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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 had its beginnings in 1985, when I began serving as chaplain for GPH. In order to remember everyone's name I began to jot down details of people's lives, details such as where individuals were born, their names before marriage, where they had lived and what they had done. This also facilitated my work in pastoral care because, before visiting with someone, I could refresh my mind about such details, which are the stuff of a person's life.

Soon we began having memorial services. Now I began talking to families and close friends of residents about their parent or loved one and used these conversations to fill out the biographical details I had collected. These biographical sketches were shared at memorial services and funeral services, in those instances where I was asked to conduct a resident's funeral.

My relationship with residents of GPH led me to an insight about pastoral care, namely that those of us who provide spiritual care for others will do better at it if we know the person we are caring for. This rather simple conclusion became the basis for an article, "The Importance of Lifestory in Pastoral Care," published in *Restoration Quarterly* 38 (1996), pp. 109–120. An abstract of this article appeared in the *Omni Newsletter* 1, 2 (Winter 1996), p. 11. ("OMNI" stands for Ontario Multifaith News and Information on Spiritual and Religious Care.)

In the spring of 1987 Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, a distinguished physician and friend, came from Toronto to live at GPH.[1] She had been part of a "Recollections Group" at Ryerson and started one here. A group gathered regularly to share stories. In 1991 this group was able to publish a volume of stories, thanks to a successful application for a New Horizons grant from The Ministry of Health and Welfare. They called it *Tales of Yesteryear*. All the copies were sold, enabling them to publish a second volume, and finally a third. Copies of volumes two and three are still available from the GPH office.

I too had collected some stories that residents told me, as well as sayings which I found striking as a kind of oral tradition. For example, when Dolly MCREYNOLDS told me about seeing the Zeppelin over London in 1916, I wrote it down with as many details as I could remember. Other people had sayings, like the one Jessie HUNTER shared: "Christmas comes and goes and it's as far away as ever." And Ella MURDOCH'S story about the man from Aberdeen at St. Peter's gate is one that shouldn't be forgotten. And then there's Elsie COTTON'S story about Mrs. Pluss ...

Beyond the stories lies the human ability to overcome. People have shared with me amazing accounts of resilience, patience, generosity and, yes, adventure. Some residents of GPH have contributed to local history—one thinks here of Helen WARNICA; others have been very involved in the life of Barrie and surrounding communities. I have also been struck by the connections that have existed among residents. Sixty or seventy years ago

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[1]Throughout this book the names of GPH residents are capitalized.

Barrie was a much smaller city and people who eventually came to live at GPH went to school together, attended the same church, and their children married each other.

The thirtieth anniversary of GPH saw the Home very much changed from just a few years before. It is no longer a "retirement" home in the sense that it was in its first two decades since the direction of care for the elderly is that they should live in their own homes and apartments as long as possible. So it is that residents are coming to GPH less well and some can no longer tell their story for themselves. The same wonderful level of caring exists, but we are not usually going to have residents who live at GPH for twenty years. So it seems like a good time to put together the stories of those who lived at GPH for those first thirty years, who were so active and whom staff were able to get to know so well.

In the summer of 1998 I started typing up biographical notes that I had prepared, putting together a list of residents in alphabetical order. This was immeasurably facilitated by a "pile of note cards" that Joan Walker, Activities Director—now called Life Enrichment Coordinator, gave to me. Mrs. Walker came to GPH in 1976 and she had made out a card for almost every resident since that time, often with date of birth and death and next of kin. Further, her predecessor, Joyce Purdon, had given her some note cards, taking the list back to 1972. Mrs. Purdon's list includes the names of at least some residents who lived at GPH from 1968, but which ones came that early? There are no original records left.

At this point I spoke with Clarence and Reta Rittenhouse. He was the Home's first Administrator (1968–1972) and they recalled some early residents. Lillian Barrowclough worked at the Home from 1968 and still lives in Barrie. Ruby Drake, who also worked at GPH in the 1970s, put me in touch with her. Jean Bercovici was the Head Supervisor when GPH opened; she now lives in Toronto. I spoke with all of them. Mr. Culley, Administrator, gave me a film-to-video of an interview CKVR TV did with Clarence Rittenhouse before GPH opened; three women are interviewed briefly: Mrs. MCIVER, her sister Mary SMITH, and a Mrs. Phillips.

I went through the GPH scrapbooks, which include photos from the early days of GPH and sometimes list attendees at various functions. Eleanor Johnston, who works in Housekeeping at GPH, has a photo album and scrapbook that was useful. David Johnson, Administrator from 1972–1997, possesses a wealth of information about the residents who have lived at GPH and I have profited from his recollections about various individuals.

At about this point Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse gave me a list of residents that must date from the end of 1971 or the beginning of 1972. There are 68 names on the list, with the suite numbers. The Rittenhouses also gave me a second list, 63 names with birthdays by day and month.

The Spotlight first appeared in Nov. 1971 and I went through that in search of names and information. In its early issues information is given about residents' comings and goings; sometimes there are brief biographies, which I have used. Next I went through the minutes of Residents' Council meetings. Only once does it mention the arrival of new residents, but it provides a wealth of information about the goings-on at GPH over the years, together with the names of those who were serving on the Council and so on.

Pat Norton, head of Housekeeping, gave me a list of names of people whom she had helped move into GPH, with suite numbers. The list includes names that predate her own arrival in 1980.

Verna WEGMAN, a resident of GPH, worked here. She provided me with a list of residents that dates from 1974.

The families of residents have pointed me toward various local and family histories that have helped to fill in the details about people's lives.

I should mention also that the *Barrie Examiner* has published many stories about GPH residents and GPH activities and these have been a great help. I have had access to such materials mostly through the scrapbooks I have mentioned.

When all the information gleaned from the sources listed above was typed into a computer I began to contact the families or friends designated "next of kin." I began to do this a bit at a time, starting in the summer of 1998 and that has continued through into October 1999. As one might expect, over twenty or thirty years many people's addresses have changed; the children of residents from the Home's early days are now elderly, or have moved, and in some cases have themselves died. Even in the case of some people who lived at GPH recently I have not been able to locate family.

So over the past year I have been sending out a copy of the entry for a resident to a family member or friend for checking of details or, in the case of residents who lived at GPH before 1985, for basic information. And, of course, there is the matter of permission because, although all the biographical material has been presented publicly in memorial services following conversations with family, what now one person might consider "public" is to another person "private." At the same time, I provided the entries for those who live at GPH to the residents themselves for checking or, in the case of various residents, to solicit a lifestory where I had none. I have reproduced whatever individuals have given me, which means that there is an unevenness to the biographies: some gave me much, some gave me little or perhaps nothing at all. And that is fine.

I express my thanks to residents and their families who checked entries for mistakes and corrected them and who provided me with information. Many have encouraged this project, both residents and staff.

In the spring of 1999, Donna Douglas learned of this anniversary project when I contacted her concerning Loeta HORNER. As a result she wrote a column that appeared in *The Barrie Advance*, Weekend Edition, May 2, pp. 19, 21. From this two individuals contacted me about family members who lived at GPH.

The last volume of *Tales of Yesteryear* was edited by Mildred MCQUADE, with some help from me, and we discussed this anniversary project before she died. There was some money left over from book sales and I asked whether it might be used as "start up money" for this, a recollections book in its own way. She agreed to this so those funds were used to scan the photos that appear at the end of this book. Several times I have made reports to the Residents' Council concerning this project and its progress. These meetings were always encouraging.

Finally, both David Johnson and his successor, Darryl Culley, supported my work on this book. The Home generously paid for the postage on the many, many letters that went out to the families of former residents.

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 someday. I am grateful to Diane for permission to use his name.

December 2, 1999

Sources

This book was compiled on the basis of a variety of sources and they are listed below.

1. Since the fall of 1985, my own record of conversations and stories that residents and their families shared with me.

After I came to GPH we began to have memorial services and before each one I spoke with the family and prepared a brief biographical sketch. That is the basis for the biographies of individuals who lived at GPH since that time. In preparation for this book I started contacting families in the summer of 1998, to solicit information where I had none or to read and correct information where I did and to obtain permission for its appearance here. Families sometimes provided written biographies for residents; those now living at GPH sometimes gave me written documents which I have incorporated.

