, Italy. He was the third of seven children. His father was a pharmacist.

In 1927 he emigrated to New York, then to Montreal, because of economic depression at home.

In Montreal he started a new career, managing restaurants. When interment for Italians came in WWII he fled to the Laurentians. There he opened Chez Roberto Inn at St. Adolph d’Howard, near St. Agathe. So, for some years the family operated the hotel there in the summer and returned to Montreal in the winter, where he was involved with various clubs and restaurants.

In 1957 Mr. D. sold his hotel and went into a new business—canning foods for Italian restaurants. He sold that in the 1960s and started helping other people open restaurants in Montreal. He was in Montreal until he was in his 80s, when he and his wife moved to Mississauga, ON.

On Apr. 12, 1939 he married Sarah Cassandra (“Cassie”) McLaren, whom he met at a dancing spot called Casa D’Italia. He was struck with her beauty. Together they had three children: Livia, who lives in Barrie; Dolores (m. Graham), who lives in London, ON; and John, of Regina. Mrs. De Gennaro died in Sept. 1996.

Mr. D. loved to travel: to the Ocean from Montreal, to New York, Hampton Beach; often back to Italy; to Portugal; to Mexico.

He was the only one of his family to emigrate.

Mr. De Gennaro was a “driven” kind of person: he had an entrepreneurial spirit and even in his 90s wanted to get out of his retirement and into work again! If he had a hobby it was gardening: he always grew fruit, vegetables and flowers and taught his grandson David, for one, how to do that. Later in life he enjoyed children, watching birds, and music—Pavarotti was a favourite.

His funeral was from St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church. Interment is with his wife at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 30/09/1998

DELA CRUZ or DELA CRUZ, Isidro B.

15/05/1915–

B. in Cagayan de Oro, Minanao, Philippines, to Wencislao dela Cruz and Rafaela Bantug. They were rice farmers. Mr. dela Cruz has two brothers and two sisters.

The principal of a local school saw his potential and offered him a scholarship, but his parents would not permit him to attend school: he was needed to work on the farm. Eventually he did attend school and graduated from high school. Then, at the age of 19, he married Daniela Tampus; they had five children together, three boys and two girls.

During the Japanese occupation of the Philippines in WWII his wife and four of his children died in a malaria epidemic. He and his daughter Gertrude survived. He witnessed many horrific things during the war.

In 1950 Mr. dela Cruz remarried. He married Caridad Pacunio and they had eight children, five boys and three girls. He entered various business ventures as an entrepreneur. One of his proudest accomplishments was his ability to send all nine of his children to high school and on to become university / college graduates.

He was raised in the strictest of Catholic upbringings. Eventually he became a member of the Church of Christ and was instrumental in building the first place of worship in the city of Cagayan de Oro.

He emigrated to Canada on July 22, 1980. His first “Canadian” meal was KFC! He and his wife lived in Toronto and worshiped with the Harding Ave. Church of Christ. Of his children, eight live in Canada and only one remains in the Philippines. There are fourteen grandchildren and five gt.-grandchildren.

Mr. dela Cruz is the father of Rudy (m. Marilyn), one of my church-members; grandfather to Amy, Jonathan, and Sarah.

GPH: 17/12/2002

◆ DELAFRANIER, Geraldine *Grevelle*

06/10/1906–28/03/2003

B. in Stratford. She married Alvin D. They lived in Guelph and had a family of eight, six of whom survived infancy. Mrs. DeLaFranier has now a son in Kitchener and a daughter in Windsor. She moved to Barrie to be with a daughter and son-in-law, but after some ten years with them she moved into GPH.

Mrs. Delafranier was a nurse and, aside from raising a family, looked after infant foster children. At GPH she was always busy knitting and enjoyed a good friendship with her tablemates, Jean PARKER, Winnifred MORLEY, and Dorothy GERALD.

At GPH she was a good friend of Emily BROOK.

Interment: Stratford, with her husband.

GPH: 19/03/1998

◆ DEVRIES, Louisa *Bakker*

28/05/1923–

B. in Bolsward, Holland. She married Peter de Vries 28/10/1942 and they had ten children: Ria (m. Tolboom), Jan, Eelke, Carla (m. Craddock), Renze, Peter, Marcel, Antoinnette (m. DeLarosebil), Louisa (m. Davie), and Christina (m. McLoud).

Except for Ria—who was married and had a child—the whole family emigrated to Canada in 1965. Mr. de V. died in 1984. There are 26 gd.-children and 8 gt.-gd.-children (1998).

Mrs. DeVries enjoyed working with troubled teenagers; she did volunteer work for 25 years with the RVH Auxiliary. She has always said that her greatest joy is her children, who are all healthy and were never in any trouble with the law!

Mrs. DeVries’ hobbies included singing: she started a choir at Parkview Centre and at Collier Place; she sang in the choir at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church; she also sang at weddings and funerals.

Mrs. DeVries was not well from the time of her coming to GPH, which has meant that communication about the details of her life is not possible. Her daughter Carla works in nursing at GPH and has provided information concerning her life.

GPH: 16/09/1996—C59

◆ DICKIE, Edith Rita Pearl *Large*

20/08/1910–08/08/1999*

B. in Toronto, on Ashdale Ave., one of seven children of Ida Williams and William Large. Her sisters were Iva and Audrey; brothers were Ben, Jim, Billy (died in infancy), and Charles.

Her gd.-father Williams bought the family a farm on the 4th Conc. of Tiny Twp. and that is where she grew up. In fact, the family moved back and forth between Wyevale and Toronto, depending on the economy. There were black currants, gooseberries and other kinds of fruit on the farm. Mrs. D. walked to school in Wyevale—four miles.

Mrs. D. has three children: Gloria (m. Waites), Ron and Jim. The family moved around a lot until Mr. Dickie got a job at John Inglis in Toronto. He worked there through WWII because his talents as a tool and die maker were needed.

Eventually the Dickies sold their house in Toronto and moved to Bluewater Beach, where Mr. D. built cottages to rent. Reflecting on her life up to this point, her son Ron recalls:

Rita was a Toronto factory worker, starting at age 13, operating stamping machines, etc. Rita worked as a seamstress and dressmaker. She and her husband Jim operated the 1140 acre Wildman Ranch near Wyevale for a number of years. (Mr. Wildman was a prominent Barrie businessman. Rita operated a large rooming house in Toronto for quite a number of years and, when they finally moved back home to Bluewater Beach, she was the inspiration for their newly formed tourist business. She was the business head of all this, despite very limited education: she was kept home from school to assist her mother, as was the custom during those difficult days when trying to survive on their fruit farm.

The Dickies spent about twenty winters at New Port Ritchie, near Tampa FL. There Mrs. D. was involved in the Baptist Church.

Mr. D. died in 1987 and Mrs. Dickie moved to an apartment in Midland.

She was an artistic person and made hundreds of needlework items, some of which hung in her suite in GPH.

Interment: Wyevale Cemetery

GPH: 27/10/1997—O91

DOAN, Grenville

10/08/1920–

B. near Allenwood?

Mr. Doan farmed on Country Rd. 89, south of Elmvale. He has a son and daughter. After he retired he worked for five years with Natural Resources at Midhurst.

Seven years ago Mr. D. married Nancy Usher's mom Muriel. (Nancy has nursed at GPH for many years.) Their farms had been side by side. Then on Oct. 20, 2000 Grenville had a stroke, was in RVH until the following June.

Vi BAYCROFT'S brother Willard is married to Mr. Doan's cousin Noreen (Doan).

Mr. Doan loved farming and the very mention of the word "farm" is enough to bring tears to his eyes.

GPH: 13/06/2001

DONALDSON, Mary Katherine *Coo*

28/02/1917–

B. in west end Toronto, then called Mimico.

The eldest of six children, she excelled at dance and sewing. Her sisters still laugh about "borrowing" her beautifully made clothes. Mary K. attended Mimico High

School and Western Technical Institute. Her training as a dietician was certainly tested when she married Ian D., also from Mimico, and had six children.

Ian, a pharmacist and store owner, often worked through the dinner hour, but Sundays the store closed at 6 o'clock. Sunday dinners at the Donaldsons' on Royal York Rd. became culinary and raucus events, well attended by family and friends.

Every summer Mary K. packed up the kids and drove to Haliburton. The cottage was and is the summer home. Water sports kept the family cool and busy until Labour Day and the return to the city.

For health reasons, Mary K. moved to Barrie in 1995. "Nannie" Donaldson has 13 grandchildren and 3 gt.-grandchildren.

GPH: 01/05/2001

◆ DOUBT, Adelaide *Painter*

12/02/1912–08/11/2001

B. in Toronto, one of three sisters.

Married Robert Doubt who, at the age of 90 (d. 06/11/1999), lived at Simcoe Terrace when *Connections* was written. He was a cook in WWII and was encouraged to enter the field of health. At the time of his retirement he was Chief Health Inspector for Simcoe Co.

The Doubts divorced after some 28 years. Mr. Doubt remarried but after he was widowed became friends again with Adelaide!

Mrs. D. had two children: Barbara (m. Wright); and Jack, who had major health problems from early on in life. He lives in Kitchener. Barbara has two children, Jason and Karen; Jason's children, Duncan and Conner, were seven and a year and a half at the time Mrs. Doubt died.

In 1952 the Doubts moved to Orillia and they lived there for many years. Eventually Mrs. D. worked at Hunts Bakery, then at Sears. She moved back to Toronto and worked at Sears in Cedarbrae Plaza. After she retired she came to Barrie, just to be a grandma.

Barbara told me that her mother's major hobby was reading. She loved to curl up on the couch with a book. At GPH she especially enjoyed the pets that came in to visit.

GPH: 25/05/1998

E

EATOCK, Joan *Murcott*

29/05/1925–

Spent 4 yrs. in Britain after WWII. Her husband was with the Fleet Air Arm, Royal Navy, during the War, serving mostly in the Pacific. After the War he went back to school, to the London School of Economics. After that he worked in the printing business and set up printshops all over the world. He would be away six weeks at a time. Joan accompanied him once, to a conference in Europe.

After he retired they moved from Mississauga to Damascus, near Arthur, where they had designed their own house. Mr. E. built it by hand but was stricken with Alzheimer's disease before they got it finished.

The Eatocks had six children; one of these, a daughter, lives at Horseshoe Valley. Having six children meant a very busy life: she had a bumper sticker on her car: "If a woman's place is in the home, why am I always in the car." Still, she had time to volunteer, and be President of the Lanark Co. VON.

Mrs. Eatock came to GPH by way of Leacock House in Orillia and Caressant House in Arthur, where her husband lives.

GPH: 07/09/2001

ELLIS, John McAllister

10/04/1920–04/06/2001

GPH: 01/12/1999

EVANS, Delilah (“Dell”) May *Robinson*

16/12/1902–27/12/2000

Delilah Robinson was born December 16, 1902 at the family homestead on the 4th line of Innisfil Township. She attended Bethesda Public School and the Bethesda Methodist Church, both of which were adjacent to their farm property.

The family moved to the Village of Cookstown in 1920 and in 1922/23 Dell attended Barrie Business College. She boarded at Jack and Ethel MERRICK’S home on Mary Street. Aunt Ethel, her mother’s sister, at the age of 88, became the first resident of Grove Park Home.

After graduation in 1923, Dell began employment with the North American Life Insurance Company in Toronto. She remained there until her marriage to David Arthur Evans in 1931. Arthur and Dell had a daughter, Pat (m. Vandenburg) and two sons, one of whom is Robert. In 1941 Mrs. Evans and her children returned to Cookstown while Arthur joined Canada’s Armed Forces.

The family remained in Cookstown until 1958, when they returned to Toronto. They stayed there until Arthur’s retirement in 1962. Arthur passed away in 1969. Mrs. Evans remained in the family home until 1996 when, at the age of 94, she moved to the Innisfil Beach Retirement Residence. Up until her move she enjoyed her vegetable and flower gardens and her home.

Mrs. Evans was active in the Cookstown United Church and the Cookstown Women’s Institute. She greatly enjoyed her pursuit of family genealogies and her crossword puzzles. She was blessed with five devoted grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

A letter given to her in 1920, upon her move from the farm to Cookstown, at the age of 18, was found among her memorabilia and was read at her funeral service. It is reproduced here.

Miss Dell Robinson

Dear Dell,

It is with very mingled feelings, that we, the young people of Bethesda church and community, are come to take our part in this gathering tonight. To you, in particular, with whom we have been associated for several years in the work of the Sunday School and Epworth League, we desire to express in some way the regard in which we hold you.

Our regret at parting with you is deep and sincere. In a church and a community such as this, where the young people are so few, to lose even one makes a great break in our ranks. But when, as now, we lose one whom we have found to be such a faithful worker, such a loyal comrade and friend, we feel that we do indeed suffer a double loss. There has never been an occasion when you have not given your services gladly and cheerfully, nor have we ever depended on you and been disappointed. In the church, the Sunday School and the Epworth League, your presence and your help will be more than missed.

But on the other hand, we have reason to be glad that you are not going

beyond our reach, and that we will still be able to have you with us frequently. We feel too, that in a larger community you will have greater advantages, both social and intellectual, and in addition, a wider circle of usefulness. And from your friends here most heartfelt wishes for your good welfare will follow you to your new home in Cookstown, and wherever the future may find you.

As a token of our remembrance and esteem, we ask you to accept this small gift. And we trust that the mirror, as you put it to its common use, will give back, not only your own pleasant reflection, but will call up other pleasant reflections, happy associations connected with your life at Bethesda.

Signed on behalf of the Epworth League

C J Medcroft Effie Smith
A. Crozier
V.M.Gilmore

GPH: 28/08/2000

EVANS, Marion
18/05/1910–
GPH: 30/08/2000

F

FANJOY, Ruth *Hare*
28/12/1929–

B. in East York, the third of four children of Samuel H., a builder and cobbler, and Eva Spring; her sibings are Harry, Donald (d. about seven years ago); Clifford (d. of spinal meningitis at age 18 mos.).

Mrs. F. attended Danforth Park Public School. She was a swimmer and achieved the Bronze Life Saving level at age 14. At age 17 she worked as a lifeguard at the Mary S. Edgar Camp, Sundridge.

In High School she took the commercial course, stopping at age 16. She went to work at Canadian Girl Guides Headquarters; she lived at the YWCA residence on Elm St.—in the attic! It was a lot of fun there, she recalls. Later Ruth was involved in Guides as a District Secretary and Captain.

From working for the Guides she went to General Tire for four years, located at Adelaide St. and Spadina Ave.; then to Bath, NY, where she had family, for a few months to work as receptionist at a hospital; she returned to General Tire at the “big salary” of \$85/wk.

She married in 1955 and had five children, which she raised by herself after 1970: Cathy (m. Van Vliet), of Thunder Bay; Sheila (m.), of Kingston; Mark; Brenda Lee (m. Scott Griff), of Barrie; and Pamela (m. Fanjoy-Matthews), of Oakville.

Ruth started the “Parents without Partners” group in Barrie with Edith McGrother in 1971. At the first meeting there were five people present, including the two founders.

In the 1990s she worked as a domestic for local land developer Lloyd Walt, travelling to Florida in the winter to take care of him. She also cleaned church buildings and offices, including the Blake St. Clinic.

In the mid-1990s she started attending the S.E. Programme and, through that, the

Barrie Church of Christ where she now worships.

Religious faith has been a strong presence in Ruth's life: she was christened at the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto; confirmed at the Church of the Resurrection at Woodbine and Milverton; and immersed at the Church of God on Burnhamthorpe Rd.

Mrs. Fanjoy has a kind disposition, an award-winning smile, and a strong faith, which have helped her in a struggle with wellness. She believes that people of faith can overcome: she's an "overcomer".

GPH: 13/06/2002

FISHER, *Eva Lucas*

02/03/1904–08/07/2001

In a mossy and verdant Sussex cemetery, a few meters distant from the imposing gravestone of Colonel By, lie the graves of Eva Lucas Fisher's paternal grandparents as well as those of Eva's aunts and uncles, all of whom remained in England. Only Eva's father, Bert Lucas, the oldest son from a family of 14, immigrated to Canada. Like his father, Bert Lucas had worked in Kent and Sussex as a games keeper, and his wife, Emma Lucas, had worked "in service" since she was twelve years old. Work was uncertain however in the years before WW I, when many of the English gentry cut staff or sold properties, and Bert and Emma Lucas with children Eva, Vera and Leonard hoped for steadier prospects with their move to Ontario. Eva never forgot how frightened she was when she sailed with her parents on the *Ascona* in 1913, just one year after the Titanic went down.

After a few months in Toronto, where Bert found temporary work as a gravedigger and where the youngest, Alec, was born, the family moved to what seemed closest to the home that they had left behind in England. They settled on Dunganon Farm just north of Cobourg where Bert Lucas took over the poultry farm, part of the grand 200 acre estate, owned by the Senator Oliver family of Pittsburgh which was used as their summer retreat.

There were no luxuries for the families of the four tenant farmers who tended the horses, poultry, pigs and orchards on the estate. The Lucas family moved into a simple white clapboard farmhouse heated by a large kitchen wood stove, and Eva and her siblings walked several miles across the fields to a one-room schoolhouse at Cook's Corners. Encouraged by their mother Emma, the children turned to reading for pleasure. Their new home was humble but the Lucas family eventually overcame their homesickness for England and came to love the natural beauties of the farm.

Because she was the oldest child and because Grandpa Lucas had no expectation of advancement through education, Eva was obliged to work after her grade 8 graduation. She trained in Cobourg as a seamstress and was later employed by the Oliver family as a companion and care giver for their young children. Her education continued however through the 1920s as her employers, recognizing her talents, paid for her singing lessons and introduced her to theatre and travel when she wintered with them in Cape Cod and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Allen Fisher came into Eva's life when he came to play hockey on the farm with Eva's brothers Len and Alec, whom he had met at Cobourg Collegiate. After Allen graduated from Queen's University (where Len and Alec also excelled as students) he and Eva were married in Cobourg in 1931. Their move to Barrie, with twin daughters Joan and Sylvia, came in 1937 when Allen became head of history at Barrie Central Collegiate. Eva and Allen lived at 31 Ross Street when son Mark was born, and later in 1949 built their home on Sunnidale Road, at that time a lovely quiet country road lined

with apple orchards.

Barrie trustees got much more than they bargained for with the new history department head: Allen Fisher was an exceptional history teacher who inspired many students with love of both world and local history but in addition, with the prodigious energy and enthusiasm that remained with him throughout his life, he initiated a music programme in the high school, the first in Ontario where instrumental music was part of the curriculum.

Eva was almost as well known to the students of BCI as Allen was for the years 1937-1972. She accompanied the BCI band as chaperone on the annual national and international trips that they made through these years, and she was known as something of a good luck charm too because one of the very few times that the Barrie students did not win the top prize in competition, Eva was not in the audience. Many former members of the Barrie Collegiate Band remember her with affection as a kind and gentle lady who always made sure that Allen got to the concert stage on time.

Much of Eva's social life centred around Trinity Anglican Church, the Church choir in which she sang for 25 years, and the Junior Guild. She was a founding member of the Brereton Field Naturalists Club and a bird watcher until past her 90th birthday. Eva worked tirelessly as well for her family, using her skills as a seamstress to make clothes for her daughters and to crochet and knit for each beloved grandchild.

After Allen's death in 1989, Eva remained in her home with the support of her kind neighbours and caregivers and she continued to enjoy the Field Naturalists' excursions (although lamenting the loss of song birds over the years), and the Barrie Concerts at the Fisher Auditorium. In her late eighties Eva continued to travel-to British Columbia to visit grandchildren Emma and Matthew Fisher, to Florida and to France with her daughters; she was, as always, a good traveler because she loved to try new foods and to see new places and she assumed the best about every person she encountered.

As Eva's strength failed in the last months of her life in Grove Park Home, she could no longer walk or see well but she remained unfailingly courteous, grateful for any help, but longing simply to go home. Her memories increasingly took her back to her mother Emma Lucas, to the fields and hills where she had played with beagles and barnyard animals and where she had learned to recognize bird-song. The white-throated sparrow will always sing to Tanya, Alison and Allen Middlebro of their grandmother who taught them to recognize its gentle and beautiful song. Even in her last days Eva would recite the poems of nature that she had learned as a child in England, and we are grateful that she gave to her children and her grandchildren the same love of what is beautiful in this world.

(The entry on Mrs. Fisher was prepared by her family. Thanks.)

GPH: 22/12/2000

◆ FLETCHER, Madelyn *Bird*

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19/12/1901–31/01/2000

B. in Toronto, one of six children. Mrs. F.'s father was a civil servant and the family moved to Whitby. There she married a 6th generation hotelkeeper.

Mrs. F. travelled widely in the USA and Europe (except Holland). She enjoyed cooking.

GPH: 09/10/1997—C41

FRASER, Edna Maude *Boughton* *

18/06/1920–18/09/2003

B. in Toronto to Elsie and Thomas Boughton; she had an older sister, Mable, and older brother Jack, and a younger brother Stan.

Mrs. Fraser's father died at age 37, when she was five. Her mother struggled to keep the family together through the Depression. Life was tough, with very little money. Her daughter Sandra says her family always thought that this experience was the reason Mrs. Fraser was a "pack rat" for the rest of her life.

Edna married James Fraser in 1939; their only child Sandra was born in 1940. In 1943 James went overseas with the RCAF to Europe. Edna decided to do war work at Ferranti Electric in Toronto. Her husband returned in 1946; Edna worked at Ferranti's until 1955. They moved to Don Mills when it was just being developed. James worked at IBM.

In 1957 the Frasers purchased a bowling alley in Orillia and moved north. Edna made many friends in Orillia, daughter Sandra married Gary Oakley, and grandson Craig was born in 1962. Granddaughter Pamela followed in 1964. Edna was involved in the operation of the bowling alley; as well, they were both championship bowlers.

They sold the bowling alley in 1966 and bought a marina on Paudash Lake, near Bancroft, and purchased a home in Cardiff, nearby. They lived in Cardiff for thirty years and made many friends. They also continued bowling in Bancroft until they were almost 70 years old. Mrs. Fraser doted on her grandchildren who spent many summers in Cardiff while they were growing up.

In 1989 gt.-granddaughter Sam was born, followed by gt.-grandsons Joshua in 1991 and Cole in 1993.

Mrs. Fraser was a homemaker. She loved to keep her house spotless, bake, garden and, in fact, never missed a good auction or garage sale. She was a consummate letter writer, as her family and friends can attest. It was not unusual to receive a 12-page letter from her.

In 1995 Edna and Jim moved to Barrie to be close to family. Jim died in 1998, one year before their 60th wedding anniversary. Meanwhile her health began to fail. She moved into a retirement home in Alliston and then, in the spring of 2001, into GPH.

GPH: 20/04/2001

◆ FRENCH, Florence *Waldon*

25/09/1910–11/06/2001

B. at Belle Haven, between Keswick and Sutton. Mrs. F. worked for Revenue Canada for 44 years, in Toronto. She lived at Yonge St. and Lawrence Ave. After she retired she married John French of French Motors, Barrie. He died in 1990. Mrs. F. enjoyed bridge.

When Mrs. F. went to Toronto to work as a young woman she boarded at 54 Gormley. From the window of that house she could look clear through to Rogers coalyard. In those days she used to go up to Jackson's Point to dances. Each dance cost so much, about 10¢, as she recalled.

Mrs. French appeared in a photo published in the *Examiner* on Apr. 18, 1998 on the occasion of David Johnson's retirement. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 24/04/1997—A5

G

GARLAND, Beulah

06/12/1921–

Mrs. Garland's son Dave and wife Peggy have been friends of ours for some years because Peggy nurses at RVH where my wife Elaine also nurses. Mrs. G. has a delightful disposition.

Dave's brother Eric lives in Toronto.

GPH: 20/09/2002—C62

GERALD, Dorothy May *Buchanan*

15/08/1914–

B. in Aurora ON to William James B. and Marion Campbell McLeod. She had two sisters, Marjorie and Helen, and one brother Aubrey ("Buck").

Her father worked for the CNR for 47 years and served as Mayor of Stayner for nine years. Dorothy attended Bing Public School and Stayner High School. She worked for her father in the Mayor's office for four years after graduating in 1932.

In 1936 she moved to Toronto and took a job at Simpsons. In 1942 she married Philip Gerald, an academic. They separated in 1964.

On her own, Dorothy worked as a cosmetician in Toronto and then in Aurora, at Doan Pharmacy. She retired in 1982 and moved to Barrie; she lived at Collier Place. In 1987 she was baptized and became a member of the Church of Christ where she found a family.

Dorothy always had a keen interest in badminton and curling; she participated in bonspiels with the Dixie Curling Club and even won a few in the 1950s.

At GPH she volunteered in the Tuck Shop and has been a member of Residents Council. It was also at GPH that she took up working on jigsaw puzzles, a great source of fun and frustration. Friend George MacKinnon from the church introduced this hobby to her, since he enjoys them himself.

Dorothy's parents retired in Meaford and her sister Helen's husband, Merv, was Chief of Police there, so we have lots of connections. Helen and Merv lived at 234 Cook St. in Meaford, and one time Dorothy drew attention to the coincidence: GPH is at 234 Cook St.! If this isn't sufficiently coincidental, I worked with my father when he built the house in which Merv and Helen lived at 234 Cook St. in Meaford.

She has a great sense of humour and brought a lively disposition both to her life in the church and at GPH, where her tablemates were Jean PARKER, Geraldine DELAFRANIER, and Winnifred MORLEY.

GPH: 30/08/2000

◆ GIFFEN, Evelyn *Brown*

10/09/1916–20/07/2001*

B. near Maple Creek, SK: her parents went out there after their marriage. She is the eldest of five children.

The family moved when she was a child to Deep Dale, MB, near Brandon and then, with the Depression, to Richmond Hill, ON: her gd.-father set up her father in the chicken business.

Her husband Donald and his parents owned a farm at Jane St. and Highway 7. The farm was sold to the Government and Highway 400 was put through the back of it, going south. A drive-in theatre took root where there used to be a pasture for the cattle.

Mrs. Giffen nursed at The Hospital for Sick Children from 1937 until her marriage on Oct. 18, 1941. She did a lot of Practical, i.e. private, nursing until 1954.

Mrs. Giffen's husband went to Radio College, then went into business servicing

radios; then into servicing oil furnaces at resorts. One such resort they bought—the Pahquana Resort at Shanty Bay. Their children loved it! When they sold the resort they moved to Painswick. Mr. G. died in 1984 and she sold that place and moved to an apt. on Kozlov St. She liked it there and was very active.

Evelyn moved into GPH because she “didn’t want to move in with the kids.” As she said, she loves them too much for that: they have a life of their own! Her children are: Lynda (m. George Teel) and Murray (m. Karen [“Kay”] Walton). Murray and Kay have two sons: Scott (m. Kim Thomas), Shawn (m. Kimberly Cherutti); Lynda and George have four sons: Bruce, Doug, David and Terry.

(Kay is a daughter of Effie Oweado Bowser, whose sister Polly ELLIOTT was a resident of GPH in 1997: see *Connections*.)

At GPH she was a doer of many kindnesses for other people. She was a reader of Danielle Steele, among other authors.

Mrs. Giffen was a member of Residents’ Council; worked in the Tuck Shop; did a lot of quilting. Her last, finished quilt was made for Scott and Kim’s baby, expected in August 2001.

She was a member of Bethel Community Church. Bruce Stickley, a pastor at Bethel, was part of Mrs. Giffen’s memorial service in the churchbuilding.

A fine photo of Mrs. G. appeared in the *Examiner* on Apr. 18, 1997 in connection with teddy bears made by GPH volunteers, who were taught how to make them by Valerie Hughson. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 20/11/1992—A9

GILBOE, Clifford

02/01/1913–12/08/2002

GPH: 07/08/2002 C-52

GILBY, Harold

15/08/1905–

Mr. Gilby was a building contractor and a maker of fine furniture. He did some innovative construction work in Muskoka.

GPH: 24/09/2002

GILL, Lorena *Sallows*

09/02/1920–

B. in Coldwater. Her husband was in the military and this meant various moves. Two sons live in Barrie.

GPH: 30/04/2002

GILLIES, Anita *Weir*

02/04/1934–28/03/2002

B. in Collingwood, the only child of Ann and Fred Weir. Her mother’s family name was Trumley and she was from Meaford. The Weirs had a dairy farm on the outskirts of Collingwood.

Mrs. G. worked with Bell Telephone as an operator after she finished school. There she made many lifelong friends. She met Ken Gillies through a cousin who was also a Bell operator. They were married in Collingwood “a long time ago” (Ken’s words!).

Ken worked in Collingwood. He was born in Regina, was educated in Saskatoon, and came East with the Army. He rose to the position of Captain and made various visits to the Meaford Tank Range. He took a position with RCA, which entailed a move to Midland, then Owen Sound, Smiths Falls, and finally to the head office in Toronto. For

this last posting the moved to Barrie and he commuted.

The Gillies had six children: Bob (m. Gladys Rentner), Linda (m. John Fisher; in Edmonton), Rick (m. ??), Steve (m. Margaret ??), Kelly and Kim (m. Earle Genik). Kelly underwent surgery for a brain tumour at the age of seven, and was left handicapped as a result.

Anita was first diagnosed with MS twenty years ago. Ken took early retirement and cared for her and Kelly. When Anita took pneumonia and was hospitalized, it was no longer possible for him to care for her and it was at that point that they had to seek an institutional environment for her. She first lived at Creedan Valley in Creemore; then came to GPH.

Ken said there was a beautiful service for her at Trinity United Church in Collingwood, the congregation of her youth. All the children were there; old friends were there. She is interred at Union Cemetery, Barrie.

Mrs. Gillies bore her incrementally deteriorating health with dignity, great patience, and no complaint, a person like the rest of us but trapped in a body that would not work. Intellectually she was very much alive. The sounds of the children of the Nursery School at GPH gave her pleasure. I used to ask her what she was thinking as she lay there and she would respond that she was thinking about her family and what was going on with them. We will not forget her.

GPH: 23/08/1999

GRAY, E.

30/12/1907–

GPH: 15/02/1999

◆ GREEN, Muriel *Kendall*

24/04/1909–17/08/2002

B. in south Toronto. Her family included three brothers, Garnet, Douglas, and Roland. She attended Oakwood Collegiate, as did Gladys HARVEY and Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON. At times she went to church with a friend by the name of Adshead to Hillcrest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in the days when the Burton family was prominent there.

Mrs. G. married Frank G. in 1936. They had three children, two of which died in infancy; Douglas, their third child, was killed in a car accident in Feb. 1995. Daughter-in-law Audrey lives in Barrie; granddaughter Nancy Green lives in Carstairs, AB.

The Greens bought Fairweather's Fur Storage and stored millions of dollars worth of fur coats. Eaton's was a customer. In 1953 they came to Barrie—whose population was 13,000 at the time, the same as that of Leaside, which they were leaving—and bought Simcoe Block. Later they purchased a home in Shanty Bay.

Mr. Green died in June 1972.

Mrs. G. was a best friend of Irene DOBSON, whom she knew in Toronto before her marriage. She was instrumental in Mrs. Dobson's move to GPH. The Residents' Council report for June 14, 1982 notes that Mrs. Green donated furnishings for the GPH sick bay in memory of Mrs. Dobson.

She also knew several other GPH residents from Allandale, Burton Ave. United Church, or Shanty Bay: Mildred MCQUADE, Louise PUGH, Mrs. FLEETHAM, and Jenny WISDOM. She knew Joyce Purdon, the Activities Director at GPH, and wife of the minister at Burton Ave. United Church. Reta SUTTON from Shanty Bay was a friend as well.

Mrs. Green's connection to GPH extends over many years.

Interment: St. Thomas Anglican Church cemetery, Shanty Bay.

GPH: 09/10/1996—M63

GREENWOOD, Harold John
 30/04/1930–20/06/2001*
 GPH: 31/07/2000

GREENWOOD, Muriel *Klein*
 15/11/1933–22/02/2001*
 GPH: 31/07/2000

Harold was born April 30th, 1930 in Palmerston, Ontario to John and Elizabeth Greenwood. His sister Audrey was glad to welcome both Harold and his identical twin brother Gerald to the family. A short time later Harold's two younger sisters Fran and Kay were born, completing the Greenwood clan.

Harold enjoyed his early years living on the farm where he developed a life-long respect for and love of the outdoors. The farm included both livestock and crop fields. Harold often talked of his experiences bringing in the hay, and his strong dislike of snakes that would slither around his feet during the haying!

When Harold and Gerald were 16 years old their mother passed away after a 4-year battle with cancer. Audrey worked very hard raising her younger siblings during her mother's illness and after her death.

Muriel

Muriel Evelyn Klien was born on Nov. 15, 1933 on a family farm near Mount Forest. The youngest child of John and Mary Enid Klein, she enjoyed life on the farm with her brother George and her six sisters: Ida, Gertie, Jean, Vivian, Bea and Ellie.

During her years on the farm she developed a lifelong love of animals, with the exception of geese and goats (!), as well as the skills to grow a variety of flowers and vegetables. She put these skills to good use in later life.

Marriage

Living on a farm and being surrounded by large pieces of equipment also helped to develop Harold's future vocation. After leaving home Harold moved to Mount Forest and drove a Sunoco fuel truck while apprenticing as a mechanic. He took his first job with Lorne Darroch. It was also about this time that he met and married his wife of forty-six years, Muriel Klein. The marriage took place on April 15, 1954. They lived in a small apartment in Mount Forest, close to both their families and childhood homes.

It was not long before their household was brimming with three children: Mary Beth, Donna and Jim. During this period the family moved to Listowel where youngest son Gerry was born. They resided there until 1970. Harold was employed at Jackson Motors in the garage and drove a tow truck after hours. Muriel stayed at home during the children's early years, but also provided day care for several other children. So there was always a big household and never a dull moment.

To help make ends meet, in addition to his work in the garage, Harold took other odd jobs, including "midnight roundups" of chickens to be sold from his brother-in-law's farm. It was a job that he did not particularly enjoy to say the least, but Harold never shied away from hard work when it came to supporting his family.

As the children grew older, Muriel started a job at Bakelari's Jewellery Store. She was well suited to a career in jewellery. She had an eye for knowing what people liked and was soon involved in purchasing merchandise for the store.

Harold and Muriel enjoyed a wide circle of friends and would often socialize with neighbours out on the front lawn on a Friday night, attend Saturday night dances or entertain at home. They were both “people persons” who loved to meet with and talk to new people, as well as visit friends and family whenever they had the chance. Harold could always see the good in people, and always had a kind word to say about everyone he knew.

While living in Listowel, during the summers they had a trailer at Boiler’s Beach in Kincardine where they spent weekends with the children camping and swimming.

The Accident

Life for the Greenwood family changed dramatically one day when Harold was accidentally pinned between two vehicles in the garage and sustained serious injury to his legs, back and hips. Through months of painful rehabilitation that included freezing cold ice-baths and difficult physical therapy, Harold survived with the support of his wife and children, and he was eventually able to walk again. However, his accident meant that Harold could no longer work as a full-time mechanic and thus a new chapter in his life began.

During the winter of his rehab he was often asked to replace the local automotive teacher when snowstorms prevented the teacher’s arrival at school. Harold enjoyed this very much and decided to return to school in an adult education program to complete his high school diploma. He boarded in Kitchener, coming home on weekends. He then went on to complete the first of three summer sessions of teachers’ college in London.

At a time in his life when most men have established careers they will one day retire from, Harold, now in his late 30s, earned his teaching certificate. He boarded in a small room in a home in London while Muriel stayed in Listowel with the children and kept things running as smoothly as possible. It must not have been an easy time for them both but they made it through this challenge.

Wawa

After graduating at age 40, Harold’s job search eventually took him in 1970 to the small northern mining community of Wawa, Ontario where he taught auto mechanics classes in Michipicoten High school for 19 years, until his retirement in 1989. He was well loved by his students, who, by the way, included sons Jim and Gerry as well as his future sons-in-law John and Goldie. By this time, oldest daughter Mary Beth had left home for nursing school.

The move to Wawa was a big adjustment for Muriel, who had grown up around the farms of southern Ontario. She missed her large family and circle of friends immensely.

Having a dad that taught in the same school they attended was not always easy for the boys, especially when they were occasionally late for class. Before morning announcements were over a little bird would usually let Harold know about their tardiness! Fearing being called “teachers pet”, Jim and Gerry would never ride to school with Harold; however Donna didn’t mind accompanying him, especially on cold winter days!

In addition to his teaching duties, Harold also served as a Driver’s Ed instructor, and over the years taught hundreds of his students to drive. One can only imagine the stories and near-death experiences Harold had in that Driver’s Ed car, not to mention his teaching his own children to drive! He used to joke with Mary Beth that he had a contract to paint the guardrails between Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa.

After retiring Harold remained busy driving school buses for Reid's Bus Lines. He enjoyed keeping in touch with the high school students as he drove them to and from White River.

But life was not all work and no play. The family took many camping trips around the area and Harold and Muriel also kept a small trailer on Hawk Lake where they could relax. Harold was also a familiar sight walking his dog Muffin around the block. In the winter the family snowmobiled.

Cooking was not Harold's forte. He burned the porridge every Sunday, and burnt toast could be found each morning after breakfast. Donna and Jim seem to have inherited his culinary skills!

One of the benefits of having a mechanic in the family was that Jim and Gerry always had expert advice when it came to fixing up their old cars. Harold was always there assisting in negotiating deals, working on the cars and occasionally selling them for a profit. Both sons have many fond memories of their time spent together "under the hood".

While auto repair was his main hobby, after retirement Harold also took up woodworking and enjoyed crafting projects for the family. He and his daughter Beth even took a class together and proudly gave away their handmade works of art for Christmas gifts.

In Wawa Muriel continued her career in the jewellery business at Victor White Jewellery. She worked there for many years until she took a job managing Wawa Jewellers. Later she tried her hand at Storey furniture, selling everything from kitchen appliances to rocking chairs. Muriel was definitely a people person and she loved to talk with her many customers. She brightened up every store and was a diligent worker.

Retrospective

Life in Wawa, while different in many ways to growing up on a farm and residing in Southern Ontario, was similar in the fact that Harold and Muriel made dear friends wherever they went. Wawa was certainly no exception. A shared love of snowmobiling helped bond Harold and Muriel's relationship with the LeFeuvres. They also enjoyed belonging to a ski club that met every weekend during the winter months. They felt if you couldn't beat snow seven months of the year you might as well enjoy yourself!

The small town with the big heart embraced their family, and in return Harold and Muriel gave back in many ways. Both were active volunteers for various charities and were members of the Lion's Club. Harold was always there to help set up chairs for a dance, sell Easter bunnies in front of the post office, deliver Christmas baskets to the needy, tend bar at a party or do whatever else he could to support the town and its people. His kindness, relaxed attitude and gift of the gab made him a welcome addition to any organization.

Harold also enjoyed fooling friends and colleagues when his twin brother came to visit him in Wawa. On more than one occasion Gerry posed as his brother and conversed with Harold's acquaintances, only to have them stop in mid-sentence when Harold walked up to join them! Even the school principal was not exempt from their practical jokes. He solved the problem by calling them both "Greenie" because he could not tell them apart. Harold and the family missed Gerald terribly when he passed away from lung cancer at the age of 54.