2. Joan Walker's records

Joan Walker came to GPH in 1976. Her title for many years was Activities Director; it is now Life Enrichment Coordinator. Ms. Walker gave me a stack of 3 x 5 notecards with the names of residents, one per card, sometimes with date of birth and death, sometimes with the name and phone number of next of kin. This was a great help, especially because the stack of cards reached back before her arrival at GPH: Joyce Purdon, her predecessor, had given Joan a small stack of such cards.

Mrs. Purdon came on Nov. 1, 1972, as Crafts and Activities Director, and left at the end of July 1976. Her husband Ken was minister at Burton Ave. United Church. The Purdons now live in Peterborough.

3. GPH records, as kept on cards

GPH has records of present and former residents which provide basic data: date of birth, next of kin, date arrival at GPH and date of death in the case of those who are deceased. For former residents the records are not complete unfortunately but they are an essential source. The information I speak of is a simple file of 3 x 5 notecards, kept in the main office. No personal records were accessed for the preparation of this book.

4. GPH Scrapbook 1 and Scrapbook 2

Pages are not marked by year beyond 1979 but most clippings from after that time are dated. It ends at May 1988. The clippings are mostly from *The Examiner* which, since GPH opened, has printed many stories about the Home and its residents. Scrapbook 2 begins in May 1988 and continues through Dec. 1998.

In connection with the Scrapbooks I should also mention that dozens of photo albums have been filled with photos of GPH residents, staff, volunteers, and activities. These begin in 1968. Unfortunately the photos are largely without names and will become increasingly less useful as an archival resource as time goes on unless the issue

of identification of people in the photos is addressed.

5. *The Examiner*

I looked through the *Examiner* for May–June 1968 for stories about the opening of GPH. See the previous item as well. Biographical items about residents that appeared in newspapers may refer to articles in local papers that have been drawn to my attention or which I had, rather than to items in the Scrapbooks.

6. *The Spotlight*

The Spotlight, a monthly record of news and schedule of events at GPH, started in Nov. 1971. It is a very valuable source for the early years of GPH.

Joan Walker provided me with issues that she had saved, beginning with the very first issue. These are useful because they sometimes contain biographical information about residents. For example, that first issue contains brief biographies of residents Mrs. Elizabeth ADDISON and Miss Alice Jane ACONLEY, and about new residents Ralph COLPITTS and Charles MCDONALD. *The Spotlight* 5, 3 is mistakenly not only Mar. 1976 but the following month as well; similarly, May, June, July and Aug. are all numbered 5, 4; then Sept. becomes vol. 6, Oct. vol. 7, Nov. vol. 8, Dec. vol. 9—clearly things got out of control that year!

By Vol. 4, 12 *The Spotlight* had become just Spotlight. Issues of the Spotlight for 1980 curiously have various volume numbers (e.g., Feb.–Mar. is Vol. 1, no. 2–3; Apr.–May is Vol. 2, No. 4–5) so I have given only the month for this source from that time on.

In 1980 rather substantial biographies of residents began to appear in the *Spotlight.* These were prepared by Joan Walker and I have included them as they appeared there. For example, see Burt WARNICA and Ed JAMES.

The *Spotlight* usually included the monthly schedule of activities, but sometimes in the early 1980s the latter was printed separately. Sometimes the birthdays of residents and Senior Encounter participants were noted on the back of these schedules.

7. CKVR interview with Clarence Rittenhouse.

Mr. Culley, GPH Administrator, gave me a copy of a short film transferred to video format. It contains a brief interview with Mr. Rittenhouse before GPH was built and with three prospective residents, two of whom, sisters, Mrs. McIver and Mrs. Smith did come to live at GPH. On the same tape is footage of construction work on GPH at the time it was built. This appeared on a CKVR TV programme called “Profile” and, according to a GPH brochure prepared before May 1968, it originally included an interview with Wesley Jones. CKVR’s Bill McCutcheon is mentioned and he is presumably the interviewer. The brochure includes a photo of the three women, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. McCutcheon and a cameraman on location in the upstairs of the churchbuilding.

8. Rittenhouse lists of residents.

Clarence and Reta Rittenhouse provided two lists of residents. The first is a carbon-copy list of 68 residents, with their suite numbers. Though it is undated, the list comes from the end of 1971 or the beginning of 1972, since it includes the name of Mrs. Lila BALL who was welcomed as a new resident in Nov. 1971 but does not contain the names of Mr. and Mrs. KION who came in Feb. 1972. Within that period it seems most likely that such a list would have been produced at the beginning of a new year, in which case it derives from Jan. 1972. At any rate it represents a complete list of residents at the end of 1971 and the start of 1972.

The second list is a handwritten list of names of 63 residents, with their birthdays by day and month. I have designated the first list “Rittenhouse list #1” and the second “Rittenhouse list #2.”

9. Pat Norton's list

Pat Norton, head of Housekeeping, gave me an eleven page list of names, dating back through her nineteen years at GPH. It includes the date of arrival of individuals at GPH, the room they occupied, their birthdate, and the date that housekeeping cleared out a room—usually on the date of death. The list even predates Pat and includes some recording done by her predecessor, Ruby Drake. It is particularly important in preserving the date of arrival of residents.

10. Eleanor Johnston's album

Eleanor works in housekeeping and for several years has been saving clippings and photos. She made her album available to me.

11. Verna WEGMAN'S lists

Mrs. Wegman, a resident of GPH, worked here in the 1970s. She provided me with a list of residents that dates from 1974. Mrs. Wegman also copied out a list that dates from mid-1985 and gave it to Debbie Rowell, who passed it on to me.

12. Minutes of Residents' Council meetings

The Residents' Council had its first meeting on Nov. 12, 1973. Its reports give the names of those who served on the Council and contain information about various aspects of life at GPH. At its first meeting the Council noted the arrival of three new residents, but does not name them. Only Mrs. JAMIESON is mentioned by name as a new resident—in the report of Dec. 7, 1987; thereafter that is not done.

We learn from the minutes about such things as changes made to the building over the years; foster children; discussion about the possibility of residents being permitted to "sleep in"—the Council was not in favour of this! (Dec. 15, 1981 and Jan. 11, 1982); the replacement of the names "A" "B" "C" and "D" wings by Aspen, Birch, Cedar, and Maple (Sept. 26, 1983); and changing of the main meal each day from noon to the evening (Sept. 17 and Oct. 3, 1984); the appointment of Dr. Sheila Nazareli as the new Medical Director of GPH (June 8, 1987).

One notes in reading through these for the first ten years that they always began with a prayer, led by Mr. Johnson.

13. Local history books.

Family members of residents pointed me in the direction of several books about local history. These include the following:

- Anderson, Allan and Betty Tomlinson Anderson, supervisory editors. *A History of Vespra Towhship. Pioneers and settlements, communities, historic places, people and events.* Published by The Vespra Township Council. Belleville ON: Mika Publishing Company 1987.
- McEwen, Joanna, ed. *Kith 'n Kin.* Reminiscences, Biographies, Genealogies, Photographs featuring Oro Township Pioneer Families. Oro Twp.: Township of Oro 1978.
- Patterson, Bernice Coutts, compiler. *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy*. First edition (1969) compiled by J.A. ("Sandy") Coutts. 2nd ed.; photocopy 1996.
- *Pioneer History of Midhurst.* Midhurst, ON: The Midhurst Historical Society 1975.

14. *Tales of Yesteryear*, vols. 1, 2, 3

The recollections collected in the three volumes produced by the GPH Recollections Group often contain biographical information. Bibliographical data on the three volumes of recollections are as follows:

• Eleanor M. Robinson and the Grove Park Home Recollections Group. *Tales of Yesteryear*. Barrie: Barrie Press 1991.
• The Grove Park Home Recollections Group. *Tales of Yesteryear*. Volume 2. Barrie: Barrie Press 1993.
• The Grove Park Home Recollections Group. *Tales of Yesteryear*. Volume 3. Barrie: Barrie Press 1996.

15. Conversations with staff, former staff, and volunteers.

Lillian Barrowclough worked at GPH from May 1, 1968, until December 1984. • Jean Bercovici, Head Supervisor, 1968–1970. • Clarence and Reta Rittenhouse. Mr. Rittenhouse was Administrator, 1968–1972. I have had many conversations over the years with the Rittenhouses about the early days of the Home and their recollections have been the most important single oral source for the early period. • David Johnson. Mr. Johnson was Administrator, 1972–1997. • Ruby Drake. • Jean James provided a crafts programme from 1968–1973 and recalled early residents. • Ellen Heikkila, Director of Nursing, and Myrna Stephens, R.N., often spoke about residents who had lived at GPH before my arrival in 1985.

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.
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> 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.

Robert Lackie

As the story in the *Examiner* notes, Mr. Lackie was responsible for the construction of GPH.

Robert Lackie joined Allandale Lumber and Construction in 1952–53. His interest was in the construction end of that business, which had been started in 1938 by Charlie Griffin. Mr. Lackie had been building custom-built homes but was tiring of that when he got a call from Clarence Rittenhouse about building a home. He agreed to look at the plans and found out that this home was to have 68 bedrooms!

Mr. Lackie submitted a bid, based on architect Leonard Huget's plans. The cost was in excess of $800,000. When Mr. Rittenhouse had taken this to the Board of Directors he called Mr. Lackie back and told him that they did not think they could afford to build the Home even though his was the lowest bid. Mr. Lackie asked if they would reconsider if he could save them $100,000 by modifying items from the plans and specifications; he thought it could be done. Mr. Rittenhouse took this back to the Board and they decided to go ahead. After the construction was started the government awarded the Home a grant, relieving the financial situation, but Mr. Lackie considers that he was still able to save GPH about $60,000. He mentioned that the fine stonework was done by Ray Webb, a friend of his. Mr. Lackie noted that he and Mr. Rittenhouse always got along very well.

When it came time to erect the laminated BC fir beams, Mr. Rittenhouse called and asked who was going to do this, that he knew of a churchmember, Wayne Roche—owner of Wayne's Cranes, a native of P.E.I. living in St. Catharines, who could do it. Mr. Roche left St. Catharines at 4 A.M. with the crane and was here for 7 A.M. to start. Wayne Roche erected all such structures for Allandale Construction for ten years after GPH was finished and remains a personal friend of Mr. Lackie.

Allandale Construction also built the additions to GPH in 1983 and 1986.

GPH has a further connection with Allandale Construction. Mr. Lackie pointed out to me that Millie Williamson, Office Manager at GPH, was a bookkeeper, Girl Friday and part owner at Allandale Construction before coming here.

(Thanks to Mr. Lackie for the preceding information.)

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–

• The 1998 Board of Directors consisted of Marvin Johnson (Toronto; Chair); Robert Hunter (Bramalea; Secretary); Steven Gill (Toronto); Terry Codling (Ajax); Russ Cosby (Barrie); Clark Hannah (Beamsville).

David Johnson as Administrator

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. He has provided the following summary of his experience during his administration.

> On November 1, 1972 the challenge of serving as Administrator of Grove Park Home began. It was an opportunity to maintain and build upon the faith and vision of men and women who, in 1968, against formidable obstacles, brought the Home into existence. To their credit, contrary to the government design preferences and standards of the day when wards and semi-private rooms were the norm, this small group of visionaries built a first class facility that featured practically all private rooms. The luxury of such privacy has distinguished the Home as being above most Homes in the Province for many years.
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> From its inception, the Home has been acclaimed by Government Health Ministries, the community of Barrie, the seniors who have lived in the Home and their families as an outstanding institution of service to seniors in their declining years. This distinction of honor belongs to a capable and sensitive Board of Directors, dedicated and qualified department managers who have chosen a trained and caring staff. Much praise is also due to the architectural skills of a life long friend to the Home, Mr. Leonard Huget. Mr. Huget was the original architect and served the Home until his retirement in 1993.
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> Over the years of its existence, the Home has undergone many improvements and changes to its structure. Programs have been added to enhance the Homes ability to serve the community. In 1979/80 the dining room was renovated and doubled in size. The addition of Maple Wing—with eighteen private rooms equipped private washrooms—took place in 1983. At approximately that time, a 50 Kilowatt Diesel power plant was installed that has the ability to provide electricity for lighting, heating and kitchen refrigeration in times of power failures. Oak Wing followed soon after in 1987 with 12 private rooms. Hard on the heels of Oak Wing came the complete renovation of Aspen Wing and parts of Birch Wing. Private washrooms were added to these wings for the comfort of residents. 1990–91 saw the complete renovation of the service areas. The kitchen received new appliances, including two walk-in refrigerators and a walk-in

freezer. An addition was placed on the laundry to make it an efficient and clean working area.

Many and varied programs have been introduced through the years. Notable was the commencement of a “Day Away” program in 1978. The program enables seniors living in the community to spend their days at the Home and return to their own homes at night. For several years the Home provided an “Emergency Alert” program for seniors living at risk in their own homes. The appointment of a Chaplain to serve the spiritual needs of residents and staff took place in 1980.

A very special day to celebrate came in September of 1987, when the Home received a Certificate of Accreditation from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation. This body accredits hospitals and Health Care institutions across the nation of Canada. Grove Park Home continues to retain this recognition year after year.

In 1996 the Home purchased an adjoining piece of property that borders on Grove Street that provides space for future renovations and expansion.

My twenty-five years as Administrator of the Home have been among the richest of my fifty-five year career. Serving seniors is to serve the most experienced, wise and mature segment of society. By the accumulation of years and experience they have grown to know what matters and what is important in life. My observation of hundreds of seniors at Grove Park Home confirms that a positive attitude mixed with a little humor goes a long way in combating the stress of loss and failing health.

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, given above, 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. …
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> 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 Cotham 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.

When I came in the fall of 1985, the S.E. Programme was using the kitchen/lounge in the churchbuilding as its point of entry and departure. This was just across from my church office, so I saw the staff and participants almost every day. Dorothy McCann was directing the programme and Diane Ferrier, who is still working with it, was with her. Diane Rozon worked with the programme; also Carol Clothier and Lorraine Maher. Lorraine succeeded Dorothy as Director. Chris Flynn, Mary Boulay, and Bev Stewart also work with S.E.

"Let's eat": Dining Room Expansion, 1981

Meals are an important part of life at GPH. In 1981 the main dining room was expanded. The *Spotlight*, June–July, 1981 reported that the Anniversary Tea had been special because it was held in the newly enlarged dining room. The description is as follows:

> The crowds arrived early in order to be here for the official opening ceremony at 2:15 P.M. Our Administrator, David Johnson, was Master of Ceremonies and told us of the generous donations that helped with the furnishings. Mrs. Joan CRAIG of Barrie donated a colonial cabinet; a resident, Ed JAMES, gave a lovely tea table, and Senior Encounter and residents contributed $1,300 through fund raising activities. A painting by Joan LeBoeuf was donated by the family of Adelaide THOMPSON. Marvin Johnson, Chairman of our Board, made a few

appropriate remarks, and Mayor Ross Archer, accompanied by Len Huget, the architect of the Home and the addition, performed the ribbon cutting. Other dignitaries present were two Board members, Steve Gill and Don MacKenzie.

The dining room looked beautiful with flower arrangements on the tables and buffet in beige and peach tones, which blended beautifully with the wood tones of the colonial furniture and the rust-coloured drapes. Evelyn Johnson and her sister, Marlene Hampshire, poured tea the first hour. Two former employees of Grove Park, Ruby Drake and Maude WOOD were the tea pourers on the second shift. Volunteer servers and kitchen helpers looked attractive wearing beige silk roses in their hair and frilly aprons made by Senior Encounter member Marie Gould.

Significant Additions to Accommodate More Residents

These are noted in Mr. Johnson's remarks but are repeated here for the sake of chronology.

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

Financial Contributions to GPH

Many organizations and individuals have contributed financially to GPH, and the following listing represents only part of the picture. From its inception the citizens of Barrie have actively helped GPH in many different ways.

- The Reading Room was donated by Leonard M. Huget (Architect); furnished by the May Court Club
- The Emily SMITH Solarium—"To the Glory of God for the Enjoyment of All": A Gift from The Lavell Smith Homes for Senior Citizens

When Oak Wing was constructed various individuals "purchased" suites with the promise that when they needed the suites for themselves they would have a place to come. The following list reflects those donations; the names in capital letters indicate that the individuals eventually came to live at GPH.