Harold looked a lot like Archie Bunker when the show first came out, and was often told this while out grocery shopping. One day while shopping at the Red and White grocery store in Wawa, Harold smelled smoke. The smell kept getting stronger so he reported it to the staff. The source was soon discovered. Harold's pipe had re-ignited while in his coat pocket! For quite a while afterwards, "Archie" was reminded of this by

staff on each trip to the grocery store.

Harold loved to slip away to the local donut shop where he would meet friends for coffee and discuss current events. He also liked to spend time having a coffee and donut with his grandson Mike. Once Harold became a diabetic their trips had to be kept secret so Muriel would not scold them.

Muriel and Harold

Harold and Muriel, like any couple that has been married a long time, were quite amusing to listen to. Many a “discussion” started during a dispute over a storytelling fact, with Harold usually saying “I’m not going to argue with you Muriel but ...!” Just before Mike’s last visit to see his grandfather, Harold commented to Mary Beth that if the big guy showed up with two coffees and two donuts that Muriel couldn’t give them heck this time!

Harold loved to drive and he and Muriel would often jump into their car for a ride in the country. In fact the family was always amazed at Harold’s ability to know the location of every coffee shop and restaurant in Ontario while on one of his driving trips! The only regret of Harold’s life was that he was not able to make his journeys in the car of his dreams, a Cadillac!

Harold and Muriel also treasured time spent with their grandkids: Dawn-Marie, Terri-Lynn, Michael, Jason, Goldie, Devin, Alana, Brenna, Jessica and Karley. They were very proud of the family they had built, and loved and treated their children’s spouses—John, Goldie, Kimberley and Elaine—like they were their own children.

Muriel

Muriel enjoyed spending time with the grandkids: playing cards, colouring, reading and just being with them. She was a hands-on grandmother who would help change dirty diapers, wrestle on the floor, and play hide-and-seek. And of course she always had a supply of cookies and ice cream on hand.

While in Wawa, Muriel had the pleasure and honour to being one of the first women in Ontario to become a member of the Lion’s Club.

Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, tole, ceramics painting and spoiling her dogs. Aside from snowmobiling and skiing, she was an avid canoeist. She proved she had an adventurous spirit when she canoed with Jim, Beth and John down the Magpie River. A non-swimmer, Muriel tied on not one but two lifejackets as she sat white-knuckled on the bottom of the canoe.

She was known for being a fashion plate, with her lovely clothes and fine jewellery and would dress up even to go camping! But she wasn’t above dressing in her old clothes to help Donna or Gerry paint and wallpaper. She painted and wallpapered her own room when she was sixteen and enjoyed decorating her homes all her life. In fact, one time when Jim was two years old he ripped down some newly hung wallpaper in their home in Listowel and Muriel got to enjoy decorating twice!

Hunting and moving

And of course there were the annual moose hunting trips in October. Harold joined Jim and Gerry, son-in-law John, grandson Michael and other friends and family members in the bush for a week every year, where they would enjoy their days searching for the ever elusive moose, and their nights by the campfire telling stories and jokes. However, since the cardinal rule of hunting is “whatever happens in the bush stays in the bush” we can’t share any stories.

Eventually Harold's health prevented him from doing much hunting, but he took over as chief potato peeler and dishwasher, and he was always there to greet the returning hunters with a smile and a cold beverage when they came back to camp.

Several years after Harold's retirement in 1989, another curve ball came Harold's way when he had a heart attack. He could no longer teach or drive for the public. It was a difficult experience for Harold but it was not too long before his optimism and determination returned and he realized that he would adjust and move forward.

In 1995 Harold and Muriel started a new phase in their lives when they packed up 25 years of memories and moved to a retirement park called Sandy Cove Acres in Stroud, Ontario. Here, just like always, they quickly assimilated into the community and made many special friends. Harold enjoyed his weekly nights out to play pool with the men, as well as participating in mixed darts and shuffleboard teams. He also continued his volunteer work helping with activities in the park. Life was good and they cherished their time in Sandy Cove.

At Sandy Cove Muriel had the opportunity to use a garden plot and she kept her children supplied with lettuce, cucumbers, beans and other summer delights. Wellknown as a great cook who could throw a dinner party together on a moment's notice, she put these fresh ingredients to good use hosting many family dinners at their home.

Muriel also loved cooking outdoors, and she managed to pass on her barbecuing skills to her youngest son Gerry. Jim was apparently absent for those lessons, as his wife Kimberly can attest. As a teenager, Donna developed her own unique method of "barbecuing" dinner. Unfortunately it was usually comprised of potatoes in a pot boiling dry on her mother's stove.

Life at Grove Park Home

Unfortunately their peaceful existence would be shattered in a few years by serious medical crises. Muriel developed colon and then liver cancer, and Harold's health deteriorated as he suffered from congestive heart failure and other complications related to his diabetes. The loss of his peripheral vision and the ability to drive a vehicle was a difficult thing for both of them to accept.

The result was a move in the spring of 2000 into an apartment in Barrie, just a few blocks from his son Gerry. Several small strokes slowly took away Harold's mobility, and he went from needing a cane to a walker and then eventually to requiring a wheelchair. At the same time he watched his wife take up the fight of her life.

As they both weakened, the time came for them to make their last move, into Grove Park Home for Seniors in August of 2000. Moving from a home to an apartment to a senior's complex in the space of six months was difficult and took some adjusting, but as always they faced life with grace and appreciated everything they had.

The last months of their lives were spent being visited by many special friends and family members. People that they had touched during the course of their lives, friends both new and old provided tremendous support and they were very grateful for every phone call, card and visit. Their children, son and daughters-in-law and grandchildren made every effort to make Grove Park their home, and make holidays special with family gatherings in the solarium.

It was not easy watching both parents suffer such ill health, but the family was the beneficiary of Harold and Muriel's strength and wisdom. They made every effort to make their impending passing easier. It was their greatest desire that we all honour their lives by enjoying life, seizing the day, celebrating friends and family and being grateful for what life brings.

Horizons

Harold and Muriel were delighted to learn that they would become grandparents once again, not to one but to two new Greenwood babies in 2001. Their impending arrival gave them much delight and hope, especially knowing that Jim's baby was a boy who would carry on the Greenwood name. Unfortunately a meeting was not meant to be. Jim's son Nathan was born two days before Harold's death and Gerry's child will arrive in early August, two new souls to replace the two that have passed on, completing the circle of life.

On February 22nd, 2001 after a valiant fight Muriel lost her battle with cancer. And now, only four months later we gather again in this church to celebrate Harold's life. And as much as we miss them, we know that they suffered so much in the end, and that now they suffer no more. They are up in heaven together watching over us, taking their dog Muffin for long walks and riding around in a great big shiny Cadillac!

P.S.

Harold and Muriel's son Jim and wife Kimberly had son Nathan four months after Muriel's death. Son Gerry and wife Elaine had daughter Marlee two months later. Elaine concludes, "We know that she would have showered them with her love as she did her other grandchildren, and that both Harold and Muriel are standing guard over us all."

Special thanks to Elaine and her family for providing the biographical material about Harold and Muriel.

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◆ HALPENNY, Reta *Burnside*

11/02/1908–13/01/2003

Mrs. Halpenny's parents emigrated from Cullybackey, Ireland in ca. 1905 to Virginia. Her brother, Alexander, was about 2 yrs. old at the time. Reta was born in Virginia. Her father contracted malaria and the family moved to Toronto. There he worked as a mechanic.

She lived at 351 Strathmore Blvd., almost across from the Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ. At some point—Toronto?—Fred ARCHER was a neighbour of hers.

Mrs. H. also has a sister eleven years her junior: Erina ("Ina") Miller lives in Barrie.

Reta's husband worked at Eaton's in Toronto.

The Halpennys have one daughter, Karen (m. McLellan), who lives in Gravenhurst.

GPH: 08/11/1996—O95

HAMILTON, Laura *Phillips*

17/03/1913–04/08/2001

B. in Burks Falls, on a family farm, the youngest of the seven children of Olive Varcoe and Richard Phillips. Except for her brother Will, her siblings lived into their 80s and 90s.

Mrs. H. cooked on boarding cars between Englehart and Haileybury. She was 16 when she met Eddie Hamilton and they were married three years later, in 1932, during the Depression. Mr. Hamilton found work in the mines in northern Quebec.

The Hamiltons had three children: Robert, Nadine and Margaret. Nadine was seriously ill as a child. There were many visits to Sick Children's Hospital before she died in 1942.

They moved to Toronto where Mr. Hamilton worked as a brakeman on the railway and on street cars. Then they moved to Huntsville, where Rob was born in 1944. Mrs. H. was always doing something: selling vacuum cleaners; cosmetics; she owned her own hair salon for some years and this augmented the family income.

Mr. H. retired in Sept. 1971 at the age of 65 and died that Dec. 31st. Mrs. H. moved to Orillia where her sister lived. In the early 1970s she bought a lot and built a house. In the late 1990s Mrs. H. moved into a retirement home in Orillia and then came to GPH.

Interment: Burks Falls.

GPH: 29/01/2001

HAMILTON, Helen *McCullough*

30/11/1922–

B. at Churchill, on the 4th line, where her parents managed a farm. Her father worked on rail repair with the railroad. Her family included three sisters and one brother.

She married and lived in Scarborough, where her husband worked for Canada Post; she had a housecleaning business.

After they retired the Hamiltons lived in a “granny flat” at a cousin's at Bradford. Mr. H. had many hobbies. Mrs. H. was christened Anglican at Churchill; they went to the Presbyterian Church in Bradford.

Mrs. Hamilton has great Christmas memories. At their house, when she was a child, the tree did not go up until Christmas eve, after the kids went to bed. The children's gifts, ordered from the catalogue, came to a neighbour's, across the road. In turn, the neighbour, dressed up as Santa Claus, would deliver them on Christmas eve. There would be one present to be shared by all the children (for example, a sleigh) and, besides that, one gift apiece (maybe a doll!).

GPH: 09/02/1999

◆ HANDY, Viola *Drury*

28/02/1908–01/07/2001

Mrs. Handy's father was a medical doctor. He taught at Rosenthal—in the Bancroft area—to earn money to go to medical school, namely to McGill University.

During WWI Mr. Drury was in Vancouver, involved in admitting “coolies” to the country. Disagreements with the government led to his move to the USA where he died at age 58. Mrs. Handy's mother returned to Canada, to Crown Hill. As a result of the American sojourn Mrs. H. had relative in the St. Paul's, Minnesota, area. She had a brother who is an M.D.

After their marriage the Handys farmed and had six children, two boys and four girls.

Mrs. Handy's mother, Teresa DRURY, lived at GPH.

GPH: 21/03/1994—A5

HARGREAVES, Anne *Clark*

04/12/1911–

B. in Barrie.

She and her husband Frank met when they were students at Barrie Collegiate. After they were married in 1933, they lived briefly in Kirkland Lake and then returned to Barrie where they raised eight children: Frank, Anne Marie, Jack, Bill, Madeline, Paul and Mary. A much-loved daughter Elizabeth died in a car accident in 1976. Anne and Frank shared a very happy life together for 43 years.

Mrs. H. was an active and faithful member of St. Mary's Church and the Catholic Women's League. She was a founding member of St. Mary's Parent Teacher's Association and served on the executive board. For many years she was a volunteer for the Barrie and District Cancer Society, driving patients to Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment.

Anne's hobbies were gardening, knitting and travelling. She enjoyed many trips to Bermuda and Florida. However, her real focus and joy were her family and grandchildren. She was a very involved mother, generous with her time, wisdom and advice. She was also a very loving "Grannie" to 22 grandchildren and 13 gt.-grandchildren. Her cottage at Oro Beach was a favourite spot for all the grandchildren and many happy summers were spent there. Her famous butter tarts and apple pies were a treat for all.

Mrs. Hargreaves is a sister-in-law to Joan CRAIG.

GPH: 15/01/1999

◆ HARVEY, Gladys *Roots*

27/06/1910–28/06/2002*

B. in Toronto, one of five children: Winnifred Bessie, who died at age 10 1/2 of rheumatic fever; Gladys; Rita (m. John Jefford, who after Reta's death, married Helen Johnson, who is a volunteer at RVH); Reg (m. Marg Peto; Evelyn (m. Stewart Royce, who became an elder at Hillcrest Christian Church).

Gladys' parents Arthur ROOTS and Emily Woodman were both from the London area of England. He immigrated to Canada at age 20—i.e., in 1905, to Toronto, and built a sort of "tar-paper" shack near the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ. A year later his bride-to-be came, on a boat that had Sir Wilfred Laurier as a passenger. As soon as she got off the boat they were married and spent the afternoon on Centre Island.

As a child she went to Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ. Her father was Sec.-Treas. of the Sunday School.

A Mrs. Stevenson told her she should be going to Hillcrest and discussed it with her mother—they had young people, music—and she did. So it was that she was baptized at Hillcrest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on 03/02/1924. Her parents also went to that church but she doesn't know that they ever joined.

Gladys was married to Andrew H. by Andrew Lawson, the minister at Hillcrest, on Mar. 4, 1939. It was a beautiful day: 65°F; there was a big fall of snow the next day!

Andrew Lawson's response to people who said the church is full of hypocrites: "If you come then there'll be one less!"

Mr. H. worked for Storm's Contracting. He started as a truck driver and eventually became treasurer of the company. They nicknamed him "Granny" because he was so kind and thoughtful.

Gladys taught Sunday School over the years and at GPH still received notes from a class at Hillcrest, where she still has friends like Elmer Stainton. She also recalled Reuben Butchart—*The Disciples of Christ in Canada since 1830* (Toronto 1949) was written by him—who, she says, used to give the young people a little poke in the back as they left church and would say, "Straighten your back!" Apparently he didn't want them

to become round-shouldered!

The Harveys had two children: Jim, who lives at Moonstone-Medonte; and Lorna (m. Barrie Shaw, who died at 60). Lorna works for the Atomic Energy Commission and lives in Burlington. There are ten gd.-children and seventeen gt.-gd.-children.

Sometime after her husband's death Mrs. H. moved into St. Hilda's Retirement Home in Toronto. She stayed there six years before coming to GPH, where she was a second generation resident: her father lived here.

Gladys had many interests and friends. She was always keen to know how our family was doing.

Mrs. Harvey was cremated and arranged to have her ashes spread at a special place on Jim's farm, joining those of her husband.

A fine photo of Mrs. H. appeared in the *Examiner* on July 1, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. She comments about life in York Twp., with its mud roads and lack of plumbing, "We'd be called deprived these days, but we were happy." See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 28/03/1991—O90

HAWKINS, Evelyn *Cormack*

02/04/1906–

Mrs. H. is a sister of Irene EVANS. She was featured as "Constance" in GPH's ad campaign to raise funds for the new addition to the Home.

Her mother was a Tovell. The Tovells of Grand Valley were an important family in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). See further the entry for Irene EVANS in *Connections*.

Mrs. Hawkins is "Constance" in the GPH fundraising campaign in support of the major addition and

GPH: 19/09/2001

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19/05/1917–

GPH: 19/09/2001

HEKKENBERG, Henk

04/01/1934–11/04/2002

B. in Bussum, Holland. His father was a school principal and his mother was a nurse. Two brothers, Peter and John, are both teachers.

Henk was schooled in Holland and took technical training in Amsterdam. He had to serve in the army, but he hated that and decided to emigrate. So, from 1954–57 he was in Australia, but then returned to Holland.

He met Mary at a musical, served another six months in the army, and decided to emigrate to Canada. He came in May 1958 by boat to Halifax with a friend. Henk settled in Cooksville. Mary came in Sept. 1958 and they were married the next month.

Henk and Mary's children were born here: Ingrid (m. Sloan), who lives in New Jersey; Jackie (m. Shoesmith), who lives in Aurora; and Rob (m. ??), who is a Barrie M.D.

The Hekkenbergs spent 42 years in Mississauga. At first he worked in the area of TV, then took a position with Spar Aerospace. He retired from Spar at the age of 59. He also had a TV business on the side, called "Henk's TV". He enjoyed that and had a tremendous love generally for "tinkering".

With Spar he worked on the "Canadarm" for the space shuttle. He met astronauts Chris Hadfield and Sally Wright, the latter killed when one of the shuttles exploded on take-off.

After his retirement Henk and Mary travelled a lot. He built their cottage at Colpoys Bay, on the Bruce Peninsula. He was a very active person and liked fishing, swimming, biking, hiking on the Bruce Trail, table tennis ... He was an excellent husband and father.

When he fell ill with cancer they moved to Barrie, and that brought him eventually to GPH.

GPH: 11/09/2001

HOBSON, Joan Elizabeth

26/11/1926–31/05/2003

B. the third daughter of Anne and Arthur Hobson in North Toronto. She was a happy child and the apple of her mother's eye. Sister Beth recalled that Joan was a very neat child: they shared a room as children and Joan had an imaginary line down the centre of the room, upon which Beth's "mess" was not to intrude!

She attended St. Clement's School with all her sisters for her entire school career. After graduation she entered the school of nursing at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. After receiving her R.N., she taught in the School of Nursing. One of her students was her sister Fran!

Joan left teaching and took some courses, allowing her to enter other fields of nursing. She did some industrial nursing, some more nursing in Hamilton, Bermuda; she worked for Home Care and VON.

When her mother began showing signs of forgetfulness, she decided to give up her job to stay at home with her mom. Joan cared for her mother until her death at 90 yrs.—Christmas day, 1987.

Miss Hobson lived in her apartment in North York until she felt she needed a retirement home, when she was persuaded to move to Barrie.

She went to St. Timothy's Church in North York, on Ridley Blvd. This is the church in which Lorraine Maher was confirmed. Canon David Busby, later of Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie, was at this same church during the time of his theological training.

GPH: 09/08/2001

HOPE, Brian

03/12/1923–08/11/2002

Mr. Hope was born on December 3, 1923 in Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire, England, the third of seven children, to parents Joseph and Mary (née Metcalf) Hope.

He was a British veteran who joined the army in 1942 shortly after he turned 18, and later found himself as a corporal in the tank corps. He met his lifelong sweetheart Esther, whom he affectionately called "Dolly" at a church dance in England shortly after the war. They were married in 1948 and immigrated to London, Ontario in 1951, where they enjoyed their next 47 years together.

Over the years, Mr. Hope worked as a cost accountant at Dennis Steel and Excello in London, and later at Prestolite, Sarnia, and Dominion Chain, Stratford where he finished out his career as Credit Manager.

He had a wonderful sense of humour, reflected in a sharp wit and a love of puns. His son's friends nicknamed him "Cornish" for his often corny jokes. He loved a good laugh. His interests included gardening—having once built a huge rockery, including lengthy stone walls, by hand—and playing the piano. In earlier times he enjoyed "tickling the ivories" and he could pick up a tune readily, "playing it by ear".

Esther and Brian were truly a partnership that worked well for both of them for 50 years. After she died suddenly four years ago, Mr. H. expressed a strong desire to continue on in his house of thirty five years in London. One of his wishes was to be able

to continue living amongst his longtime neighbours, and worshipping at St. Pius X Catholic Church, which he valued dearly. His daily walks around the neighbourhood are remembered by many. One long-time neighbour referred to them as “military marches” due to his stiff gait.

Mr. H. was overwhelmed by the generosity of his neighbours, friends, church members, volunteers, and care givers who checked in on him on occasion and ran errands over the 2 years he lived alone. “Meals-on-Wheels” came to the door, as well as Home Care assistance for bathing and cleaning the house. Even-tually Mr. Hope’s failing health would no longer allow such independence. He was finally persuaded to move in with his eldest daughter, Anne Louise, and her family in Oro Station in February 2001. In June of that year, Anne Louise drove Brian back to London to stay in his house a few days and see his friends again. He sorely missed seeing familiar faces and being recognized in his community.

That summer Mr. Hope’s health again began to decline, and eventually a position became available at GPH in November, 2001. He was not happy to move again but, once he settled into the routine, said many times how much he liked it at Grove Park. He said the people were so nice to everyone, never a cross word, and “they just can’t do enough for you.” “Pretty crabby about making me use my cane, though,” he always said. He used to leave it behind when living in Oro Station, but didn’t get away with that in Grove Park. Several times he said to his son Michael, “This is the best place for me.”

In the last few weeks of his life, Mr. H. had difficulty eating, and so enjoyed his favourite soft foods at mealtime, ice creams and puddings. Anne Louise brought him two diabetic truffles every visit, and he did not refuse them once. The staff told Anne Louise he always ate a good breakfast, and she guessed correctly that it was always his favourite again, bacon and eggs.

He is survived by his children Anne Louise Carney and husband Patrick of Oro Station; Michael Hope and wife Theresa of Oakville; Derek Hope of Calgary; Kathy Hope and partner Errol Dubé of Manotick; and Jennifer Hope of Burnaby; by eleven grandchildren; by nephew Sean Coxen; sisters Margaret and Kathleen, brother Joe, and their families. and his relatives in England, New Zealand, and Ireland. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Esther Mary in 1998, and his brothers Fran, Bernie, and Terry.

GPH: 21/11/2001

◆ HUTCHESON, Barbara *Wright*

03/07/1912–18/11/1999

B. in Norfolk, England. She had one sister and two brothers, all of whom live in England.

In 1940 she married George from Glasgow who came down to London to sell insurance. He went into the army, rising to the position of Major. He was in Europe for all of WWII, serving with the Black Watch Regiment. They lived in Brighton, Sussex.

The Hutchesons came to Canada in 1952. After a period of managing restaurants in Toronto, Mr. Hutcheson went back into the military. He worked his way up to captain. He taught in food services at Base Borden; was transferred to Edmonton, then to Petawawa.

Mr. H. retired at age 58 and then worked at Queen’s Park, in the area of Social Services, then Veterans’ Affairs. After his retirement again at 68 they travelled: California, England, Europe, the USSR, Africa. There were many winters spent in Florida.

Mrs. H. worked at a private secretary for John Robarts, Premier of Ontario; then in the office of William Davis. She left that to work at TVO as an executive secretary.

In Barrie the Hutchesons lived at 2 Kozlov St..

Mrs. H. had two daughters: Carol (m. Bert Boonstra) taught nursing in Barrie and was a volunteer at GPH—her sad and untimely death touched all of us; Elizabeth (m. George Irvine) lives in Oshawa.

Mrs. H. was a volunteer at RVH, in the maternity unit. She was active at Parkview Seniors Centre and an avid bridge player and swimmer.

Mr. Hutcheson died in 1989 and Mrs. H. chose to come and live at GPH rather than be alone. At the time she still drove her car, played bridge outside GPH twice a week, and swam twice a week at a health club.

According to Carol, her mom’s “greatest claim to fame” was that she visited Buckingham Palace and had tea with the Queen—along with a few hundred other guests!

A photo of Mrs. Hutcheson appeared in the *Examiner* on July 8, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 20/10/1992—A20

J

◆ JACKSON, Arthur

16/08/1910–

Mr. Jackson was born at New South Gate, London, England, and he is able to recall vividly scenes from his childhood there: the row houses in which they lived, escapades of him and his brother, the local poacher, Walker’s Woods at the end of the street.

He came from England to a farm at Enniskillen, between Oshawa and Bowmanville. The people who owned that farm, the Ormistons, had no children and Arthur became like a son to them. Emily would go out for weekends or two or three weeks at a time in the summer. They were United Church people. Mrs. Ormiston played the piano and Emily sometimes sang solos at their church.

Arthur got his first car when he was about 18. He bought it from a neighbour farmer for \$25. Though he had never driven, the farmer took him to the top of a hill and just let him drive it down and home. Then he drove it from there into downtown Toronto to pick up Emily, who was practising at Cook’s Church with the Exhibition Choir.

One time he was driving up Dufferin St. and saw a light waving ahead of him. He slowed down and saw that it was a man leading a couple of horses. As he went over to the shoulder to get past, the one horse turned and “sat” on his radiator, breaking its leg. The man said that the horse would have to be shot. A passerby went to the St. Clair police station and a motorcycle officer came. He didn’t want to know what had happened: he had heard there was a horse that needed to be shot and that is what he had come to do. They put the horse down in the ditch and the officer shot it. Then he left. The man led the other horse away and Arthur left. He wondered about the horse and some days later someone at a garage asked him if he had heard about the theft of a couple of horses from some wealthy farmer and that one of the horses had been shot. Then he understood why the man leading the horses had not shown more concern!

After their marriage June 29, 1935, they went to Sudbury, where Arthur got a job in a mine, working 2600 feet under the ground, in first aid. It was the Depression so they went up there for the job.

Mr. J. has a great memory for stories, poems, sayings and songs. This is one concerning the weather:

It ain't no use to grumble or complane;
 It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice...
 When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
 W'y, *rain's* my choice!

(The entire poem, entitled “Wet Weather Talk,” by James Whitcomb Riley, appeared, as it happens, in the *Spotlight*, June–July 1982. That’s how I got the spelling correct!)

Recently Mr. Jackson recited another poem about “the village burgler”:

Under the spreading gooseberry bush
 The village burglar lies.
 The burglar is a crafty man,
 with whiskers on his eyes.
 And the muscles of his brawny arms
 stick out like sparrows' kneecaps.
 He goes on Sunday to the church,
 hears the parson spout —
 he puts a nickle on the plate
 and takes a quarter out!

(This is just part of the poem. Emily says that Arthur learned some of these poems and songs from his mother at the hearth when he was just a boy. Does anyone know where the poem about the village burglar comes from?)

Arthur was a member of the Board of Directors of GPH for more than 20 years and is well known among local Churches of Christ.

He was also a longtime elder of the Newmarket Church of Christ and for many years went out to preach once a month at the Pine Orchard Church of Christ, between Newmarket and Uxbridge. The Administrator of GPH, Darryl Culley, took up Mr. Jackson's monthly preaching appointment at Pine Orchard for some years.

GPH: 13/05/1997—A26

◆ JACKSON, Emily *Fletcher*

26/02/1902–

Mrs. Jackson recalled her visit in 1973 to the little Anglican church where her mother worshiped, at Allesley, England, a suburb of Coventry. Throughout her life her mother (family name: Cross) kept the traditions that she had learned there: like, opening all the doors at midnight of New Year's in order to “drive out the old and let in the new,” lest some sort of ill fall upon the household!

The Fletcher family had property out near Dufferin St. but moved to Oakwood and St. Clair Ave. area—farmland—and walked to Maplewood Ave. to church.

The Fletchers came to the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ in 1916. Each Sunday there was Morning Worship; Sunday School in the afternoon; and an Evening Gospel Service. At the evening service various people sang solos or duets, including Emily and her sister Elsie.

(The hymnal used at Maplewood in those days was a “words only” book: *Hymns for Churches of Christ*, 6th ed. [Birmingham: Churches of Christ Publishing Committee 1928]. The “gospel” songbook, similarly without music, was *Redemption Songs. A Choice Collection of One Thousand Hymns and Choruses for Evangelistic Meetings, Soloists, Choirs, the Home*. London: Pickering & Inglis, n.d.)

After eight years of knowing each other, she and Arthur were married at the Bathurst St. Church of Christ by Alex Stewart.

She and Arthur spent 10 yrs. in Sudbury. Their son Stanley was born there. Emily spoke of the great faith of a group of Baptists they met in Sudbury. She still corresponds with a woman, now in Sarnia, who was a teacher there.

The *Spotlight* 5, 3 (Apr. 1976) noted that Emily “poured tea” at the eighth Anniversary Tea, May 1, 1976, along with Vi McKenzie, Elizabeth Hunter, and Diana Barlow, all wives of GPH Board members.

The Jacksons took up residency at GPH on June 28, 1997. Their rooms became available in May, which required them to wind up the business of selling their home in Markham.

For her 100th birthday, the church held a special party and GPH celebrated as well. The Mayor of Barrie, Jim Perri, was present at GPH for the occasion.

Now, at the age of 101 Emily remains vibrant and fully engaged with life.

GPH: 13/05/1997—A31

◆ JEFFELS, Hazel *Hawkins Jebb*

06/06/1911–

B. in the Alliston area.

Mrs. Jeffels has two children, a son and a daughter. Her son is a fireman in Barrie.

GPH: 01/06/1997 —A3

◆ JOHNSON, Katharine (“Kay”) Isabelle Stuart *Saunders* GARRITY

16/02/1914–25/01/2000*

B. in Toronto, the daughter of George Saunders and Jane Howard. Her mother was from Halifax originally where her father was a judge.

Kay’s oldest sister, Barbara, was 16 at the time Kay was born. Her mother had a stroke just after Kay was born a month early. She suffered two more strokes and died when Kay was 9. Barbara was then 25 and took over the running of the house.

Mr. Saunders worked for the Liquor Control Commission. He could no longer bear to live in Montreal after his wife’s death, so he took a similar job in Winnipeg. Eventually he remarried. Kay was in Winnipeg from age 10 to 19.

Kay came from Winnipeg to Toronto to visit her sister, who had just had a baby at Wellesley Hospital. Then she trained as a nurse there; then married and came to Barrie. The Garritys lived in a house owned by the jail, where Kay’s father-in-law was Superintendent. Her god-mother gave her money for a car: her husband took this car and left her and the kids.

“Ms. Kay,” as I called her, did an amazing job of raising a fine family: David, of Winnipeg (d. 2001); Judi and Mary Kay, of Shanty Bay; Tom, in Oshawa; Jane, in Owen Sound. The Garrity children, in turn, have parented a handsome group of grandchildren.

Judi had a fresh pasta shop in Barrie in the late 1980s: hence the name “the pasta lady.” Kay used to take yearly trips to Winnipeg to visit David and his family who, with his wife, took a year off to travel in the early 1990s. Kay always came back buoyed up by being in Winnipeg again and being able to go to church at an Anglican Church, where there was a fine choir.

“Ms. Kay” was a very active person at GPH. We used to tease her that she was the Assistant Administrator, because she always knew what was going on before anyone else. She had a brisk walk and was frequently off someplace on the weekends with her family. Since she was also a member of the Barrie Church of Christ, these Sunday absences were always occasion for joking that with her away our offerings would be way down!

Kay had a great sense of humour and was able to do a fine mimic of a number of people, especially Dorothy McCann, who directed the S.E. Programme.

She contributed the following to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: “Our Automobile”; “The Sewing Machine.” A poem, “Let’s Celebrate”—in honour of Canada Day—was printed in the *Spotlight*, July–Aug. 1992, and reprinted for the same occasion in 1995.

Let’s Celebrate

“C” is for John Candy,
 that very funny man;
 “A” is for arduously,
 as we love our precious land;
 “N”’s for North America,
 where Canada is found;
 “A” is for Anne
 of P.E. Island fame.
 “D” is for dominion,
 from east to west we’re named;
 “A” is for another land,
 like ours you’ll never claim.

The *Examiner*, Mar. 1, 1986, published a photo of Kay playing wheelchair ball at the GPH Winter Carnival. See GPH Scrapbook 1. On Mar. 4, 1989 she appeared with Lorraine Maher in an *Examiner* photo with the title “Batter Up.” See GPH Scrapbook 2. The very next day (!) she appeared in a *Banner-Advance* photo with Ernie WHITELL, crowning Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON and Harry MILNE as Winter Carnival King and Queen. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 21/03/1984—B30

◆ JOHNSON, Mark

28/03/1908–11/06/2003

B. in London, England. His mother had a laundry business that employed five people. Mr. Johnson saw the first (German) Zeppelin shot down over north London—in the area of Epping—during WWI. He described how it took fire and broke in two.

He went to work in 1923, i.e. at age 15, with “Gardiner” and then “Gardiner and Gulland”—which later became Garland, eventually working there as an engineer. They made heating appliances, refrigerators and so on. He worked on Blackfriars Rd. Garland is a recognized name in commercial ovens.

In 1947 Mr. J. emigrated to Canada. Here he worked for GE in Toronto, then in Peterborough, until his retirement in 1973. He was the founder of the Peterborough Power Squadron, an organization formed to promote boating safety. Mr. Johnson was its first Commander and a few years ago he was invited back to be honoured on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Mr. Johnson’s first wife died of leukemia—virtually unheard of then—three days after its diagnosis. Their son, John, was five. Remarriage followed eventually and he has a step-daughter in Kalamazoo, MI. His second wife died in mid-1985.

Mr. J. travelled to the Middle East in 1971, 1972, and 1974. (In 1973 he travelled to Australia.) He read the *Biblical Archeologist* with interest, and by means of “talking books” read heavy-weight explorations of history; he kept up with world events through the BBC as long as he was able to.

John Johnson (now retired) owned the No Frills store in Bradford, which he operated with his wife Doreen and son Greg. I met them a couple of years before Mr.

Johnson came to live at GPH.

Mr. J. told me the following “Titanic story”: his aunt (?) Johnson was engaged to a lumberjack in Canada: he had come from Britain to work, to save enough money for her to join him later. She was to come in 1912 but after the Titanic sank she refused to board a ship!

He also once offered me this sage bit of advice: “Live as if today is the last day of your life; plan for tomorrow as if you are going to live forever.” This he related in connection with an incident during his days at Gardiner. He was working there as a shorthand typist. At the end of each day he used to turn his daybook to the next day before going home. Mr. Gardiner, i.e. William Albert G., the owner, said to him, “Don’t ever do that! If I catch you doing that again, you’re fired!” Mr. Gardiner died that very night. Mark never did it again and has told this story for the advice of others.

Mr. J. was able to recite various poems and verses which he had learned early in his life, when memorization was used to teach the language. He recited this verse one time at lunch:

Put Albert’s face to the wall, mother;
let us no more mention his name:
he brought disgrace on our family,
and made us hang our heads in shame.

This verse he said he learned about 1919.

Mr. Johnson was the subject of an article by Tracy Morrison in the *Barrie Examiner*, Tues. Dec. 8, 1998, p. 18, entitled “Christmas past nothing like Christmas present.” It tells about the Christmases of Mr. Johnson’s childhood in England and includes the details of the preparation of Christmas pudding. A photo accompanies the article. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/02/1995 —A8

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◆ KELLY, Lyla *Williamson*

11/09/1910–30/12/2001

Mrs. Kelly’s daughter Karen (m. Irani) provided the following story of her mom’s life.

Lyla Kelly was born on Sept. 11, 1910, if you go by her birth certificate. However, if you consult my grandma’s Bible, you will see that it states that the year of her birth was 1911. Mom always chose the latter!

Lyla grew up in the Wiaraton area with her parents Pearl and William Williamson, who had been married at the home of grandma’s parents, the Lisks. The Williamsons lived for a few years in Sauble Falls and their first child, Hazel, was born there. Three years later they took over the family farm near Wiaraton and shortly after that Lyla was born, a twin to her brother Lewis. Six boys and two girls followed, for a total of eleven children. Life on the farm was a very busy one and everyone had his or her chores to do.

Sometime in the late 1940s mom went to Hamilton to work and met my dad Bill Kelly. I was born in Hamilton. They ran a landscaping business until they moved

to Wiarton in the early fifties. They had a store on the Main Street and sold antiques and odds and ends. My father had a heart attack while fishing, when I was five, and left my mom alone with me to raise on her own.

Mom and I moved to Owen Sound a couple of years later and mom supported us by doing housework and odd jobs. She was a wonderful mom and I always had whatever I needed. We did not have a lot of money but our home was always well decorated, clean and very well coordinated. Mom refinished furniture, watched for bargains, and was great at making our home look like a million bucks. Mom did not socialize a lot. She loved to dance and often went to community dances with two or three ladies that had become good friends.

Our summers were always spent on grandpa and grandma's farm. I still remember picking berries with her and, of course, harvest time.

I came to college in Barrie in 1970 and mom decided to move and share an apartment with me shortly after that. Then, after I married, she usually had my family and me over for dinner on Sunday nights, up until the time she went to live at GPH. To this day I have not tasted a better fresh apple pie than my mother made!

Mom had three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She always loved music, dancing and wearing the latest fashions. She never raised her voice the whole time I was growing up and was kind to everyone she met. I guess her life looks rather uneventful in today's fast-paced world, but to me she had the most important job in the world: she was my mom!

GPH: 31/03/1997—B30

◆ KENNY, Lucinda Beth *Coutts*

22/11/1919–15/12/2002*

Lucinda Beth Coutts was born in Midhurst on Nov. 22, 1919, a year after the end of WWII.

She was the youngest child of Duncan McHardy ("Card") Coutts and Ella ("Ollie") Lucinda Edwards. The names of her older siblings were: Verle, Leonard, Jean, Marge, Olive, and James. They all predeceased her. She had a large extended family in the area; they were pioneers in the Midhurst area and photos of her father, his siblings, and grandparents appear in the *Pioneer History of Midhurst* (Midhurst, ON: The Midhurst Historical Society 1975), p. 82.

There is also the *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy* (2nd ed.; photocopy 1996) — a photo of Mrs. Kenny's mother on p. 65 of that book. Mrs. Kenny's own "number" in the genealogy is 2170, p. 70.

In 1936 she married Bert K. and they farmed in Innisfil Twp. until 1949; then in Flos Twp.; they retired to Barrie in 1968. She worked at various restaurants after the older children were grown and made many friends that way. After she retired she catered for seniors at the Allandale Recreation Centre; she taught cooking and bread baking. She was an excellent cook. In Oct. 1987 the *Examiner* (?) published an excellent photo of her instructing in bread baking at the Rec Centre.

Mr. Kenny died in 1980; Beth lived at 172 Anne St. S., then at 1 Blake St., then briefly at Simcoe Terrace, before coming to GPH.

Her children are: Barbara (m. Geoff Dawney); Philip (m. Marilyn Ritchie; d. 2001); Gary (m. Francis Loftus); Sandra (m. Bob Coe). There are nine gd.-children and

eight gt.-gd.-children (12/02).

Mrs. Kenny lived at GPH from July 7, 1995. Her cousin Mary Coutts MCMASTER was already living here. Indeed, at least one other cousin had also lived at GPH, namely Clarence KNUPP; further, Daisy Coutts, wife of Isaac CARRUTHERS, was another cousin. The relationships are as follows:

James Coutts (b. 1846) + Mary Monteith

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1. Duncan McHardy (b. 1874) + Ella Edwards → Beth *Coutts* KENNY
2. Lizzie (b. 1877) + Tom Knupp → Clarence KNUPP
3. Donald Douglas (b. 1880) + Lizzie Black → Mary *Coutts* MCMASTER
8. Daisy (b. 1891) + Isaac CARRUTHERS.

There were others friends from the Midhurst area as well so the early years at GPH were quite pleasant. Mrs. Kenny was a happy person and her lifelong habit of whistling is recalled by staff who knew her.

The last few years were difficult for her and her family as Alzheimer's disease slowly took away her cognitive abilities.

GPH: 07/07/1995—A2

◆ KNEESHAW, Agnes *Todd*

17/01/1904–13/12/2002*

Mrs. Kneeshaw was born on the 2nd line of Innisfil Twp., the youngest of three children; her older siblings were Allan and Lois (STURGEON).

She attended Cherry Creek school; then Newmarket High School. High School meant taking the train into Newmarket on Monday and returning on Friday. Her family worshiped at Churchill United Church. One of the high points of her younger years was attending a Youth Congress (4-H Club) in Chicago in 1924.

Agnes married Ernest K. on Sept. 22, 1928, and they had two children: Betty (m. Allan Brown), who lives in Dalston; Bob (m. Donna Marie Mason), who lives in Bradford. Ernest and Agnes dairy farmed all their working lives on Highway 11 at the 13th Conc. When Bob and Dawn Marie got married they took over the farm, while Ernest and Agnes moved across the road.

The Kneeshaws were part of Ebenezer United Church; Agnes was a Women's Missionary Society member.