- Suite 63 Donated by Mae DRURY
- 64 Donated by Edna M. WIGGINS
- 65 Donated by Muriel G. FOBERT
- 66 Donated by Edith V. MILLER
- 67 Donated by Mary CHITTICK; furnished by Grove Park Church of Christ
- 68 Donated by Enid Coupland
- 69 Donated by Wilbur A. LAKING
- 70 Donated by Joan CRAIG
- 71 Donated by Mildred G. MCQUADE; furnished by Helen ALLISON
- 72 Donated by James V. Ross
- 73 Donated by Della L. Holt; furnished by Strathmore Church of Christ
- 75 Donated by Charles O'CONNER; Jack and Joan Garner
- 77 Donated by The Harris Steele Family; furnished in memory of E. Margret Fleming (by her son Arthur Fleming of Beamsville)
- 78 Donated by Jean Gordon SIMMS
- 79 Donated by Timothy Howard; furnished in memory of E. Margret

Fleming (by her son Arthur Fleming of Beamsville)
- 81 Donated by Dr. William and Katherine LITTLE; furnished by Dr. W.C. (Bill) Little, M.M. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 147, Barrie
- 83 Donated by Kathrine J. CAMERON; furnished in memory of E. Margret Fleming (by her son Arthur Fleming of Beamsville)
- 85 Donated in memory of Geoffrey E. Bottrill furnished by Powell, Jones and Company. Mr. Bottrill's wife Sherill eventually lived at GPH.

- Main Lounge furnished by Ralph J. Snelgrove. Mr. Snelgrove also furnished the doctor's suite at the time Maple Wing was added in 1983.
- Maple Lounge furnished by Wayne and Dorothy Howell

• The Residents' Council report for June 28, 1983 notes that the Rotary Club donated $3000 for hospital beds. A whirlpool bath on Cedar wing was also donated by the Barrie Rotary Club, 1997. A whirlpool bath on Maple wing was donated by DeVilbiss (Canada) Ltd.

• *The Spotlight* 3, 3 (Jan. 1974), in its report of Residents' Council minutes notes the generosity of the Civitan Club in providing a new station wagon for GPH. In 3, 7 (May 1974) we read that CKBB radio was involved in this project and that the new Chevelle station wagon was given in Aug. 1973.

• *The Spotlight* 7, 3 (Mar. 1978) reported that on Feb. 9 GPH hosted the Rotary Club of Barrie, which that day presented the Home with a bus for use by the Senior Encounter programme.

• *The Spotlight* 8, 9–10 (1978) noted: "Our bus trip around Lake Simcoe was the highlight of the season. Perfect weather, a comfortable bus provided by the Kiwanis Club of Barrie, congenial company, beautiful scenery and a delicious dinner at The Briars at Jackson's Point, combined to make it an unforgettable day." The "fall colour tour" became an annual event until the mid-1990s, when increasingly fewer residents were able to make the day-long outing. It was always a very pleasant day.

• The Residents' Council report for May 14, 1979 notes that the Lions Club had donated 50 chairs for the auditorium.

• The *Spotlight*, Apr.–May, 1980, recorded a tour—announced in the Feb.–Mar. issue for Feb. 15—that went through ski country aboard a bus, sponsored by Tim Hortons. It was followed by a tour of Molson's.

• The Residents' Council report for June 14, 1982 gives a report concerning the paintings of D.M. Patterson, namely that some of them had been stored unframed. Joan LeBoeuf of the Barrie Art Club arranged to have them cleaned and framed. The expense was shared equally by the Art Club and GPH. At any given time there is a variety of Joan LeBoeuf's own paintings hanging in GPH. Further, another local painter, Joyce Langford, donated some of her work to GPH. This art work adds a fine aesthetic touch to the halls and rooms of the Home.

• GPH has been the recipient of various government-sponsored initiatives. For example, the minutes of the Residents' Council meeting for May 14, 1984 report that a New Horizons grant is to be received, totalling $14,209.00. The minutes for Sept. 17 report

that some of this had begun to be used: for a BBQ, 25 outdoor chairs, craft supplies, a work bench, admissions for swimming, and for outings on the wheelchair bus.

• The Residents' Council minutes for Feb. 13, 1985 note that the family of Mr. Ed JAMES gave $2,000 for the purchase of two hospital beds. According to minutes of the Apr. 8 meeting, a letter of thanks was sent to the Garrett family for this.

The Recollections Group

This book about the residents of GPH follows in the footsteps of the three volumes of *Tales of Yesteryear* published by the Recollections Group. It is therefore of some interest to note the origins of that group, the people involved, and its literary output.

The *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb.1991, reported that the Recollections Group had been meeting regularly for over two years and that they were applying for a grant from the New Horizons Program of Health and Welfare Canada to enable them to publish some of the recollections. The Program required a Board of Directors that included both residents and individuals from the community. The Group chose the following people: from the Recollections Group—Helen WARNICA, Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, Margaret BALL, Mary ELLIS, Mildred MCQUADE; from the community—Louise Marr, Hazel Willer, Helene Winter, Ruby Drake, Nydia Bouchey, and Richard Gilman. The officers selected were: President, Helen Warnica; Secretary, Dr. Eleanor; Treasurer, Louise Marr.

On Friday, April 19, 1991, M.P.P. Edna Anderson presented a cheque for $4,711 to the GPH Recollections Group. This was reported in the *Spotlight*, May-June, 1991.

Photos of the members of the Group hang in the front hallway at GPH.

Volunteers 1999

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.
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> Several organizations provide larger numbers of volunteers on a regular basis—for example:
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> • 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.
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> 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 program includes a dedicated team of 18 palliative care volunteers, several teen volunteers in various programs, 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. In 1998 this was on Thurs., Dec. 17. 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. Since Bob Dixon came to GPH, he has always sung 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.

At the Christmas Concert in 1990 the weekend staff provided an hilarious piece of entertainment—the photos are in an album in the Main Lounge. The song was sung by Georgie Dunn, Laura (Frank) Amon, Linda Phinnemore, Nancy Monkman, Glenda Mitchell, Helen Watson, Joan Hilts, and Carol Steingard, suitably attired! The lyrics were reproduced in the *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1991.

Tune: "Hello Dolly"—with apologies to Lerner & Lowe and any other muscially inclined beings!!

Hello, Residents, well hello residents!
It's so good to see you here where you belong.
You're looking great, residents,
We can't wait residents,
Going to entertain you with our music
And our song.
So lend an ear, residents,
And you'll hear, residents,
Just the greatest talent that there'll ever be!
Here we go, now,
On with the show, now,
The weekend nights' theatrical company!!

Hello Mrs. Heikkila, well hello Mrs. Heikkila,
It's not often that we see you face to face.
But have no fear, Mrs. Heikkila,
'Cause we're here, Mrs. Heikkila,
Every weekend while you sleep,
We're working in this place.

We work all night, Mrs. Heikkila,
Doing what's right, Mrs. Heikkila,
When a resident calls we run right to his side,
Now we say, "Thanks lots,
For poking us with flu shots,
But for Christmas could we please have a TV Guide?"

Hello Rhonda,[2] well hello Rhonda,
Rumour has it that you cook so very well.
It may be so, Rhonda,
We don't know, Rhonda,
'Cause you hide things so
We cannot even find a smell.
Don't want to be rude, Rhonda,
Just want food, Rhonda,
Or we'll faint right in the middle of C Wing floor.
We need a lunch, please,
On which to munch, please,
Steaks are fine, don't worry about anything more!!

Hello Mr. Johnson, well hello Mr. Johnson,
You're a very busy man, it's plain to see.
But better go slow, Mr. Johnson,
'Cause you know, Mr. Johnson,
That if you get short of breath,
We'll chart you S.O.B.[3] (!!)
Take our advice, Mr. Johnson,
And stay nice, Mr. Johnson,
Or we'll call you every weekend night at two!
When there's a weird sound,
We will not turn around,
We'll march right to the phone and yell for you!

Goodbye everybody, well goodbye everybody,
It was great to see each one of you again.
We've done our show, everybody,
Did you know that Christmas bells are ringing
For Grove Park Home?
We've sung our song, everybody,
Now so long, everybody,
We've had fun and hope that so have all of you.
Spirit of warmth and cheer,
May it remain right here,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too!!

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[2]Rhonda Almond, Food Supervisor
[3]That is, "Shortness of Breath."

Changes ...

The period extending from about the 25th to the 30th anniversary of GPH saw many changes that have affected both residents and staff. When I came to GPH in 1985 those who wished to live at GPH applied directly to the Home; new residents were ambulatory and able to take care of themselves reasonably well. We had residents who had lived for a long time at GPH.

By the mid-1990s this had changed as the direction of health care changed. Individuals now make application to the Community Care Access Centre which, on the basis of the level of care required, determines the place of residence, though individual preferences are respected. (Members of the Church of Christ are still given priority for GPH because the Home is operated by that communion, as is the case with similar facilities operated by particular religious or cultural groups.) Further, in the mid-1990s we lost many long-term residents. For example, in 1995 we lost 25 residents to death, more than one-quarter of our total number—about twice the number for some years previous. The following two years were not much better and that was very difficult for both staff and residents.

Grove Park Home was built as a retirement facility, fortunately on one level, but nevertheless expecting the residents would be able to walk from their suites to the dining room. But the direction of care is toward heavier care, which means that for the future making the facility adaptable will be a major concern. The kind of ministry that we are providing is changing. It is no less important, perhaps it will be even more important than before, but it will be somewhat different.

I. The Residents 1968–1998

What follows is an alphabetical listing of individuals who have lived at GPH 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/memorial 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.

There is no list of the original residents of GPH, at least as far as I have been able to determine. The first list we have is Rittenhouse list #1, which dates from the end of 1971 or the beginning of 1972. However, on the basis of newspaper reports at the opening of GPH, the *Spotlight*, and the recollections of staff and family, it is possible to identify some of the earliest residents.

The names of individuals who lived at GPH in 1968 are marked with a "circle" (•). Thirty-eight to forty residents moved into GPH at its opening; over the next year more residents moved in to bring it to its capacity of 68. The names of individuals who were not among that smaller original group but who came to GPH in 1969–70 are noted with a double circle (••). The names of individuals who are on Rittenhouse list #1 and who may well have been among those who moved in within the first two years or so are identified with two circles and a question mark
(••?). "NA" means "not available."

There is one biography here that is more extensive than any other and that is the one provided for Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON. It was Dr. Eleanor who initiated the Recollections Group at GPH. She brought a depth of learning and professional experience, not to mention faith, that we still miss. She was an only child and never married; she cared for both her parents at the end of their lives. Therefore she left no immediate family to preserve her memory. I hope that we can do that in a small way here.

In a few cases there are residents whom I have known and for whom we have had memorial services whose families I have been unable to contact, or who had no family. Rather than have no entry at all for these individuals, information provided is limited to what was shared in memorial services, which at the time was checked by family or friends or provided by them.

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

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•• ACONLEY, Miss Alice Jane
23/09/1873–1973

B. in Beadlam Rigg, Yorkshire, England, the daughter of John A. and Alice Herbert. Miss A. was one of eight children. The family emigrated to Canada and settled in Oro Twp. where they farmed on Lot 6 and 7 of Conc. 2.

The three daughters—Annie, Mary Ellen, and Alice Jane ("Jennie")—lived with their father until he died, then moved to a house at 16 Sophia St. W. in Barrie in 1910. They were seamstresses. For more details see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 2–3.

Miss A. was the gt.-aunt of Pat Aconley Hickling Norton, the head of housekeeping at GPH, though Pat had not yet come to work at GPH when Miss A. lived here.

There are photos of Miss A. from *The Barrie Examiner* on the occasions of her 99th and 100th birthdays—the latter with an article—in Scrapbook 1 (1971 and 1973).

GPH: 1969 or 1970

ADDISON, Mrs. Elizabeth

22/01/1891–03/1974

B. in Goodwood ON. She lived most of her life in Barrie and Craighurst. A brief biography in *The Spotlight* 2, 3 (Jan. 1973) adds that she and her husband moved to Barrie from Craighurst in 1948, but in the late 1950s moved back to live and worked in a building that had been her father's general store. It was probably a hotel when it was built in the mid-1800s. They made the building—of log construction—into an antique shop.

GPH: 08 or 09/1972

AHERN, Sally Doris *Huether*

27/07/1916–18/08/1999

B. in Toronto General Hospital. The family lived on Markham St., Toronto; she was one of three girls. Her father moved to Orangeville and operated a creamery there.

Sally married George Ahern, one of three boys, whose father managed the Royal Bank in Orangeville. George worked in the creamery after their marriage and then they moved to Barrie where his brother-in-law ran Norris' Dairy.

Mrs. A. had three children: Sally Lou, Pat (m. Byers), and Rick. After Mr. Ahern's death Sally took a trip across Europe.

Sally was a second-generation resident of GPH: her mother Mary HUETHER was an early resident.

GPH: 27/06/1997—B30

• ALDERMAN, Mrs. Mable

11/04/1890–1973?

The Spotlight 1, 6, (Apr. 1972) notes her birthday.

GPH: ??

• ALDERMAN, Mr.

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GPH: ??

ALLAN, Kathleen ("Kay")

13/08/1911–20/04/1997

B. in Innisfil Twp. on a farm, to Walter A. and Edna Bateman. (Walter Allan was a brother of "Addie" Allan, mother of Lois STURGEON and Agnes KNEESHAW.) Miss A. had four sisters: Dorothy (m. Constable); Eva (m. Reid); Bertha (m. Fraser); Ruth (m. Stewart). Only Dorothy, of Gilford, was alive at her passing.

Miss A. worked for Bell Telephone in Lefroy and, when the Lefroy office was

closed, she moved to the Bell office on Adelaide St., Toronto. She stayed there until her retirement, when she returned to Lefroy.

Miss A. enjoyed travelling and did much of it: Hawaii; both coasts of Canada; a cruise on the Rhine.

She was a member of the United Church in Lefroy. Before moving to GPH she spent five years at Simcoe Terrace.

GPH: 26/06/1996—C56

ALLISON, Helen *Jay*

10/11/1893–19/09/1985

B. in Meaford; brother of Bruce Jay.

The *Spotlight*, Nov.–Dec. 1982, included the following brief biography of Mrs. Allison.

> Mrs. Allison was born on November 10, 1893, in the town of Meaford. She lived in Meaford until 1948, when she met Mr. [Cy] Allison and was married. She grew up in a large home with a maid and chauffeur. Once she married she went to live in Barrie, on Clapperton St.
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> In her early years, before she was married, Mrs. Allison worked as a milliner; she made hats until the company she worked for went out of business. She then worked in a department store selling hats. This reflects her great interest in fashion and design.
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> Her husband was involved in the Masonic world, and that allowed them to travel to major cities across Canada. They also travelled to Florida, California, Nassau, and Indonesia—where her husband took sick. He then passed away in 1979.
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> Mrs. Allison was also involved in horticultural clubs and literary discussion clubs.

Mrs. A. in her will made a bequest to the Barrie Church of Christ. The pulpit Bible was purchased in her memory and is inscribed with her name. The Jay family was a prominent family in the Church of Christ at Meaford; and Helen's brother Bruce was a well-known songleader on the Niagara Peninsula. Their mother, "Mrs. Jay," was always at church on Sunday mornings when I was a boy and I remember visiting her in her home on Trowbridge St. when I was a university student.

GPH: 22/09/1980—B38/C47

ANDERSON, Mr. O.H.

03/03/??–??

The Spotlight, 1, 5 (Mar. 1972) notes Mr. Anderson's birthday.

GPH: by 03/1972

ANDERSON, Mary Dorothea *Grasett*

13/01/1902–

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 includes 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 has 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 does not attend St. George's with her daughter Hope, she worships with us at the Church of Christ. We have all enjoyed getting to know her; she is a person of gentleness and deep piety.

See also Henrietta GRASETT.

GPH: 01/05/1997—M72

ARCHER, Frederick

29/03/1912–

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. has heard that their house has been torn down, but he doesn'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 has family in Barrie.

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

GPH: 22/09/1997—O101

ARMSTRONG, Miss Minnie

13/06/1889–08/01/1980

B. in Rosemont, ON, in Dufferin Co. Miss A. worked as a salesperson in Eaton's in Toronto.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: before 06/1972—C57

ARMSTRONG, Richard

31/03/1901–23/10/1989

B. in Vespra Twp.; then lived on Ferris Lane, north side, on the hill east of Bayfield—his father continued to farm in Vespra, coming in on the weekends.

He went to Toronto at 16, then to Detroit where he married his landlady's daughter and resided another twenty years. He helped build the Ford Museum in Dearborn, where he saw Henry Ford.

Mr. A. lived on Snow Valley Rd. outside Barrie until he was 80 and could no longer drive.

Family: two sons, one in Bowmanville, the other deceased; daughter Margaret (m. Gilpin)—who grew up in Markdale—lives in Thornhill, where her husband knows of my cousin Bruce Cox; his youngest daughter is in Moose Jaw.