Mr. Kneeshaw died in 1974. She and her sister Lois moved to 135 Wellington St. apts in 1985. There they made friends with people who also came to live at GPH, including Rev. Raymond and Flo LEDREW.

In Jan. 1994 Agnes and Lois came to live at GPH. Hazel KELL, whom they knew from childhood lived at GPH; also Ethel MCKENZIE, with whom they had gone to school at Cherry Creek. Old friends indeed!

Mrs. Kneeshaw and her sister had many amusing sayings and anecdotes and I used to enjoy sitting with them in the dining room, at a table they shared with Sarah VAUSE. Mrs. K. related this piece of wisdom: (They say) "You can get along without your relatives but you can't get along without your friends." (29/06/94) Another time she quoted this adage of an uncle (father?) who said: "Onions are the scavenger of the stomach." He was commenting on the useful properties of this vegetable. (02/03/94)

See also Lois *Todd* STURGEON in *Connections*.

GPH: 12/01/1994—B34

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◆ LANDREVILLE, Ilene (“Eileen”; “Eylene”) *Armstrong*
09/03/1909–

Mrs. Landreville was born in Barrie and went to school with Mildred MCQUADE’S younger sister. She went to Sunday School at Burton Ave. United Church. When she was a girl her family lived on Bradford St., where the Dairy Queen is now located.

Her father was hurt in a railway accident so her mother raised the five children by herself, and took in boarders to help support the family. These were difficult times; it was nevertheless a happy childhood. They lived in a big house where the Dairy Queen now stands on Bradford St.

(It was not until she applied for the Pension that Mrs. L. discovered that the “original” spelling of her name is “Ilene.” She had always gone by “Eileen.” Then one time she saw the name spelled “Eylene” in a film credit—about 1928, in Barrie—so she adopted that spelling!)

Eylene went to work after taking a business course. Her employment was with Metropolitan Life in Barrie and continued twelve years, until her marriage.

She met Leo Landreville on the 24th of May in 1930 and they were married on June 28, 1937 when they were both 28. (He was in the Air Force and one had to be 28 before one could marry, and then only with official permission. He turned 28 early in June and they were married at the end of that month.)

She quit her job, as was expected of her in her new status as a wife. They moved to Ottawa where she could likely have got a job with Metropolitan Life, but the thought never occurred to her because for a wife to take a job would have been considered an insult to her husband: couldn’t he take care of her?

Eylene and Leo had two daughters: Mary and Cheryl, both of whom live in Barrie.

Leo was Roman Catholic, so she went to that church and the girls were raised in that tradition. In later years she has not been a church attender but told me that she is very conscious of a religious life.

One time Eylene told me this story about the disciplining of children:

When Mary was about seven or eight, the girls came in for lunch one hot summer’s day. I had made a nice lunch. When Mary sat down she pushed the plate away and said, “I don’t want that!” I slapped her arm; she started to cry. Cheryl started to cry too. Mary looked at Cheryl and said to her, “Don’t cry Cheryl or she’ll hit you too!” Then I started to cry as well. There we were, the three of us, huddled together in the kitchen, crying. It was then that I decided there must be a better means of disciplining. I never laid a hand on them after that.

Eylene recalled that at one time Cundles was a village outside Barrie, without stores or post office but something of a community nonetheless. The Brown farm was where the Bayfield Mall now stands.

Mrs. L. knows many Barrie people from her childhood. Among those are Joan CRAIG and her sister-in-law Anne HARGREAVES.

In the winter of 1990–91 the *Examiner* published a photo of Eileen with 10-yr.-old Sarah Howse, a pupil at St. Monica’s School. They were part of a reading programme developed by Lyn Vause, whereby students from St. Monica’s came to GPH to read with seniors. See Eleanor Johnston’s album or GPH Scrapbook 2.

Eylenne enjoys crafts and cards and keeps herself busy with knitting and reading. She is still happy and contented at GPH and feels fortunate to have her children, sons-in-law, and five grandchildren close to her.

Since *Connections* appeared, Mrs. L. has broken both hips, one after the other. Her resiliency shows through in her full recovery. Amazing.

GPH: 06/10/1989—A6

◆ LANGDON, Clarice Irene *McKenzie*

17/05/1908–26/01/1999

B. at Thornton. Her family included two sisters. At the time of her death Eleanor (m. Maw) was living in Thornton.

Mrs. Langdon graduated from Barrie Business Collegiate at the age of 18 and headed to Toronto, with glowing references of a “young lady of good moral character” and from “one of the old and well respected families of this County of Simcoe” from the church ministers in Thornton and Beeton.

In Toronto she worked for Kilgour’s Limited for two years before moving across the street from Harvey Langdon’s bank at Oakwood and St. Clair Ave. She worked at the Bank of Nova Scotia and a photo from that period shows her as the only woman among a staff otherwise made up of men.

Though they worked across the street from each other, it was not in Toronto that Clarice and Harvey met—that happened in Wasaga Beach, but then it was easy enough to see each other.

In 1938, on Sept. 17, at age 30, she married Harvey. They moved to New Liskeard and were there eight years, then moved again. For 30 years they were at Clifford, near Hanover. Mr. Langdon retired in 1968. He was ill for the last six years of his life, having suffered a heart attack.

The Langdons had no children of their own, but became a favourite aunt and uncle. Gary (m. Sue) and Frances Ann Maw were close to them and Fran used to spend two weeks each summer in Clifford.

Fran recalled that “Holidays were always special—especially Christmas, when Clarice and Harvey would arrive laden down with presents, food and her own pillow which she never travelled without.

The annual family picnic was another ‘never miss’: recipies we thank her for were German Chocolate cake, the three-layered jellied salad and the potato salad in the ‘penguin bowl.’ Sue recalled that at a time when true German chocolate was not available here, Clarice would return with a supply from visits made to the United States.

Music always filled her house, whether it was her at the piano playing by ear or the stereo with Herb Alpert, Mrs. Mills or Frankie Carle.

One example of her perseverance was trying and passing her driving exam at 80 and then giving up driving immediately.

She was a wonderful wife, sister, aunt, friend and neighbour.”

As a couple the Langdons had many good friends, played a lot of cards, and made annual trips to the horse races. In retirement they travelled to California, Florida (Disney World), and to Texas to visit friends.

She said that her hobbies included knitting and badminton.

Mrs. L. moved to Barrie from Hanover because nephew Gary is here.

Amazingly, Mervin Card moved to Barrie from Stouffville to be near Mrs. Langdon: they dated for a year before her marriage and, after the death of his wife, he looked her up. For a couple of years they spent a lot of time together and we often saw Mervin at GPH.

Mildred MCQUADE and Clarice had the following connection: Mildred’s niece Sue married Clarice’s nephew Gary Maw.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. L. on June 10, 1995, following her 87th

birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 20/10/1992—O79

◆ LANGDON, Evelyn *Wood*

28/08/1911–31/05/2000

B. in Toronto. Her parents were Susan Alice Hall and Frederick William Wood. They emigrated to Toronto from Marlborough (?), England. Mrs. L. is the third eldest of five children: Fred, Albert, Victor, (Evelyn), Richard. In Oct. 1999 Richard is still alive and living out West.

The Wood family lived at 34 Foxwell Ave. in Toronto, in a house that Evelyn's father built in 1931. She lived there until her marriage.

Mrs. L. married John Albert Langdon on Oct. 15, 1954—the night of Hurricane Hazel. George and Marjorie Smith “stood up” with Evelyn at her wedding and their daughter, Marion Jackson, became Mrs. Langdon's goddaughter. Mrs. Jackson provided the information that appears here.

After their marriage the Langdons lived at 22 Brown's Line, apt. 203, and walked to work from there. They retired in 1974 from Chrysler Canada—the first married couple to do so at age 55 with full pension.

The Langdons had a cottage at Severn Bridge, but after their retirement they sold that and bought a motor home, in which they travelled extensively, and moved into Shamrock Trailer Park, in Angus. Her hobbies were sewing and shopping.

Mrs. L. belonged to a women's social club in Toronto and was much involved with the St. John's Ambulance. When she worked for Alcan she belonged to their bowling league. Mrs. Jackson notes that Mrs. Langdon was always looking after other people. She has been an independent person as well.

GPH: 08/10/1998

◆ LAPLANTE, Peter David Michael

18/08/1933–20/01/2003

The sixth child of nine born to Edward (1900–1983) and Veronica Daley (1900–1989). Pete's dad Edward came to Barrie as a young man, working for the railroad. He met Veronica when they were both eighteen, were married five years later in 1923, and settled in Barrie.

Pete attended St. Mary's Separate School, St. Joseph's High School (he was among the first students to graduate from St. Joe's) and the Ontario College of Art. After Art College he worked as a graphic artist for Beaver Vending, Crown Cork and Seal, and Continental Can, in the sixties, commuting to Toronto. Pete would practise playing the harmonica while driving to work.

Pete married Catherine McDonald in 1967, with Nancy (1969) and Christopher (1971) later joining the family. There are now four grandchildren.

In 1972 Pete went to work for the Department of National Defence at Base Borden, in the Graphic Arts Section, and retired from the Base in 1993.

Throughout his life Pete sketched, painted with oils, acrylics, and watercolours, and did pen and ink pictures. He did a lovely series of the Separate Schools of Barrie using the pen and ink method. His attention to detail was remarkable in all the facets of his life.

Pete loved his family, friends, art, music and work projects around the house. His

love of life touched the lives of many.”

—Cathy

Cathy is the sister of Phyllis Davis, an R.N. at GPH for many years. One of Mr. LaPlante’s remarkable pen and ink drawings—the old St. Joseph’s school— hung in his room.

GPH: 17/07/1997

LEACH, Florence *LeBlanc*

24/01/1904–19/01/2002

B. in West Arichat, N.S. She had seven sisters and one brother. Her mother died rather young. Her father remarried and fathered thirteen more children!

Mrs. Leach’s first husband was an electrician and they moved to Montreal. He died and she married John Leach, who worked for Imperial Oil Co. He was from the West and came to Ontario with the oil company. He was a widower with a son; the son may be in Detroit: Mrs. Leach did not know.

Mrs. Leach said that she was “very” married and found life quite empty without her husband.

Her nephew Earl LeBlanc to Tottenham recalled that his aunt was a very avid gardener and won prizes in Montreal for her horticultural efforts. She often remarked that she was a survivor of the great influenza epidemic of 1918. She had a sharp sense of humour, which she still had at GPH.

Mr. LeBlanc remembers that when she would be travelling through the country and see a well-kept farm, with flowers, everything in order, she would remark, “The woman’s in charge there!”

Mrs. L. has a daughter who lives in Vancouver.

Interment: Colgan cemetery, near Tottenham.

GPH: 18/05/2001

◆ LEDREW, Florence *Austin*

20/12/1911–06/03/2003

B. in Redcar, Yorkshire, England, one of three children. Her parents were Frederick Austin (1880–1951) and Elsie Louise Hunt (1880–1960). Her siblings were Reginald (1910–1987) and Dorothy (1913–1925).

Her younger sister died in 1925 of rheumatic fever and later that year the family emigrated to Toronto.

Her father was a stationary engineer and he believed that there would be another war. That was the reason the family emigrated to Canada. In Toronto he got employment in his profession at the Public Library at the corner of College St. and St. George St.

Mrs. LeDrew’s brother was a wireless operator for the Transatlantic Service of the federal government and lived in Yarmouth, NS.

Mrs. LeDrew graduated from Tyndale College in Toronto. She was employed as a secretary with the *Toronto Star*, in the advertising department.

For further details please see the next entry.

GPH: 11/12/1997—B34

◆ LEDREW, Raymond F.

05/01/1908–

Mr. LeDrew was born on south Change Island, off the coast of Newfoundland, between Twillingate and Fogo Island. His parents were Philip (1875–1955) and Dorcas LeDrew (1880–1928). Of course, his parents were involved in the fishing industry. He has one brother, Leslie, who came to Ontario in 1928 and found a life-time career at Office Specialities Ltd., Newmarket.

Raymond has shown me a photo of the community on the islands, as well as a photo of the house in which he was born, with a rocky outcrop rising near it. The community is located on two islands, separated by a narrow channel. At that time there was no bridge between the two. The large Methodist churchbuilding—seating 300 or so—was on the north island.

I asked why people would have settled in a place which, from the photo, appears like it might be quite inhospitable in bad weather. He told me that he and his father were standing on the rock near their house and he asked his father that same question. His father paused and then said, “They noticed that there were a lot of birds here.”

He recalls that, as a child, there were three books in their house: *Hurlbut’s Stories of the Bible*; an illustrated book about the Great War—on loan from his uncle who lived next door; and edited by Logan Marshall (Copyright L.T. Myers, 1912), also well illustrated. It just so happens that I have a copy of *Titanic*, thanks to my sister who somehow came to have a copy in 1963.

Anyway, Raymond has recalled poring over these three books, lying on the floor upon hooked rugs which his mother had made. He was surprised when I took by my copy of *Titanic* for him to see. He immediately recalled from memory the words to the song played as the ship went down, whose words and music are included in the book! The song, whose words were penned by Louis von Esch about 1810, carries no title but the words “The Majestic Hymn played by the Titanic Band as the vessel sank.” The tune is Autumn 8.7.8.7.D. The words to the first of the three verses are:

God of mercy and compassion,
 Look with pity on my pain;
 Hear a mournful, broken spirit
 Prostrate at Thy feet complain;
 Many are my foes and mighty;
 Strength to conquer I have none;
 Nothing can uphold my goings
 But Thy blessed Self alone.

Mr. LeDrew’s early education was in a two-room schoolhouse. Final exams were sent to England (!) for marking and arrived back after students had already advanced to the next grade!

He served in the Toronto Dominion Bank for four years, then studied for the Baptist ministry, graduating with a certificate from Toronto Baptist Seminary in 1932. He took a student pastorate in Hillsburgh, where he got to know the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In 1934 the LeDrews married. They stayed two more years in Hillsburgh before going to Kenora to “resuscitate” a congregation; then returned to southern Ontario. They were at Lorne Park, then at Stayner Baptist Church, 1941–1945, a congregation that was the result of the union of pioneer Disciples and Baptist churches. Rev. LeD. was in school during much of this period, first at McMaster University for an Arts degree (1941), then at Emmanuel College for the B.D., graduating in 1948.

Stayner was followed by a six-yr. pastorate at Ossington and Bloor in Toronto; then by a two year period in Edmonton. His ministry continued with a very long stay at First Baptist Church in Orillia, where the congregation was 400 people at the end of his twenty-two year stay in 1974. A number of interim pastorates followed—Uxbridge was one of these.

In 1980 the LeDrews moved to Barrie. Since the move to GPH Rev. LeD. has

continued to go out to West Oro Baptist Church.

The LeDrews have two daughters, Grace (m. Jon TerStele; m. Andreas Knelsen), who lives in Barrie, and Kathleen (m. Donald Heidman, of Orillia), who lives in Beamsville. Kathleen's son Allan is a seminary student at McMaster Divinity College and has been a student of mine: small world! Grace is retired from nursing at RVH; she worked there from 1966, the year she graduated from the nursing programme at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia. Her children are Sonya, Christian, and Timothy. Kathleen graduated from Trent University and has three sons: Brent, Allen and Clinton.

Rev. LeDrew used to preach on occasion at the Baptist church in Thornbury. When there he stayed with Dr. Emerson Titcombe, a physician of whom my parents and grandparents sometimes spoke.

GPH: 11/12/1997—B34

LEEMAN, Margaret McNie *Garrick*

13/06/1913–

B. in Regina, Sask., the eldest child of James and Janet Garrick (emigrated from Clydebank, Scotland, in 1912). Mrs. L. had one brother, Dr. David Garrick (1915-1990).

Following WWI, the family moved east to Toronto.

They were all avid golfers and belonged to Cedar Brae Golf Club in Scarborough. As a young girl, Mrs. L. competed in the Toronto Junior Girls Golf Championship.

She married Ted Leeman and had four children: Ted jr., Judy, Peer (d. 1988), and Michael.

After WWII, Mrs. Leeman's brother David graduated from Veterinary College, married Marguerite Kennedy, and took up residence in Shanty Bay. He worked as a Doctor of Public Health for Simcoe County until the early 1960s. In 1949, the Leemans purchased cottage property at Oro Station, where they vacationed until 1988. At that time Ted jr. and his family built a permanent home.

In 1985 Mrs. L. moved from Scarborough to Collier Place in Barrie, following the death of Mr. Leeman in 1981. She was a member of the Collier Place Choir and enjoyed singing for the residents of various nursing homes in Barrie, including GPH. She herself began to require more nursing care in the years 2001/2 and made GPH her first choice for a place to live.

GPH: 21/08/2002—O80

LEISHMAN, Allan

21/06/1921–09/09/2001

B. in Acton, ON. His parents were Cameron L. and Jean Robertson. A sister, May, was adopted by an aunt (Hewitt). She married Bob Appelle and lives in Stratford.

Mr. L. was in the army for all of WWII. He worked as a dental assistant. It was in Ottawa that he met Hazel and they were married in April 1942. During his posting in Nfld. she and their son Drew were in Winnipeg. After the War Allan went back to his old job, sorting wool at a mill in Acton. There was not the same demand for wool then, so he looked for another type of job.

He joined the OPP. That took the Leishmans to Huntsville for eight years. Drew's disability was the reason they moved to Barrie; Allan retired from the OPP here.

Allan became involved in the church, first at St. Andrews, then at Westminster Presbyterian. Their cottage at Algonquin Park was an important place for them; he enjoyed golfing.

Drew died eight or nine years ago, but Allan is survived by Hazel and their

daughter Allana (m. Brown). Allana lives in Oakville; her children are Jeremy and twins Amanda and Victoria.

Those of us who knew him at GPH knew Allan as a “really nice guy” and Hazel says that he was that earlier in his life as well.

GPH: 21/07/1999

LEISHMAN, Hazel *Drew*

01/08/1919–

B. in Neepawa, MB which, in her childhood, had a population of about 2,000. Her mother’s name was Ruckosavich; she was Polish. Hazel’s family included two older sisters.

Hazel’s father died when she was about one year old. On his deathbed her father told her mother to buy a house so that she would always have a place to live. So it was that Hazel grew up in a house on Davidson St.

The Drews were very involved in the Salvation Army in Neepawa. Hazel wore a uniform and played a cornet. She recalls good times with the young people’s group there. Her mom was a great cook and hosted Salvation officers for Sunday dinner after church.

As a young woman Hazel worked in a jewellery store owned by a Jewish family. She recalls spending time with that family on weekends when they would entertain other Jewish families in the town.

Mrs. Leishman is an articulate and insightful person, full of wisdom about life.

GPH: 28/09/1999

◆ LEPSCHI, Rosa *Wisse*

24/01/1910–05/07/2003

B. in Saalfelden, Salzburg province, Austria, the second youngest of thirteen children. Her father was a tailor. As of 1992 two of the thirteen children survived, aside from her: one in Vancouver, the other in Austria. At the time of her death, Mrs. Lepschi’s brother in BC was still alive.

Mrs. L. was just 45 when her husband died of lung cancer, leaving her with five children. She got through it “with God’s help.”

All five children are in the Barrie area. All three sons are in the marina business. Their first was Gull Rock Marina. Their business amused Mrs. Lepschi because she didn’t like water. The three sons are: Robert, who was married to Margaret (retired from GPH); John (m. Ella); Robert (m. Ann); daughter Rose (m. Walter), who owns a hair salon in the Duckworth Plaza; Ingrid (m. Sy). Her children have a wonderfully close relationship: at one time they all lived on the same street!

Mrs. L. came to Canada in 1972 to help with the gd.-children and never got back home! Certainly at GPH she often expressed her homesickness for Austria.

When she was young she used to go mountain climbing: they would go up into the mountains on Saturday and come back on Sunday. Maybe this is why her favourite song at Sing Songs at GPH was “The Happy Wanderer.”

Mrs. Lepschi was well cared for by her family during her long stay at GPH—almost 20 years: at the time of her death she was the resident who had lived here longest. She had a lovely disposition and was always well-dressed, with fine jewellery. Even at the end of her life she enjoyed a cup of coffee, testament to how the little things in life mean a lot to us.

Her memorial service at GPH on July 16, 2003, was attended by her children and their families, who gathered afterwards at Ingrid and Sy’s house at 29 Pointz St.

Mrs. L. is a member of St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, in Barrie.

GPH: 01/11/1983—B34

LEROUX, Bernadette

09/08/1912–

GPH: 09/05/2002 A-9

LITTLE, Vearlie Viola *Harriss*

27/05/1904–18/07/2002

The following account of Mrs. Little's life was provided by her daughter Gwen Sullivan.

Vearlie was born in Toronto on May 27, 1904, the youngest child of Lilly and Joseph Harriss. She had three brothers: Leslie, Arthur and Cecil. On her ninth birthday the family moved to Manilla, and by the time she was 13-14 her family had moved to Beaverton.

Her first job was that of a tailor's apprentice, removing basting threads from suits and overcoats. Ready-made clothes were becoming available for the first time and, as business declined for small town tailors, demand rose for skilled sewers and hand buttonhole makers at Tip-Top Tailors and others in Toronto. She married Melville Little on Sept. 27, 1926—that story below—and was thus forced to change employers.

The newly marrieds soon moved to Beaverton and during the Depression she was an active partner in several businesses: they bought bulk milk, bottled it at home, then delivered it (until mandatory regulations for sterilization and sanitation made home bottling impossible); raised and sold chickens, mostly to the beaches along Lake Simcoe. An ice business was added, Dad cutting, storing and delivering ice along with coal and wood.

In 1935, while scouting for a hardwood bush for sale east of Orillia, they learned of a country store also for sale. In Dec. the family—now grown to include a boy, Edward ("Ted"), age 5 and a girl, Gweneth, age 3—moved to Uphill. Thus my mother, with no experience in running a store—and sure she'd never be able to manage—opened for business with \$150 worth of stock. Gas pumps and a post office soon followed (as well as another daughter, Helen, in 1937). While my Dad continued his work, Mom ran the store, raised three kids, took the best roles in every play the neighbourhood acting group put on, including a memorable one as an Irish maid with a thick Irish brogue, went to quilting bees, and helped at school concerts and local parties.

In 1943 our one-roomed school in Uphill closed and we were bussed to Digby—a ten-mile round trip. Soon mom added bus driver to her busy schedule, and when "consolidation" closed Digby school as well, the ten miles became thirty.

Mom maintained this pace through her 40s, 50s, 60s, and finally at 67 sold her store and she and Dad "retired" to Gamebridge (near Beaverton) to a one acre lot, huge garden, lots and lots of flowers, and a huge building where Dad could keep his bees and Mom could help him extract and bottle honey.

Soon Mom was involved with church suppers (roasting-pans full of home baked beans, dozens and dozens of muffins, pies, cakes, and squares), with the Women's Institute, and with the volunteer group at Beaverton Manor in the tuck shop and bake sales and what else? —in all the skits and plays and fashion shows for the residents.

Mom always told us her mother's favourite admonition was to keep busy "for the devil finds work for idle hands". Consequently her fingers were never idle. It was quilts; cutting, sewing and quilting bees, crocheting: tablecloths for grandchildren for wedding gifts, or a dress for herself, or sewing for herself or others. Her antidote when Dad died was to keep busy—so she did. Drove her car till she was 90 years old. A mild stroke and Parkinson's symptoms curtailed her activities over the next few years and, finally, at 92

she sold her house and came to live with her daughter in Barrie where, for the next 2 1/2 years she took part in the Senior Encounter Programme at GPH, and enjoyed going to church, visiting family and friends. At 94 she found herself in hospital for the first time in her life, six weeks with pneumonia, and then in Midland, then Woods Park, then GPH.

Aside from “the devil finds work for idle hands,” there were other favourite sayings and expressions, like “Ye gods” or “Ye gods and little fishes,” used in complete exasperation. “Waste not, want not” usually meant to save almost everything. “Whistling girls and crowing hens will always come to a bad end” was her mother’s favourite saying. She probably repeated this to our mother because she knew that Mom longed to be a performer—an actress or a singer—and in her day and in her Methodist home it was considered morally questionable to be a performer (or to wear makeup, colour your hair, wear flashy clothes, or dance, or play cards, or to be idle, or to enjoy yourself too much!).

“Crooked as a dog’s hind leg” was an expression Mom often used when referring to a crooked seam, or to a person who was always dishonest in business or who was a dishonest politician. Finally, “Scarce as hen’s teeth” Mom used of money during the Depression, or of rationed goods (sugar, chocolate bars ...) during the War.

The story of Mrs. Little’s marriage is a favourite of her granddaughter Catherine Dowling-Smout and she relates it as follows.

The Marriage

It was 1926 on Spadina Avenue, in Toronto’s garment district, and Vearlie was working as a seamstress. She was very experienced with a needle and thread since her mother had started teaching her to sew at age two. She’d been apprenticed to a tailor at age 13, partly because her family wasn’t wealthy and partly because she hadn’t passed the high school entrance exam. (At this point in the story, she’d point out that she’d been quite a bright student and had been put ahead a year in her studies, but had then been laid up in bed with rheumatic fever for the better part of the school year and never regained the lost ground. She did, however, put her convalescence to good use, stitching a velvet quilt, embroidered with the names of her brother Arthur and his friends, who were then overseas fighting with the 116th Battalion during WWI.)

Among Vearlie’s circle of friends, getting married on Wednesday (WEDnesday) was the bees’ knees. The problem was, getting time off during the week to tie the knot was not allowed. Her Plan B—booking off sick and keeping the marriage a secret—may have worked, if it hadn’t reached the ears of her supervisor who then warned all the workers that anyone taking unscheduled time off needn’t return. Her Plan C was simple: do what she’d planned to do in the first place and hope no one noticed her absence.

Vearlie didn’t show up for work one Wednesday and got married to her beau, Mel Little, instead. She had so much fun on her impromptu honeymoon in Niagara Falls that she took the rest of the week off as well. (“Might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb,” she twinkled at this point in the story.)

On Monday, when she rejoined her co-workers at the building’s entrance,

waiting to go up to work, they warned her away, telling her that not only had her absence been noticed, but the supervisor had stood at the elevator every day, arms crossed, watching for her. Vearlie slipped away and knocked on doors up and down Spadina Ave., looking for a new job. She had one before the day was out. It was piecework, rather than the hourly rate she'd enjoyed at her former job, but she was skilled enough and hardworking enough, not to mention stubborn enough, that she was able to make more money there, as a handmade buttonhole specialist.

My grandmother went back to her former job, ostensibly to pick up her back wages, but really so she could have the fun of provoking the supervisor into firing her. That way, she could interrupt him with the announcement that she was quitting because she'd found a better job. And that's just what she did.

Mrs. Little's daughters Gwen (m. Sullivan) and Helen (m. Dowling) live in Barrie; son Edward ("Ted") lives in Edmonton.
GPH: 21/07/2000 M-72

◆ LONG, Margaret ("Marge") Sheila Helen *Warren*
19/05/1924–

B. in London, England. She is the daughter of a Canadian War Hero, who was the recipient of the French medal of honour, the "Croix de Guerre." Along with many others, his name is mentioned in Pierre Berton's book, *Vimy Ridge*.

Margaret was 5 years old when her family emigrated to Canada, where they settled in Toronto. A few years later her brother was born, making the family complete: three girls and one boy.

Upon leaving High School, Marge was employed in secretarial work until she joined the Canadian Women's Army Corp. She was stationed in Montreal, where she successfully completed an audition that sent her overseas to entertain the troops. She arrived in London, but resided at Pepper Harrows Estates and from there her regiment entertained the troops in the English countryside. Mrs. Long completed her tour of duty in 1946 and married her childhood sweetheart, Bud, the following year.

Her journey in family life introduced to life three sons and four daughters. She devoted her efforts to being a wife and mother.

Mr. Long was in the military. She was adaptable to change and that opened up for her and her family new opportunities and friendships. One of these was an exposure to French culture in Quebec. That experience has remained a warm and pleasant memory for her family. It was during that time that her eldest son joined the American army; he went on to serve in Viet Nam.

In 1967 the Long family returned to Barrie, where all but two family members live.

Mrs. Long's life has been enriched several times over the years through her children's marriages—and there are four granddaughters, seven grandsons, two gt. grandchildren, and another expected later in 1999.

Mrs. L. has a love of music. Her children got her a great "sound system" and her tastes extend from "Fiddler on the Roof" to 50s and 60s pop music. She also enjoys receiving visitors, especially if they have a large, steaming cup of Tim Hortons coffee in hand!

GPH: 31/10/1994—C50

◆ LUCK, Harry
30/07/1913–

B. on the Luck farm at Crown Hill, the son of Sarah Louisa Ford and Irwin Horatio Levinus (“Win”) Luck. Mr. Luck has one sister, Muriel, who was born at Fort McLeod AB.

Mr. Luck’s gt.-gt.-grandfather Edward Luck I came from England to Albany NY in 1797 and to York in 1819. In 1820 he received a land grant of 200 acres, lot 16, Conc. 1 of Oro Twp. Edward Luck II took over the farm in 1830. He taught school at Crown Hill and, more importantly for Luck family history, had 16 children with his wife Jane.

Mr. L. graduated in pharmacy from the U. of Toronto in 1938. Later, while the Lucks were living in Ottawa he took night courses in pharmaceutical chemistry at the U. of Ottawa.

He married Mary Pond on Sept. 3, 1940 in Toronto. B-5042 Sgt. Luck, H.G., served in the Army 1942–46, mainly on the west coast of BC as a pharmacist in the 26th Field Ambulance and No. 1 Casualty Retraining Centre. In 1945 he was transferred to Charley Park Military Hospital in Toronto. He was discharged in 1946.

Mr. L. owned pharmacies in Long Branch and Norwood ON and worked for several retail pharmacy chains, including Steinberg’s.

Mr. L. has many memories. One of the earliest, at the age of four, is walking with his mother to the grain field with lemonade for his hot, sweating father—a very happy memory of the three of them sitting quietly together.

At the age of nine, Mr. L. caught scarlet fever—“no big deal” today with antibiotics. In those days it was treated with horrible tasting cough syrup and tender loving care. He was in bed for seven weeks. His mother and a very kind nurse, Miss Sampson, and a young intern, Dr. Ives—who later practiced for years at Stayner, tended him with TLC and twice wooed him back from death. After he recovered his doctor advised Mr. Luck’s father not to let him do heavy work on the farm due to possible heart damage.

Mr. L. loved the animals on the farm. He made pets of the calves and the horses. If he went into a pasture field, the horses would come racing over and nuzzle him. The young calves would run to him and rub their heads against him.

One day Mr. Luck’s sister Muriel came home from Toronto for the weekend. As she stepped from the car, his favourite pet calf raced toward them with its tail up in the air and a big smile on its face—if animals can smile! Muriel panicked, dropped her bag and quickly climbed up a telephone pole. She was shrieking at Harry for help but he was rolling on the lawn, convulsed with laughter. That was almost seventy years ago. His sister still has not forgiven him.

Mr. Luck spent all his spare time in the forest. There he met and became friendly with Chippewa trappers. They taught him the ways of forest life. They taught him to carry a small hatchet, a hunting knife and a tin of dry matches. In very cold weather, they taught him how to build a small shelter of cedar boughs, with an opening in the roof to let the smoke out, and how to light a very small fire that would keep the shelter warm.

Another time, in April, while helping his father cut firewood, Mr. Luck noticed a family of skunks watching them. He spoke softly to them and the kittens rushed over to be patted and scratched behind their ears. The mother sat quietly watching but did not interfere. Why can’t we all live in peace and friendship like that, he asks.

One of my favourite stories that Mr. Luck tells involves his days of troubleshooting for Steinberg’s. Their supermarkets had pharmacies and Mr. Luck was sent to sort out personnel problems at one of these. He surveyed the situation and bought a coffee maker and some coffee. He put these on a table in the storeroom. The staff started “having coffee together” and that resolved the issue!

Harry and Mary have three children: Mary Louise, a career counsellor at the

University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, who has a daughter, Christine Trimble; John Gordon (m. Maureen Young), a chartered accountant with Revenue Canada in Ottawa, who has two children, Bryan and Janna; and Christina Jane, an artist who lives south of Cookstown.

Photos of Mr. Luck's gd.-parents Thomas and Mary Jane Hill and his gt.-grandparents may be found in *Kith 'N Kin*, p. 216.

An article about Mr. Luck's nephew appeared in *Reader's Digest*: "Sheldon Luck, Pilot for All Seasons," Dec. 1982, pp. 91–96.

GPH: 19/02/1998

◆ LUCK, Mary Grace *Pond*

17/04/1916–27/07/2000

B. the third of the nine children of Christina Cairns and Francis John Pond (m. 05/06/1912) born between 1913 and 1934. Her siblings were, in order of birth: Margaret ("Betty"), John, (Mary), Frances, Jane, Helen, Barbara, Robert, and David. As of Apr. 1999 only Betty and Mary survive.

Mary told much of her life story in the following account.

Mary Grace "Both Together" Pond

Once upon a time, there was a little girl with blue eyes and blonde hair which she wore in what was then called a "Dutch Cut." Bangs were cut across the forehead and the sides hung straight down. Her father was the barber in the family and he made a very good job of keeping the family's hair in shape.

This little girl was called Mary Grace and when people referred to her as just Mary, she always corrected them by saying, "My name is Mary Grace, both together Pond," emphasis on the *both*. This went on until she entered High School. She was caught in an embarrassing situation when one of her teachers, on the first day of school, asked her what her name was. Without thinking she said, "I'm Mary Grace both together Pond." Amid laughter from the class, the teacher smiled and said, "Well, Mary Grace both together Pond, answer this question, if you can."

The "both together" business was immediately dropped and from then on Mary Grace became just plain Mary. She was usually a happy, amiable child but once in a while a stubborn streak reared its ugly head. At about five years of age, she decided she didn't like bread crusts and refused to eat them, hiding them under the edge of her plate. One day her father decided something had to be done. At dinner that night he said she couldn't leave the table until she had disposed of her crusts. The other members of the family left but stubborn Mary Grace and her father sat and sat and sat, not looking at each other but both determined not to give in.

It was a warm summer night and Mary Grace was eager to go outside to play until bedtime. Father was also eager to go outside to work in his garden. About an hour of this resistance on both sides, the doorbell rang and a voice was heard, "Can Mary Grace come out to play?" That was all she needed. After quickly eating her crusts she left the table, much to the relief of her father. From then on, the crusts were eaten without a fuss.

Mary Grace loved to dance. She secretly yearned to be a ballet dancer but there was no money for extras of this type on the Pond household. Her mother, who

was very musical, would often play the piano while the little girl pretended she was a real ballerina and pirouetted around on her toes. Finally, her mother found she could afford 25 cents a week for class dancing lessons and there the child learned to do the sailors' Hornpipe, Irish Jig and other ethnic dances. It wasn't exactly what she wanted but it had to do. Her best friend, Marie, took private lessons from the same teacher and Mary was allowed to watch. When she got home, she would try the dance steps that her friend had learned but always envied Marie her solo dances performed at the yearly recitals.

Every new baby that arrived in the family was greeted with excitement by big sister, Mary Grace. She loved to help her mother, happily running upstairs for clean diapers or baby powder and taking the baby for walks in its carriage. This went on until she was about fifteen. As her mother told her friends, "Mary Grace used to be my right hand until she discovered boys." And so it was. She began dating and life was truly exciting. But that is another story.

Her years in high school were happy ones. She joined the girls' club and choir, represented her class each year in "The Maids of Malvern" group and took part in whatever plays she could.

One summer, Mary volunteered to go to the Church of All Nations summer camp as a counselor. She was told to select a nick-name and because she liked birds she chose "Robin." At the end of the two weeks camping, one little girl told another counselor that she wanted their right names and telephone numbers so that she could keep in touch. The little girl added, "I just have Robin's and it's Mary Duck."

After graduation, Mary started a business course, but her heart wasn't in it and she didn't finish. She had always wanted to be a teacher but at that time it was necessary for her to bring some money into the rapidly growing family. A bank manager in the Beaches district of Toronto got her work with the Bank of Montreal. Mary was responsible for six large savings ledgers, all typing and answering the phone. A young pharmacist worked in the drug store across the street. Harry had an account at the bank. When he came in to cash a cheque, he would be so busy looking at Mary he'd start toward the door without his money, and the teller had to call him back. It was a standing joke amongst the males in the bank, as Mary was the only girl and they loved to tease her. One day Harry asked her for a date.

Shortly after their marriage, when she was working at the Bloor and Bay Sts. branch of the Bank of Montreal, the War was on and many of the men entered the armed services. One day around noon, when the company workers were coming out of their buildings for lunch, the Brinks armoured truck drew up to the front door of the bank. It was a rule that some member of the staff stand outside by the door with a gun in his hand. The man from the armoured truck also had a gun. He came into the bank and accompanied by the accountant, removed the week's deposits from the vault. Much to Mary's surprise and dismay, Mr. Mason the accountant handed her a gun and told her to go outside (there were no men available at the time). Three days before she had fallen and hurt her knee. The doctor bound her leg from the knee to half-way down her calf, and if anyone looked like a war casualty, she did. The office workers who passed her would suddenly stop, look back as if they couldn't believe their eyes, and then started to

laugh. She felt like a fool and still can't believe it really happened.

When, much later, she and Harry moved to Ottawa with their children, Mary worked at the Data Centre at income tax time, a seasonal job which she enjoyed.

They moved back to Barrie in 1975. Mary took a course in Adlerian psychology at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education). It was in Toronto and she enjoyed it very much. She then enrolled in a leadership course at Central Collegiate in Barrie. A small group was formed to discuss "Effective Parenting" with young eager mothers and Mary was involved. She also helped an accountant check income tax returns, so her days were full.

When Harry retired, the two of them joined the Brereton Naturalist Club of Barrie. The hikes through the bush with bird books and binoculars became a way of life for them, until their legs and hearts gave out.

How very thankful she is to be in her eighties, with Harry by her side at Grove Park Home. They feel they are truly blessed. Now that she is a grandmother, she often thinks of that little girl with the blue eyes and blonde hair who loved to dance and take care of babies: a little girl who insisted on being called "Mary Grace both together Pond."

GPH: 19/02/1998

LUMSDEN, Pearl *Mellish*

30/01/1915–11/06/1999

B. in Montague, P.E.I., the third of five children. Her parents met at the Church of Christ in Montague and that is where the family worshiped.

She graduated with from Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown with a degree in teaching.

In 1940 she married Charles Alexander L. Nine years later they moved to Toronto with their three children, Roger, Alec and Lana.

Mrs. L. was much involved in church activities, especially Christian Women's Club. After their moved to Barrie the Lumsdens were members of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

GPH: 11/06/1999

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MACALLUM, Roma *Veronica Newton-Carter*

04/02/1923–06/11/2000

B. in Brighton, England. Her mother's name was Maud Pleace. Her father Thomas was an internationally known wine merchant. The family moved to London for his business, but "lost it all" in the stock market crash of 1929.

Mrs. Macallum's husband was a wood grader. They came to Canada in 1957, with three children. Here he became Vice-President of Industrial Screw, a branch plant in the Trafalgar and Eighth Line area. Two more children were born here. Of the five, Paul is retired Principal of North Collegiate in Barrie; Malcolm lives in Milton and Ian in

Edmonton; Linda lives in Calgary and Moira in Vancouver.

Mr. M. died in 1994 and Roma suffered a stroke shortly afterwards. They had been married 50 years.