Mr. A. remembered Emma JONES from his childhood: she was a friend of his older brother and sister when he was 5. At GPH he said that Mrs. Jones walked down the hall "like a 16 yr. old."

GPH: 23/04/1987—O82

ARNOLD, Orville

23/02/1913–12/08/1996

B. in Painswick. He married Dorothy Jordon and they had four children: Marilyn (m. Waddell), Don (6' 6"!), Bruce, and Diane.

Mr. A. worked for 42 yrs. as a train engineer, from the mid-30s, and operated trains that ran from Allandale to Collingwood and on to Meaford, without accident. Mrs. A. died in 1979.

Mr. A. knew Doris BEAVER from the time she came to Painswick to teach: she married a friend of his and he was the best man at their wedding. He also knew Mildred MCQUADE because he grew up (?) on Essa Rd. One of the McQuade girls was named for his mother.

Mr. A. enjoyed cards—cribbage and bridge, and he liked kidding.

His church was St. George's Anglican. Interment is at St. Paul's, Innisfil.

GPH: 03/05/1994—81

ASTBURY, Mrs. Margaret ("Winnie")

26/07/1895–07/03/1983

An excellent 1976 *Examiner* photo shows Mrs. A. with Joyce Purdon, Activities Director at GPH, Jim WHITE, and host "Mrs. Terry" MacPherson at a picnic. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976).

Church: United.

GPH: 09/07/1974—C39/C53

ASTRIDGE, Mary Beatrice *Kissick*

13/07/1897–1976

B. in Oro Twp. where her parents farmed. She married Charles A.; they had seven children: Emerson, Thelma (m. Birch); Freda (m. Weatherup); Gwendolyn (m. Colwell); Harvey; Kenneth; Douglas.

After WWI Mr. A. worked as a gardener for Ovenden College. He died ca. 1973.

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: ca. 1970

• AYLETT, Ada *French*

??–11/1970

Mrs. Aylett died at age 93. Gail Winter of Barrie is a granddaughter.

GPH: 1968

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BABCOCK, Joyce *Miley*
12/04/1906–01/07/1997
B. at Exploit, Notre Dame Bay, Nfld., one of 13 children, six of whom were girls. Her family took up two church pews at the Methodist, then United Church, in Nfld. Her father was a fisherman.
Mrs. B. came to Ontario in 1920 where she met her husband. He was from Bay Roberts, Nfld., but came from the U.S.A. to Ontario the same year she arrived. They were married about 1930. They lived in West Toronto; he worked for Consumers Gas for 43 yrs. Mr. B. died 15/07/75.
The Babcocks had two children: Bob, who lives in Toronto; Joyce (m. Smith), who lives in Barrie. Mrs. B. lived at Riverwood in Alliston, following her daughter's move to Alliston from Toronto; then at Barrie Manor for two yrs.
One brother in Toronto and one sister in Nfld. (age 100) survived her.
Interment: Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.
GPH: 28/06/1995—M79

BAINES, Mrs. A. Freda
26/02/1892–15/04/1974
There is an *Examiner* photo of Mrs. B. at a 1972 garden party at the home of Gavin James in Shanty Bay in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). She is pictured with Mrs. BALDWIN.
GPH: by 02/1972

BALDWIN, Mrs. Eldora
08/01/1895–16/05/1973
B. in Elmvale.
See the item on Freda BAINES.
Mrs. Baldwin had three daughters.
Church: United.
GPH: before 03/1972

BALL, Mrs. Lila
06/10/??–??
The first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971, welcomes Mrs. Ball and Mrs. RODGERS to GPH; they moved into B-30.
Mrs. B. is listed in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in the summer of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).
GPH: 10 or 11/1971

BALL, Mary Margaret *Shaw*
03/04/1908–06/01/1998
B. in Roland, MB. (Roland is 12 mi. from Carman.)
Her husband, Glen B., went to the Pentecostal Bible College in Winnipeg. In 1937 they came to ON, to churches at Harriston and Barrie; then to the United Church at Montieth, near Timmins. He also served pastorates at Woodford—between Meaford and Owen Sound—and Dalston-Crown Hill, the latter being his last church before he became ill.
Mrs. Ball's husband retired in 1960, the same year Mrs. B. graduated from Teacher's College in Toronto. She then taught at Public Schools in Flos Twp., Toronto, Marklee-Unionville and was Principal of Markham #19 Public School.

Mr. Ball died in 1967; she retired in 1970. She served on the Board of Elders of Collier United Church, Barrie.

The Balls had nine children: three daughters are in Barrie—Arlene (m. Arnell), Barbara (m. Sheridan), and Retha (m. Long); one son, Robert, is a United Church minister at Goderich (1990); the oldest son, Donovan, is in Victoria, BC; other children are Perry Ball of Stouffville; Ruth (m. Bailey) of Lion's Head; Dr. Daniel Ball of North Bay; Sharon (m. Tranter) of Kitchener.

Mrs. B. once told this joke: "Why wouldn't you want to be the fourth verse [of a hymn] in heaven?" —"It always gets left out!"

At GPH Mrs. B. was a member of the Recollections Group and contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Things My Grandpa told Me"; "Topsy"; "A Sad Story"; vol. 2—"Little Church on the Prairie"; "Threshing in the Olden Days on the Prairie"; "Pony Tales"; "Childhood Memories of Winters Past"; "The Old Phonograph"; vol. 3—"Anecdotes"; "The Stone House in Manitoba"; "Migration"; "The Teacher's Lunch" "My Trips!"

Mrs. Ball moved from GPH to Simcoe Terrace; she died at the I.O.O.F. Nursing Home. Detailed obituary: *Examiner*, Jan. 8, 1998. There is a colour photo of Mrs. Ball with Mildred MCQUADE and Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, published with a story entitled "Memories of Yesteryear" in the *Examiner* on Nov. 4, 1993. The occasion was the appearance of vol. 2 of *Tales of Yesteryear*. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Barrie Union Cemetery.

GPH: 10/04/1990—M87–29/04/1994

BANKS, Mrs. Theresa May

19/12/1896–09/05/1977

B. in Tioga. Mrs. B. had two children, a son and a daughter, Vera (m. Garnet Gallaugher).

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that she poured tea at the Anniversary Tea on May 5 with Laurine CALDWELL, Mrs. [Marion] Gieg, Mrs. [Jean] Bercovici, Mrs. [Evelyn] Johnson, and Mrs. [Audrey] Wright.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that Mrs. Banks spent Christmas with her daughter, "Mrs. Vera Gallagher (sic) of Campbell Avenue, Barrie."

An *Examiner* photo, dated Dec. 1975, shows Mrs. B. with her sister Elizabeth GAULEY at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1975).

The *Spotlight*, Oct. 1976, printed the following "Thanksgiving" poem by Mrs. Banks.

Never Borrow Sorrow from Tomorrow

Deal only with the present
Never step into tomorrow
For God asks us just to trust Him
And to never borrow sorrow.

For the future is not ours to know
And it may never be
So let us live and give our best
And give it lavishly.

Church: Emmanuel Baptist, Barrie.

GPH: by 11/1971

BANNAN, Catherine *McKuen*

23/04/1909–24/08/1997

B. in Medonte Twp., one of six children—three boys, three girls—two of whom predeceased her.

She mentioned that her father tapped 700 maple trees for maple syrup.

Mrs. Bannan trained for a nurse and in 1930 graduated with her R.N. from Midland Hospital.

Mrs. Bannan met her husband while working in private practice: she was caring for his mother! She married Walter B. in 1935. They lived on the 3rd Conc. of Medonte and she continued on there after his death in 1984 until 1993 when she moved to Simcoe Terrace.

They grew various kinds of apples on their farm: she said they kept six barrels on the back porch, which they would then move to the basement for the winter. Mrs. Bannan was much attached to her farm dog, "Molly."

Mrs. Bannan was a member of the United Church at Vasey and was active in the Women's Institute. She was a voracious reader and, as her daughter Myrna recalled, would bring home a bag of second-hand books on their weekly trips into Barrie, to be swapped for others the next week.

She loved her garden and maintained a large patch of raspberries.

Mrs. B. had three daughters: Bonnie Leopard; Myrna Thompson; June.