Roma had a great sense of humour, loved to read, and was interested in everyone at GPH—and their children. She would often ask about my children, though she had never met them. She had a strong church connection and told me that in England she used to help the priest write his sermons—I'm not quite sure what she meant by that. In Barrie she was a member at St. Mary's.

The following details about Roma's life are from her daughter-in-law Susan's (m. Paul) eulogy.

When she (Roma) was a young adult, WWII changed her family's life and her own. She joined the WRENS in 1943 and felt she passed from childhood to adulthood overnight. One happy outcome of her wartime experience was that she met and married her husband, John Macallum in 1944.

They began married life in Swansea, Wales, and moved to England shortly after the birth of their first child, Paul. Life was a struggle as it was with everyone in post-War England and, after having a second and third child, this young adventurous couple decided to take up the challenge of immigrating to Canada.

John and Roma added two more children to their young family and enjoyed a boisterous, happy life in their home on Kingsview Blvd. in Rexdale. Roma worked hard alongside John to provide for their children but they also enjoyed wonderful times together camping, swimming, waterskiing at the cottage, skating and tobogganing. Relatives from England loved to visit and her nieces said Roma was so much fun as she was always game to do anything.

Roma said her children were the most important thing in her life and it was her connection to them that gave her the strength to overcome her medical and physical problems in recent years. Her five wonderful children are her legacy: Paul; Malcolm; Moira; Linda; Ian.

Roma's greatest asset was her warm, outgoing personality. She was a people person and had a knack for making people feel better by talking to her. She extended a helping hand to others and was instrumental in starting up the Survivors of Stroke support group in Oakville. She was awarded the Volunteer of the Year in that city.

She was upbeat and optimistic and never complained during the past five years about her physical handicaps or failing health. She had a strong faith and a spiritual nature. Shortly before she died she expressed to a friend that she had loved and been loved and was at peace.

GPH: 18/01/1999—Paul: 726-2207

MARTIN, Ada

27/02/1896–02/01/2003

B. in Prescott, ON. She was second or third oldest of five children. Mrs. Martin could remember in her early childhood First Nations people coming to their door selling

When she was still a child, her family moved to Montreal.

Mrs. M. came to Toronto in 1927. She was one of the founding employees of Nestle's milk products and she worked there until she was 65, about 1961. After that she worked for Holt Renfrew; then for Simpsons, in the linen department, until she was 72. Her final retirement came when her manager was told by his manager to have Mrs. Martin bring in her birth certificate—or he'd lose his job!

Mrs. Martin was a single mom. Her son, Gordon, lives in Barrie, as does her granddaughter Carol.

Mrs. M. always lived in the east end of Toronto. She was “a worker,” and was always helping with something, like organizing bazaars and so on. It was a big move for her to come to Collier Place, at the age of 95 (!). She walked into GPH at the age of 104. A broken hip put her in a wheelchair but, just a few weeks before her death, she could be seen making her way up and down the halls in her wheelchair.

Her son Gordon recalls his mother as being a self-reliant person.

Mrs. Martin is the oldest person that most of us will ever know, having lived to within a month or so of her 107th birthday. Had she lived another couple of weeks she would have surpassed Miss CUMMINGS as GP Home's oldest resident ever.

GPH: 30/12/1999

MASHINTER, Betty *Byne*

03/05/1923–

B. in Toronto to Fred and Emma Byne. She had three sisters and three brothers: Connie, Elsie, Maisie; Edward (“Ed”), Harold, and Leslie. There were two sets of twins among this family of seven children: Betty and Connie; Maisie and Leslie. Only Mrs. M. survives.

Mrs. M. attended Lampton Public School and Runnymede High School. She worked in a tie factory on Spadina Ave. until her marriage to Harvey in 1952. Their wedding took place at the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ, where the Byne family were members.

She and Harvey raised six children: Peter (m. Donna Ellis); Ken (m. Janet Merritt); Don (m. Tracey Baylis); Rose (m. Wes Bailey); and Lois (m. Todd MacFarlane). There are sixteen grandchildren.

Long before I had heard of Harvey and Betty, I knew their nephews Fred and Harold Byne, Ed's boys, from church camp at Omagh, near Milton; and Don and Tracey since the early 1970s.

GPH: 23/11/2000

MASHINTER, Harvey

21/03/1922–14/04/2003

Mr. Mashinter's parents were Sam and Pearl Jones M. It was a large family and Mr. M. had four sisters and six brothers: Cora, Effie, Irene, Isabelle; John Thomas, Edward, Charlie, Frank, Herbie, and Stanley.

Mr. M. went to Hope Public School, Jefferson Public School, and Richmond High School. He attended Fern Ave. Church of Christ in the west end of Toronto. He worked at Hancock Lumber, Gair Box Company in Mount Dennis, and on his uncle's farm in Caledon. Later he had his own market garden business north of Richmond Hill; he rented and later purchased a farm. In 1955 he went into real estate, until he retired in 1979. However, he remained active in business until the time of his death.

Mr. M. took delight in his children and grandchildren and enjoyed a game of shinny hockey on the pond where he and Betty lived. He would skate down the snow-

covered hill to the pond on their farm and join in. The farm was also a place where he and Betty often entertained groups from the Newmarket Church of Christ, where he was an elder for sixteen years.

Diabetes took Mr. Mashinter's eyesight, but he never complained of this and maintained a good sense of humour in the midst of adversity. His tablemates at GPH enjoyed his quips, and his farming stories. Every time cucumbers were on the menu, they say, he had a story from his farming experiences.

See also the entry for Betty, above.

GPH: 20/11/2000

MAW, Bert

11/10/1926-

Betty provided the following sketch of Bert's life.

Bert was born Oct. 11, 1926 in a log house at Edenvale. He attended a one-room elementary school in Vespra Twp. and Minesing Continuation school, then attended Barrie Collegiate Institute for his Grade 13, after which he returned to the family farm.

In 1950 he married Betty Lougheed from Sunnidale Twp. and they farmed for 16 years at which time he was Sec.-Treas. for the school board.

Sold the farm in 1966, moved to Barrie and sold insurance for Co-operators Insurance Co. until he retired in 1991. During that time he furthered his education to include F.I.I.C. (Fellowship of the Insurance Institute of Canada), a C.L.U. and also a B.A. from the University of Toronto.

He was always active in farm organizations, being President of the Simcoe Federation of Agriculture and on the Board for many years.

He was an active member of Edenvale United Church and Central United Church in Barrie: he acted as Sunday School Teacher and as an Elder in both churches. In 1988 he started attending Barrie Free Methodist Church.

He spent a lot of time travelling in the 1970s and 80s and then spent the winters in Florida from 1991-2000.

He has two daughters, Brenda (m. Cunningham) and Carol (m. Jones) and has four grandchildren.

Bert has a keen knowledge of local history and a good sense of humour. His comment about leaving the farm to sell insurance was that he "farmed the farmers". He knows a lot about farming and is always interesting to talk to. Throughout his life he sought to better himself educationally and he still talks about going to seminary!

GPH: 08/04/2002

MCINTOSH, Lorne Allan

25/05/1909-03/05/2003*

"Lorne Allan McIntosh was born on May 25th, 1909, in Collingwood, to Annie and Allan McIntosh. He was the middle child among three older and three younger siblings. Their mother died when Lorne was 13, leaving seven children to be cared for.

Lorne and his sister, Jesse, took over the family chores. He was so shy as a boy that, when company came to the family home, he would run outside and hide in the corn field!

Mr. McIntosh spent some summers at Wiaraton with his aunt and uncle, who had a boat repair shop on the water. His aunt would send him down to the fish house to get a trout for supper. Other summers were spent at another uncle's farm at Stayner, to help out there. He knew every creek and cranny from Collingwood to Nottawa, Duntroon, and Stayner, from hunting jack rabbits to picking apples — McIntosh, of course!

Later he and his friend "Scottie" Carmichael hopped the trains to Cochrane to help build the railroad to Moosenee; they also went to New York by the same means, looking for work. His very first job was with the Bank of Montreal in downtown Collingwood, located in the same spot as today.

Mr. McIntosh courted Mary Welsh for eight years. They were married on Nov. 5, 1935, quietly, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in downtown Toronto. Mary continued to work at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto; Lorne joined his father and brothers in the shoe business in Collingwood. They rented a small summer cottage for \$8/mo. On Feb. 14, 1937, on a stormy winter's night, Mary Elizabeth was born.

At age 33, in the spring of 1942, Mr. McIntosh was offered a position as manager at Walkwel Shoe Store in Barrie for the W.B. Hamilton Shoe Co. He came here and boarded at a home on Mary St. for six months until he found a house to rent for his family. They saved their money desperately to purchase a home of their own.

Mr. McIntosh bought his first car in 1947, a Kaiser, from Charlie Georgianna. In 1950 he purchased his second, from Jack Corly Motors, a 1950 Ford, which he kept for five years. Then he switched to General Motors products, until his 90th birthday. He was very proud and particular about all his vehicles.

By 1953 they had saved enough money to purchase their own house on Charlotte St., now Collier St. They continued to look for property to build a new house. Mary Elizabeth recalls her parents riding their bicycles, with her on the crossbar, up to the Sunnidale Rd. area, to carefully choose their lot. In the fall of 1962 they moved into their new house at #7 Parker Court.

Mr. McIntosh was dedicated to the shoe business for 42 years of his life. He was a member of the army reserve; a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge 54 of Collingwood, from age 19; a member of the Kiwanis Club of Barrie; and a life member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as a child in Collingwood and then in Barrie.

In 1975, Mr. McIntosh retired from the shoe business at 58 Dunlop St. E. Many Barrie families were well "shoed" by Mr. Mac, sometimes known as "Mr. Walkwel," or even as "Mr. Naturalizer," and he had many stories from his years in business.

Mr. McIntosh was a man of faith, love and truth, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a gt.-grandfather. He and Mary really enjoyed their trips to Florida in their retirement years. His motto for Mary Elizabeth was, "Always do the important things first." In August of 1989 Mary passed away after a short illness and Lorne carried on alone and sorrowful.

He was always a true Toronto Maple Leaf fan and an avid Blue Jays follower. Football

was his favourite, from college level to the Superbowl. He was captain of the Collingwood Collegiate Football Team in 1928 and also played hockey for the I.O.O.F. Lodge 54 at age 19. His nickname then was “Pete”.

Daughter Mary Elizabeth (m. Mick Hayter) have three children, Wanda, Mark, and Krista. Mr. McIntosh taught them how to walk, run, ride bicycles, and drive the car—and always kept them in the finest footwear! There are seven gt.-granddaughters: Lisa, Lindsey, Morgan, Jamye, Krishal, Maggie and Alysha.

Mr. McIntosh had a long, healthy life, but on May 13, 2002, when he was told that he was legally blind, his spirits were dampened and, as his sight worsened, he found he couldn't manage his life at his home. His physical health also started to deteriorate and he asked Mary Elizabeth if she could find him a new residence with care for him. On August 9, he was accepted into Grove Park Home, where he received compassionate and loving care. His nickname at GPH was “Mac”.

One story: On an extremely cold day in Jan. 1993, the little paper boy rapped on the door and said, “Mr. McIntosh, there is a bird here on your front porch and it can't fly.” Mr. McIntosh said, “Would you like to take it home?” but the little boy said, “Oh, no.” So Mr. McIntosh got out a shoe box and put the cold dove into the box with some water and some crumbs and kept it in the house over night. The next day Mr. McIntosh heard the dove moving around in the box and so he put it back out on the front porch. Soon the dove flew away! Mary Elizabeth's advice: Always keep your shoe boxes—they have many uses!”

Thanks to Mr. McIntosh's daughter for this biography.

Mr. McIntosh knew Jack Prittie, who had a shoe store in Meaford when I was a boy. He is also a long-time friend of Bill Fisher, son of Vi BAYCROFT, who has a barber shop on Dunlop St.

GPH: 08/08/2002

MCLEAN, Elva

08/08/1907–

GPH: 03/03/2002—B38

◆ MCNABB, Cora *Fralick*

06/09/1903–22/10/2001

B. in Uxbridge, the daughter of Joseph F. and Alice Bailey F. She is one of a family of ten children.

Her parents moved to Minesing on Mar. 17, 1908 because her father had a brother there. They farmed. Cora went to school with Jean BULMER and Lorna PEARSON.

Cora had four children: two sons and two daughters. Her daughter Dorothy mentioned that she knew Mary MCMASTER because a cousin of hers was married to Mary's daughter Dianne.

Mrs. McNabb's children are: June (m. LeBlevec) who, in turn, has a daughter Nancy LeBlevec-Philly (m. Shawn) with children Lauren and Taylor, and a son Bob (m. Sue) with children Paul and daughter Alyssa; Dorothy (m. Dunn) who, in turn, has two daughters—Debra (m. Chris White) with children Christopher, Amanda and Robyn, and Terry Lynn (m. Larry Camack); Ken (deceased; m. Vera), whose children are Brenda, Brent and Cindy (deceased); Alec (m. Barb), whose children are Christa (m. James

Farrington) and Erin McNabb (m. Chris Brittnell). (I may mention that I know the Farringtons through Ruby Drake, James' grandmother.) Kaeleigh, daughter of Christa and James, is Cora's latest great-grandchild.

Mrs. McNabb has two sisters living: Alice Stewart of Orillia, and Ardell Burns of Elmvale.

Cora was a lifetime member of the Women's Institute of Edenvale and a member of the Minesing (Edenvale) United Church. She was also active in the United Church Women.

Mrs. McNabb loved to quilt "and made many in her day!"

On the Fralick family see *A History of Vespra Township*, p. 710 where there is an article written by Mrs. McNabb's brother Bert; there is also a photo of her father.

GPH: 19/06/1995—B30; A??

◆ MCNAUGHT, Margaret ("Peggy") *Alison*

05/06/1915–20/12/2000*

B. in South Queensferry, near Edinburgh in Scotland. She married Leslie McNaught in 1940. He was an train engine driver and a prominent union secretary. They lived in Carlisle and had two children, Marie and Derek.

She enjoyed art, sewing and reading.

Then Mrs. McN. owned and ran a grocery store in Edinburgh. She moved to Barrie 18 years ago to live with her daughter Marie and son-in-law Alastair.

In Barrie she was an active member of the Eastern Star, Sons of Scotland and a Seniors club.

Mrs. McNaught has a granddaughter, Sarah, who is a nurse in Scotland, and she is a much loved gt.-great aunt to Alex and Jack.

Jean Kane, a hairstylist at GPH, and Helen Rivard, a Health Care Aid on Cedar Wing had a great time with Peggy, since they are all from Scotland. There were lots of reminiscing and stories when they were together.

GPH: 01/06/1998

MCNIVEN, Beatrice

03/09/1915–

Mrs. McNiven is a tremendous reader and "talking books" are a great source of enjoyment for her. She knew the FISHERS well and helped with concerts at Barrie Central Collegiate. Great talents came to play in Barrie; one of these was Oscar Peterson, whose arrival for his concert was delayed by a snowstorm.

GPH: 08/01/2000

MEADE, Mary Monica ("Molly") *Reed*

26/03/1924–05/05/03

The following biography was prepared by her daughter Clare Smith.

"Molly left home at the age of 15 to live in a Convent. Her aspirations were to become a nun. When WWII broke out, all the girls were sent home because it was thought they would be safer and that they would probably return within about six months. This was not the case and Molly joined the NAFI — an auxiliary organization for the military — and worked in a canteen during the War, which is where she met Bill Meade. They married on March 1, 1945 in England. Bill returned to Canada before Molly. Molly came as a "war bride" to Canada with 18 other pregnant women in a Lancaster Bomber. Half the women turned around and went back to England!

Molly gave birth to her first three sons in Canada (Fredericton N.B.). Then she

and Bill returned to England for a visit and ended up staying until 1965 and having there six more children! The second son died at 2 years and 11 months, of pneumonia.

Molly felt that we would have a better life if we were to return to Canada so she applied for a loan and made arrangements for seven of her children, herself and Bill to come over on the *Queen Mary* (I think that is what it was called). It took almost two weeks for the trip. I was four years old at the time, but I distinctly remember being seasick.

“Immigration” sent us to Woodstock, N.B., where there was a job for my father. The first three homes we lived in had no running water and my parents worked extremely hard to move the family into more hospitable housing. After moving seven times in as many years — each time we rented a house and fixed it up the landlords would sell it — my mother decided it was time to buy a home. She borrowed \$1,000 and put a down payment on a house she purchased for \$9,000. We lived there until each of us moved out; she sold it a year after my father died — he died in 1983 — and she moved to Ottawa. Molly lived in Ottawa for ten years, and then came to Alliston to be close to me. When Molly had her first stroke in April 1998, she spent the first month after it in Stevenson Memorial Hospital and then went to Shelburne Nursing Home. After about a year, I was able to get a room at Grove Park Home, after my husband and I had moved to Barrie.

My mother, as you know, was a long-standing member of the St. John Ambulance. The records only show that she was a member from 1967; however, I have found some certificates dated 1964. Molly reached the rank of Commander in the St. John organization, which is one step from the highest rank of Dame. We have also found awards she received that none of us knew about. Molly gave her life to the St. John Ambulance. In New Brunswick, there was no paid ambulance service at the time, so St. John Ambulance was what you called for in emergencies. She saw a lot of tragedies over the years and there are many stories of what she did to help people. I wouldn't know where to start.

Molly was also a Red Cross friendly visitor for the elderly in N.B. for years and a Past President of the Catholic Women's League. She worked for many years cleaning houses, including helping the housekeeper at the Catholic Rectory at St. Gertrude's Parish in Woodstock, N.B.

My mother was a kind-hearted soul and would not pass a needy person on the street: she would have whoever was driving pick them up and take them home, or bring them back to our house for a meal and a bed, if needed.”

Mrs. Meade had seven sons and two daughters; one son died as a child. There are fifteen grandchildren and one great-gd.-child.

GPH: 17/08/1999

◆ MELADY, Regina Cleary

23/01/1911–

B. in Hastings, ON, to Robert Cleary and Teresa Downs. Her father was an inspector in a tannery. She had two brothers and three sisters, all of whom are deceased except for Sister Celina Cleary, a nun at Mount St. Joseph, Peterborough. In fact, three of her siblings entered religious orders.

Mrs. M. attended Elementary School at her home village of Hastings. In the Entrance exams—now Grade 8, she obtained the highest standing of all the schools in Northumberland Co., and received a prize for the highest marks in British History from the ladies of the I.O.D.E.

She attended Norwood High School for Grades 9, 10, and 11. It was a six mile drive from Hastings, in a bus with many other students. This bus was a shabby old vehicle that stalled on the slightest up-hill grade. Students would jump out in a hurry, to

lighten the load, and some of the more hefty young men would push it to get it over the top of the hill! In the winter, weather conditions made this daily event quite an ordeal.

After three such years, Mrs. Melady's parents decided that this was not the best way to earn an education, and placed her in St. Joseph's Academy for high school students, at Lindsay, for Grades 12 and 13. There she was again a good student and even won a gold medal for the highest standing in Religious Studies.

Next, she attended Peterborough Normal School—now known as Teachers' College—and obtained a First Class Certificate, which qualified her to teach all levels of Elementary School, as well as Grades 9 and 10 of High School.

The next year, in 1931, she began teaching in a Public Elementary School in Port Severn. The following year she moved to Britt, ON to teach Grades 1 and 2. After three years there, she moved to Parry Sound, to Central Public School, to teach Grades 1 and 2.

(As Mrs. M. points out, it must be remembered that in these years of the Great Depression one was very fortunate to obtain a position, even with low salaries.)

During her time at Parry Sound, she taught Rhythm Band to her students, and they were a very popular little group at the school concerts. Mrs. M. loved music and, as well as teaching school, taught piano to a few pupils.

At Parry Sound she met and married Frank Melady, a teacher at the High School there. A year after their marriage he began working for the Federal Gov't and had headquarters in Sudbury. The War years were beginning and Sudbury, and Falconbridge with the Nickel Mines, were considered a likely target for bombing by aircraft. In the evenings all window blinds, made of black material, had to be drawn; as few lights as possible were allowed in homes and other buildings. Fortunately no air raids took place.

The Meladys' son Jim was born in Sudbury.

After four years the family went back to Parry Sound and Frank taught again in the High School. The War was still on. Nobel, an annex of Parry Sound, was the central factory for producing explosive materials.

Then another baby boy was born, but died at childbirth. Mrs. M. was very near death, as no blood transfusions were available—the blood supply was reserved for the Armed Forces. When she recovered she began a small class for Kindergarten pupils, due to the request of a group of parents. She had obtained her Kindergarten Certificate at summer school sessions. The school at Parry Sound did not have Kindergarten classrooms at the time.

The following year she was asked to teach again at the Public School. (Before the War years, married women could not obtain teaching positions, but openings became available and then there was a great demand because the young men teachers were enlisting in the Army.)

During the next few years, Mary Joanne was born, and then Maureen followed. So Mrs. M. resigned from teaching so she could be at home with her family.

Mary Jo (m. Norm McKinney) a graduate of the University of Waterloo, is a teacher Librarian at St. Nicholas' School in Barrie, and Maureen (m. Jim Connelly), who graduated in nursing from St. Michael's Hospital, holds a position there as Transplant Coordinator in the Kidney Transplant Unit;

Mrs. Melady's son Jim graduated from the University of Western Ontario, in French and Latin, and, after further work at the University of Toronto and Master's degrees at McMaster and Queen's, he accepted a position as Superintendent of Education with the Ottawa Separate School Board. Later he was Director of Education in the Armed Services. He took early retirement and, with his wife, moved to Huron, OH, to teach Latin in the High School there!

In 1971 Mr. M. retired from teaching and he and Regina moved to

Peterborough. There they enjoyed many good years. They continued their musical interests and were part of a musical club: he played the violin while Regina accompanied him on the piano. Both belonged to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A year after Mr. Melady's death in 1989, Regina moved to Marycrest Home for the Aged, in Peterborough. She lived there until her daughters encouraged her to move to Barrie. At GPH she has enjoyed participating in the Residents' Council Executive, as well as many other activities.

Whenever possible Mrs. Melady attends Mass at St. Mary's Church with her daughter and family. She also likes shopping!

It remains only to be noted that in high school the Meladys' son Jim had an orchestra, in which he played saxophone. Kay JOHNSON'S son, David, and Jim were good friends and David played percussion in Jim's band! Regina and Kay are tablemates at GPH.

GPH: 04/06/1996—A22

◆ MICKS, Mildred *Wright*

29/05/1910–19/06/2002

B. on the 29th of May, 1910, near Bobcaygeon. Her mother was a Beatty (Beatty?) and their farm was near Dunsford. This farm is now in the 5th generation of that family. Mrs. M. had one brother, three yrs. older, Burt, who lived out West, where he was a regional manager for Canada Dry; a sister, Gwen (m. Drummond), eleven years younger, lives in Holland, MB.

Mrs. Micks' father did a variety of things, including working in the grain business. In the latter capacity the family spent periods of time in the Prairie provinces. Mildred remembered Venn, Watrous and Saskatoon, SK. At Venn she recalled stampedes of buffalo, which frightened her at the age of 10. Her father had led the choir and her mother sang in a church choir back home in Peterborough.

At the age of 18 Mrs. Micks took a nanny job in Port Hope and that is where she met her husband. They were married early in 1929. He got into commercial fishing—for herring—and was in that business until his fishing grounds were destroyed. Then he sold the boat and they moved to Toronto where he worked for Smith Transport, among other things.

Mrs. Micks' father died of diabetes at age 39. Her mother remarried but died of lockjaw at age 57 after stepping on a rusty nail.

Mrs. Micks recalled going skating with her brother by horse and sleigh at Dunsford or Bobcaygeon, covered by a buffalo skin to keep them warm.

In Toronto the Micks lived in the Wellesley area. She worked in the inventory dept. of Samson-Dominion Appliances, but retired after having a coronary.

After Mr. Micks died in 1976, she lived in an apt. at West Hill; then came to Barrie in 1984. She lived at 1 Blake St. for 14 yrs., where she organized a social club. She loved it there and had many friends.

Mrs. Micks had one son, Harold, who worked for Thorncrest Ford and then eventually had his own business in Barrie, namely Bay City Motors on Bradford St.

Her grand-daughter, Michele McLinden, recalls that her grandmother was a wonderful person, always saw the positive side of life, and was for her a "ray of sunshine".

On Dec. 2, 1997, Mrs. Micks came to live at GPH. A quiet, gracious person, she made friends here among both residents and staff. I enjoyed our visits. Over the last couple of years she knew ill health, but rallied and came back to a good level of activity, at least to a level where she could engage family and friends. During one of my early visits I was struck by a photo of her as a young woman, 18 or 19, and her "Marcel" hairstyle. That photo appeared in the first *Connections* book. It's a lasting memory.

Son Harold was a frequent visitor at GPH and did the newspaper crossword puzzles with his mom. We will miss his visits.

In Barrie Mrs. Micks was a member of Collier St. United Church.

There was a funeral service for her in Port Hope; interment is at the Welcome church cemetery, not far from there.

GPH: 02/12/1997—M71

◆ MITCHELL, Jack

04/10/1929–18/09/2002

B. in Cobourg; he has one brother. He was a police officer in Toronto when he met his wife Joan. The Mitchells lived on Cynthia Ct., the next crescent west of ours—Roslyn Rd.—off Rose St. His daughter Carol (m. Arthofer) now lives there with her husband and their daughter Monica. At the memorial service for her dad, Carol provided the following portrait of him.

It is very hard to memorialize my dad, Jack Mitchell, in any kind of succinct way, but I am very honored to be here to say a few words about his life.

My dad was not a gregarious, life-of-the-party type of person; he preferred to live quietly and unassumingly. Only by knowing him well, as I was privileged to, would you know of the great wisdom, courage, and dedication to his family that he possessed. He was drawn to the helping professions, having been both a fireman and a policeman. The love which he had for these jobs was evident in hearing him tell stories of his adventures in these careers. I'm sure it was difficult for him to give up these treasured professions when he moved to Barrie, but he did not want a long commute to detract from time spent with his family, so he chose to move on to a job as an electrical buyer to afford him more time with us. But he kept his desire to help people, and did so whenever the opportunity presented itself. He was the man who turned your car lights off in the parking lot if you left them on by accident, kindly advised young parents that lifejackets were essential for children when boating, and even attempted to save the life of a driver who suffered a heart attack behind the wheel. These are just a few examples of his compassion and caring. I'm sure there were more, but since he did all of his good deeds quietly and without fanfare, I'd only know about them if I witnessed them or someone else told me about them.

Probably his most prized role was that of father. And I will be eternally thankful to God for granting me the greatest father one could hope to have. Long before it became trendy to foster self-esteem and confidence in children, he was there, encouraging me and continually and openly showing his love and belief in me. I will never forget his bolstering words of "If anyone can do it, you can," and "I am so proud of you." Not once did I ever doubt his love and commitment to my mom and me. He would go to great lengths to protect us from any discomfort. All through my school years he would wash up for work in the cold cement laundry tub in the basement rather than use the washroom next to my bedroom and risk the noisy plumbing waking me up. Or warm the car in the icy winters in anticipation of driving me to school or work. Once he became ill with Parkinson's and could no longer work, he would make my lunches for me to take to high school and iron my uniform for work. I often ribbed him about his sometimes-strange concoctions, such as making me fettuccine alfredo sandwiches, but I knew of no other father so caring and willing to help. Most importantly, he knew instinctively how to parent in

such a way that I never wanted to disappoint him, and thanks to his and my mom's efforts I gladly never touched a single cigarette or drug, had an alcoholic drink, fell in with a bad crowd or stayed out at night in all of my years at home.

In April 1994 my wonderful dad was dealt a horrifying blow when he had an aneurysm. This type of catastrophic brain stroke can be deadly, and it nearly took his life that night. As he was loaded into the ambulance to be taken to Toronto for specialized care at St. Michael's hospital, I leaned in and said to him "Remember, I am always with you," and he said "And I am always with you." Those words have stayed with me and will continue to comfort me for the rest of my life. Life was never the same for my dad after that night, and despite his greatest efforts at rehabilitation and various therapies, Parkinson's and the aneurysm robbed him of his independence and tried hard to steal his dignity. But in the face of such a devastating life change, my dad's truly courageous nature shone through brightly. Not once did I ever hear him complain. He, in true form, quietly soldiered on and always worried more about us than himself. Even in his final weeks, when he was weak and barely able to speak, he would tell me to "Be careful!" and when asked how he was, I could see his lips moving to say "Not bad," when he was surely feeling far worse.

But to dwell on his illness would detract from the rich life he lived before he became sick. He was an avid boater and took every opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy the serene waters. On a summer evening you could often find him and my mom down at Barrie's waterfront with an ice cream cone from McDonald's, just sitting and enjoying the view of Kempenfelt Bay. In his younger days, he enjoyed skiing and snowmobiling. Our neighbours remember the great pride with which he took care of our house, and recollect his soft-spoken nature and good humour.

My dad's passing was a tremendous loss in my life, but I never forget that he lives on in me and his beloved grandchildren. The love which he had for them was evident, and I will surely teach them the love their grandfather had for them, and I hope I can impart his noble morals and values. This will be an awesome task, but I feel now like I am not alone in it. His spirit is by my side, and I will take great comfort in that.

Thank you very much for coming and sharing in the memorial of a man who was much-loved and will be forever missed.

GPH: 01/04/1998

◆ MOLL, Mary *Pavelick*
10/10/1909–

B. near Kenaston SK where her parents, Joseph and Katherine, had settled on a homestead in 1905 after emigrating from that part of Austria now known as Croatia. The settlers had received 160 acres of virgin prairie which had to be cleared and developed in 10 years. As one of seven growing up on a property in a recently opened-up territory, the entire family (Anna, Jack, Lou, Mary, Dan, Peter and Emily) worked together with their parents to make the farm a success.

Mrs. Moll's early schooling at a one-room school was typical of that era, with the children walking to school and all grades together in one room with one teacher, one

stove and minimal comforts. She remembers the cold walks across the prairies and the fact that the one-room school tended to be cold and drafty in the winter. Later schooling included attending business college in Saskatoon, where she developed her secretarial skills.

The Davidson Co-op was the site of Mary's first job as a secretary and it was in Davidson SK where she met her future husband, Gene Moll, a watchmaker by trade and organist at the local church. Mary met Gene when she joined the choir as an alto singer. On July 25, 1941, Gene and Mary were married in Kenaston and made their home in Davidson. It was there that their three children were born: Albert (01/03/1943), Marianne (28/03/1945) and Patricia (07/08/1949).

A major move in the Moll household took place in October of 1949 when the family moved to Kincardine ON, where Mr. Moll had purchased a jewelery and gift store and watch repair business. There the family was raised and Mary was a busy homemaker, always a great cook, especially known for her cherry pie, made from the cherries picked from the trees on their property. In 1956 she began helping out part-time in the business. Mr. and Mrs. Moll were both active as Kinsmen and Kinettes and Mary was involved with the Home and School Association and the Catholic Women's League. With three children involved in sports, school, and music lessons, the Moll household was always bustling. There was a long tradition of music in the Moll family. It seems incredible now but before Mr. Moll emigrated from Germany in 1928, he had played the piano for silent movies. Music continued to be a big part of life for the Molls as Mr. Moll played the organ at St. Anthony's church and the girls sang in the choir. Sing-songs around the piano were part of the social life in the Moll household.

Retirement years began in 1974 when Mary and Gene sold their business. For the next few years, they spent winters at St. Petersburg FL and travelled to Germany, where they visited Mr. Moll's family, and to Yugoslavia to Mary's ancestral roots. Over the years they also travelled to Bermuda and Spain and many parts of Canada and the United States.

In 1978, with children raised, educated and settled in various parts of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Moll moved to 49 Downsview Dr. in Barrie to be closer to their children. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Barrie in 1981 and in the few short years that they lived at Downsview Dr., they were active at Parkview Seniors Centre and in the Kinsmen Club. They played an important grandparenting role in helping their daughter Marianne and son-in-law Paul Hannan raise their two children, David and Susan Hannan.

Mr. Moll passed away in 1982 and four years later Mary sold her home and moved to Collier Place Apartments for seniors. With its proximity to the Library and downtown businesses as well as many parties, teas, bingo, and other organized social activities, Mary enjoyed 10 years at Collier Place. As a member of the Bridge Club and New Horizons, she developed many friendships. She walked to the Library on many days and enjoyed walks downtown to do banking, shopping and eating out with friends. "I try to create an adventure a day to keep life interesting," she used to say.

By the summer of 1996, Mrs. Moll felt it was time to move to GPH, a place where she had developed friends and acquaintances through the S.E. Programme. Mary has two interesting connections from the past at GPH. The first is that the Downsview Dr. home had been sold to Geraldine DELAFRANIER'S daughter and her husband, and Geraldine had lived there until she moved to GPH. The second is that Claude Cox recalls looking for a desk and, learning from his parishioners, Armand and Jean James, that Mary was having a moving sale, had purchased one from her and it is still in use. These connections, as well as the fact that Claude had also known Mary's son-in-law, Paul Hannan, when they had sung together in the King Edward Choir, have helped Mary feel welcome and comfortable at GPH.

At GPH Mary participates in bridge, bid euchre, scrabble, birthday parties, teas, bingo and many wonderful activities organized for the residents. She is an active member of the Resident's Council and St. Mary's Church. Mrs. Moll enjoys family birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, Christmas and other celebrations with her son Albert, who works for Shadex-Textile Mfg. and his wife Val from Toronto, daughter Marianne, a secondary school principal in Barrie, her husband Paul Hannan and children David and Susan, and daughter Pat, a French teacher in Waterloo, her husband John Middleton and children John Paul and Scott.

(Thanks to Paul and Marianne for this.)

GPH: 18/07/1996—A35

MORLEY, Winnifred

08/04/1907–

B. in Southall, England. She came to Winnipeg when she was three; she is one of four children.

Like many immigrants from England, her mother was shocked to find “no fruit” in the stores; she never did like Canada. Mrs. Morley's parents also lived to a great age, to 98 and 94. Her sisters live in Winnipeg and Edmonton; her brother died in 2001.

Mrs. Morley's husband went into the airforce and they moved many times. He died in Winnipeg. Their son Keith was in the army and then became a dentist in Barrie; daughter-in-law Elizabeth is an Anglican clergywoman whom I met some years ago through Trinity Anglican Church. Keith and Elizabeth have three children.

Mrs. M. has loved animals all her life. For example, she had a pet sparrow for five years!

GPH: 05/01/2001

◆ MUIR, Stella

28/07/1919–13/10/1999*

B. at RVH. She was the daughter of Robert and Daisy Muir and had one brother, Jack.

During the years 1957–1961 she lived in Toronto with an aunt and a cousin. She returned to Shanty Bay when her aunt sold the house.

Miss M. came from a farm at Shanty Bay, where her parents farmed and where, upon her return from Toronto, she tended house for her brother. After her brother died she came to live at GPH.

In part she was from a Brethren church background—in Toronto, so worship with our congregation was comfortable for her. She very seldom missed a Sunday.

In Toronto she worked for Crippled Civilians. Her work involved sorting donations.

Though very quiet and reserved she sometimes used to break forth in laughter over something that she remembered from her childhood. I sat with her and two other residents at the 1997 GPH Residents and Staff Christmas Dinner. It was a great meal and Miss M. ate very well; she also talked “a blue streak.” I kidded her that all we needed to get her talking was to feed her a big meal!

Rev. Doug Muir of Collier St. United Church was a cousin to Miss Muir.

A fine photo of Mrs. Muir appeared in the *Examiner* on July 8, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/05/1987—M65

◆ MURPHY, Blanche *Toole*

05/11/1915–24/04/2002

Her family was from the Stouffville area, then Penetang. Mrs. Murphy spent five years in Halifax during WWII: her husband was a deep sea diver with the Air Force. Michael said his work involved recovering bodies from downed aircraft and the removal of props and equipment, as required.

After WWII they returned to Penetang. Mr. Murphy worked at Oak Ridges and they lived on the grounds for thirteen years.

The Murphys had two children: son Michael was born in Halifax and he has three sons: John, Jason, Jeffrey; daughter Maureen (recently m. Jackson).

The Murphys travelled widely—a cruise on the Mediterranean; Spain; the West Indies.

Before coming to GPH, via RVH, Mrs. Murphy lived at the Flamingo building on Dunlop St. E., where she enjoyed watching the sail boats on Lake Simcoe.

GPH: 23/12/1998

◆ MURRAY, Phyllis *Bright*

30/09/1914–30/04/1999

B. in Byfleet, Surrey, the third of seven children of Beatrice Ida and William Bright.

She came to Canada as a girl of five or six; two of her siblings were born here: altogether there were five girls, two boys. Her siblings are: Hilda (m. Robbie), Gladys (m. Everson; Murray), Frederick (m. Ella Hunter), Gwendoline (m. LaRose; Hart), Winnifred, and James (m. Cora Himhoff). A brother in Espanola is among the three or four survivors in her family.

Her father worked as a hired man for a year in Downsview, then for a golf course “forever.” Mrs. Murray’s mother died when she was 10. Her father was “wonderful.” Schooling was at Downsview Public School and Weston High School.

Mrs. M. joined the Air Force for WWII and was sent to Vancouver Is.

Her husband, John Ogsten M.—a miner from Sudbury—was in the army in WWII and was injured in Holland. Through the Veterans organization they got a farm at Cookstown—on the 3rd line of Innisfil—and became farmers. “Phyl” said she broke her ribs four times while farming. She has related that her husband called her the best farming wife in Simcoe Co.

The Murrays had no children but their house was always full of kids in the summertime.

Mr. M. died in 1988 of Alzheimer’s disease.

Mrs. Murray enjoyed oil painting, as well as china painting; also reading and collecting glass knick-knacks. She loved travelling and travelled widely—to England (1992) and continental Europe, Australia and New Zealand, Hawaii, all across Canada. Her sister Gwen was her travelling companion.

Mrs. Murray’s sister Gwen Hart has informed me that there is a Bright family history from 1831. Mrs. Hart lives in Flesherton ON.

A photo of Mrs. M. appeared in the *Examiner* in connection with an article about David Johnson’s retirement. The article appeared on Apr. 18, 1998. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 08/01/1994—A19

N

◆ NERPIN, Verna *Parnell*

18/10/1910–27/04/2000

B. on a farm near Wyevale, one of four children. Her father died suddenly in 1927. She has a sister in Elmvale (1991).

Mrs. N. went into nursing at Midland and graduated from St. Andrews School of Nursing as an R.N. She worked in Midland, Penetang, Stouffville, and at Toronto General Hospital.

On Dec. 6, 1941, Mrs. N. married, Emel N., a Scandinavian from SK. Their children are David, Ann, Leonard and Bill. David was killed in a tractor accident in 1956. Mr. Nerpin died in 1973 while still in his 50s.

Leonard is a truck driver in Toronto; Bill works for Bumstead's in Wyevale; Ann, an accountant, died in 1996(?).

Mrs. N. was organist at Wyevale United Church for many years. Mrs. Nerpin's life of faith has certainly been tried by sorrow. Not only are there the losses mentioned above, but one of her sisters died quite young (1924[?]); another since.

Verna's mother lived to 105 1/2.

Mrs. N. and Leta GIFFEN are cousins: their fathers were brothers.

A brief biography of Mrs. Nerpin was printed in the *Spotlight*, July-Aug. 1992; another appeared in Mar.-Apr. 1993.