GPH: 02/01/1996—O74

BARON, Betsy *Howorth*

03/11/1893–06/03/1984

B. in Darwin, Lancastershire, England. She married Sidney B. in 1924 and they had two children: John, who was first to come to Canada, to the village of Newbury—he now lives in Orillia; and Elsie (m. Wallace Lidbetter), of Barrie. Mrs. B. turned 60 on the boat over from England (i.e. in 1953).

Mrs. B. was a good friend of Alice SEAL and they came into GPH initially with the S.E. Programme.

Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie

GPH: 13/11/1980—B30/A16/C44

BARRACLOUGH, Gertrude ("Gert") Maud *Lyon*

15/10/1906–05/06/1983

B. in the UK, where her father was a butcher. She had two siblings, a brother Thomas ("Tom") and a sister Margaret ("Madge").

The family emigrated to Toronto in 1911 or 1912. Her father went back to England to fight in WWI. He lost his eyesight in the War. When he returned Mrs. Barraclough's mother operated a roominghouse to keep the family.

Mrs. B. married Harry about 1927 or 1928. He was a jeweller. Together they had one child, Betty, born in 1931. Mr. Barraclough died in 1961.

In 1968 Betty came with her husband Jim Tyler to Barrie, where he had bought the *Barrie Banner*. Mrs. B. came too. Betty was very involved in the business, so Mrs. Barraclough looked after the grandchildren, Kim, Jim, and Laurie. The Tylers lived on Belcourt Ave., near GPH, so it was the obvious choice when she chose a retirement home. She saw her family "all the time," according to Kim; they spent Sundays together as well.

The *Barrie Banner* was sold in the 1980s to the Metroland chain of papers. Her grandchildren own and operate Tyler Publishing Co. in Barrie, which publishes *The Super Shopper* and the yearly *Cottage Rental* directory, among other things.

When she came to live at GPH, Mrs. B. became a good friend of Mathilde BRUCKER.

Mrs. Barraclough lived at GPH at the same time that Lillian Barrowclough worked there. Of course, their names were sometimes confused, as Lillian pointed out to me.

GPH: 27/06/1978—B30/A24

BARTLETT, Norman

20/06/1916–26/081997

Mr. B. was a member of the "Black Watch" regiment—you really could not take the army out of him!

He was a man who knew much sadness: two brothers predeceased him—one of them "years ago"—as did a sister; another sister (1988) lived with one of her children in Montreal. Two of his children died while still young—that was "hard on the wife"—and a surviving son was mentally handicapped, Donald William B. (b. in Newmarket, 10/08/1942), who died at Jackson's Point on 05/02/1994.

Mr. B. served with the military in Korea in 1951 and was therefore keenly interested in the Summer Olympics at Seoul in Sept. 1988. He was a good-hearted person and helped various people at GPH, as needed, but otherwise kept much to himself; attended church occasionally with our congregation.

While a resident at GPH he maintained a red Volkswagen, until the summer of 1988. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, especially the one in the Saturday *Toronto Star*.

At the time of his death he was the one of the residents who had lived the longest at GPH, almost 14 years. It was not his wish to have a funeral and he donated his body to the University of Toronto for research.

The *Spotlight*, Nov.–Dec. 1984, printed a thank you to Norman under the title "Residents' Council Honours Norman Bartlett":

> Residents' Council held a special dinner to honour Norman Bartlett recently. Council members expressed appreciation to Norman for the many ways he helps both residents and staff at the Home. It would be impossible to list everything but some of the things he does are: servicing the pop machine, taking out the garbage, setting up and putting away for activities, running the VCR, driving his car for outings, sweeping, shovelling snow and mowing the lawn. Staff appreciate his helpfulness and say he often notices something that needs doing and does it without being asked.
>
> Thank you, Norman, from all of us. Your good nature and ready smile contribute much to the pleasant atmosphere at Grove Park Home.

The *Barrie Banner*, Mar. 1, 1985, published a fine photo of Mr. Bartlett with Mabel YOUNG as that year's Winter Carnival King and Queen. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 03/11/1983—A5

BASE, Eric

10/01/1910–1976?

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that he was a bank manager; issue 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) records that he spent time at Christmas with his two sons in Scarborough. Issue 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) of *The Spotlight* records that Mr. B. moved to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

See FAWN.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: before 06/1973 to 02 or 03/1975

BATCHELDER, Grace *Carr*

05/07/1905–08/11/1995

B. in Leominster, MA, to English immigrants; her five brothers were born there.

She was married on 08/08/27 to Frederick, who had spent four years at Auden, MB. Mrs. B. worked in a textile mill, then at a Children's Home in Boston. They spent a year in California. Twice at the end of WWII she went to England and once later.

Her only child, Mary Price, and her husband came to Canada in 1953. In 1967 Mrs. B. and her husband retired and came to Canada; they lived on a house on the Price's farm at Ivy. Mr. B. died in 1971.

Mrs. B. worshiped at St. Mark's in Leominster; at Trinity in Boston—a church where Harry Emerson Fosdick once preached and which I once visited when I was a student in Cambridge, MA.

Mrs. Batchelder's gd.-daughter Jenny Price Ellis works with my wife Elaine in the CCU at RVH and we knew each other before her grandmother's move to GPH.

A brief biography of Mrs. Batchelder was printed in the *Spotlight*, May-June 1993. Her photo appeared in the *Examiner* on July 8, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 24/10/1991—A29

BAYCROFT, Violet ("Vi") *Langman* FISHER

19/09/1907–

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 70s. Their son Bill has a barber shop on Dunlop St. E., near the Queen's Hotel and is a frequent visitor to GPH.

Vi remarried. Mr. B. was from Weyburn, SK. In the mid-70s 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, hear 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 visited occasionally recited for us "The Cremation of Sam McGee" "at the clock" one time.

She and Lottie BONNEY at GPH 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

BEACH, Allan I.

28/05/1908–07/10/1990

B. in Iroquois, ON on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. The family of three boys, three girls moved to Barrie in 1929—after their flour mill burned—and for more than 55 years Mr. B. lived at 48 High St.

The population of Barrie in 1929 was 8,500. Allan married Lynn Coleman of Cookstown in 1939 but kept their marriage a secret for a year: Lynn worked at the Post Office and at that time she could not be married and work there!

Allan and his father operated the Barrie Flour Mill on Maple Ave., across from the bus terminal, until it burned in Mar. 1952. Allan's father, one of 10 children—all of them established in business—was 84 when the Barrie mill burned but he wanted to "build bigger and better." Allan said, "Count me out!" and went to work for the Co-op until his retirement in 1974.

After seeing "The War Story" at the Gryphon Theatre Mr. B. related to me that one of his brothers was killed in WWII; another spent three yrs. in a concentration camp. When he moved house to come to GPH some letters were found, sent by his brother to his mother. And he remembered how his father called the family together and sat his mother down to tell them of his brother's death.

Lynn B. died in Mar. 1979. Mr. B. remained religiously alive; a member of Trinity Anglican he was immersed by Canon John Speer in a pond near Barrie ca. 1981. After his move to GPH the sign on his door announced "Life is a Beach."

Through his work at the feed mill Mr. B. knew a great many people in the Barrie area. When my wife and I were married at the chapel at the Simcoe Co. Museum—which had been an Anglican church on the 7th of Vespra Twp.—Allan told me that he'd been in it where it stood originally.

Children: David (m. Shelley), of Pickering; Nancy (m. Douglas Hickling), of Midhurst. David and Shelley have two children, Graham and Lindsay; Nancy and Doug have one daughter, Lisa.

The *Spotlight*, June–July, 1981 noted that Mr. Beach was a new S.E. Programme participant.

The *Examiner*, Mar. 1, 1988, published a photo of Allan and Dolly MCREYNOLDS—Winter Carnival's 1987 King and Queen—standing behind Ernest WHITELL and Kay JOHNSON, who held that office in 1988. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

The *Spotlight*, July-Aug. 1990, printed responses various seniors had made to the question, "What do you think of the youth of today." Some responses were rather negative. Allan's was so typical: "They're the best. They're the most." I think he was probably reflecting his experience with his grandchildren and young people he knew through GPH.

GPH: 01/1984—M79

BEARDSALL, Pearl

17/06/1895–??

Church: United Church, Elmvale.

Mrs. B. moved from GPH to Elmvale.

GPH: ???