GPH: 25/09/1991—A8

◆ NEWTON, Florence Blanche *Gendron*

29/08/1917–14/05/2001*

Florence Gendron was born in Montreal, Quebec. When she was seven the family moved to Toronto.

She had three sisters: Alice (m. Al King), of Orillia; Jeanette (m. Jack Laxton), who died many years ago; (Florence); and Cecille (m. Tom O'Rourke), of Mississauga. Two brothers died in childhood.

Mrs. Newton had two bouts with TB: from 17–21 she lived at the sanatorium at Gravenhurst; then, after the birth of their only child Graham she was hospitalized again, while he was sent out West to his grandparents.

It was at a dance that she met Hugh Newton and on May 10, 1943 they were married. This was a fine marriage. He was dark and handsome, a fine singer; she was a good listener and easy to get along with.

Hugh Newton worked at Eaton's College St. store. She also worked there part-time; also at her sister and brother-in-law's store, King's Gift and Variety at St. Clair Ave. and Dufferin St. When Graham was small they lived on Margaretta St. in the Lansdowne and College St. area—with her parents upstairs, then at Bathurst and Sheppard.

In 1952 they went to the Cottage Show and, though renting, put down \$50 on a \$2500 cottage lot on Haliburton Lake. They didn't know how they would manage that by themselves, but thought that other family members might be interested in going in on this with them. It turned out that they had to proceed alone, but the investment turned out to be a wonderful experience for them, Graham and Linda, and the grandchildren.

The Newtons enjoyed the cottage for almost 50 years, on weekends from May until Thanksgiving. It continues to be a significant place in the lives of Graham and Lynda, Robin and Carrie (m. Brent McLean), and now great-grandchildren Sarah Florence McLean and Lyndsey Barrie McLean (b. 06/09/2002).

Mr. Newton died in early 1995 and Florence moved into Grove Park Home shortly thereafter, in March. Lynda's mom, Vona WARD, was already living here, so the two mothers were together at GPH until Vona died in October of 1995.

Mrs. Newton had a wonderful disposition, easy-going. It's hard to imagine that

she was ever angry. She seems to have enjoyed everything. She liked to read and has passed on a passion for crossword puzzles to her family. Even the departure of her memory to Alzheimer's disease did not bring her anger or bitterness and it did not steal her understated sense of humour.

GPH: 01/03/1995

NICHOLS, Irene Onetta

04/03/1910–03/03/2003*

B. Ardtrea, near Orillia, one of two children: Orval predeceased her. She lived in Chicago and Jacksonville, Ill., where her mother went to nursing school. She herself went to secretarial school.

After returning to Orillia, she went to Toronto and for twenty-five years worked as a civil servant ("executive secretary") for the provincial government, in the comptroller's office. Among her duties at the time were taking her boss's children to the Santa Claus parade in Toronto. She received Christmas cards from the Tattle family until the time of her death.

Miss Nichols lived at St. Hilda's for some years, then at Creedan Valley. Her nieces recall the precisely-wrapped Christmas presents they used to receive from her; gt.-nieces recall the "all day" lollipops she always brought on visits.

GPH: 03/12/2001

NOBLE, Iris

17/09/1920–

Mrs. N. has a son in Barrie and a daughter in Calgary.

GPH: 13/12/2001

◆ NOLTIE, Eve *Whitney* DAWSON

Marlene Birnie 103 Arthur Ave Barrie L4M 6H6

14/08/1917–24/12/1999

Mrs. Noltie worked in sales and purchasing at Eatons in Oshawa and then at Sears in Barrie.

She has two daughters: Marlene (m. Al Birnie), of Barrie; Evelyn (m. Don McLennen), of Oshawa. She has three gd.-daughters, two grandsons, and five gt.-grandsons.

Mrs. Noltie loved sports, especially baseball and golf. Indeed, she golfed until the summer of 1996.

Mrs. Noltie's church was Kingsview United Church in Oshawa; then Collier St. United Church in Barrie.

She has one younger sister still living, namely Verna, who lives in Lakefield.

GPH: 17/03/1998

O

OBERER, Helen *Langs*

29/10/1917–

B. in Chilliwack, BC. The Langs family was from the Preston area of ON. Mrs. Oberer's parents moved to BC but after she finished school she returned to Preston and worked there during WWII. Her parents later returned to Ontario as well.

GPH: 12/06/1998

◆ OKROS, Margit *Acs*

05/05/1920–13/07/2001

B. in Papa, Hungary.

Her family included three sisters and two brothers. Her parents were merchants.

In 1951 or 1952 she married Laszlo O., a glassblower. Following the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 the Okros family moved to England, where Mr. Okros worked as a commercial painter. In 1968, the family emigrated to Canada.

They came to Calgary and remained there until 1982. Mr. Okros continued his work as a commercial painter.

In 1982 they moved to Barrie and Mr. O. established a glass-blowing boutique in the “big log building” at Innisfil Beach Rd. and #400. At that time a restaurant occupied the rest of the structure and in the mid-to-late 1980s I remember visiting the glassworks with friends after eating at the restaurant!

Mr. Okros died in 1994 and later that year Margit moved into GPH. Mrs. Okros has one son, Erno, who lives in Angus with his wife Patricia. They have four boys, Jason and Noah; Ian and Shawn.

Mrs. Okros enjoyed artwork, including drawing.

GPH: 15/12/1994—A33

◆ OTTERBEIN, Rebecca (“Becky”) *Inwood*

27/01/1912–

B. in Medicine Hat, AL, the second of three children. Her brother Millar was two years older; Arthur is six years younger.

Her parents moved to Toronto in the War, where her father worked in “the big building” on Avenue Rd. They lived on Roxborough Ave., which runs between Avenue Rd. and Yonge St.

She and her husband Bill used to make yearly trips to Prince George BC when her son George lived there. They would set out on Mother’s Day and make stops at Wawa, Brandon, Medicine Hat and Jasper before arriving at Prince George. At Brandon they stayed at a particular motel just off the Trans Canada. As it happens, my time in Brandon—1980–1984—overlaps with the years the Otterbeins made their stops there.

Mrs. O. has a son George in Guelph. She can often be seen taking her exercise by walking in GPH. Our conversations include which restaurant she has been to most recently in Barrie, because she enjoys eating out. Her favourite restaurant: Red Lobster.

Photo: in the *Examiner*, July 8, 1995, just before her birthday that year. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 06/01/1994—O78

P

◆ PAINE, Elma *Forbes*

18/07/1913–

B. in Toronto on Sherbourne St., between King and Queen Sts. Her parents were from Inverness, Scotland.

After her marriage to Frank P., they lived in East York for 14 1/2 years; then in Scarborough for 19 years; then at Sandy Cove Acres. Mr. P. died after four years at Sandy Cove; Mrs. Paine lived another sixteen years there and then moved to Simcoe Terrace, in Barrie.

Mrs. Paine had one sister. She has one daughter (m. McArthur).
 She has an excellent sense of humour.
 GPH: 04/09/1998

◆ PARKER, Jean *Harris*

07/08/1905–

B. to a farming family in Exeter. There were four children: she had two sisters—in Hamilton and Waterloo, respectively—and a brother, now deceased. (1991)

When she was a year and a half old the family moved to Regina, where her mother died when she was 8; at 14 they moved to Ottawa. Her first day at school in Ottawa was Armistice Day, 1918!

Mrs. P. married Maxwell Parker in Ottawa. It was there that she worked for five years for Metropolitan Life Insurance, at their head office. Then the Parkers moved with her husband to Montreal where he was a salesman for Electrohome. They also lived in Hamilton and had housekeeping cottages in Muskoka between Gravenhurst and Bala: seven cottages besides their own, which she looked after in the summertime.

Then they lived in Barrie, on the Penetang Rd. at the end of Steele St.; finally she lived for seven years at Imperial Towers, 37 Johnson St. Mr. P. died in 1989.

Jean has a son, Bob. He is married to Sally Schell of Apalachicola FL, and has resided in Tallahassee FL for many years. Bob has a son in northern California; a married daughter in Tallahassee; and a (youngest) daughter who was Miss Florida U.S.A. in 1989 and who has since entertained at Disney World and on several cruise ships—one of these involved a trip around the world! Bob and Sally's annual visits to GPH are much appreciated by his mom.

Mrs. P. and I have a common interest in the monologues of Garrison Keillor, the American humorist. She loaned me some ten or so cassette tape recordings of “the news from Lake Wobegon” and I have listened to them many times. We have had lots of chuckles in reminiscing about those stories.

Jean was a participant in the Recollections Group and contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear*: vol. 2—“Disasters of 1912”; vol. 3—“New Year's in Fonthill.” A brief biography of Mrs. Parker was printed in the *Spotlight*, May-June 1992.

GPH: 01/06/1991—A14

◆ PEARSON, Lorna *Beeton*

03/07/1916–

B. in Dunedin, ON, and is a cousin to Jean *Beeton* BULMER. Her parents were Harvey J. Beeton and Millicent M. Bowerman. Her siblings included two sisters and a brother: Cora (m. Best), Daisy (m. Ferguson), and Harman.

Mrs. P. grew up on a farm located on the 12th of Vespra Twp. Cora MCNABB lived on the 11th. Though Cora was a few years older, they went to the same school, S.S. No. 10. It was a one-room school with more than thirty students. Discipline was harsh: Lorna recalls her brother “getting the strap” in front of the whole group, and sitting in a corner with several other boys with “dunce hats” on their heads. Such a situation could not have been very conducive to learning.

Mrs. Pearson operated a beauty salon in Barrie for fifteen years. She gave that up to look after her elderly parents.

Her hobbies have been gardening and needlework.

She was a member of the United Church at Edenvale—christened at home when it was still a Methodist church—and, since moving to Barrie, at Central United Church. She sang in the choir for nineteen years.

See also Robert PEARSON.
GPH: 14/11/1995—B30

◆ POOLE, Nellie *Bell*
30/08/1911–

B. in Manchester, England. Her parents were Thomas and Ellen and her older siblings were Pansy, Alec, and Norah. When Nellie was 11 months old the family emigrated to Canada. A sister Daisy was born in Toronto. Pansy died very young of diphtheria.

Mrs. Poole's father cleaned train cars for the CNR for most of his working years. An attempt at country life in Midhurst in 1925 lasted only a few months and then the family returned to Toronto, but Nellie stayed to work on one of the local farms.

Nellie met and married Lorne Poole later in 1925 and lived on the farm with her mother-in-law Catherine. They raised seven children: Lorne (deceased); Bob, of Latchford; Thelma (m. Don Weir), of Barrie; Bill, who lived in Coldwater (deceased); Mae (m. Cleare) (deceased); Don (m. Faye), of Midhurst; and Ethel (m. Jim Hayes), of Midhurst.

About 1953 Mr. Poole had to quit his job with reforestation because of illness. At that point Nellie went to work at a local restaurant and later at Ernie's Department Store. Mr. Poole died in 1961.

Mrs. Poole continued to work until she sold the farm, about 1972, and shortly thereafter moved to Drury Lane in Barrie.

She enjoyed her garden and always made a good loaf of homemade bread. Numerous winter visits were made to her daughter Thelma in Arizona. In 1992 she attended her grandson's wedding in Aruba. She liked going on trips with her friend Barb SUTTON, who had been a farming friend and neighbour for many years. They were on the Sherbrooke trip that took many lives in a hotel fire. She also shared trips to the West Coast by train, to Florida and Hawaii.

When she moved to GPH Mrs. Poole enjoyed the company and friendship of Anne BLACK.

GPH: 12/11/1997—O99

POSTLETHWAITE, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" *MacKenzie*
23/02/1933–

B. in Glace Bay, N.S., to Stephen and Mary (Tobin) MacKenzie. Betty had five sisters: Nita (m. Melvin MacKay); Marjorie (m. Alouissis McNeil); Annie (m. Percy Shaughnessy); Margaret (m. Justin Boone); Josie (m. Arnold Devison); and two brother: Alexander (m. Viola Medore) and Neil (m. Irma Bendel).

Her father was a coal miner in Glace Bay for 37 years. Betty graduated from St. Annes High School in Glace Bay and worked as a cashier in Glace Bay until she married.

She met her husband, Thomas Postlethwaite, in Sydney, Cape Breton, and was married on the 20th of May, 1963, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Glace Bay. Thomas ("Tom") was in the Royal Canadian Navy and they took up residence in Dartmouth, N.S., from 1963 to 1975, when they were sent to Baden-Baden, West Germany, where they lived until 1980.

While in Germany, Tom was sent back to Canada for eight weeks and Betty, living six kilometers from the Base, had to pedal her bicycle to Base for church, doctor, groceries, etc. She decided, "Since our car is parked in the parking lot, I'm going to get my driver's license"—which is no easy feat in Germany. It was quite a surprise to Tom, when he arrived back in Germany, to be picked up at the airport by Betty!

From Germany they moved to Camp Borden for five years, until Tom retired in

1985. They then moved back to Cape Breton, where they stayed for two years, when it was decided to move back to Barrie where their daughters were living.

Betty and Tom have two children: Nancy Maria (m. Shawn Lannigan) and Karen Ann (m. Steven Bradley). They have four grandchildren: Shawn, Kelcy, Royce and Ty.

Betty was very active in church. She sang in the choir of all the churches she attended. She was also involved in C.W.L. and the church thrift shop. Her choir would sing and bake for a nursing home in Alliston, as well as for the Alliston hospital.

Mrs. Postlethwaite spend two years in Sweet Briar Nursing Home in Stayner before coming to live at GPH. Tom is here virtually every day and has made friends with many residents, especially those who enjoy talking about hockey or baseball!

GPH: 16/05/2001

POWELL, Edith Evelyn *Butcher* FREWING

24/11/1910–

B. in Beaverton, the fifth child of Joseph Butcher and Christina (Jones). She had five siblings: Bill, Millie, Ernie, Vinie and Lloyd.

They moved from Beaverton when she was a child to Gormley, where they had a small farm. Later they moved to Scarborough where they ran a small store. Later still they moved to Toronto.

The family was a closely knit one and did many things together even as, one by one, they married and had children of their own—picnics, camping, and family gatherings of all sorts.

Edith liked to visit her uncle Art and aunt Leona in Beaverton and her sister Vinie and her family in Lindsay.

Edith married Nelson Frewing; they only had one daughter, Mary, who was born later in her life and who was their pride and joy.

On Thanksgiving weekend 1953 there was a fatal car accident at Bond Head: a truck hit the car in which Nelson was a passenger and he was killed instantly. Edith's family rallied around her and Mary. Edith married Charles Powell on July 2, 1955. They lived in Scarborough until he died in March 1977. Edith moved to Oshawa in that year to be with her daughter Mary and son-in-law Bill Kelly and two grandsons, Bill and Adam.

Edith loved to play tag with her grandsons and loved their pet cats Tiger and Midnight. Fondly she still remembers the fun times with the cats. Edith liked to go to the Mall—Eatons being her favourite store—and browse in the china and housewares departments.

Poor hearing kept her from social functions, but she kept up with the news of family through the telephone and a hearing-impaired dial until her hearing worsened further.

Edith was the family historian, so to speak. She dwelt on details: it wasn't enough to know someone went somewhere for dinner, but what you ate, who was there, and what they wore were important to her and still is. She expected everyone else to be interested and remember these details too!

Edith's health was good until 2002; she was in a nursing home in Sarnia and transferred to Barrie to be near her daughter Mary. In 2001 she came to GPH.

Edith liked to know where the staff live, if they are married and if they have children! She enjoyed having her daughter take her around GPH or outside and liked her monthly shopping trips. She likes hearing about her two grandsons and four gt.-grandsons, and her brother Lloyd and family.

(Thanks to Mary, Mrs. Powell's daughter for this. Mrs. Powell moved to

Brantford on Dec. 2, 2002.)

GPH: 22/06/2001–02/12/2002

PRATT, Gladys *Bishop*

28/12/1919–

Mrs. Pratt's uncle, Wesley BISHOP (1892–1982), was a resident of GPH from 1973. She used to bring him maple sugar candy and a banana each week.

Mrs. Pratt has had an active life in Barrie and knows many people. For example, sitting with her and Betty MCNIVEN at lunch one day, she told me that she knew Mrs. McNiven's step-parents on Innisfil St. Mrs. McNiven's two sisters-in-law used to take Gladys' children back in "the Commons" and they would bring home bouquets of flowers. The eldest of the sisters, Marie, taught Gladys' brother, Tom, two forms of High School in Midhurst.

It was Gladys who named Seaforth St.: they, the Pratts, built the first brick bungalow on that street and the others on Innisfil between Brock and Tiffin. The most they got for these homes was \$5,200. By the way, Seaforth St. got its name from the street where Gladys visited with a friend in England.

GPH: 13/06/2001

◆ PROCTOR, Elizabeth *Wray*

15/04/1915–24/06/2000

B. near Schomberg.

Elizabeth lived at 125 Wellington St. and first came to GPH with the S.E. programme: *The Spotlight*, Feb.–Mar., 1980, noted that she was a new member of that programme.

Elizabeth contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Callers"; vol. 2—"The Accident."

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Proctor on May 13, 1995, a month after she turned 80. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 27/09/1987—A4

R

◆ READ, Carman

03/03/1926–

Mrs. R. lived in a condominium in Etobicoke before moving into GPH. Family: two sons, Eric and Mike.

Mrs. R. is an "armchair archeologist," and has always been interested in such things. She is an avid reader and likes to read the *Toronto Star*. She likes to do crossword puzzles and I have enjoyed working on a couple of these with her. In the summer of 1999 Elaine and I took an "Alaska cruise" for our 10th anniversary. Each day there was a brief news summary provided—eight pages—from the *New York Times*. That included a crossword puzzle; I thought of Mrs. Read as I tried to work them out.

Church: United.

GPH: 30/03/1998

ROSS, Eva Clara *Waygood*

11/08/1911–14/05/2001*

Eva Waygood was born in Toronto, the fourth child of Robert and Eva Waygood. It was a large family of some nine children. A brother, Jim, and a sister, Hilda, survived

her when she departed this life.

Her parents came from Taunton, Somerset, England. Her father had come by way of the USA to Toronto ca. 1909 and, after he had established himself, her mother and three children immigrated. Eva was the first of their children born here, in 1911. Her father had worked in brickyards in England.

On Nov. 28, 1928 Eva married Clarence Ross. He had a building business and Eva looked after the books. During the Depression the family moved around in the city.

The Rosses had three children: Marian Eva (m. Fenton), Robert (m. Joanne) and Edward (m. Margo). In WWII she worked in a factory, as did many women. Later she worked as office manager for Bob and his business partners.

Mrs. Ross was a pianist and a singer.

In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Ross moved to a home on Lake Simcoe, in Oro Twp., between the 5th and 6th Concessions. Clarence died on Apr. 29, 1985 and she continued to live in her home. She loved it there and enjoyed looking out upon the water. A health crisis took her by ambulance to RVH and from there to Grove Park Home in the late 1990s: she was not able to return to the house she loved and this was a source of great disappointment and frustration for her.

Her religious faith found expression earlier in life in the Anglican church.

GPH: 22/01/1999

ROSS, Frances (“Molly”)

20/01/1912–

B. in Alberta. Her children were born out West. Her husband was a highway engineer in SK and AB.

GPH: 11/02/2002

S

SCHEERLE, Ann *Raum*

02/10/1908–

B. at Queen St., Toronto, and lived there her entire life, but had a cottage at Orillia. She learned excellent German at her grandparents’ in Nurnberg. She worked as a translator there.

GPH: 29/01/1999

♦ SCHOLES, Mary *Shepherd*

06/05/1913–

B. in Toronto; one of seven children.

Her father, Percy, worked at Eaton’s downtown store for 45 years in maintenance. Her mother’s name was Maude. The family home was built by her father on Haig Ave. in Scarborough. This home still remains in the family.

After Mary’s marriage to Jack Scholes, she lived in north Toronto, then came to Barrie in the 1950s. They lived in several homes in Barrie and enjoyed a cottage on Lake Simcoe. She and Jack spent many holidays entertaining her siblings and their children at their cottage.

Mrs. Scholes was a valued employee of IAC Finance for 25 years. She retired in 1976 at age 63. Mr. Scholes died in 1981. They had no children.

She came to GPH from the nursing home in Elmvale—she was there six or seven months. Mary’s niece Jean Milner lives in Barrie; her sisters Doris and Merle live in Toronto.

GPH: 25/03/1998

SHADWELL, Rosetta *Robinson*

03/07/1927–19/04/2002

B. London, England. She married Frank S. in 1949 and in 1954 they emigrated to Canada.

At first they lived with Mrs. Shadwell's sister in East York. As Mr. S. said, they kept moving northward: first to North York and finally Sandy Cove Acres and Barrie.

The Shadwells had three sons: Michael, who lives in Newmarket; and Brian and Robert who live in Barrie.

Mrs. S. liked crafts and was especially fond of working with threads and wool.

GPH: 19/02/2002

SHAW, Norma *Cole*

18/12/1912–09/03/2003

B. in Barrie, the second of the eleven children of Harvey Cole and Levina Hanes; there were nine girls and two boys. Pat Cole, a neighbour of ours on Roslyn Rd., is the youngest of Mrs. Shaw's siblings. The family home was at 24 Perry St., near Central Collegiate.

Mrs. S. attended Prince of Wales school and Barrie Central Collegiate. She then went to work in Toronto; she managed a garment factory in the city.

She married Reginald Shaw in 1950 or 51. At the time he was working for the CPR, but later worked as a purchasing agent for truck repair outfits, including Trailmobile. They had no children.

The Shaws lived in Oakville, then in Etobicoke. Mrs. Shaw returned to the family home in Barrie to look after her parents. She herself moved into Barrie Manor in 2001.

Seven of her siblings survive her: four in the Barrie area, two in Toronto, and one in Sarnia.

GPH: 20/01/2003

♦ SIENKIEWICZ, Maria

12/08/1927–01/08/2002

Mrs. S. spoke no English and I know only a few words of Polish. Jennie Janowski was a good friend of Mrs. Sienkiewicz.

GPH: 21/07/1998

♦ SLATER, Elsie *Fletcher*

04/12/1900–18/11/2000*

B. in Birmingham, England, into a family that included four sisters—Florence, Annie, Gladys, Emily (m. JACKSON)—and two brothers, Samuel and Philip.

Elsie's gd.-father was active in the Church of Christ in Birmingham, England, as were her parents, Samuel and Emma Fletcher. There were four congregations in Birmingham and her father used to do preaching at one of them. When the family moved to Coventry there was no Church of Christ so they worshiped with the Salvation Army.

Her father came to Toronto in 1910; the rest of the family followed in 1911. Eventually they lived in the St. Clair-Oakwood area and worshiped at the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ. She was baptized by Alex Stewart at the age of 14 or so.

Her husband Robert Slater came to Canada in 1923 and when she saw him at

church with the Robertson family—with whom he had rented a room—“my heart stopped,” she told me. They were married in 1927 by Alex Stewart and daughter Rose was born the following year. Two sons followed: Robert and David, the latter born in Winnipeg.

(Elsie’s two sons moved to England in the 1950s and married Canadian sisters but both marriages unfortunately ended.)

Elsie was quite musical. She sang solos and duets during times of “special singing” at the Maplewood Ave. church and at the Sherbourne St. congregation in Winnipeg in the 1930s. (In Winnipeg she sang duets with Lois Close, wife of J.J. Close, and gd.-mother of Jack Close who teaches at Western Christian College in Dauphin, MB, soon to move to Regina.) The Slaters were in Winnipeg from 1931–1940: Bob worked for Rogers Majestic Radio and they went West with that firm. During that time they had a cottage where she spent the summers with the children.

Mrs. S. played the violin; sister Emily played the organ; son David played the stand-up bass and also sang bass. She recalled that they used to have groups of young people to their house in Toronto to sing hymns: Ed Byne played the concertina and they had a great time. She remembers that at Maplewood they used a hymnal called *Sacred Songs and Solos* —it had a red canvas cover—and then, from the late 1930s(?) E.L. Jorgenson’s *Great Songs of the Church*. Jorgensen had stayed in their home in Winnipeg in the late 1930s.

Bob Slater died 28/10/1982. I knew them both from worshiping at the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ in the 1970s. They had an apt. at Bayview Ave. and Cummer and had me over to look at slides of Israel before I went there in 1975. Elsie counted their month-long trip to Israel in 1960 as one of her two great experiences. The other was singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” with the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir.

In 1987 Mrs. Slater moved to GPH, where Phyllis WHITE already lived. Elsie knew her from the Bathurst St. Church of Christ, which relocated to Bayview Ave. in 1941. Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, Minnie BOWMAN, Mary ELLIS, Frances MILLER, Jessie HUNTER, Ivy MCKAY, and Agnes YOUNG were all church friends from Toronto. In time Mary SLATER, her sister-in-law, came to live at GPH, and now Arthur JACKSON and his wife Emily—her sister, live here.

Elsie completely lost her sight toward the end of her life. She still had some sight when she met Doris PARSONS. In the course of conversation they found that they were both *Fletchers* and both from Birmingham, England. Further Elsie recalled that her father used to travel across the city to visit a cousin. Doris Parsons similarly lost her sight in the last years of her life. In all likelihood these two women were cousins!

Even after the loss of her sight—and her teeth!—Elsie could add the descant for a group of singers. And occasionally in her mid-90s she sang a solo. Residents and staff recall her singing “Bless This House” at a Tea when asked on the spur of the moment to do so. I’m told there wasn’t a dry eye.

Daughter Rose lives in Barrie.

Elsie has 12 grandchildren and eight gt.-grandchildren.

Graveside service at Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 09/09/1987

STAFFORD, Joyce *Gaskell*

19/11/1919–

B. Chester, England, near the Wales border: “little Switzerland”. She is one of four children; a sister and brother are still alive in England.

She came to America as a “war bride” and spent eight winters in Minneapolis; she was also in Spain and Monterey, California. She was widowed. Her daughter married a Canadian and that is how she came to Canada. Mrs. Stafford has known great sadness: a

21-year old daughter was killed in a car accident; she also lost a child. She has just one daughter left.

Mrs. S. came to GPH by way of Coleman Nursing Home, Creedan Valley, the hospital, and Newmarket! She has had a very interesting life and has a fine sense of humour.

GPH: 26/06/2001

STANSFIELD, Edith

02/06/1916–27/12/1999

B. in Toronto and lived there all her life. She was the youngest child of Joseph Stansfield and Edith McCarthy. Her three older brothers were: Lionel, Randolph (d. 1999), and Earl.

Her father had come from England at the age of seven with a programme to settle indigent children here. He had the good fortune to come to a farm near Port Hope, to a family that treated him as one of their own. He eventually became a broker for American films distributed in Canada.

As a girl Miss. S. enjoyed camping, hostelling and church activities. Along with several others she formed a group called “the Shawnees,” and this group continued to meet yearly at her cottage each September until recently. She was adventurous and got her pilot’s license when she was in her 30s.

Miss Stansfield’s career was that of a VON nurse and supervisor. In her retirement she worked at answering letters from seniors for the government.

Because she did not marry, she was especially close to her nieces and nephews, especially the latter because she loved to go on the rides at the CNE and to bicycle in High Park: they would leave notes in the woods, to be recovered the following year.

She loved to sing and was part of one of the large Toronto community choirs. Shortly before she died she joined in harmony when her family sang Christmas carols in her suite.

Miss Stansfield was cremated and her remains are to be placed with those of her parents at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

(Thanks to Pat Toal, Randolph’s daughter, for these details. Pat lives in Barrie, as did her father, a retired bank manager.)

GPH: 17/06/1999

STEPHENSON, Donald

08/03/1926–

B. in Barrie and went to school at Central Collegiate.

Mr. Stephenson spent three years with the artillery in WWII, then more time in the infantry. He worked for the CNR for 4 1/2 years; spent 37 years at Base Borden. He has four children, two sons in Barrie; one daughter in Aurora, the other daughter in London. The Stephensons lived at 125 Wellington St., a well-known address among people who have come to live at GPH; his wife still lives there.

Mr. Stephenson’s aunt, Emily FLEETHAM, was an early resident of GPH. She was his mother’s sister.

GPH: 01/05/2001

♦ ST. JOHN, Myra *Darke*

05/05/1910–

Mrs. St. John was born on a farm north of Lindsay. Her mother’s family name was Shier.

The St. Johns were very active at Collier St. United Church, where they were friends with Rev. Doug and Ada Muir: they have known each other since being together in Huntsville in the 1950s. Myra recalled that she and Owen knew Allan and Hazel

LEISHMAN during those years in Huntsville.

Myra's husband Owen died in 1981. She is proud of her husband's accomplishments:

A couple of months after Owen died, he was given the honour post-humously of being named "Barrie's Citizen of the Year." He had given many hours of volunteer work to the C.N.I.B., the United Way and the Cancer Society. The Legion asked me to accept the award for Owen at a banquet. I was in the hospital after an operation and my doctor said I could go to the banquet or receive the award, but not both! I did both but I asked Tom to speak for his father and me at the presentation.

Her son Tom is an administrator at Georgian College.

See also: Winifred *Darke* French in *Connections*.

GPH: 01/04/1997—A27

STUDDY, Roy

25/07/1923–07/09/2003

B. in Oakville, ON. His father was Hugh Fraser Studdy; his mother was Beryl (Ward-Price). Roy was one of three children; both brother John Hugh and sister Elizabeth pre-deceased him.

Mr. Studdy spent three years with the Navy in WWII, on a minesweeper by the name of *H.M.C.S. Minas*, patrolling the Atlantic. On D-Day he was at Omaha Beach.

He began married life with Joyce in Don Mills and from there they moved north ahead of development: to Maple, where their sons John, Bill, and Tom grew up; then to King City; then to Sandy Cove Acres.

His post-War occupations included auctioneering for Ward-Price Ltd.; Textile Manufacturers Agent; Executive with Patons & Baldwins.

The Studdys are members of St. Paul's, Innisfil. They were also much involved in church life during winters in Florida after his retirement in 1988, especially with a prison ministry. In Florida they also attended functions at a Church of Christ, so Roy knew the tradition. He first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme. He and Joyce were married fifty-two years.

Mr. Studdy was a very interesting person to talk to, with a dry sense of humour. His hobbies were building and restoring furniture, especially pine. He also enjoyed reading.

His most memorable expression: "It's a one-man job."

GPH: 19/12/2002

◆ SULLIVAN, Elizabeth ("Betty") *Irving*

24/10/1899–28/03/1999

B. at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, Scotland. She was the second of six children born to a nurse, Mary Kate Crawley of County Cork, and a soldier, Thomas Irving.

Her parents lived at New Lanark on the River Clyde. This community was the first experiment in socialism. Everything was available in that one community and everyone worked in the mills. It has been preserved as a kind of museum town; its residents are known for their longevity.

Her oldest sibling was born in India; she herself attended school until age 6 in South Africa. Her father was in the Boer War and WWI and held the rank of Regimental Sargeant Major.

Mrs. S. married a soldier whom she met at a dance where he was instructing everyone in the latest dance steps! He was from Lanarkshire, near Glasgow, and was

decorated in WWI with the Croix de Guerre.” They moved a good deal as is often the case with military families.

The Sullivans had four sons: two are here—Dr. Peter Sullivan and Gilbert; two remained in the British Isles, Vincent, who lives at Hart’s Hill, between Glasgow and Edinburgh, and Thomas (deceased) who lived at Milton Keynes, about 40 mi. N of London.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan came to Canada in 1976; Mr. S. died in 1982.

Betty liked to knit and made “hundreds” of baby shawls, according to Gilbert. She also enjoyed reading and was interested in world affairs. She participated in amateur dramatic productions in her home parish (St. Mary’s) in Scotland, and liked to sing. “Loch Lomond” was a favourite song. Indeed, at GPH we remember her singing in her very old age.

At the time of *Connections* Mrs. Sullivan was the last surviving resident of GPH from the 19th century. Two other residents born in 1899, James FLIGG and Mary LENNOX, died in 1998. Then Ada MARTIN came to live at GPH; she was born in 1896!

Betty was a member of St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church. Her mother was Catholic; her father was Presbyterian.

GPH: 04/02/1991—O93

SULLIVAN, Mary Jane

14/09/1924–

GPH: 03/07/2001

◆ SUTTON, Barbara *Wilson*

14/07/1907–26/05/2000*

B. in Barrie shortly after her parents came from near Edinburgh, Scotland, the fifth of nine children. Her parents were Thomas Laurie Wilson (1871–03/10/1937), who was born in West Calder, and Elizabeth Hamilton (02/04/1879), who was born in Edinburgh.

The names of Mrs. Sutton’s siblings are: Margaret (“Peggy”) (m. Robinson); Janet (“Jessie”) (m. Killmaster); Elizabeth (“Bessie”) (m. Teasdale); Jane (“Jean”) (m. Wallace); Thomas (“Sandy”); (Barbara); Mary; Grace; Donald. Tragically, Mary and Grace died at ages 6 and 4, respectively, after eating rhubarb in its early stages of sprouting, i.e., of poisoning.

After WWI the Wilsons settled on a farm in Vespra Twp. at Lot 18, Conc. 4—now St. Vincent St.—and grew vegetables.

Barbara worked as a clerk at the Woolworth’s store when it was on Dunlop St. until she married John Currie Sutton on Apr. 30, 1931.

They rented a farm in Flos Twp. near Phelpston for a year and then purchased Lot 27, Conc. 2, of Vespra Twp., now the Twp. of Springwater, near Midhurst, where they continued to farm. They loved farming and worked together to make a go of it. They raised one son, David, who works as an electrician at Base Borden.

When Currie’s health started to fail, they sold the home farm and retired, after building a new home on their pasture farm which was located on St. Vincent St., near the farm where Barbara grew up.

Mrs. S. loved young children and often talked about her experiences teaching Sunday School at the United Church in Midhurst. She and Currie enjoyed their years of nurturing their grandchildren, Mark and Nicole, with love and understanding during the retirement years.

Mr. Sutton died suddenly in 1980.

When she moved to GPH, Reta SUTTON made her feel welcome. Reta’s husband was a cousin of Currie and they knew each other well.

Barbara was a sister-in-law to Ed SUTTON. She remembered the “oyster feeds” they used to have with the family members, family reunions, fish feasts at New Year’s, birthday parties and anniversaries.

Barbara loved and respected her heritage. The sound of bagpipes filled her heart with joy and brought tears to her eyes. Once she had the opportunity to return to Scotland with her sisters to visit the birthplace of their parents and to visit relatives. Another time they made a trip to Spain together.

Mrs. Sutton and Currie, along with their grandson Mark, took a trip by train across Canada to the West Coast to visit friends there. They also travelled by car with Ed and Kim to the East Coast.

Barbara and her friend Nellie POOLE survived a bad hotel fire in Quebec in the 1970s. Several other Barrie people on the “Autumn Colours Tour” were not so fortunate. (Thanks to Isobel Sutton for much of this information.)

GPH: 12/01/1990—A13

T

♦ TAIT, Dorothy *Emery*

21/08/1914–

Mrs. Tait’s hobby was painting. Several of her watercolours hang on the walls of GPH. She has two daughters, Joan (m. Hodges) and Jacqueline (m. Collings).

For her lifestory see *Connections*. Mrs. Tait moved to Stratford from GPH in August, 2000.

GPH: 21/11/1997

THEW, Victor

18/09/1919–05/07/2000

B. in Cobourg. In 1941 he married Blanche Burns, daughter of Mary BURNS, and together they raised four children: Doug, of Barrie; Chris, of Bradford, Sidney, of Cornwall; a daughter, Linda, predeceased Mr. Thew.

After his marriage he enlisted in the military and served with the 30th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery in France, Holland and Germany. His father and brother served in the same outfit, which was also the company of Con Smythe. All three members of the family returned home unhurt.

The Thews lived in Toronto after WWII and Mr. Thew became a plumber and steamfitter. In 1956 they moved to Barrie where he helped form Local 599 of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union. He served as their business manager.

Among his hobbies was collecting stamps and coins, a hobby that he had had from his childhood.

Mrs. Thew recalls her husband as very kind; he seldom lost his temper; he was a great husband. He had seven grandchildren and one gt.-grandchild.

The Thews’ church connection is with St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Minesing.

GPH: 30/05/2000

TRAMER, Viola

08/09/1927–

Mrs. T. first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme.

GPH: 10/09/2001

TRUDEAU, Louis

25/10/1914–03/12/2001

B. in Penetanguishene, one of twelve children; all were born in the homestead with the help of midwives. At the time of his death, two siblings were still living.

Mr. T. was raised on Georgian Bay on an island. His formal education only lasted as far as grade 3, but he became a self-taught carpenter, plumber, and boat builder. He was an independent contractor, as well as a local guide. Self-sufficiency was typical of him and he liked to work alone.

He was married in 1939 and was the father of six children, three boys and three girls.

When daughter Rosemary (m. Rak) was two, the Trudeaus bought a fish camp which they called Moose Deer Camp. It was located on Twelve Mile Bay and they ran it for more than twenty years. That was followed by two years of living at Macteer; then, for two years they lived with Rosmary in the winter and returned to Twelve Mile Bay in the summer.

For seven years the Trudeaus lived at the seniors' residence at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in Barrie, and then when more care was needed Mr. T. came to live at GPH.

Mr. T. had a great love for wildlife. Rosemary recalled the family of mallards which were pets over several years, and countless chipmunks that "ran through the house". He also befriended a pair of orphaned bear cubs one time.

Mrs. Trudeau lives with daughter Nancy in Barrie.

Interment, following cremation: St. Anne's Cemetery at Penetang.

GPH: 04/02/2000

V

♦ VANBUSKIRK, Adelbert

13/07/1919–01/02/1999

Mr. VanBuskirk was born in Victoria Harbour, which was the home of his father. His mother was from Bay City, MI.

He was one of six children; he had four sisters and a brother: Dorothy (m. O'Hara), of Victoria Harbour; Delma (m. Hamilton), of Penetang; Joyce (m. Rogers), of Midland; Doris (m. Jones), of Brighton; Ken, of Sudbury, who died many years ago in a mining accident. He was also predeceased by his sisters, except for Joyce and Doris.

Mr. VanB. went to school in Victoria Harbour, worked in a lumber camp near Sprague, ON, then returned to Victoria Harbour. He married Lorena Hawkins, who was from the Callander area.

Most of his working life was spent with Falconbridge Nickel Mines, where he worked as a shift manager in the mill area. The family lived in Onaping Falls, which had begun as a "company town."

The VanBuskirks raised three children: Barbara (m. Wayne Corston), of Barrie; Michael and Shelley (m. Russ Doman), both of whom live Thompson, MB.

Mr. Van B. remarried in about 1988.

Health and family concerns brought him back to Penetang in July 1996; he lived at Sunset Manor in Collingwood before coming to GPH.

Mr. VanBuskirk was an active, outdoors person who liked sports—golf, skiing, tennis, snowmobiling, boating. He loved to play cribbage and taught his grandchildren well enough that they were eventually able to beat him! He was also a self-taught

musician and played several musical instruments, including piano and guitar.

He was a member of St. John's United Church in Levack, ON.

Interment is in Sudbury, with his wife.

GPH: 09/11/1998

VANDERWAL, S.

12/09/1916–

GPH: 07/07/2000

◆ VAUSE, Sarah *Schell*

06/07/1908–18/04/2002

Mrs. V. grew up at Sunnidale Corners—between Edenvale and Stayner—and remained there after her marriage. From a very young age she played the organ at the Presbyterian Church at Sunnidale Corners.

The Vauses had two girls and two boys and then adopted two boys. They worked for the Children's Aid Society. Over the years they cared for many, many boys and girls, from infants to teenagers.

Mr. V. died in the early 1970s.

After they retired from the farm the Vauses had a store at Craighurst.

In Barrie they lived at 205 Bayfield St. In July 1966 Vicki Bujold (now Henderson), who is part of the GPH nursing staff, rented an apt. from Mrs. Vause at that address following her marriage! Later the Vauses lived at 135 Wellington St., where they got to know Agnes KNEESHAW, her sister Lois STURGEON—they were next-door neighbours; also Agnes FLYNN.

Elizabeth BOWMAN was a sister of Sarah; Janet Bowman, who attends the Barrie Church of Christ sometimes, is a gt.-niece.

Mrs. Vause contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 3—“April 5th, 1934: Farmer's Wife”; “This is the Story of My Life.” She still plays the piano and some mornings one can hear her play in the Main Lounge.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo of Mrs. V. on July 8, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. A photo of Mrs. Vause's son John accompanies a story by Doug Crawford entitled “Postman delivers card from past. Mom's postcard reaches son's hands after 47 years” and published on Mar. 6, 1996 in the *Examiner*. For both clippings see GPH Scrapbook 2. Finally, Mrs. Vause appeared with Alex BOWMAN in two photos published in the *Examiner* on Sat., Sept. 25, 1999, that accompanied a story about the GPH garden.

GPH: 09/02/1994—A35

VIRGOE, Mary

08/09/1913–10/06/2000

GPH: 30/05/2000

W

WEBSTER, Mary

28/05/1915–

GPH: 23/08/2002—M63

WEEKS, Patricia Lee *Whittall*

27/08/1921-

B. in Los Angeles, the only child of Ernest and Helen Whittall. When she was five the family moved to Seattle and, three years later, her father was transferred to Toronto. Mrs. W. went to Branksome Hall school in Toronto and then to Teachers College, graduating in 1941 as a kindergarten specialist.

She left teaching in 1943 to join the RCAF. After training in Ottawa, she was assigned to classified work in the Operations Room of Eastern Air Command. This is where she met her husband Geoffrey W. and they were married in Forest Hill United Church, Toronto, on May 22, 1944.

In 1948 they moved to Toronto and in 1978 they retired to Horseshoe Valley. They made a final move to Barrie in 1996.

Travelling in North America, Europe, skiing, golf and cottaging with their children contributed to an interesting and happy married life.

The Weeks had three children: Nancy (m. Dickinson), a special education teacher in Collingwood High School; Sharon (m. Chapman), an ordained minister in the First Baptist Church, Guelph; Gregory, who is with a chemical company in Burlington.

In 2003 there were seven grandchildren, two gt.-grandchildren, with one more expected in July.

GPH: 11/01/2001

◆ WEGMAN, Verna Ilene *Easton* ARNOLD

22/03/1912-

B. in Toronto, the daughter of John and Grace Easton. She had an older sister, Freda. When her parents' marriage ended in 1914 an infant Verna was given up for adoption. Grace took her two remaining daughters to Alberta where she met and married a cowboy, Oscar Baihm, and a fourth daughter was born in 1922. Mrs. W. was especially fond of her youngest sister, Opal. She is now the only remaining sibling alive.

After returning from Alberta, the family lived in Bracebridge for a few years, then moved to Toronto. Mrs. W. worked in a shirt factory during the Depression, running a button machine. She and her mother were members of the Salvation Army during these years.

In 1941 Verna married Nelson Arnold and they had two daughters, Euneata Rose in 1942 and Eunice in 1946. They took in a foster child in 1953—Steven was three days old. After twelve years of marriage there was a misunderstanding that could not be reconciled and Verna moved to Haliburton Co. where she remained for nine years. There she worked as a live-in housekeeper to support her three children. During this time Verna was a member of the Locklin Orange Lodge.

In 1963 she and her two younger children moved to Bracebridge to be near her oldest daughter and new grandchild. Mrs. W. worked at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital as a cleaner of the operating room and O.R. equipment. She later worked at the Wells Motel and at The Pines, a home for Seniors. After the death of her son in 1971 she joined her daughter Eunice in Barrie. Here she worked at GPH as laundress.

Mrs. W. was baptized by Steve May in March 1970 at the age of sixty in the baptistry of the Barrie Church of Christ, since there was no baptistry in the Huntsville churchbuilding.

In 1977 Verna married her penpal, Albert Wegman. They lived on his son's farm near Fenwick ON. In 1990 Albert broke his hip and was confined to a wheelchair. He moved into a nursing home in Welland and Mrs. W. returned to Barrie the following year to live with her daughter Eunice and son-in-law Peter Johnston. Mr. Wegman died in 1993 and in 1995 Verna moved into GPH.

Mrs. W. has four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.
GPH: 25/11/1995—B60

WHITFIELD, Margaret *Cavanagh*
27/04/1918–
Mrs. W. is an artist.
GPH: 10/07/2002

WILKEY, George Thomas
14/12/1924–

Mr. Wilkey's father William Henry W. came from Bristol, England, and married Agnes McIndoe in London. Mr. W. is the youngest of their eight children. His mother was a church organist and Mr. W. is an accomplished, mostly self-taught pianist. Mr. W. grew up in London and graduated from Westervelt Business College.

He enlisted for WWII and served with a commando unit in North Africa and Italy. At the end of the War he was sent home to organize a disembarkation centre in Longbranch.

George met his wife Marguerite Robinson at an outdoors dance in London. He had applied and been invited to join the RCMP, but signing up meant not being able to marry for five years without the permission of the force. So, he got married instead, on June 21, 1947, and went to manage the Co-op store in Thamesville for ten years. (Marguerite was from Thamesville.) His children were born during this time: Warren (m. Ruth); Wendy (m. McCreary); Lawna (m. Uylenbroek); Larry (m. Thea).

From Thamesville the family moved to Toronto, where Mr. W. was in charge of District Personnel and Member Relations with the Co-op. His tenure with the Co-op extended to some 42 years, until his retirement in the late 1980s. One of the high points of his career was to participate in the 1962 month-long Commonwealth Conference on Human Consequences of a Changing Industrial Environment, convened at McGill University. The letter of invitation came from Prince Philip, Buckingham Palace! The Canadian contingent numbered about 30 people. Mr. Wilkey's group spent two weeks at Grand Falls, Nfld., and a week travelling across Canada to the University of British Columbia. There they spent the last week writing reports and analyzing them.

Mr. W. lectured at the University of Toronto for eight years in the area of industrial relations during his years in Toronto. He has a connection with the Georgian Bay area: he did the "incorporation papers" for the Co-ops in Meaford, Owen Sound, Thornbury-Clarksburg, and Kimberly.

When he retired he moved back to London; he lived at 555 Berkshire Dr. He made weekly trips to Woodstock to sing with the Woodstock Choralaires and made four trips to Europe with them—England, Scotland, Holland. Mr. W. was also in Vienna. In London, ON, he was also much involved with Mt. Zion United Church.

Three of his children are in the Barrie area: Warren and Larry both work for Georgian Pontiac; Lawna owns the Crazy Fox restaurant. Wendy lives in Calgary, where she is a teacher of gifted children. He is a grandfather of ten.

It was Parkinson's disease that brought Mr. Wilkey to GPH at a relatively young age.

Finally, a few months ago Mr. Wilkey told me the story of the trip to Cali-fornia. It goes like this.

The Bus Trip to Los Angeles

In the 1960s Mr. Wilkey, his wife, brother-in-law, wife, and their children (14 altogether) went on a three-week bus trip to Los Angeles, to visit his sister-in-law. They borrowed a brand new bus from his wife's brother-in-law, i.e., from Allan Badder Bus Lines. Plywood was put across the tops of seats to make beds; all the kids had responsibilities for keeping the bus clean. It was a very memorable trip: one week out, a week there, one week back. George drove the bus through the Mojave Desert at night, when it was cooler.

One of the stories involves a stop at Salt Lake City. A policeman stopped them and asked if he could help them in any way. Since it was so hot, he said he would open a local school so they could use the olympic-size swimming pool. He left them for an hour and then came back and locked up the school again. When they crossed the border back into Canada, the customs officer refused to believe the bus was Canadian. The bus was taken to a garage and put up on a hoist, whereby an examination of the exhaust system proved the bus was in fact a Canadian made bus!

GPH: 22/04/2002

WILLER, Phillip Oliver

04/04/1908–18/09/2002

Mr. W. was born in Foldahl Twp., Marshall Co., Minnesota, one of five children. When he was 16 the family moved to farm near North Battleford, SK.

Mr. W. took flying lessons and in 1930 made his first solo flight with the Northern Aero Club. The biplane he flew —“the Pheasant” is in the Western Development Museum at Moose Jaw. His flying came to an end in 1933 when he came East in search of work. He found it at a logging camp in Wye, ON, on the Spanish R. and, the following year, in the Fort Frances and Thunder Bay areas. In 1937, when the highways were being built that would become the Trans-Canada, he started in construction work. He had a talent for operating and maintaining heavy equipment. He worked for Tomlinson Const. for 25 years. The book about his life includes photos of his recovery of a bulldozer, fully submerged in mud!

In WWII he helped build airports, e.g., at the Pas and Carberry, MB. He met Hazel Cousins at Carberry and they were married on Christmas Day, 1941. Their four children (Dennis, Carol [m. Bean], Barry, Art) were born in different places across SK, MB and ON. Art, the youngest, was born in Barrie. Mr. W. was often away from home after their move to Barrie. He worked on the 400 series of highways when they were started. His employers were Varcoe and Cooke in Barrie for a short while, then King Paving in Oakville (another 25 years!). He retired at the age of 78.

Dennis and Evelyn manage the Food Bank in Barrie; the other three children live in Pakenham (Carol and Brian), Fort Erie (Barry and Sheelagh), and Markham (Art and Wendy).

The information here is drawn from the fascinating book about Mr. Willer's life: *Family Pride: The autobiography of Phillip Oliver Willer*, by Phillip O. Willer, with Art Willer and Hazel Willer (Copyright 1998, Phillip, Hazel and Art Willer). Copies are available from Art Willer, 19 Marmill Way, Markham L3P 7V6.

GPH: 02/05/2001

◆ WILLIAMSON, John

03/11/1920–

B. in Vancouver at 2412 Heather St.

His father worked with the Hudson's Bay Company.

When he was a young child the family moved to Markham Twp., where his parents farmed.

He served with 6th Bomber Command in WWII.

Mr. W. graduated from the University of Western Ontario and became a teacher. He did "student teaching" at Lawrence Park Collegiate in about 1951–52. Lorraine Maher (Director, S.E. Programme) attended that school for one year at a later date and at the same time as my childhood friends Tom, Nancy, and Mark Trusler.

Mr. W. taught math and geography at the secondary school level. He taught in north Toronto, in Barrie at Central Collegiate, and again in Toronto. He retired in 1985.

John and Dorothy W. have two sons: Gary and Ward, both of whom live in Barrie. Gary works in computers. Ward worked for Goodyear, now for American Biltrite, which is based in Sherbrooke, P.Q.

Mr. W. first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme.

In one of our first conversations I said that I was originally from Meaford and Mr. W. asked if I knew "the Brown twins," whom he had known through his teaching career and who had excelled as athletes, in running.

Finally, John has a wealth of poems, sayings and songs that he can recite, including some of Allan Sherman's songs, like "Camp Granada." He has had an amazing memory.

On 06/06/2001 he rhymed off for me half a dozen of the Burma Shave slogans. These appeared along American highways and roads, on signs a short distance apart, a few words to a sign. They were finally removed (upkeep? driving distraction?) but anyone travelling on American highways into the 1960s will remember them. Here are a half-dozen. Each concluded with the words "Burma Shave".

Old Macdonald had a farm
He shaved so hard he broke his arm.

Beard unruly
Meet yours truly.

If you think she likes your bristles
Then walk barefoot on some thistles.

The cannoneers with hairy ears and wiry whiskers
Use tin shears.

Shaving resembles a tail-chasing pup—
Follow and follow but never catch up.

"At ease," she said, "manoevers begin
when you get those whiskers off your chin!"

Burma Shave.

John picked these up while travelling in Michigan and in NY State in the Buffalo area.

GPH: 17/03/1998

WILLOUGHBY, Ivene *Cleary*

12/10/1910–18/08/2003

B. Oct. 12, 1910 in Ivy. Her father's name was Bill Cleary; she had one sister Wilhelmine.

She grew up on a farm and was a keen horse lover. Her day was complete if she got the opportunity to hitch up a team of horses or oxen, to ride them or to go into the fields to plow the land with her father. Her sister "Willy" was the girl to stay in the house with the mother and do the cooking and baking while Ivene wanted nothing better than to be in the barns. While a school girl, she would hitch up the horse and buggy and pick up other students on the way to the one-room school in Ivy.

Ivene stayed on the farm with her parents until she was 33 years old, when she married Norman Willoughby. He had two brothers, Keenan and Randolph. Ivene and Norman moved into Barrie for a few years and then, in 1952, they built their home in Stroud, where Ivene lived until her move to GPH. Wes, their only child, was their pride and joy.

After Willy's husband Bob Stevenson died, Willy lived with Ivene and Norman in the winter months. The two sisters were "characters" who loved to take up a challenge. One of those was their entry into the *Barrie Examiner* contest to solicit the most new customers. Of course, Ivene and Willy won and they were sent, all expenses paid, to New York City. While there they had an evening with the one-time famous "Queen for a Day" TV series.

Ivene was never without a job and most of her life she had two jobs, even though at that time she was the primary care giver for her father who lived in her home. Her first contract with Canada Post was in 1952: she would meet the train in Stroud and take out the outgoing mail and bring in the incoming mail. A few years later she had the contract to clean the Stroud Public School in the evenings; during the day she was the switchboard operator for the Stroud Telephone Office. She said that in her spare time—two evenings a week—she would run the Stroud Charity Bingos.

When they changed the location of the Stroud telephones, the contract was awarded to Ivene to have the dispatch office for the Police and Fire department in her home. She employed four people, one of which was her best friend Irma Srigley, known as "Tats". They ran a 24-hour service. When Ivene would get a fire call, she would activate the siren on the Fire Hall from her home and call all the Volunteer Firemen. If it was a busy night or during a snow storm, her employees would just bed down at Ivene's so they wouldn't have to fight the storm. She was ahead of her time: her house was a 24-hour coffee shop! During their shifts, the Police and Firemen would drop into Ivene's and get some hot tea, homemade pie or her famous tea biscuits. Every call was logged and all radio communications with the police cars were written in the log.

After her contract with the phone company was finished, Ivene went to work at RVH in the laundry and continued to work the Bingos at night.

An opportunity came up to bid on a contract with Canada Post for the delivery of mail in the then brand-new Sandy Cove Acres, Phase 1. She was the successful bidder and started the job at the Stroud Post Office when she was 65 years old and worked the route until she was 80! After 15 years, through rain, sleet or storm, she retired. After that she would go in to help other postal workers from time to time. She passed her driver's test until the age of 83; before her 84th birthday she withdrew her driving privileges herself.

After Norman died at the age of 80 in 1980, Ivene lived alone in her home in Stroud, with the exception of the time she was the primary care giver for her grandson

Trevor, who was in elementary school, and when she looked after her granddaughter Lisa and put her through hairstyling school. Ivene enjoyed her garden and, every year up to the age of 84, she would pull the rip cord on her rototiller and run through the soil, and plant row by row. Almost everything she grew she gave to others.

Ivene looked after herself and lived on her own until she was 92. With her health deteriorating, she came to live at GPH. She had come to GPH with the S.E. Programme so she knew the Home and people who live and work here. She never had a bad word for anyone and never complained about anything. Ivene's saying was, "I'll just make the best of it."

She was a member of the Eastern Star and Essa Road Presbyterian Church.

For those of us who would like to learn the secret of Ivene's longevity, she was an avid fan of vinegar—on anything! Her life is proof that hard work never hurt anyone.

GPH: 15/11/2002

WILSON, Lois

27/02/1921–

GPH: 02/05/2002

WINDSOR, Olive May *Humber* ROBERTS

12/02/1907–04/05/2002

B. in Bonne Bay, Nfld. She had five siblings and survived all of them.

At the age of 28 Mrs. W. went to Montreal, where she married a Newfoundland. He was a contractor and they moved around a fair bit. They adopted a daughter, Judy (m. Zoppi), in St. John, N.B.

When Judy was seven Mr. Roberts died.

For many years Mrs. W. lived in the "Foundation" in Montreal. Her church was St. Thomas Anglican Church: she was there when the cornerstone was laid. Judy sang in the jr. choir, then the sr. choir. The Molson family, of brewing fame, is a supporter of that church.

After Mrs. W. had fallen a couple of times, she moved from Montreal to live with Judy, near Brechin, then to an apt. in Orillia, then to GPH.

Mrs. Windsor was certainly a survivor. She told me that she had had twenty (medical) operations in her lifetime. In the winter of 2001-2 she almost died, and that peacefully, only to return for a few more months. She would always ask me, "Why am I still here?" (!!)

Her eventual departure was also peaceful.

She had a very good sense of humour.

At her memorial service Judy offered the following reflections about her mother:

My mother lived a long and fulfilled life. From a small town on the west coast of Newfoundland to her time spent at Grove Park Home, she lived her life with a sense of duty and a strong determination. She would, however, take time to enjoy being the centre of a celebration, attending all those special occasions with family and friends. Her "pet peeve" was to be asked her age. Her reply would be fast and scolding: "One *never* asks a lady her age!"

She loved her grandchildren dearly and always tried to accommodate their requests without hesitation. For example, when they were young and she would sleep over, they would awaken her early in the morning, saying, "Here are your teeth and your glasses; please get up and make us eggs!"

Her baking talents were renowned: her pie crusts, sticky buns, and raspberry squares were unbeatable. Her face would light up with the compliments on her cooking.

After I learned of my adoption, I questioned what influenced my being — heredity or environment? But in the last week of my mother's life, I discovered it was just two different kinds of love. Our son sums up his feelings for his grandmother with this excerpt from a poem by Barbara Cage, entitled "What is a Gramma?":

A grandma is warm hugs and sweet memories ...
She is the person who loves you with all her heart
and remembers the child you were,
and cherishes the person you've become.

Mom's ashes were taken to the place she called home— Montreal. A celebration of her life was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church and her ashes interred with my dad in Mount Royal Cemetery on May 30, 2002.

Mission accomplished: mom, we love you and may you now rest in peace.

Daughter Judy (m. Bob Zoppi) lives at Brechin. She and Bob have two children: Laurie (m. Bruce Balson) and Rob (m. Keri).

GPH: 01/08/2001

WRIGHT, Dalton Warren

31/10/1920–15/06/2001

Mr. Wright was the eldest son of Ernest and Lucille Wright and brother of Marjorie and Gordon.

He attended school at the one-room schoolhouse on the corner of Bayfield and Cundles Sts., along with the rest of the Cundles community families, the Bells, Ferrises, Cummings, Wilsons, Baldwicks, Newtons, and Pearsons. He went to high school at Barrie Central Collegiate.

Mr. Wright left school in grade 11 to help on the family farm on St. Vincent St., across the road from where the police communications tower now stands, i.e. just north of Cundles. At 18 he was delivering milk in Barrie with a horse-drawn milk wagon for his uncle Henry Smith of Smith Farm Dairy, as well as working on the home farm.

In 1945 Mr. Wright left home and worked for Wes Cochrane and, later, Bond Haven Farms, as a herdsman, showing cattle at local fairs and at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. In 1950 artificial insemination started in the livestock industry and Mr. Wright took a job with Toronto District Cattle Breeders. It was at this time that he met Ralph Johnson, who also worked for Toronto District, and they became lifelong friends.

In 1955 Mr. Wright took over the family farm on St. Vincent St. and started farming fulltime. Twelve years later, in 1967, he married Margaret Caldwell, and they farmed together, eventually selling that farm and buying and selling two other farms in Midhurst.

Because of his failing eyesight, they moved to 63 Eugenia St. in Barrie in 1981. Mrs. Wright died on June 10, 1989. Mr. Wright lived there until he moved into GPH. He was able to live independently all those years because of the kindness and help of many, such as CNIB volunteers Ellen Dunn and Arlene Stone; best friend Ralph Johnson; his brother Gordon, and nephew David Caldwell.

Mr. Wright had a special love for and a great way with dogs, a trait he inherited from his mother. Nephew Robert remembers Watchie, Tipper, Monte, and Fritzie. He had

a great sense of humour and enjoyed playing practical jokes, like hiding in the back seat of Ralph Johnson's car as he and Barb left a dance at Minesing, or showing up at a house party in a long-haired wig.

Growing up in the Depression, he, like many of his generation, appreciated personal wealth, and he had a distinct dislike for banks. In later years he held mortgages for numerous people and family members, and always treated them in a fair and generous manner.

Mr. Wright always had a keen interest in what was happening in the world. He always listened to the news and countless talk shows on the radio. He was very interesting to talk to and had his own opinion on any subject. Politics especially was a personal favourite.

His eyesight began to fail him in his early thirties and steadily deteriorated until he became totally blind, three years before his death. He never felt sorry about his situation. He made up for his loss of sight in other ways. Individuals who had not seen him for a number of years were surprised to find that he would immediately recognize their voice and call them by name.

His memory was truly unique: he could remember people's names, who their mother and father were, who they were related to by marriage, the lot and concession of their farm, who owned it before them and before that person—that never ceased to amaze his family. If you introduced him to someone he could always connect them through their family tree to someone he knew.

(Thanks to Mr. Wright's nephew, Robert Wright, for this account of his uncle's life.)

GPH: 30/11/2000

◆ YOUNG, Agnes *Banks*

05/07/1914–09/02/2001

B. in Scotland, south of Edinburgh; one of five children of Thomas Stenhouse Banks and Helen Watt.

The family emigrated to Canada in 1927. One of Agnes' brothers had training as a baker so the family opened Bank's Scotch Bakery at 1084 St. Clair Ave. W., then later moved to 770 on the same street. When I asked what Scottish things they baked she mentioned oat cakes and Abernathy biscuits.

Agnes married Charles Y. on Hallowe'en 1944. Mr. Y. worked at Kodak in Weston for some 32 years; she continued working at the bakeshop, for some 25 years altogether. They lived in Thornhill.

The Youngs had one son, Bill (m. Jo-Ann), who lives in Richmond Hill.

Like her sister Anne (m. Roy Witty), Agnes has long-standing roots in the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ. Her brother Dan (m. Neta) was father to Janet Banks, wellknown for work at Camp Omagh, a church camp near Milton.

Mrs. Young relates the following about her life:

When we lived in Bathgate, Scotland, times were pretty hard. Dad worked in the foundry; Peter was learning the baking trade and the other two boys, George and Dan, could only get paper routes. I remember at Christmas time Anne and I would hang our stockings up—we got 1 apple, 1 chocolate bar, and 1 threepenny and we thought that was great!

Dad thought we would be better in Canada, so we came to Toronto in 1927. The three boys and Dad all got jobs in one week. Then, later, Peter decided to open a bakeshop where we all worked together.

Dad passed on in 1936 when he was only 50, so mother ws left to bring us up. We still carried on the bakeshop, until 1965. Through all our good times and sad times we never regretted coming to Canada.

Anne and I used to go fishing on Georgian Bay with George. One day we went out on a boat and it was quite a way out. George told me to throw the anchor out, which I did. He decided to move on, so he told me to bring the anchor in. When I discovered there was no rope Anne and I could do nothing but laugh, but I am sure all Georgian Bay heart the sweet names he called me. I turned around and said that I had done as I was told!

I have been back to Scotland and England three times and I have also seen quite a bit of Canada—out west to Victoria, down east to Prince Edward Island; also to California.

In June 1998 Agnes took a cruise to Alaska with Anne and Roy.

GPH: 15/08/1997

III. Trivia

Ah, yes! A mountain of little-known connections exist among the residents who live at GPH. Test your knowledge with these questions. There is no prize, just a certain level of satisfaction in knowing some answers!

1. What well-known actor did Beatrice ARNEM serve when she worked in the Hot Shoppe restaurant in Florida?

John Wayne

2. What GPH resident was a cousin of Frederick Banting, co-discoverer of insulin?

Don BANTING

3. How many GPH Veterans can you name?

Frank BARBER; Bob BRYSON; Brian HOPE; Allan LEISHMAN; Marg LONG; Roma MACALLUM; Phyllis MURRAY; Don STEPHENSON; Roy STUDDY; Victor THEW; Patricia Whittall WEEKS; George WILKEY; John WILLIAMSON.

Which of these served on corvettes in the Navy? —Roy.

Which served with two brothers in the same “outfit” as hockey legend Conn Smythe? —Mr. THEW

4. Who lived at GPH the longest, among residents whose biographies appear in this book?

Flo BURROWS—22 years.

5. Which GPH resident met Canadian astronauts Chris Hadfield and Sally Wright through his work with Spar Aerospace?

Henk HEKKENBERG

6. Can you name some artists who have lived at GPH?

Peter LAPLANTE; Margaret WHITFIELD

7. Which GPH resident was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by the City of Oakville for her work with the Survivors of Stroke support group?

Roma MACALLUM

8. Can you name GPH's oldest residents? Don't count anyone younger than 105!

Margaret CUMMING: 30/10/1875–14/10/1982 12/09/1972. Miss Cumming died at the age of 106 years, 11 months, and 14 days. She lived at GPH ten years, one month, and one day.

Ada MARTIN: 29/02/1896–02/01/2000. Mrs. Martin lived to the age of 106 years, 10 months, and 7 days. She lived at GPH three years and three days.

9. These residents were “war brides”.

Molly MEADE; Joyce STAFFORD

10. Can you name some nurses who have lived at GPH?

Susan COWARD, Joan HOBSON, Edith STANSFIELD

11. What resident lived at GPH the longest? You will need the first volume of *Connections* to answer the question.

Gertrude HARRIS moved into GPH on Sept. 18, 1968; she died on June 5, 1997, that is about three months short of 30 years of residence!

If you knew “Gertie” you probably also knew Edna KNUPP, who moved into GPH with her mother on May 31, 1968 and lived at GPH until May 30, 1993, i.e., she lived here one day short of 25 years.

12. You guessed GPH's two oldest residents in question 8 above. Can you add to that list other residents who have lived to be 100 or more? In descending order they are:

Lila JONES	01/01/1892–18/12/1996 = 104 yrs., 11 mos., 17 d.
Emily JACKSON	26/02/1902–
Susan COWARD	11/04/1894–15/10/1995 = 101 yrs., 7 mos., 4 days
Lottie PARKER	05/08/1896–02/07/1997 = 100 yrs., 10 mos., 27 d.
Emma JONES	17/11/1891–10/10/1992 = 100 yrs., 10 mos., 23 d.
Florence ROBINSON	24/05/1879–31/07/1979 = 100 yrs., 2 mos., 7 days
Flo BURROWS	31/12/1902–05/01/2003 = 100 yrs., 5 days

13. Ninety-nine is very close: here are those who saw 100 just ahead.

Lillian BELL	18/10/1901–24/01/2001 = 99 yrs., 3 mos., 6 days
Minnie BOWMAN	01/02/1897–14/07/1996 = 99 yrs., 5 mos., 13 days
Elsie SLATER	04/12/1900–18/11/2000 = 99 yrs., 11 mos., 14 days
Betty SULLIVAN	24/10/1899–28/03/1999 = 99 yrs., 5 mos., 4 days

14. Which of these 99 year-olds has a sister who has lived to be more than 100?

Emily *Fletcher* JACKSON and Elsie *Fletcher* SLATER are sisters.

15. You will have noticed that all these most elderly residents of GPH are women. Who is the oldest man to live at GPH, so far that is?

Maybe it's Jim FLIGG 27/07/1899–17/05/1998 = 98 yrs., 9 mos., 20 days.
Then there is William STEELE 16/07/1884–29/08/1981 = 97 yrs., 1 mo., 13 days. Harold GILBY, who lives now at GPH was born on Aug. 15, 1905, that is, as of Nov. 15, 2003 he was 98 years and 3 mos. old.

16. For *Connections* there were two Valentine's Day birthdays as follows:

Bertha FLANAGAN (1914)
Ernest WHITEELL (1911)

Any since? No.

17. February 29th births are rare. For *Connections 2* we can add one to that of Edna Rivers. There have been 644 residents of GPH, so you can figure out the percentages.

Ada MARTIN (1896)
Edna RIVERS (1904)

IV. Meditations

The meditations that follow were offered on occasions of departure at Grove Park Home. They are reproduced here in hopes that they may be useful to those who are facing this event and, generally, for the pastoral care of us all.

“The wellsprings of identity”¹

To pass from this life is as natural an event as entering it. Today we witness the natural cycle of all things. It would be the choice of each of us to die at a grand old age, in our own beds, having spent the day in a favourite activity; to die in our sleep, gently, peacefully, with no pain. Some of us will experience such a departure from this world, but most of us will not, in varying degrees. Whatever the case, our departure is natural.

In the case of Harold, the end of his life was fraught with many losses, with discouragement and frustration. Why is life so difficult sometimes at the end and why do the good die so young? I don't know, but it happens that way.

On a day like today, we assess what was left behind. As I think of Harold, to the extent that I knew him, these things come to mind. You who are his family and close friends can doubtless improve on my remarks.

1. Harold left to his family the example of a long, loving marriage. It was a privilege to know both Harold and Muriel, to know their marriage, something greater than either of them individually.

2. Harold and Muriel raised you their children to be caring people. This “success” in life is often overlooked. For you who are grandchildren, you recognize that your parents are the way they are because of your grandparents.

3. Mr. Greenwood was loved. It is paradoxical that the more we love someone and recognize them as lovable, the greater is our pain at their departure. From this point of view, grief and sorrow are a positive response to loss. Your grandfather and father was a lovable person.

4. Harold enjoyed life. His was a life full of family, friends, work, and community. He liked to tell stories and to remember good times spent with Muriel and his children. He loved you.

Oddly, a life lived fully will know both happy and sad times, both joy and sorrow. Why is

¹Harold Greenwood 30/04/1930–20/06/2001*

that? Why isn't there a "university of easy learning"? Why is it that happiness is defined by sadness, and sadness by joy? I don't know.

Two days before his death, Nathan was born—the name means "God's gift": entrance into the world; departure from it. Somehow life is about both: both birth and death are meaningful and in some strange way contribute to the other. The human year knows both the heat of summer and the cold of winter and without these extremes there would be neither spring nor fall, times of new growth and radiant beauty.

So, where is God in all of this? Does God leave us at the door of sorrow, or is he waiting within that door? The God who is present here today knows all about pain, sorrow, loss, for these are front and centre in the Christian faith. But the faith is also about resurrection, about the possibilities once one has accepted sorrow as a teacher. To know sorrow is to open oneself at the same time to life.

"If you dig beneath the snow"¹

What a winter it has been! Snow, snow, snow; rain; cold; snow. Sunshine; melt; snow. Ice. Snow. Deeper snow. And this isn't even Wawa!

The other day, as I was clearing the walkway into the churchbuilding, the shovel went off the walkway to reveal green grass beneath the snow. And it made me think of the life that lives beneath the harsh snows above.

Today we have gathered in sadness: a young person—yes, relatively so; a vivacious wife, mother, grandmother; an encourager, a courageous person. A worshiper. A huge empty place left behind. A harsh cold; deep snow.

And yet, and yet, the life beneath the experience. Muriel, in her very tenuous state of health, thinking of those around her—her excitement at babies to arrive later this year; her ability to accept one day at a time; her exemplary courage; and even in her extreme illness, beautiful. Then her family: the life she shared with you, Harold, and all that you meant to her—together here at GPH; the love and support of the four of you: Mary Beth, Donna, Jim and Gerry and your spouses and your children! The life beneath the snow.

To you, her grandchildren, a word. Today, a long time before one had hoped, you are witnessing part of the circle of life. How will your grandma be with you now? In *The Lion King*, wise Rafiki tells Simba that his father, though dead, will always be with him: he can look at the stars of the sky and know that Mufasa will always be there. And it is true. It will not be the same, but it will be important. To know that your people lived with grace, humour, dignity, strength, courage, intelligence, faith, love for one another, love for the world around—and to know they were lovable: this is no small legacy, no small gift to carry with you.

That there is life beneath the snow is a matter of faith, as so much of life is. During Muriel's time at GPH she worshiped here on Sundays, when she could. She was here last Sunday. She was a person of faith.

¹Muriel Klein Greenwood 15/11/1933–22/02/2001*

In the days that are ahead you will be grieving. It is good to grieve. The title of a book reads, *Don't Take My Grief Away*. Our grieving is a natural process that can't be short-circuited, if we are to be healthy, if we are going to integrate the experience of loss into our experience of maturing as human beings.

In these days, with the support of one another, your friends, you may find there is more beneath the snow than you expected. And unexpected resources will emerge to see you through.

“Closing up the cottage”¹

I knew Kay JOHNSON for most of the time that she lived at GPH: she came to live here on Mar. 21, 1984. We shared many, many conversations; her excitement about family gatherings of one kind or another. She was a very clever person and her quick wit and ability to mimic were a constant source of fun. And the plays on words: Winterpeg, fandamily, p-nomia ... I often called her “Ms. Kay,” and she called me “hun.”

Most of all, I think of Kay in relation to her ability to raise five children by herself. As some of you know, their father took the car to get a pack of cigarettes one night and didn't come back. And this experience did not leave her embittered about life, or love, or family. Amazing.

In her passage from this life she was blessed to have her family around her. I sometimes liken passage from this world to closing up the cottage at the end of a season: shuttering the windows, disconnecting the water supply, putting things away, making everything secure. It's not something that can easily be rushed—there's much to do. And over the period of days that you spent with her as a family you were able to say your good-byes, reflect at length about your life together, and simply be there. Not everyone enjoys such a departure from this world.

The analogy of the cottage has other dimensions. The theme of journey is important to Christians—we stay in this world for just a little while, we “cottage” here, as it were. Then we move on. The promise of the cottage is that there will be another season. We believe that our time spent here is worthwhile, lived in God's presence and service, but we trust that the cottage will be opened up again. In the light of that hope our departure, though sad, opens up new realities of life in God. So it is that today, we say good-bye, well done, enjoy the presence of God until we meet again.

“All Things Resolved”²

Psalm 23:6

Every human life longs for resolution. Indeed, the whole world longs for resolution, which we might also call “peace” or “equilibrium”. The apostle Paul says that the creation groans as if in labour in its longing for deliverance. Whether it's the Middle East

¹Kay Johnson 25/01/2000*

²Gladys Roots Harvey 27/06/1910–28/06/2002*

crisis, terrorism, Enron or World.com, diseases like MS, Parkinson's or cancer—we all live with the impulse toward resolution. We long for an end in sight.

The great psalm ends with such an expression. It comes in a statement of confidence that the worshiper will experience God's goodness and mercy and find a dwelling with God: "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever"—as we memorized it in the KJV, or "and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long" as it reads in a modern translation. Either way, there is a hope for a place for one's life in God. That is resolution.

Your mother and grandmother has found such a resolution: a very long life, a life lived well, a life lived in service, a life of interest in others; a life as a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother; a spiritual life, given expression in church, in teaching Sunday School, in interest in children; an intellectual life; a life that appreciated nature and beauty; a good life.

At some point in a very long life, there is more to go to than to leave. And so there is a resolution to human longing as Mrs. HARVEY joins her parents, her siblings, her son-in-law, who, at their deaths, took a little of Gladys with them. She is at peace.

Finally, we are what we have been given. These moments are a time to assess what we have been given and what we have done with it. Mrs. Harvey left us with all things resolved. At times like this we each work our way to some sort of resolution, which comes with days and times. For some time Mrs. Harvey had been anticipating her departure and, in so doing, has made it easier for you her family, to resolve her passing from the world of the flesh to the world of the spirit, from a world of confinement to the world of being in our hearts and minds.

Mrs. Harvey was a Christian and lived in the hope that we will all meet again, in the resurrection on that Great Day. We thank God for her discipleship.

"Who will finish the quilt?"¹

Today we recognize the passing from our family and community someone who was exemplary in her humanity, her kindness, her helpfulness; someone who lived out her Christian faith from day to day; an independent person who contributed a gentle perspective wherever she was. She touched a lot of people.

Those of us who live here at GPH, or who work here, express our sympathies to you her family. Those who were her tablemates—Ruth BLEVINS, Mary MOLL, and Regina MELADY—will miss her deeply.

On Monday, as her family was packing up her things, Mary brought them a quilt, the last one that Evelyn GIFFEN worked on. It is almost finished, except for the edging. The quilt leads me to these thoughts.

Evelyn was prepared to leave this world. Everything had been taken care of: her family, her friends, her faith. But, there's the quilt. She didn't make it for herself; it was for others, for her grandchildren, or great-grandchildren that might arrive someday.

¹Evelyn Brown Giffen 10/09/1916–20/07/2001*

I take the quilt to be symbolic of what each of us leaves behind in this world, namely, some tasks for others to take up. For you her family, her legacy will live on in the way you go about your lives, re-tell her story, and remember her. For others of us, there are acts of kindness that we will do that will carry on the kind of interests that Evelyn had. So each of us can have a part in working on the quilt. Or so it seems to me.

“The impact of one life”¹

When people live such long lives it gives their families and friends on occasions like this the opportunity to reflect on the very great impact a single life can have. Mr. BANTING had the good fortune to fall in with the McDonald family and most of his life’s story is the story of the family business, the enjoyment of the extended McDonald family, and of his nephews, nieces and beyond. It’s a rich story.

With every departure from this life, no matter how long a person has lived, there is sadness: good-byes are never easy and people like Don, who leave strong memories behind, are always missed. It’s the paradox of life that those who make the greatest impact upon us are missed the most.

But there is sadness and there is sadness and our sadness today is tempered with the reality that his was a very long life, lived well; he was loved and loved in return; he had the support of family, even in old age. He had a long and meaningful marriage. And so today your sadness is ameliorated by a sense of thanks. Even in death he was blessed: a brief, painless departure from this world.

For me, I will remember the photos of his life at Foote’s Bay, photos filled with good memories of community, family and friends.

“On joining Ina”²

Robert BRYSON was only 21 when the War ended and his time in action was limited, but today we recognize in his death one more casualty of things his generation experienced. For the War not only destroyed his hearing but it left him with a lifetime of dreadful memories that would not go away. As was the case with so many young people, the young man who went was not the young man who came back.

In his wife Ina he found someone who was strong and outgoing, a wonderful counterpoint to his quiet nature. Together they raised Connie, married to Don, who lives in Edmonton. Ina died in 1993 and with her much of Bob died too because he was completely lost without her.

It was really the loss of Ina that brought Bob to GPH at such a young age—72, a second generation resident, since his mother had lived here from 1989–1991. We all liked him: tall, quiet, modest, thoughtful, helpful, well-read, spiritual. I mention his spirituality in particular, because his bookshelves were full of intellectually deep Christian classics—

¹Don Banting 1906–11/2000

²Robert Bryson 25/05/1924–19/08/2000*

Nouwen, Petersen, Buechner. Indeed, it was Bob who introduced me to Frederick Buechner, first to his *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations*. We often talked and sometimes he came to worship with us in this place. We all liked him. Those of us who knew him were troubled by his increasing illness, his “troubled soulness” and we longed for healing for him.

When I saw him a week ago he lay peacefully in his bed. There was classical music playing—thank you to the staff for that: I thought, “He’d like that.” I looked at his books and all he had read, said a prayer. And then he took leave of us a few days later.

Connie and Don have shared their thoughts with me about his death, sad but not tragic, not like Ina’s which was tragic for Bob. So he has gone to join her.

Bob loved his family, in his own particular way. The visits to Edmonton were special. Sarah was special. Your grandpa loved you. It’s an important realization to know that the love with which we are loved reaches back another generation.

So today we say good-bye to Bob, whose life touched many of us. He will live on here amongst those of us who knew him. We bid him God’s speed as he joins his ancestors and especially, his beloved Ina.

“Grandparents root us in the world”¹

Each of us is a unique individual. Each of us has a unique journey, a unique life. No other life, no other person, will travel precisely the way we do. Our own individual life, unique, is imprinted with the life of those who are our family, and by the experiences in life which are our own. Today we recognize the passing of one life, one unique person, namely Mrs. DAY.

We gather as family, as friends, to reflect upon her life, the contribution her life made to our own way in the world.

I knew Mrs. Day from the time of her arrival at Grove Park Home and those of her family whom I know, I know because she was part of that community of people. My own feeble comments draw on my conversations with her and with you. The first thing that struck me about Mrs. Day was her smile, because she was one of those people whose smile just made you feel good. As you got to know her, what was important in her life became readily apparent: her family, her east coast-Newfoundland roots, and music. The entry about her life in the Connections book underlines these loyalties: family gatherings, trips to Newfoundland, good food, and her accordion.

At times like these we think of legacy, what was left behind. It’s clear that Mrs. Day was able to pass on to her children the importance of family. Maybe her own emphasis on family came in part from the loss of her parents and a brother, when she was only five years old. Of course, some of you are musical; and I’m sure that she was able to pass on some her cooking abilities.

¹Eda Baker Hallett Day 30/11/1913–22/06/2001*

Mrs. Day was a successful parent. This is no small thing. And the circle of caring that begins with parents eventually sees that return, ideally, when parents age and require care. You, her family, returned what you learned from her. That is some comfort in times like these.

For you who are grandchildren: you gaze back through your parents to your grandmother, even as, some day, your own children will gaze back through you to your parents, all going well. It is our grandparents who root us in the world; we are too close to our parents to see that with them. Mrs. Day loved children and I hope that you all have your own particular memories. When our grandparents die we come to realize that it is possible for people to be with us still, even after they have died. So your grandmother will continue to play a role in your life for as long as you are alive. At least that has been my experience.

Passage from this life is a natural event. To live to an advanced age, in pretty good health, to have the loving support of one's family, to go peacefully from this life with them close at hand, there is blessing in all of these things, and some measure of comfort too.

So today, as a family, you have come together in sorrow, but also in optimism: the future has some guarantee because of a past whose character is known.

v. Photographs

The selection of photos shows various residents of GPH. The explanations provide more information than the simple caption.

1. GPH, fall 2002. Construction begins on the major expansion which will see the square footage of GPH double. This is the first stage in a process of construction and renovation. This photo is taken from the east; Cook St. runs diagonally north-south across the bottom and Grove St. east-west diagonally across the top, their intersection just beyond the right of the photo. Thanks to Darryl Culley for the photo.

2. This photo is dated July 14, 1988 and shows four residents on a summer boat cruise. Eileen SAUNDERS, Velma MACDONALD, Laurena SNIDER ROBERTSON, and Mary CHITTICK, all well-known residents. Mrs. MacDonald was the aunt of Director of Nursing, Ellen Heikkila, and I found myself seeing her as “aunt Velma” myself, because Ellen always called her that. Mrs. Robertson was the mother of Stan Snider, Fundraising Co-Chairman—with Board Member Russ Cosby—for the major expansion to GPH in 2002-4. In the background, at the extreme left top, one can see just a bit of Edna KNUPP and, behind her, Gord, a Senior Encounter participant.

3. Harry and Mary LUCK had a long, wonderful marriage, which they brought with them to GPH. It began with days like this.

4. Flo and Arnold BURROWS. Few residents have lived longer or been better known at GPH than Mrs. Burrows. Her penchant for fashion, clothes, and jewelry are well displayed in this photo of her and Mr. Burrows.

5. Gladys HARVEY, her husband Andrew, and their (adopted) children Jim and Lorna. She was a second generation resident. The photo was taken in the summer of 1944.

6. Rosa LEPSCHI. This photo was on the board at the Cedar Wing nursing station and most staff members, as well as residents who frequent that area, will recognize it from there.

7. Eileen LANDREVILLE'S daughters, Mary and Cheryl, who remained very close as adults. Two beautiful kids.

8. Anne HARGREAVES. This is a striking photo: young woman, lovely dress and hat, car, verandas. Daughter Anne Marie thinks the photo was taken in the early 1930s on Sanford St. (Allandale), perhaps on the occasion of her sister's marriage.

9. Phillip WILLER'S photo from road building in northern Ontario. He writes, "Building roads in northern Ontario was very difficult because of the bogs and muskeg. This picture shows us stuck even though we have two tractors pulling the scraper. We also had no roads to bring in machinery when we needed it. We were building the first roads ever to cross that area, so everything had to be floated in on Lake Superior." Mr. Willer's life story, with lots of interesting pictures, is found in Phillip O. Willer, *Family Pride. The autobiography of Phillip Oliver Willer*, with Art Willer and Hazel Willer, copyright 1998, and available from Art Willer, 19 Marmill Way, Markham, ON L3P 7V6. The photo and text reproduced here is from p. C-16. Hazel Willer has donated a copy for the GPH Archives.

Mr. Willer had the nickname "catskinner"—from his work with Caterpillar tractors. Hazel, his wife, tells of the birth of their first child: when the doctor who delivered asked her what they would call their son, she said, "I guess he'll be a catskinner, like his dad." The doctor didn't know the story behind the nickname and gave her a very surprised look!

10. Jean BULMER. Mrs. Bulmer was a long-time friend of my father's first cousin Pauline Cox Fisher, from their days together in Collingwood.

11. Harold and Muriel GREENWOOD.

12. Evelyn HAWKINS may be the most recognized face among residents at GPH, thanks to her role as "front woman" in the GPH fundraising campaign in support of the enlargement and renovations that began in 2002. At the age of 96 she is a marvellous addition to the campaign.

- 1 Grove Park Home, fall 2002.



- 2 Eileen SAUNDERS, Velma MACDONALD, Laurena SNIDER
ROBERTSON, Mary CHITTICK



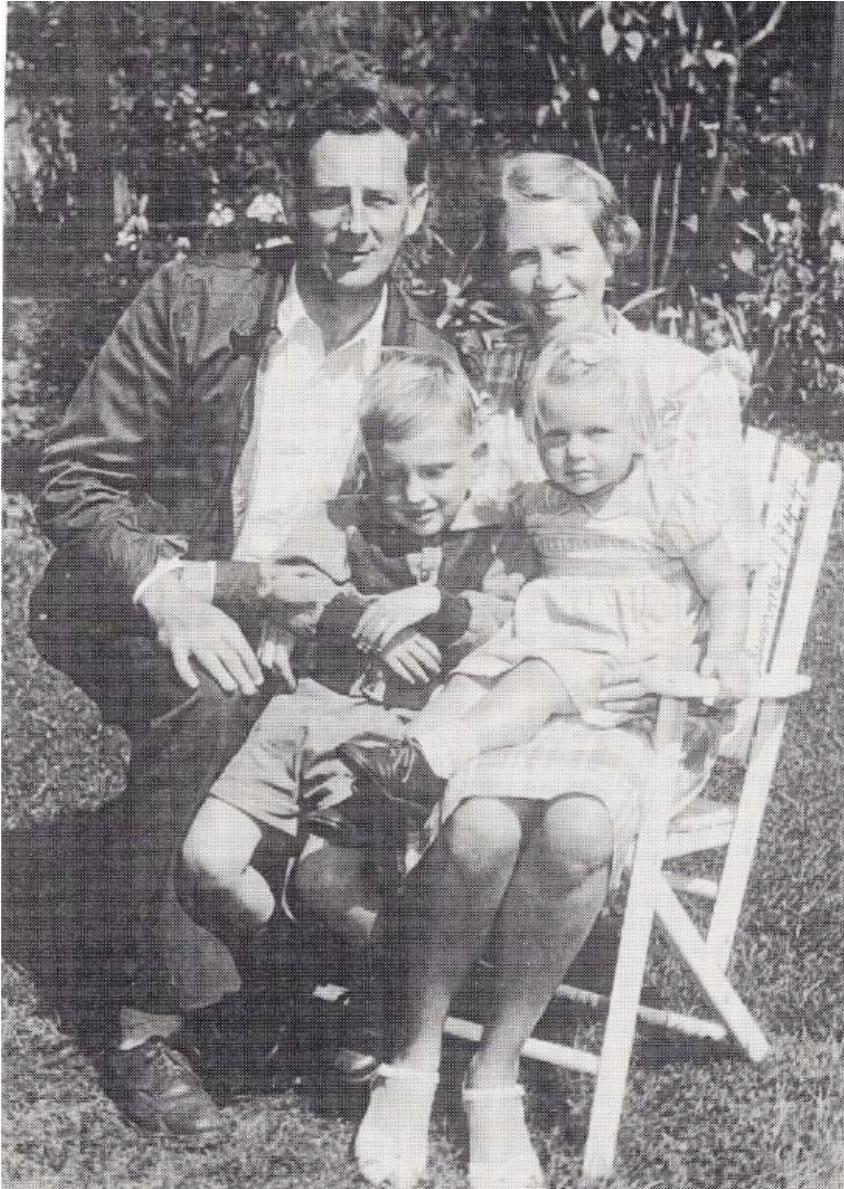
3 Mary and Harry LUCK



4 Florence and Arnold BURROWS



- 5 Gladys HARVEY, Andrew, and their children Jim and Lorna



6 Rosa LEPSCHI



7 Eileen LANDREVILLE'S daughters



8 Anne HARGREAVES



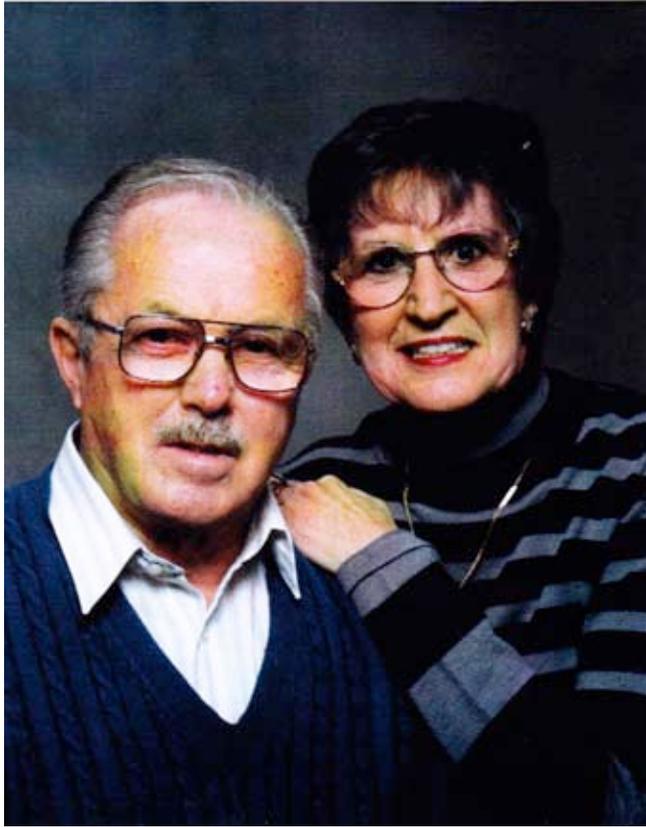
9 Phillip WILLER'S photo



10 Jean BULMER



11 Harold and Muriel GREENWOOD



12 Evelyn HAWKINS, a.k.a. "Constance"



Please support the Grove Park Home building campaign.

Appendix 1

Omissions and corrections for *Connections (1)* are as follows. If you have a copy of the first printing you may make these changes. The second printing will have these corrections.

BAYCROFT

19/09/1907–

Mrs. Baycroft was born on Sept. 19, not Sept. 9.

CONN, Mrs. Annie

22/10/1891–16/02/1982

The *Spotlight* 9, 12 (Dec. 1979) notes that Mrs. Conn is a new resident. Mrs. Joy MCMULLEN and Mrs. Dearwyne NICHOL—both of whom moved in during Nov.—are listed with her; in the Oct.–Nov. issue of 1980 her birthday is noted.

Children: James; Minerva (m. Follriott); Doris (m. Fountain).

Church: Central United, Barrie.

GPH: 21/11/1979—B36/A9

In *Connections* part of the information above is found under the entry for Mrs. Annie Cann. Please remove that entry, which appeared when I misread “Cann” for “Conn” in handwritten copy.

JONES, Emma Irene *Wallwin*

17/11/1891–10/10/1992

In *Connections* Mrs. Jones’s year of birth is erroneously given as 1892, though the entry does mention her 100th birthday.

LEPSCHI, Rosa

24/01/1910–05/07/2003

There are two corrections to Mrs. LEPSCHI’S entry and they have been made for *Connections 2*. Mrs. LEPSCHI was widowed at age 45. Second, Margaret Lepschi is her daughter-in-law. The second correction also has to be made to p. 241.

MICKS, Mildred *Wright*

29/05/1910–19/06/2002

Mrs. Micks came to live at GPH on 02/12/1997.

MILNE, Harry

17/08/1900–24/01/1991

GPH: 08/09/1988

Mr. Milne’s year of birth appears erroneously as 1907. Thanks to his son, William Milne, for bringing this to my attention.

VAUSE, Sarah *Schell*

06/07/1908–18/04/2002

The spelling of Mrs. VAUSE'S family name is *Schell*, not *Shell*. The correction must also be made to p. 241. The correction has been made to *Connections 2*.

WATSON, Nora Eileen *Marchant* HALL

14/07/1914–26/09/1998

B. in Brighton, England, one of a family of six.

Mrs. Watson married George Hall in 1934 and they had two children: Arline (m. Doug Kimpinski) and Martin (m. Gloria), all of Barrie. Eventually Mrs. W. had three grandchildren and five gt.-grandchildren.

Mr. Hall was killed in 1941 and in 1952, she married Alfred Watson. They emigrated to Canada and the family lived in Toronto, then Mono Mills, but a disastrous fire destroyed all their belongings. The Watsons worked at A.V. Roe and, when it closed, they returned to England.

In 1964, with both her children in Canada, the Watsons came back again to Toronto and worked as building superintendants. They were very active in a seniors' club, bowled, and took holidays to England, Florida, and Hawaii.

Mr. W. died in 1983.

Mrs. Watson enjoyed music and a good joke, and knitted for all the children when they were little; she kept all the family in knitted slippers.

When her health failed, she lived at Heritage House Retirement Home in Mississauga for a while, then came to GPH to be near her family.

Mrs. Lottie BONNEY and her husband, Percy, delivered eggs and seasonal produce to the Kimpinski family for many years.

GPH: 29/08/1997

This entry for Mrs. WATSON failed to appear in *Connections*.

WILGAR, Evelyn *Tovell*

28/11/1908–12/08/1997

Father was Dr. Isaac Tovell, cousin to Irene EVANS' mother, Lottie Ida Tovell; ... The entry in *Connections* says "Irene Tovell EVANS' father; ..." Mrs. EVANS' father's name was *Cormack*.

WOOD, Maude *Priddy*

30/09/1906–28/02/1993

Date of death is 28/02/1993, not 03/1993.

Appendix 2

The following is a complete list of residents of GPH from May 1968 to Dec. 31, 2002. Dates of death are updated to November 18, 2003. Some abbreviations have been employed: "mv." = moved; nh. = nursing home; "trans." = transferred; "dis." = discharged; "S.T." = Simcoe Terrace. Some further details, e.g., where individuals moved to can be gleaned from *Connections (1)*. The first and second column provide the date of birth and death; the third column gives the date of admission to GPH.

23/09/1873–??/??/1973	1969 or 1970	ACONLEY, Alice
22/01/1891–??/03/1974	08 or 09/1972	ADDISON, Elizabeth

27/07/1916–18/08/1999	27/06/1997	AHERN, Sally
11/04/1890–1973?	??	ALDERMAN, Mable
??–??	??	ALDERMAN, Mr.
13/08/1911–20/04/1997	26/06/1996	ALLAN, Kathleen
13/01/1922–		22/04/2002 ALLEN, Muriel
26/03/1911–01/03/2003	29/04/2002	ALLEN, Thursa
10/11/1893–19/09/1985	22/09/1980	ALLISON, Helen
13/01/1902–16/07/2000	01/05/1997	ANDERSON, Mary
03/03/??–??		by 03/1972 ANDERSON, Mr. O.H.
29/03/1912–24/05/2000	22/09/1997	ARCHER, Frederick
13/06/1889–08/01/1980	before 06/1972	ARMSTRONG, Minnie
31/03/1901–23/10/1989	23/04/1987	ARMSTRONG, Richard
30/09/1925–		12/02/2002 ARMSTRONG, Viva
16/10/1908–15/05/2001	21/10/1999	ARNEM, Beatrice
23/02/1913–12/08/1996	03/05/1994	ARNOLD, Orville
26/07/1895–07/03/1983	09/07/1974	ASTBURY, Margaret “Winnie”
13/07/1897–1976	ca. 1970	ASTRIDGE, Mary <u>Beatrice</u>
??/??/??–??/11/1970	1968	AYLETT, Ada
12/04/1906–01/07/1997	28/06/1995	BABCOCK, Joyce
26/02/1892–15/04/1974	by 02/1972	BAINES, A. Freda
26/06/1908–16/09/2002	02/03/2001	BAKER, Edith
08/01/1895–16/05/1973	before 03/1972	BALDWIN, Eldora
06/10/??–??	10 or 11/1971	BALL, Lila
03/04/1908–06/01/1998	10/04/1990–29/04/1994	BALL, Mary <u>Margaret</u>
19/12/1896–09/05/1977	by 11/1971	BANKS, Theresa <u>May</u>
23/04/1909–24/08/1997	02/01/1996	BANNAN, Catherine
26/10/1906–28/11/2000	04/07/2000	BANTING, Donnell
29/06/1917–25/04/2001	07/12/2000	BARBER, Frank
21/09/1964–		19/05/2000 BARLOW, Debra
03/11/1893–06/03/1984	13/11/1980	BARON, Betsy
15/10/1906–05/06/1983	27/06/1978	BARRACLOUGH, Gertrude
20/06/1916–26/08/1997	03/11/1983	BARTLETT, Norman
10/01/1910–1976?	before 06/1973	to 02 or 03/1975 BASE, Eric
05/07/1905–08/11/1995	24/10/1991	BATCHELDER, Grace
19/09/1907–17/08/2003	01/08/1989	BAYCROFT, Vi
28/05/1908–07/10/1990	??/01/1984	BEACH, Allan
17/06/1895–??	???	BEARDSALL, Pearl
31/10/1908–13/02/1998	29/10/1993	BEAVER, Doris
11/12/1918–07/07/2002	29/06/1998	BELL, Eileen
04/12/1901–28/06/1995	22/08/1983	BELL, Frances “Mina”
18/10/1901–24/01/2001	28/09/1995	BELL, Lillian
16/03/1913–17/06/1997	21/08/1996	BELL, Mary
28/06/1924–26/11/2001	23/07/2001	BENNER, Violet (“Vicky”)
07/10/1910–	06/05/1996	BESWETHERICK, Gordon
21/05/1892–1974?	???	BIDWELL, Lillie
04/05/1909–12/06/1987	14/11/1983–20/05/1985	BIGGS, Thelma
22/10/1901–22/11/1991	08/06/1983	BINNS, Helen
18/04/1912–15/01/1995	07/05/1994	BISHOP, Isabel
08/01/1892–14/10/1982	13/04/1973	BISHOP, John <u>Wesley</u>
03/02/1906–13/01/1999	05/06/1987	BLACK, Anne
08/09/1907–13/09/1995	31/10/1994	BLANCHARD, Mona
26/10/1918–	23/05/1992	BLEVINS, Ruth
28/08/1893–??/01/1977	by 02/1975	BLOUGH, Lillie
09/12/1888–??/02/1977	by 02/1975	BLOUGH, Percy

26/07/1909-??	07/1977; "trans." 07/1977	BOLECHOWSKY, Anna
10/07/1898-24/11/1991	31/10/1989	BONNELL, Bertha
21/12/1908-27/04/1997	12/12/1995	BONNEY, Iona
18/04/1902-06/01/2001	10/06/1993	BONNEY, Lottie
08/02/1911-09/08/1993	01/11/1983	BOTTRILL, Sherill
03/01/1906-	01/05/1985	BOUIUS, "Wendy"
21/02/1919-18/06/2003	29/09/2001	BOULTON, Vi
09/01/1893-10/03/1979	by 12/1974	BOWDEN, Harold
13/07/1916-17/03/2002	08/07/1997	BOWDEN, Ralph
13/06/1909-29/09/2001	10/02/1994	BOWIE, Margaret
01/03/1915-29/01/2002	05/02/1998	BOWMAN, Alex
07/08/1886-03/11/1980	by 12/1975	BOWMAN, Elizabeth
01/02/1897-14/07/1996	01/02/1989	BOWMAN, Harriet "Minnie"
09/05/1908-02/09/2001	14/10/1997	BOYLE, Frances <u>May</u>
10/07/1899-05/10/1983	09/04/1982	BRENNAN, Mrs. Jennie
13/02/1894-07/01/1993	15/03/1985	BRENNAN, Laura
08/05/1905-01/10/1996	07/06/1989	BRIGLEY, Herman
16/03/1907-19/05/1995	15/05/1989	BRIGLEY, Mildred
21/02/1909-	17/10/1989	BRINKWORTH, Beulah
17/04/1942-	23/09/2002	BRITNELL, Roger
02/03/1911-	23/12/1997	BROADHEAD, Marjorie
30/07/1910-22/11/2000	08/08/1995	BROOK, Emily
09/10/1912-	24/06/1996	BROWN, Teresa
17/02/1913-21/05/1993	20/08/1988	BROWN, Vi
06/10/1901-16/04/1991	07/1977; 11/10/1977	BRUCKER, Mathilde
03/08/1901-09/10/1991	23/11/1989	BRYSON, Florence
25/05/1924-19/08/2000	07/06/1996	BRYSON, Robert
25/11/1894-08/06/1984	08 or 09/1977; 29/09/1978	BUCHANAN, Agnes
27/08/1907-05/04/2002	18/10/1993	BULMER, L. Jean
10/08/1895-14/02/1990	18/11/1980	BURNS, Mary
31/12/1902-05/01/2003	22/12/1980	BURROWS, Florence
01/03/1911-	08/11/1984-01/1989	BURTCH, Charlotte
08/01/1883-07/05/1976	by 12/74	CALDWELL, Ida ("Julia")
02/07/1893-17/11/1979	by 06/1973	CALDWELL, Laurine
21/12/1891-1976?	by 01/1975	CAMERON, Anne
25/12/1905-24/02/1985	27/03/1984	CAMERON, J. Kathrine
14/07/1908-04/10/1998	06/12/1996	CAMERON, Winnifred <u>Ainslie</u>
22/11/1878-12/12/1974	fall 1969	CAMPBELL, Jane
17/12/1914-09/02/2002	08/01/2002	CAREY, Katherine
30/11/1910-16/08/2002	08/07/2002	CARGIN, Margaret
27/10/1892-05/09/1989	01/11/1978	CARR, Sadie
08/04/1890-31/12/1986	27/03/1977	CARRUTHERS, Isaac
??-??	??	CARSON, Jessie
28/06/1921-07/10/2001	11/07/2001	CARSON, Lorraine
19/02/1910-23/07/2000	01/02/2000	CARTER, Harold
27/07/1919-19/11/2001	27/05/1998	CASEY, Eileen
??-??	06 or 07/1972	CASTON, Jean
22/03/1899-10/04/1988	29/05/1987	CAUNTER, Cyril
11/03/1914-03/11/1996	11/08/1991	CHAMBERLAIN, Vi
18/06/1893-23/09/1988	01/1986	CHITTICK, Mary
28/01/1902-05/11/1997	26/05/1992	CLARK, Martha
30/06/1891-21/09/1978	before 06/1972	CLEMENTS, Katherine
13/07/1885-??	??	COCHRANE, Mrs. ??
30/09/1905-	28/03/1984-29/04/1984	COCHRANE, Annie

16/10/1901–05/07/1995	29/01/1984	COCKBURN, Kathleen “Kay”
25/12/1886–19/12/1980	01/1973	COLPITTS, Ralph
14/06/1918–22/01/2001	06/11/1998	COMEAU, Cliff
17/04/1905–07/08/2001	05/07/2001	COMER, Gladys
22/10/1891–16/02/1982	21/11/1979	CONN, Annie
16/03/1902–22/06/1989	02 or 03/1979; 05/11/1979	CONNALLY, Harold
19/01/??–1973?	fall 1972	CONSTABLE, Mrs.
29/12/1906–08/01/1999	22/09/1995	COOPER, Ruby
20/08/1909–	07/05/1999	COOPER, Ruth: mv. to family
31/01/1900–24/07/1996	15/11/1989	COOPER, Sarah “Sally”
01/04/1886–14/02/1979	by 06/1973	COPE, Leila
02/07/1899–1976?	11/1974	CORBETT, Chester
04/12/1902–1976?	11/1974	CORBETT, Ella
10/12/1898–26/07/1988	29/05/1985	CORBIÈRE, Dorothy
08/03/1889–1973?	by 10 or 11/1971	CORY, Selina
05/04/1892–09/04/1991	14/03/1979	COTTENDEN, Lexei
25/08/1911–06/05/1991	29/09/1976	COTTHAM, Peggy
21/09/1915–	28/08/1989	COTTON, Elsie
20/12/1912–10/09/2001	16/06/2000	COULSON, Kathleen
16/11/1893–05/03/1991	25/09/1985	COWAN, Ethel
01/11/1901–17/12/1988	10/03/1983	COWAN, Ivy
11/03/1894–15/10/1995	06/10/1986	COWARD, Susan
09/02/1898–27/11/1976	01/1976	COX, Zelma
30/10/1884–06/04/1973	05/1968	COXALL, Caroline
20/12/1914–02/08/2002	07/06/2000	CRAIG, Frances
31/12/1904–01/11/1998	02/08/1996	CRAIG, Joan
23/09/1905–14/11/1992	01/07/1990	CRANE, Edward <u>Francis</u>
03/07/1908–04/08/1993	01/07/1990	CRANE, Rhoda <u>Noleata</u>
05/02/1908–28/05/1996	14/06/1993	CRAWFORD, Wilf
27/03/1910–15/03/1998	10/02/1996	CRAWFORD, Helen
14/08/1895–20/07/1985	09/03/1980	CULROSS, Miss Helen
23/12/1888–??/02/1977	after 1974	CUMMING, Andrew
30/10/1875–14/10/1982	12/09/1972	CUMMING, Margaret
21/06/1904–20/01/1989	28/06/1988	CURRIE, John “Jack”
17/11/1906–29/05/1996	28/06/1988	CURRIE, Ruth
03/04/1914–16/02/2002	14/09/2001	D’AMBROSIO, Hazel
28/10/1908–	26/09/2001	DANGERFIELD, Pearl
01/01/1909–16/11/2000	16/03/1998	DARKE, Ethel
17/08/1894–	05 or 06/1972–??	DAVIE, Marion: mv. to Ottawa
30/11/1913–22/06/2001	21/01/1998	DAY, Eda
16/12/1899–18/11/1985	??	DEACOFF, Elsie
22/11/1911–15/07/1999	01/09/1997	DEANE, Howard
22/03/1902–19/01/1999	30/09/1998	DEGENNARO, Robert
15/05/1915–	17/12/2002	DELA CRUZ, Isidio
06/10/1906–28/03/2003	19/03/1998	DELAFRANIER, Geraldine
??–??	??	DEO, Mr.
11/04/1895–1973?	by 04/1972	DEVINS, Cora
28/05/1923–	16/09/1996	DEVRIES, Louisa
13/03/1903–30/01/1998	01/11/1991	DICK, Ivy
20/08/1910–08/08/1999	27/10/1997	DICKIE, Edith <u>Rita</u>
01/12/1905–31/07/1998	24/03/1998–24/06/1998	DIMMEL, Gertrud, briefly
16/07/1918–	01/11/1991–08/1992	DINSMORE, Florence: mv.
10/08/1920–	13/06/2001	DOAN, Grenville
04/03/1908–??	06/1985–24/06/1985	DOBSON, Ella trans. Orillia

22/06/1890–30/09/1986	13/04/1982	DOBSON, Ina
13/02/1892–31/12/1979	01 or 02/1975	DOBSON, Irene
03/07/1899–30/10/1987	01/05/1979	DOBSON, Regina
15/12/1905–09/09/1990	25/07/1985	DONALDSON, Grace
28/02/1917–	01/05/2001	DONALDSON, Mary
18/08/1897–03/06/1996	24/09/1991	DONNELLY, Caroline <u>Ada</u>
27/03/1900–??	??–09/1978	DORA, Mrs. Edith: moved
12/02/1912–08/11/2001	25/05/1998	DOUBT, Adelaide
04/07/1908–14/03/1998	15/05/1991	DRURY, Mae
25/09/1880–??/02/1977	by 07/1974	DRURY, Eva
27/09/1884–??/04/1974	before 07/1972	DUNBAR, Isabel
21/05/1906–??	18/09/1985–06/1986	DUNSMORE, Britton: dis.
18/11/1901–01/09/1992	24/09/1984	DYER, Gladys
17/10/1894–21/06/1980	08 or 09/1978	DYMENT, Grace
04/11/1896–15/10/1989	18/12/1987	DYSON, Gwendolyn
30/09/1918–06/01/1984	22/06/1983	EASTON, H. Campbell
29/05/1925–	07/09/2001	EATOCK, Joan
17/09/1902–	29/05/1995–05/06/1995	EDGERTON, Mary Jane: mv.
21/10/1902–21/05/1985	19/02/1985	EDWARDS, Frederick
28/02/1896–13/02/1978	by 03/1973	EDWARDS, William
13/08/1896–12/01/1984	16/02/1982	ELGIE, Ida
28/04/1918–22/10/1997	01/01/1997	ELLIOTT, Violet (“Polly”)
10/04/1920–04/06/2001	01/12/1999	ELLIS, John
15/08/1907–09/10/1993	28/04/1988	ELLIS, Mary
23/03/1893–26/04/1979	by 02-03/1977	EMMS, Lillian (“Maude”)
04/09/1905–23/06/1995	30/06/1979	ETHERINGTON, Edith
16/12/1902–27/12/2000	28/08/2000	EVANS, Delilah (“Dell”)
13/02/1909–21/06/1996	31/10/1988	EVANS, Irene
18/05/1910–	30/08/2000	EVANS, Marion
17/09/1906–12/11/1993	31/10/1988	EVANS, Robert (“Bob”)
09/12/1896–26/09/1990	28/10/1985	EWEN, Mamie
20/09/1880–??/11/1974	05/1968	FALCONER, Julia
28/12/1929–	13/06/2002	FANJOY, Ruth
18/09/1906–22/04/1994	24/07/1986	FARQUHARSON, Dorothy
11/08/1884–22/04/1981	05/1968	FAWN, Louisa
24/06/1905–04/11/1998	27/10/1998	FENNO, Phyliss
02/03/??–??	by 12/1971	FERRIER, Ada
02/03/1904–08/07/2001	22/12/2000	FISHER, Eva
14/02/1914–03/02/1996	24/04/1989	FLANAGAN, Bertha
24/03/1909–07/06/1998	23/08/1994	FLANAGAN, Cecilia
08/10/1877–??/??/1972	08/1968	FLEETHAM, Emily
01/07/1892–21/09/1981	by 12/1974	FLEMING, Sidney
19/12/1901–30/01/2000	09/10/1997	FLETCHER, Madelyn
27/07/1899–17/05/1998	10/01/1997	FLIGG, James (“Jim”)
01/04/1904–11/12/1994	01/10/1990	FLYNN, Agnes
30/11/1898–16/05/1987	27/10/1983	FOBERT, Muriel
01/07/1891–15/08/1983	01/12/1976	FORD, Ella
10/05/1913–	21/02/1990–07/03/1990	FOSTER, Betty: mv. S.T.
31/12/1906–17/03/1997	10/02/1997	FOSTER, Nellie
18/06/1920–18/09/2003	20/04/2001	FRASER, Edna
25/09/1910–11/06/2001	24/04/1997	FRENCH, Florence
26/06/1894–1974?	??	FRENCH, Jennie
14/04/1888–11/10/1977	by 04/1977	FRENCH, Owen
18/08/1902–30/01/1995	17/12/1991	FRENCH, Winifred

27/12/1909–12/04/1979	1968	FRONCE, Isabelle
04/12/1907–14/03/1984	19/10/1982	FULLER, Eileen
25/03/1905–15/03/1994	19/10/1982	FULLER, Walter
25/11/1894–10/07/1986	20/05/1983	GAFFNEY, Ellen (“Nellie”)
22/11/1891–??/05/1977	??/03/1975	GALBRAITH, Emma
31/08/1900–??	15/03/1980–16/05/1983	GARDNER, G. Ross: RVH
06/12/1921–	20/09/2002	GARLAND, Beulah
21/12/1886–05/02/1979	before spring 1974	GAULEY, Elizabeth
19/02/1910–10/02/1985	03/05/1984	GEORGE, Susan
15/08/1914–	30/08/2000	GERALD, Dorothy
15/06/1894–23/03/1983	27/06/1980	GIFFEN, Amy
10/09/1916–20/07/2001	20/11/1992	GIFFEN, Evelyn
10/11/1889–17/04/1982	27/06/1980	GIFFEN, Henry (“Harry”)
02/08/1901–19/10/1991	28/09/1978	GIFFEN, Leda
02/01/1913–12/08/2002	07/08/2002	GILBOE, Clifford
15/08/1905–	24/09/2002	GILBY, Harold
09/02/1920–	30/04/2002	GILL, Lorena
15/04/1906–21/02/1998	17/07/1992	GILLIES, Annie Christina (“Ina”)
02/04/1934–28/03/2002	23/08/1999	GILLIES, Anita
26/11/1906–29/05/1989	11/11/1983	GIRARD, Eveline (“Evelyn”)
29/03/1898–26/05/1987	29/07/1985	GOSNEY, Clayton
24/06/1917–29/07/1983	25/03/1983	GRASETT, Henrietta
??–??	before end of 1971	GRAY, Mrs. Violet
30/12/1907–	15/02/1999	GRAY, E.
14/04/1909–17/08/2002	09/10/1996	GREEN, Muriel
07/10/1907–24/04/1993	11/10/1991	GREEN, Peggy
30/04/1930–20/06/2001	31/07/2000	GREENWOOD, Harold
15/11/1933–22/02/2001	31/07/2000	GREENWOOD, Muriel
10/11/1891–01/11/1980	06/12/1979	GREER, Mathew
??–??	1968? 1969?	GREGORY, Mrs.
09/12/??–??/??/????	before Ritt. list #1	GYSEL, Mathilda (“Mary, Tilly”)
30/10/1906–04/12/1995	04/06/1987	HALBERT, Elizabeth (“Lila”)
18/06/1899–30/12/1988	04/06/1987	HALBERT, Stanley
01/01/1887–??	by 12/1976	HALL, Maude
11/02/1908–13/01/2003	08/11/1996	HALPENNY, Reta
30/11/1922–	09/02/1999	HAMILTON, Helen
??–??	??	HAMILTON, Laura
17/03/1913–04/08/2001	29/01/2001	HAMILTON, Laura P.
28/02/1908–04/08/2001	21/03/1994	HANDY, Viola
04/12/1911–	15/01/1999	HARGREAVES, Anne
07/01/1910–05/06/1997	18/09/1968	HARRIS, Gertrude
24/08/1913–08/03/1998	02/01/1996	HART, Mary
10/09/1904–09/03/1998	14/06/1996	HARTT, Mary Frances
27/06/1910–28/06/2002	28/03/1991	HARVEY, Gladys
26/09/1881–1974?	by 07/1974	HAVERCROFT, Walter
02/04/1906–	19/09/2001	HAWKINS, Evelyn
19/05/1917–	19/09/2001	ANON
01/05/1896–10/01/1994	05/07/1985	HEAL, Julia
04/01/1934–11/04/2002	11/09/2001	HEKKENBERG, Henk
??/10/??–	before end of 1970	HENDERSON, Alice
03/09/1892–18/06/1984	25/04/1981–15/09/1982	HICKLING, Roy: dis. RVH
26/11/1926–31/05/2003	09/08/2001	HOBSON, Joan
08/11/1932–	10/08/1998–10/02/1999	HOBSON, Yvette
??–??	before Ritt. list #1	HOLLINSWORTH, Ethel

27/01/1912–10/01/1992	01/06/1987	HOOD, Margaret
03/12/1923–08/11/2002	21/11/2001	HOPE, Brian
09/09/1891–11/04/1973	08 or 09/1972	HOPKINS, Catherine
04/10/1905–14/06/1993	02/03/1990	HORNER, Loeta (“Leta”)
15/12/1896–14/11/1980	07/09/1979	HOWARD, Winnifred
09/01/1900–12/02/1989	05/1972	HUBBERT, Frances
??–1969	1968 or 1969	HUETHER, Mary
10/04/1899–27/01/1994	17/05/1981	HUNTER, Jemima <u>Jessie</u>
03/07/1912–18/11/1999	20/10/1992	HUTCHESON, Barbara
20/05/1885–1976?	03 or 04/1973	HYDE, Emma
05/09/1895–10/02/1987	04/1979–12/1979 and 12/1980–04/1982	IRWIN, Roland: to RVH
22/09/1897–20/06/1988	10/12/1982	JACKS, Susie Isabella (“Isabel”)
16/08/1910–	13/05/1997	JACKSON, Arthur
26/02/1902–	13/05/1997	JACKSON, Emily
19/12/1891–06/06/1984	20/10/1977	JAMES, George Edward
22/07/1886–21/04/1978	20/10/1977	JAMES, Janetta
13/06/1894–04/09/1983	11 or 12/1978	JAMIESON, Hattie
??–14/02/1975?	??	JARMAN, Mrs.
06/06/1911–	01/06/1997	JEFFELS, Hazel
01/06/1910–02/12/1996	09/06/1995	JEFFREY, Beatrice
29/03/1908–30/12/1993	25/07/1991	JENKINS, Mary <u>Helen</u>
16/02/1914–25/01/2000	21/03/1984	JOHNSON, Katharine (“Kay”)
28/03/1908–11/06/2003	01/02/1995	JOHNSON, Mark
01/09/1898–	02/01/1980–24/03/1980	JOHNSTON, Esther: mv.
14/03/1909–10/07/1991	09/06/1990	JOHNSTON, William
17/11/1891–10/10/1992	08/03/1986	JONES, Emma
25/03/1891–03/04/1982	19/05/1977	JONES, Florrie
01/01/1892–18/12/1996	10/11/1983	JONES, Lila
30/11/1905–09/10/1997	23/11/1993	JONES, Reta
09/07/1897–26/09/1982	03/04/1973	JUSTICE, Mildred
08/04/1901–26/05/1997	04/09/1990	KELL, Hazel
22/03/1894–03/04/1973	06 or 07/1972	KELL, Pearl
11/09/1910–30/12/2001	31/03/1997	KELLY, Lyla
02/01/1917–14/07/1998	06/02/1995	KELMAN, Bill
22/11/1919–15/12/2002	07/07/1995	KENNY, Lucinda <u>Beth</u>
06/06/1886–01/04/1979	before 1974	KERR, Ellen (“Nell”)
21/08/1909–23/09/1995	11/05/1995	KILLORAN, Harry
10/02/1899–26/09/1994	04/10/1990	KING, Lillian
04/05/??–??	02/1972	KION, Norman
??–??	02/1972	KION, Mrs.
22/07/1903–29/08/1987	08/02/1984	KIRKPATRICK, Elsie
03/05/1889–10/04/1973	before Ritt. list #1	KIRKPATRICK, Mary Ann
10/09/1900–25/06/1974	by 12/1971	KISSOCK, Andrew
17/01/1904–13/12/2002	12/01/1994	KNEESHAW, Agnes
08/11/1880–08/11/1969	1968 or 1969	KNIGHT, Fred
04/11/1918–30/05/1993	31/05/1968	KNUPP, Edna
07/08/1890–08/11/1980	??	KNUPP, George
24/08/1884–03/03/1980	by 10/1977	KNUPP, Irene
27/07/1909–1986	02/06/1982–03/03/1986	KNUPP, Jean: mv.
23/06/1882–03/10/1974	1968	KNUPP, Margaret
10/11/1901–23/06/1984	02/06/1982	KNUPP, William
15/04/1906–27/03/1997	31/08/1992	KOMAR, Apollonia (“Pola”)
01/01/1913–28/06/1995	11/01/1995	KROSE, Adrian

11/03/1910–02/10/1997	11/01/1995	KROSE, Jacoba (“Jackie”)
15/06/1882–03/07/1974	??	LAKING, Ethel
16/10/1905–10/01/1993	24/02/1992	LAKING, Wilbur (“Wib”)
09/03/1909–	06/10/1989	LANDREVILLE, Ilene
12/06/1909–22/05/1991	07/03/1985	LANDREVILLE, Leo
17/05/1908–26/01/1999	20/10/1992	LANGDON, Clarice
28/08/1911–31/05/2000	08/10/1998	LANGDON, Evelyn
18/08/1933–20/01/2003	17/07/1997	LAPLANTE, Peter
03/08/1895–21/09/1987	13/05/1981	LATIMER, Helen
??–14/05/1974	after Ritt. list #1	LAWRENCE, Mrs.
09/01/1904–??/08/1984	24/04/1982	LAWRENCE, Ina
24/01/1904–19/01/2002	18/05/2001	LEACH, Florence
20/12/1911–06/03/2003	11/12/1997	LEDREW, Florence
05/01/1908–	11/12/1997	LEDREW, Raymond
13/06/1913–	21/08/2002	LEEMAN, Margaret
21/06/1921–09/09/2001	21/07/1999	LEISHMAN, Allan
01/08/1919–	28/09/1999	LEISHMAN, Hazel
04/05/1899–19/06/1989	19/11/1980	LENNOX, Dorothy
28/05/1899–18/03/1998	15/03/1991	LENNOX, Mary
24/01/1910–05/07/2003	01/11/1983	LEPSCHI, Rosa
09/08/1912–	09/05/2002	LEROUX, Bernadette
13/04/1911–	??–15/07/1989	LINDSAY, Margaret: short period
07/01/1899–30/09/1990	20/10/1988	LITTLE, Kitty
27/05/1904–18/07/2002	21/07/2000	LITTLE, Vearlie
14/09/1895–19/03/1990	18/04/1988	LITTLE, Dr. William
13/10/1903–20/01/1994	03/05/1993	LOCKHART, Beatrice
19/05/1924–		31/10/1994 LONG, Margaret
02/04/1904–08/07/1992	27/11/1985	LONG, Verna
03/06/1909–07/04/1991	07/01/1985	LORD, Lily
10/12/1899–21/12/1995	15/09/1982	LOUGHEED, Alice
29/12/1891–18/08/1988	09/08/1973	LOVE, Jessie
??–??	??	LUCAS, Annie
30/07/1913–	19/02/1998	LUCK, Harry
17/04/1916–27/07/2000	19/02/1998	LUCK, Mary
30/01/1915–11/06/1999	11/06/1999	LUMSDEN, Pearl
12/02/1882–??	1968	LUNDY, Bertha
09/01/1885–??/03/1974	by 07/1972	LUNDY, Edith
29/03/1889–14/06/1979	before Ritt. list #1	LUNDY, Edna
??–??	by 11/1971	LUNN, Agnes
04/02/1923–06/11/2000	18/01/1999	MACALLUM, Roma
15/04/1904–14/03/1992	12/03/1985	MACDONALD, Velma
29/06/1898–18/09/1991	15/08/1978	MACEY, Matilda
06/09/1897–11/10/1978	02 or 03/1978	MACISAAC, Beatrice
04/12/1910–26/05/1996	07/07/1995	MACKAY, Ivy
01/06/1913–17/03/1998	27/05/1992	MACKENZIE, Charlotte
16/12/1888–30/05/1968	05/1968	MACKENZIE, Gertrude
30/05/1900–06/12/1997	17/06/1993	MACLENNAN, John
??–??	1968?	MALDEVER, Mrs.
28/01/1895–??	before Ritt. list #1	MALTARP, Amelia : mv.
24/12/1901–02/07/1981	12/05/1980	MARSDEN, John (“Jack”)
08/09/1886–04/07/1977	by summer 1972	MARSHALL, Elizabeth
29/02/1896–02/01/2003	30/12/1999	MARTIN, Ada
29/07/1882–16/12/1980	1968 or soon thereafter	MARTIN, Bella
10/01/1914–21/02/1995	13/01/1989	MARTIN, Clarissa

15/08/1904–01/03/1990	13/01/1989	MARTIN, John (“Jack”)
04/01/1896–25/09/1983	29/05/1973	MARTINDALE, Selina (“Lee”)
03/05/1923–	23/11/2000	MASHINTER, Betty
21/03/1922–14/04/2003	20/11/2000	MASHINTER, Harvey
07/02/1886–??/08/1976	by 07/1972	MAW, Albert
11/10/1926–	08/04/2002	MAW, Bert
15/09/1886–01/11/1979	by 07/1975	MAW, Elizabeth (“Lizzie”)
07/04/1896–17/01/1981	03/1976	MAYES, Clara
21/12/1917–28/09/1978	by 11/1976	MCCLEARY, Helen
04/12/1889–14/11/1974	fall 1972	MCCONKEY, Charlotte
16/05/????–27/02/1973	before 05/1972	MCCORMACK, Edith
04/11/1882–23/06/1976	before 11/1972	MCCUAIG, Henry
??–??	1973?	MCCUAIG, Susan: mv.
1876–??	01/1973	MCDONALD, Charlie
21/06/1901–01/08/1990	06/02/1986	MCDONALD, Mary
25/08/1925–23/10/1991	28/03/1990	MCCELROY, Joyce
28/04/1898–29/11/1978	11 or 12/1972	MC FALL, Mary
25/05/1909–03/05/2003	08/08/2002	MCINTOSH, Lorne
??–??	1968	MCIVER or MACIVER, Mrs.: mv.
24/11/1914–18/10/1991	15/02/1978	MCKAY, Devina “Vina”
03/12/1887–28/10/1978	03 or 04/1973	MCKEE, Margaret
07/09/1901–29/07/1994	01/12/1991	MCKENZIE, Ethel
08/08/1907–	03/03/2002	MCLEAN, Elva
02/03/1909–22/10/1998	15/04/1991	MCMASTER, Mary
1884–1969	1968	MCMASTER, William
05/08/1899–08/06/1977	06 or 07/1972	MCMILLAN, Olga
15/10/1896–10/05/1981	22/11/1979	MC MULLEN, Joy
06/09/1903–22/10/2001	19/06/1995	MCNABB, Cora
05/06/1915–20/12/2000	01/06/1998	MCNAUGHT, Margaret (“Peggy”)
03/09/1915–	08/01/2000	MCNIVEN, Beatrice
16/10/1887–12/08/1974	by 10/1971	MCPHERSON, Rose
10/09/1909–27/11/1997	20/08/1984	MCQUADE, Mildred
26/06/1903–	??	MCQUAY, Dorothy: mv. 31/08/1979
14/12/1892–20/08/1990	15/11/1983	MCREYNOLDS, Ada (“Dolly”)
26/03/1924–05/05/2003	17/08/1999	MEADE, Mary Monica (“Molly”)
12/04/1903–30/08/1998	01/10/1981–29/05/1982 and 25/05/1987	MEADOWS, Elizabeth
22/04/1902–25/12/1989	01/10/1981–29/05/1982 and 25/05/1987	MEADOWS, Ernest
15/08/1906–16/12/1995	13/08/1993	MEINKE, Lily
23/01/1911–	04/06/1996	MELADY, Regina
20/02/1880–??/10/1976	05/1968	MERRICK, Ethel
09/07/1897–14/11/1989	01/10/1987	MICHAEL, Anna
29/05/1910–19/06/2002	02/12/1997	MICKS, Mildred
07/09/1896–29/10/1986	11/10/1983	MILLER, Edith
28/09/1908–07/01/1989	21/01/1984	MILLER, Frances
20/10/1890–20/02/1979	02 or 03/1978	MILLER, James <u>Alexander</u>
21/09/1896–??	23/04/1982	MILLWARD, Irene: RVH 02/11/1984
17/08/1900–24/01/1991	08/09/1988	MILNE, Harry
23/08/1892–17/06/1988	16/11/1983	MILNE, Jessie
04/10/1929–18/09/2002	01/04/1998	MITCHELL, Jack
10/10/1909–	18/07/1996	MOLL, Mary
15/08/1901–01/05/1995	03/05/1982	MONTEITH, Elsie
24/10/1898–	05/12/1983–30/12/1983	MOORE, Minnie: two wks.

08/04/1907–	05/01/2001	MORLEY, Winnifred
08/03/1901–06/04/1989	17/01/1986	MORRISON, Lily
14/09/1894–07/11/1989	12/08/1976	MORROW, Nelda
09/01/1898–??	09/01/1984–02/1984	MOWFORTH, Adeline: mv.
01/07/1897–19/03/1984	30/09/1983	MUCKLESTON, Madeline
28/07/1919–13/10/1999	01/05/1987	MUIR, Stella
07/03/1908–06/01/1995	10/07/1989	MULHOLLAND, Ethel
25/05/1901–13/07/1997	01/04/1990	MURDOCH, Ella
05/11/1915–24/04/2002	23/12/1998	MURPHY, Blanche
18/05/1886–between 06 and 09/1976	before Ritt. list #1	MURRAY, Jane
30/09/1914–30/04/1999	08/01/1994	MURRAY, Phyllis
01/08/1904–??	05/06/1985–08/1985	NEPEAN, Elsie: trans.
18/10/1910–27/04/2000	25/09/1991	NERPIN, Verna
28/09/1894–10/11/1992	02/04/1975	NESBITT, Mary
29/07/1911–12/11/1993	22/08/1990	NEW, Elizabeth
29/08/1917–14/05/2001	01/03/1995	NEWTON, Florence
03/03/1896–08/03/1990	07/11/1979	NICHOL, Elizabeth <u>Dearwyne</u>
04/03/1910–03/03/2003	03/12/2001	NICHOLS, Irene <u>Onetta</u>
17/09/1920–	13/12/2001	NOBLE, Iris
14/09/1895–25/03/1982	26/06/1979	NOBLE, Mary <u>Ida</u>
14/08/1917–24/12/1999	17/03/1998	NOLTIE, Eve
20/03/1921–11/09/1997	29/09/1994	NORRIS, Gwenneth
30/06/1904–27/04/1981	10/01/1980	NORRIS, Mary Ann (“Mae”)
14/06/1914–04/10/1995	11/07/1995–29/09/1995	NOSEWORTHY, Enid: mv.
29/10/1917–	12/06/1998	OBERER, Helen
11/01/1902–04/03/1986	16/11/1983	O’CONNOR, Charles (“Gabby”)
29/05/1889–??	??	OGILVY, Mary
05/05/1920–13/07/2001	15/12/1994	OKROS, Margit
??–??	1968	ORCHARD, Joseph
??–??	1968	ORCHARD, Mrs.
13/04/1876–01/07/1973	by 04/1972	ORROCK, Eva
26/06/1907–01/11/1995	23/10/1995	ORSER, Anna
27/01/1912–	06/01/1994	OTTERBEIN, Rebecca
18/07/1913–	04/09/1998	PAINE, Elma
28/09/??–??	before 07/1972	PARKER, Charles
05/08/1896–02/07/1997	20/04/1983	PARKER, Charlotte (“Lottie”)
07/08/1905–	01/06/1991	PARKER, Jean
03/12/1917–02/08/1998	18/11/1994	PARKER, Laura-Jean
25/08/1900–24/12/1996	11/03/1986	PARSONS, Doris
28/08/1889–01/10/1974	1974 or before	PASHLER, Walter
31/01/1891–1976?	11 or 12/1972	PATTERSON, Harold
??–??	before summer 1971	PEARCE, Jessie
03/07/1916–	14/11/1995	PEARSON, Lorna
13/07/1921–21/12/1996	14/11/1995	PEARSON, Robert
26/07/1897–03/1974	after Ritt. list #1	PECK, Mrs.
17/01/1910–05/01/1997	23/04/1991	PEDERSEN, Anton
03/12/1895–12/10/1988	10/11/1983	PHILLIPS, Barbara
19/04/1903–03/03/1985	01 or 02/1985–02/1985	PINDER, Cyril: trans.
30/08/1911–	12/11/1997	POOLE, Nellie
14/09/1894–03/1977	by 1976	POPE, Ellen
23/02/1933–	16/05/2001	POSTLETHWAITE, Mary E. (“Betty”)
24/11/1910–	22/06/2001–02/12/2002	POWELL, Edith: mv.
28/12/1919–	11/06/2001	PRATT, Gladys
14/09/1894–??/03/1977	??	PRESTON, Myrtle: mv.

27/03/1883–29/03/1975	1968	PRINCE, Alice
15/04/1915–24/06/2000	27/09/1987	PROCTOR, Elizabeth
??–??	07 or 08/1972	PUCKETT, Mrs.
03/09/1886–31/07/1983	10/10/1975	PUGH, Louise
08/01/1891–08/1978	by 12/74	RAEBURN, Isabelle
27/07/1899–26/09/1988	1982; 19/03/1983	RAWN, Ethel
03/03/1926–	30/03/1998	READ, Carman
21/06/1893–	by 04/1977	REDFERN, Edith Florence: nh. 10/77
??–1973?	fall 1972	REESOR, Joan
05/07/1907–31/01/1986	23/02/1979	REYNOLDS, Stephen
21/07/1890–23/10/1982	29/09/1968	RICHARDSON, Eva
16/09/????–15/02/1973	1968	RICHARDSON, Lorne
02/03/1901–22/12/1994	10/12/1981	RICHARDSON, Mildred
29/02/1904–21/06/1988	12/11/1983	RIVERS, Edna
12/08/1902–27/03/1990	??/??/1987	ROBERTSON, Laurena
26/11/1909–31/12/1994	22/04/1987	ROBINSON, Eleanor
24/05/1879–31/07/1979	by 07/1972	ROBINSON, Florence
??–??	1968–	ROBINSON, Janet: returned to Toronto
12/03/1894–18/10/1985	26/10/1982	ROGERS, Ethel (“Peg”)
10/??–??	10 or 11/1971	RODGERS, Etta
13/12/1885–09/03/1979	by 1974	ROOTS, Arthur
11/08/1911–14/05/2001	22/01/1999	ROSS, Eva
20/01/1912–	11/02/2002	ROSS, Frances (“Molly”)
01/02/1891–02/04/1979	07/1974	ROWELL, Edith
16/03/??–??	before 03/1972	RUMBLE, Mary
27/07/1906–19/12/1997	03/06/1996	SALTER, Ivy
23/06/1882–26/05/1979	before 07/1974	SANDERS, Frank
18/03/1908–13/09/1990	24/03/1990	SASS, Sarah
22/05/1902–08/11/1994	29/06/1988	SAUNDERS, Aileen
10/04/1891–1976?	03 or 04/1973	SCARROW, Edith
02/10/1908–	29/01/1999	SCHEERLE, Ann
06/05/1913–	25/03/1998	SCHOLLES, Mary
13/04/1891–24/12/1982	26/01/1977	SCOTT, Jean
26/06/1905–30/07/1990	11/11/1980	SCOTT, Mary
07/05/1890–04/11/1984	13/05/1976	SCOTT, Reba
05/10/1889–07/11/1981	10/1974	SCOTT, Vera
18/11/1886–25/11/1983	25/03/1980	SEAL, Alice
25/01/1907–10/02/1995	11/03/1993	SEAMAN, Sarah
26/08/1906–06/02/1976	by 12/1974	SEAWRIGHT, Ruth
03/07/1927–19/04/2002	19/12/2002	SHADWELL, Rosetta
04/02/1901–05/06/1996	28/07/1995	SHANNON, Hazel
18/12/1912–09/03/2003	20/01/2003	SHAW, Norma
21/11/1901–07/05/1992	05/10/1988	SHELLOWELL, Hilda
18/09/1886–1976?	by 12/1974	SHUTE, Arthur (“Victor”)
12/08/1927–01/08/2002	21/07/1998	SIENKIEWICZ, Maria
13/02/1898–	05/01/1987–01/12/1987	SIMMS, Jean: mv.
??/10/??–??	by 10/1971	SIMPSON, Margaret
18/09/1901–13/12/1987	19/11/1982	SIMPSON, Jane
05/10/1885–??	by 10/1971	SINCLAIR, Mary
28/01/1890–17/04/1987	23/08/1983	SINCLAIR, Robert
04/12/1900–18/11/2000	09/09/1987	SLATER, Elsie
30/05/1909–11/09/1996	03/10/1995	SLATER, Mary
08/12/1929–1974?	by 12/1971	SLESSOR, Glen
24/01/1888?–07/11/1972	1968 or 1969	SMITH, Barbara

20/11/1895–13/04/1989	06/10/1982	SMALL, Lila
07/02/1884–15/04/1983	29/05/1979	SMITH, Elizabeth
26/05/1898–18/02/1990	17/08/1983	SMITH, Emily
??–??	1968	SMITH, Mary
11/07/1903–08/05/1992	20/05/1991	SMITH, Tom
10/06/1886–??/01/1978	06/1973	SMITH, W. Wray
19/07/1905–09/08/1978	before end of 1970	SNIDER, Mildred
27/12/1893–30/12/1984	12/06/1984	SPARHAM, Darlo
13/07/1891–23/03/1980	by 06/1976	SPRING, Mary (“Mamie”)
21/04/1902–1976?	fall 1972	SPROULE, Myrtle
21/05/1877–??	before Ritt. list #1	STAFFORD, Alice
19/11/1919–	26/06/2001	STAFFORD, Joyce
28/06/1897–08/11/1982	11/01/1974	STANTON, Laura <u>Lois</u>
02/06/1916–27/12/1999	17/06/1999	STANSFIELD, Edith
01/07/1912–23/03/1998	04/01/1997	STEELE, Georgianna
10/02/1901–06/12/1982	22/01/1979	STEELE, Mary
31/05/1902–09/05/1988	24/09/1981	STEELE, Sybil
16/07/1884–29/08/1981	by summer 1972	STEELE, William
14/05/1891–27/04/1982	02/11/1978	STEPHENSON, Amelia
08/03/1926–	01/05/2001	STEPHENSON, Donald
05/05/1910–	01/04/1997	ST. JOHN, Myra
21/06/1891–10/01/1986	by 04/1977	STREET, Reginald
25/07/1923–07/09/2003	19/12/2002	STUDDY, Roy
20/11/1902–05/12/1997	12/01/1994	STURGEON, Anna <u>Lois</u>
29/09/1909–21/05/1998	29/12/1994	SUBJECT, Margaret
24/10/1899–28/03/1999	04/02/1991	SULLIVAN, Elizabeth
14/09/1924–	03/07/2001	SULLIVAN, Mary Jane
14/07/1907–26/05/2000	12/01/1990	SUTTON, Barbara
16/06/1909–30/09/1994	22/12/1992	SUTTON, Edward
12/10/1911–18/06/1996	22/12/1992	SUTTON, Mabel (“Kim”)
26/02/1906–09/05/1990	03/01/1989	SUTTON, Reta
06/03/1904–01/05/1996	12/06/1984–29/04/1985	(left to share apt.) and
	27/06/ 1995	SYKES, Marion
21/08/1914–	21/11/1997	TAIT, Dorothy: moved
15/09/1894–14/09/1991	21/11/1983	THACKER, Mary
18/09/1919–05/07/2000	30/05/2000	THEW, Victor
19/07/1895–19/11/1979	??/09/1972	THIFFAULT, Ethel
24/12/1895–14/09/1980	1977	THOMPSON, Adelaide
20/03/1883–28/12/1977	02 or 03/1975	THOMPSON, Bruce
18/08/1901–01/02/1994	14/11/1983	THOMPSON, Edith
22/11/1897–19/03/1991	11/10/1990	THOMPSON, Edith Blanchard
13/04/1886–1974?	before Ritt. list #1	TORTINGTON, Claude
10/??–??	before Ritt. list #1	TORTINGTON, Mrs.
08/09/1927–	10/09/2001	TRAMER, Viola
25/10/1914–03/12/2001	04/02/2000	TRUDEAU, Louis
18/03/1900–??/12/1976	by 12/1974	TUCK, Mary
13/07/1919–01/02/1999	09/11/1998	VANBUSKIRK, Adelbert
06/07/1908–18/04/2002	09/02/1994	VAUSE, Sarah
12/09/1916–	07/07/2000	VANDERWAL, S.
08/09/1913–10/06/2000	30/05/2000	VIRGOE, Mary
??–??	1968 or 1969	WAGER, Walter
12/08/1917–09/06/1997	12/06/1996	WAGG, Leone
19/08/1903–18/10/1994	16/11/1989	WAGNER, Pearl
31/05/1896–21/06/1978	by 05/1978	WALKER, Dorothy

02/08/1885–04/09/1976	1969	WALKER, Frederic
31/08/????–1973?	by 07/1972	WALKER, Mary
19/06/1900–18/04/1987	01/12/1983	WALLACE, Ellen (“Nell”)
27/10/1893–09/03/1983	26/09/1978	WALLIS, Percy
29/05/1893–16/06/1983	04/03/1979	WALLS, Olive
05/08/1893–19/04/1985	10/02/1978	WALT, Hazel
??–??	by fall 1972	WARD, Agnes
04/03/1908–17/11/1995	01/02/1994	WARD, Rosamond (“Vona”)
05/09/1895–28/03/1985	09/04/1979	WARNICA, Burton
22/02/1903–30/05/1995	09/04/1979	WARNICA, Helen
14/07/1914–26/09/1998	29/08/1997	WATSON, Nora
05/01/1906–20/01/1984	15/01/1976	WATSON, Pauline
11/05/1886–11/03/1980	by 03/1972	WEBB, Lena
21/07/1898–08/07/1973	??/09/1968	WEBB, Rose
28/05/1915–	23/08/2002	WEBSTER, Mary
22/03/1912–	25/11/1995	WEGMAN, Verna
27/08/1921–	11/01/2001	WEEKS, Patricia
05/04/1906–16/11/1997	03/03/1989	WEST, Edna
18/11/1885–03/09/1980	1974	WHEELER, Blanche
15/06/1902–16/02/1978	by 06/1972	WHITE, James
04/03/1904–06/01/1989	07/01/1987	WHITE, Phyllis
14/02/1911–29/12/1993	07/12/1987	WHITELL, Ernest
27/04/1918–	08/07/2002	WHITFIELD, Margaret
19/02/1905–28/06/1995	13/09/1993	WHITWORTH, Nina
21/07/1897–1974?	09 or 10/1972	WICE, Rose
08/10/1889–1974?	fall 1972	WICE, Jean
11/11/1903–27/12/1976?	??	WICK, Helen
26/11/1897–15/11/1983	07/10/1974	WIDDIFIELD, Alice <u>Ruth</u>
02/06/1902–13/05/1992	24/01/1984	WIELAND, Verna
30/07/1911–29/02/1988	08/09/1983	WIGGINS, Edna
28/06/1907–29/05/1998	29/04/1985	WIGGINS, Estelle
10/05/1905–23/08/1989	11/11/1983	WILDMAN, Vera
28/11/1908–12/08/1997	01/03/1992	WILGAR, Evelyn
23/06/1907–13/10/1993	01/03/1992	WILGAR, J.C. Warren
14/12/1924–	22/04/2002	WILKEY, George
04/04/1908–18/09/2002	02/05/2001	WILLER, Phillip
01/03/1918–19/11/1985	21/01/1981	WILLIAMS, Mrs. Irene
03/11/1920–	17/03/1998	WILLIAMSON, John
12/10/1910–18/08/2003	15/11/2002	WILLOUGHBY, Ivone
27/02/1921–	02/05/2002	WILSON, Lois
08/08/1899–25/07/1979	03/1972	WILSON, Norma
??–??	before Ritt. list #1	WINKLER, P.
12/02/1907–04/05/2002	01/08/2001	WINDSOR, Olive
02/04/1903–??	19/12/1983–01/1984	WINSLOW, Mary: to RVH
27/08/1885–06/08/1974	probably late 60s	WISDOM, Jennie
30/09/1906–28/02/1993	06/12/1983	WOOD, Maude
22/07/1903–31/07/1995	09/10/1990	WOODROW, Laura
05/05/1908–1976?	after Ritt. list #1	WOODS, Isabella
31/10/1920–15/06/2001	30/11/2000	WRIGHT, Dalton
27/07/1906–24/12/1986	28/03/1983	WYE, Harriet
05/07/1914–09/02/2001	15/08/1997	YOUNG, Agnes
25/01/1902–12/03/1998	20/01/1984	YOUNG, Mabel
TOTAL: 644		

Appendix 3

3.1 Average age of residents upon arrival at GPH:

Records are complete from the late 1970s: the day, month, and year of arrival is preserved. However, before that time especially, perhaps only the month is preserved; sometimes we can know only that a resident came “by” a particular month, or that someone came in one month or the next; rarely, only that a resident came in a particular year. In the case where only the month is known, the 15th of the month has been assigned; where someone came in one of two months, the 1st of the second month has been assigned (i.e., 06 or 07 becomes July 1); “by” becomes the first of that month (i.e., “by 05” becomes May 1); where only the year is known, June 15 (i.e., mid-year) is assigned. For the early years of GPH quite a few dates are lacking, e.g., the date of birth, making computation impossible. In the rare cases where we find only “fall” or “summer” for the arrival of a resident, these are reckoned as “Sept. 1” and “July 1,” respectively.

For each person the number of years, number of months, and number of days was calculated. Then months and days were converted into years, so that a total in years and fractions (expressed by year, decimal point, and tenths) could be determined. For statistical purposes a month was reckoned to be thirty days.

In the tabulation below, the first column is the year, the second the average age at admission, the third the number of residents who came that year. If the third number is split by a slash (/) the second number gives the number of residents for which no statistics could be established. If one adds the two numbers, it will give the total number of residents who arrived in a particular year. This total number is not the same as the total number of deaths because occasionally residents came and left after a short period; sometimes residents lived at GPH twice, i.e., they came, decided they had come too soon, left, and returned a few years later. Records only become accurate in the late 1970s: with 1977 we are on solid ground.

1968	76.8 ¹	14/15
1969	NA	2 ²
1970	NA	3 ³
1971	73.2 ⁴	6/7

¹In three instances (Isabelle FRONCE; Bertha LUNDY; Alice PRINCE) we know only that the resident came in 1968. In each case the date has been arbitrarily rationalized as June 15. Isabelle FRONCE and Gertrude HARRIS were only 58; Edna KNUPP, who moved into GPH with her mother, was only 49. Without these three women the average age on admission rises to 82.6.

²Jane CAMPBELL came in the fall of 1969 at age 91; Frederic WALKER came in 1969 at age 83 or 84.

³For Mary Beatrice ASTRIDGE we know only that she came about 1970; we know that Alice HENDERSON and Mildred SNIDER came before the end of 1970.

⁴Glen SLESSOR was 41 when he came to live at GPH. Without him the average age of arrival is 79.4. In all cases we can only determine that a resident was at GPH “by” a certain month. For our purposes this is calculated as the first of that month. In reality the resident could have been at GPH for some time. This means that the average age figure is high.

1972	81.2 ¹	25/17
1973	83.5	13/1
1974	83.7	20
1975	85.8	10
1976	78.2	11
1977	84.9	17
1978	80.8	14
1979	82.6	17
1980	83.2	15
1981	79.7	8
1982	82.4	16
1983	82.3	33
1984	79.8	16
1985	82.3	16
1986	87.5	7
1987	83.7 ²	18
1988	84.3	11
1989	84.8 ³	18
1990	84.1	16
1991	85.1	18
1992	82.9	13
1993	88.0	10
1994	82.4	17
1995	85.3	24
1996	84.5	18
1997	86.3 ⁴	27
1998	82.2	26
1999	83.9	15
2000	84.0 ⁵	21
2001	83.0	32
2002	83.8	25

3.2 Average length of stay

Where the day of the month of admission is not known, the 15th of the month is used; “by” a certain month is regularized as the 1st of that month; “by summer” is regarded as

¹This figure is almost certainly high. For this year we can only determine for several residents that they were at GPH “by” a certain month. In those cases the arrival date is reckoned as the 1st of that month; in reality they could have come the previous year (!). The residents who are part of 1972 in this record are likely to have come in the period 1969–1972, because the number of arrivals—and the total number of residents was only 68—is so high.

²Only the year of Laurena ROBERTSON’S arrival is known; June 15 was arbitrarily assigned.

³Does not include Margaret LINDSAY, who moved into GPH briefly at age 78. The exact day of her arrival is no longer known and she stayed only a short period of time; she is included in the number 18.

⁴Peter LAPLANTE was just 63 when he came to live at GPH. The next oldest person to move in during 1997 was Violet (“Polly”) Elliott, who was 78. If we remove Mr. LaPlante from the statistics, the average age of new residents in 1997 was 87.1.

⁵Excludes Debra BARLOW, who was 35 years old when she came to live at GPH; including Mrs. Barlow reduces the average age of admission in 2000 to 81.8 years.

July 1. Before 1980 sometimes only the year of admission is known, in which case the date is rationalized as July 1. Where the date of arrival is one month or the next (e.g., “08 or 09”) the date is taken as the 1st of the second month (in the example, Sept. 1).

Before 1977 records are too incomplete to provide meaningful statistics. They become reliable in the late 1970s and by 1980 we are on firm ground. Since GPH was a retirement home, we expect individuals to live here for a substantial period. So, in 1980, the resident who lived at GPH for the longest stay had been here for twelve years, i.e., from the year of its opening. Figures provided below have been rounded off to one decimal place.

The columns below provide the year, the average length of stay of individuals who died that year, the number of deaths in that year, and the longest length of stay among those who died that particular year and, finally, the average age of those who died. A look at the last column reveals why people who live or work at GPH have a different view of “old” than the norm: we know many people who *really are* elderly!

1968–1976 NA

1977	3.1 ¹	11	5	86.9
1978	4.1 ²	12	7	82.0 ³
1979	5.4 ⁴	17	10	88.6
1980	5.0 ⁵	12	12	91.0
1981	5.9	8	12	87.6
1982	6.4	12	14	90.4 ⁶
1983	4.8	14	10	87.8
1984	3.3	13	8	85.1
1985	2.6 ⁷	10	7	83.9
1986	5.3	8	9	89.5
1987	4.5	8	8	89.8
1988	5.1 ⁸	13	15	89.4

¹The average 3.1 does not include Andrew CUMMING who came “after 1974,” or Ellen POPE, who came “by 1976.”

²Katherine CLEMENTS came to GPH “before 06/1972”; this has been rationalized as June 1. Mildred SNIDER came to GPH “before the end of 1970”; this has been rationalized as Sept. 1 for statistical purposes.

³Helen MCLEARY lived only to age 60. She is an exception: apart from her, the statistic is an average age of 83.9 for the other eleven individuals who died that year.

⁴The average 5.4 does not include Ellen KERR (“before 1974”), Edna LUNDY (“before Rittenhouse list #1”), or Arthur ROOTS (“by 1974”) for whom the date of admission is too incomplete to calculate.

⁵George KNUPP’S date of arrival at GPH is not known, so he is not included among the figures from which 5.0 is derived.

⁶This is the year that GPH’S oldest resident died, namely, Margaret CUMMING, at age 106 years, 11 months, and fourteen days.

⁷Elsie DEACOFF’S date of arrival at GPH is not known, so she is not included among the figures from which 2.6 is derived.

⁸Jessie LOVE lived at GPH for fifteen years, 9 days. The next longest stay among those who died in 1988 was that of Sybil STEELE, who lived at GPH for (only) six years, 7 months, 15 days. Removing Mrs. LOVE’S very long stay from the 1988 list drops the average length of stay to 4.3 years.

1989	6.0 ¹	16	16	88.6
1990	4.6	15	10	89.3
1991	7.3	17	14	87.8
1992	6.1	10	11	90.2
1993	4.6 ²	15	24	85.2
1994	7.0	14	13	91.3
1995	6.0	23	16	89.7
1996	5.7	19	13	89.6
1997	4.7 ³	25	28	89.2
1998	4.8	23	14	90.2
1999	4.1	15	12	87.5
2000	3.7	15	14	88.7
2001	3.1	31	8	86.7
2002	3.2	26	11	86.6

We can average these statistics by five year segments for the last twenty-five years as follows:

78–82	5.4	12.2	11.0	87.9
83–87	3.5	10.6	8.4	87.2
88–92	5.8	14.2	13.2	89.1
93–97	5.6	19.2	13 ⁴	89.0
98–02	3.8	22.0	11.8	87.9

At least two facts can be derived from this set of statistics. First, in the late 1990s and after 2000, the average length of stay at GPH dropped significantly. Second, this also happened in the mid-1980s, which most of us were unaware of. The latter may reflect the arrival of residents who came after a major addition in 1983, which saw 18 new suites added to the original structure.

3.3 Are some months better than others for residents at GPH?

Staff from time to time talk about certain seasons being more difficult for the elderly, for example, the time following Christmas. I too have often wondered if certain times of the year are more difficult, i.e., are the elderly more likely to pass on at some times rather than at others. To try to answer this question for residents at GPH, I calculated the

¹Ernest MEADOWS lived at GPH for seven months and 28 days in 1981–1982; he returned to GPH on May 25, 1987. The earlier stay has been added to the later one for calculating his length of stay. Frances HUBBERT lived at GPH sixteen years, 8 months, and 28 days; Nelda MORROW lived at GPH thirteen years, 2 months, and 26 days; Sadie CARR lived at GPH ten years, 10 months, and four days. By 1989 these had become untypically long. If we remove Miss HUBBERT alone from the 1989 list, the average length of stay drops to 5.3 years for the remaining fifteen individuals.

²Exclusive of E. KNUPP, who moved into GPH with her mother on May 31, 1968. Including Miss Knupp, the average stay rises to 6.0.

³Exclusive of G. HARRIS, who lived at GPH from Sept. 18, 1968. Including Miss Harris, the average rises to 5.6.

⁴This figure excludes two residents, Edna KNUPP and Gertrude HARRIS. In 1993 the next longest stay after Miss KNUPP was 9 years (Maude WOOD); in 1997 the next longest stay after Miss HARRIS was 14 years (Lottie PARKER). If one includes Miss KNUPP (24 years) and Miss HARRIS (28 years) the average for the five years is 18.8, a figure which is misleading.

number of deaths in each month over the twenty-five years 1978–2002.¹ The results, expressed in percentages, are:

Jan.	8.4%
Feb.	6.1
Mar.	8.9
Apr.	8.16
May	7.9
June	8.95
July	7.65
Aug.	7.39
Sept.	8.95
Oct.	7.9
Nov.	10.7
Dec.	8.95.

Put in ascending order the percentages are:

Feb.	6.1%
Aug.	7.39
July	7.65
May, Oct.	7.9
Apr.	8.19
Jan.	8.4
Mar., June, Sept., Dec.	8.95
Nov.	10.7.

It is a surprise that February—even allowing for the shorter month—finds the fewest mortalities. The months of good weather, when people are able to get outside and be more active, also find lower numbers of mortalities, except for June. It may come as a surprise that November, by a sizeable margin, has been the month of highest mortality at GPH over the last twenty-five years.

¹The total number of deaths is 392. Of these, 79 or 20.15% are men. The precise numbers are: Jan. 33; Feb. 24; Mar. 35; Apr. 32; May 31; June 35; July 30; Aug. 29; Sept. 35; Oct. 31; Nov. 42; Dec. 35.

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Claude Cox and Teresa BROWN, on the occasion of her 90th birthday; Main Lounge GPH.

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Corrections

The following entry for Mary MCLEOD should appear after that of Elva MCLEAN on p., 87:

MCLEOD, Mary *Clegg*
26/12/1913–

B. in Toronto, the daughter of William Stewart and May Ineson Clegg. She is the eldest of a family of three sisters: Edith (m. Smith), Nora (m. Purdy), and Madeline (m. Knapp), and one brother, Harold Ross Clegg. She alone survives.

She attended General Mercer Public School and went to work as a house cleaner. Mary met Robert Alexander McLeod and they were married in February 1934.

The McLeods had three children: Wesley Stewart (m. Ruth); Robert Alexander; Lynda May (m. Dol).

Mr. McLeod was a cyclist. He was the British Empire champion Gold Medalist in the 10 mile bicycle race, and the Silver Medalist in the individual time trial. He also represented Canada in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Mary worked at various jobs: cleaning houses; munitions, during WWII; saleswoman in an electrical, lighting and appliance shop. She was a volunteer at York County Hospital; and, a housewife for most of her life.

Her children recall her gifts for knitting and crocheting. Their family doctor was amazed at the amount of scarves, sweaters, hats, mitts, gloves and socks she made for other people, as well as for her family. Mary also did a lot of home preserves and jams. “Mom has always been a generous soul.”

Mary’s husband, “the light of her life,” died on July 3rd 1958 of a brain tumour, at the age of 45. She never really got over it and she remained a widow—45 years of widowhood. Mary never had a desire to remarry, even though her children encouraged her to do so.

Mrs. McLeod loves reading, crossword puzzles, cycling, shopping, cards (especially euchre), and jigsaw puzzles. She pursued all these activities up to the age of 88.

Her children recall that Mary always had a keen eye for “bargains” when she was shopping, even if she didn’t need what was the good buy: she usually gave it away to someone who could use it!

Mary has eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.
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Reformatting 2011

Connections 2 was put together on an earlier version of MS Word. The change to Word for Mac 2008 initiated a series of unwelcome changes to pagination that, at the same time, affected the index. To preserve the index, the font was reduced in much of the volume from 12 pt. to 11 pt. From the pdf. format users can easily make the font larger.

The digitized format permitted the use of a number of colour photos in place of the original black and white: the striking aerial photo of GPH (p. 137) and that of Teresa Brown and the compiler at the back of the book. I have substituted a colour photo for one of the two of Evelyn HAWKINS, a.k.a. "Constance," on p. 159. The photo of Harold and Muriel GREENWOOD (p. 157) was already in colour in the original volume, but that photo was pasted in one at a time.