BEAVER, Doris *Canning* JOHNSTON

31/10/1908–13/02/1998

B. near Churchill, on a farm. She was the last survivor of nine children. Mrs. B. went to Normal School and then taught in Barrie and Painswick, grades 1–8. Her first husband managed a grocery store in Painswick.

In 1965 she married Llewelyn ("Lew") Beaver, who worked for the *Barrie Examiner*. (Eylenne LANDREVILLE knew Mr. Beaver's first wife, Audrey Partridge.) With this marriage she moved to 10 Donald St., to a house built by Mr. Beaver's father-in-law—Cecil ("Burt") Partridge, a local builder. Mrs. B. also became step-mother to two grown children, Carol and Kenneth.

Mrs. Beaver eventually came into GPH with the S.E. Programme.
She was widowed in 1991 and moved to GPH from an apt. on Vancouver St.

Mrs. Beaver enjoyed travelling—to Florida various times; reading; handwork. She also played bridge and euchre and was a member of a group that got together to play cards.

Mrs. B. was a member of Central United Church and before her marriage sang in the choir there. She was a contributor to *Skunks and Scholars*. By personality she was a gracious, friendly person; her profession as a teacher gave her special abilities with her gd.-children: telling stories, for example.

Agnes KNEESHAW and Lois STURGEON knew Mrs. B. as a child: they all went to the United Church at Churchill; Orville ARNOLD was the "best man" at her wedding.

GPH: 29/10/1993—A11

BELL, Eileen *Exelby*

11/12/1918–

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 has been a favourite pastime; she taught friends at Parkside Villa how to play euchre.

GPH: 29/06/1998

BELL, Frances Wilhelmina ("Mina") *Stacey*

04/12/1901–28/06/1995

Her father was the station master in Creemore from 1900: see the photo and her reminiscence in the Creemore history book, published in 1989. Her mother was at one time President of the W.C.T.U.

She married ca. 1925 and her husband was with the railway in Bracebridge, Inglewood, then at Barrie.

Mrs. B. had five children, two of which predeceased her in 1979 and 1985; two daughters—one is Mary Trim—and a son, Harold survived her. (Mary lives in Brampton; Harold in Gravenhurst.)

Mrs. B. was an avid reader and when her eyesight failed read with a magnifying glass. She copied out the Bible in longhand, diligently; she kept track of how many people had died at GPH from the time of her arrival. When her hearing failed almost completely she would still greet you with the words "God bless you."

Mrs. B. was a member of First Baptist Church, where she knew Edith ETHERINGTON.

Her hobbies included painting and tatter-crochet.

The GPH activities schedule for Dec. 1980 noted Mina's birthday as a participant in the S.E. Programme.

The *Barrie Banner*, Nov. 28, 1984, published a photo of Mina and Ina DOBSON participating at a Sears special Christmas shopping day. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 22/08/1983—B36

BELL, Lillian *Miller*

18/10/1901–

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 enjoy Mrs. Bell's monologues, which she has given 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 is a subject of conversation almost any time we meet—she doesn't like it very much, and more than once she has quoted to me this riddle: "What is worse than eating an egg without salt?" The answer: "Kissing a man with a beard!" We have had a lot of fun with this subject.

GPH: 28/09/1995—O89

BELL, Mary GRIFFITHS

16/03/1913–17/06/1997

B. in Toronto; siblings were Allan and Jean.

She graduated from the University of Toronto in 1934 (?). She married Mr. Griffiths but he was killed in 1944 in WWII. She met Mr. B. in 1947 and their children, Bruce and Andrea, were born in 1950 and 1952, respectively.

Mrs. B. was a legal secretary in Toronto and worked until she was 71. Mr. Bell died in 1982 and she came to Barrie in 1986.

Family and work were what was important to her. Andrea recalls family skiing trips. Unfortunately she was in ill health at GPH so few of us knew of her accomplishments.

GPH: 21/08/1996—C46

BESWETHERICK, Gordon

07/10/1910–

Mr. B. lived on a farm south of Glencairn and 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 just recently closed (1998?). That very old congregation had ties to the Barrie Church of Christ.

The family moved to Barrie in 1945 and his 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, including at the Humane Society.

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!

GPH: 06/05/1996—A16

BIDWELL, Miss Lillie

21/05/1892–1974?

Church: Trinity Anglican.

GPH: ???

BIGGS, Thelma *Jennett*

04/05/1909–12/06/1987

B. in Ivy, daughter of David and Ethelda Biggs. Mrs. B. had three brothers and a sister: Vernon—a barber in Thornton; Edna (m. Geil); Harold; Lloyd. Mrs. Biggs was christened and married in the Anglican church in Ivy.

She married a railroader, Lorne B., and they lived most of their married life in Brampton. They had no children.

Mrs. Biggs' niece, Shirley Priest—daughter of Edna, provided the information given here. Shirley is the mother of our six-yr.-old son Jason's kindergarten teacher at Maple Grove School (1998)!

It is unfortunate that after a fall in which she broke her hip Mrs. B.—at that time at least—could not be cared for at GPH, so she moved to Credit Valley nursing home in Creemore.

GPH: 14/11/1983—M67–20/05/1985

BINNS, Helen *Bryan*

22/10/1901–22/11/1991

B. on the 8th (?) Conc. of King Twp. and moved as a child to Aurora.

She married in Aurora and lived for 50 yrs. with her husband in Newmarket.

Mrs. B. related the story of her brother (?), a town boy, who visited a farm and was taken to milk the cows. Afterwards he was offered a glass of fresh milk. He declined because the milk came from a cow: he said they got their milk "from the milkman!"

Children: Barbara—she is in Delaware; Jean (m. Wells), a minister in ON; Brian is in Lindsay. (1987).

Barbara brought her dog, a great Schnauser, to GPH at Christmas 1988 and dressed it up like a reindeer—that was a big hit.

GPH: 08/06/1983—B40

BISHOP, Isabel *Culham*

18/04/1912–15/01/1995

B. in Edenvale, one of six children of Henry Bishop and Mary Park . Mrs. B. lived in Barrie except for a few years in London. She married Ray Bishop in 1936. He travelled, selling hardware; then worked for Robinson Hardware in Barrie.

The Bishops owned and sold three houses on Shirley Ave. in Barrie. Mr. B. died in 1987.

Mrs. Bishop was in the choir at Central United Church; a member of Eastern Star Lodge. She did needlepoint and enjoyed music and dancing.

In Barrie they took in boarders, usually teachers, two at a time. Her doctor for 60 years was Dr. Smith. Two daughters: Betty Douglas, in Barrie; Mary Lou, in Creemore.

GPH: 07/05/1994—A28

BISHOP, John Wesley

08/01/1892–14/10/1982

Daughters: Mary (m. Carruthers, son of Isaac CARRUTHERS); Dorothy (m. McFadden)

David Johnson, the Administrator, recalled him as a resident. Whenever the residency rates would go up, Mr. Bishop would remark, "The Administrator must be getting a new suit!" (28/01/98—at the reception following the memorial service for Alma *Stacey* Timmins, a member of staff at GPH.)

There is an *Examiner* photo of Mr. B. at a Remembrance Day ball for WWI veterans in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976).

GPH: 13/04/1973—C43

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

BLANCHARD, Mona *Keller*

08/09/1907–13/09/1995

Mrs. Blanchard was a teacher for eight yrs., then a nurse: she was offered three positions at Kingston General Hospital but got married instead. Her husband was away five years in WWII: she had said that she would not marry him until he got home, because she didn't know if he would make it back!

Mr. B. was in charge of teacher education for Ontario and spend periods of time in Africa setting up teachers' colleges. She herself did not enjoy travelling for more than three weeks at at time—that was long enough to live out of a suitcase! Mr. B. died in the summer of 1994. Mrs. B. maintained her ties with her Anglican Church in Mississauga after moving to GPH.

Mrs. B. was a sister-in-law of Winston Blanchard of Barrie who, in turn, is a brother of Maud TOMEY. The Blanchards are neighbours of Wayne MacRiner on Holgate St.: they live at 54 and he at 62. Wayne is a member of the Barrie Church of Christ.

GPH: 31/10/1994—M68

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

BLOUGH, Lillie Edna

28/08/1893–01/1977

The Spotlight 4, 4 (Feb. 1975) has brief biographical information about Mr. and Mrs. Blough. It states that they lived in Hamilton during his working years and that he worked on the Hamilton bridge. He was born in Allandale; she was born in Edgar, where she sang in the church choir. According to the *Spotlight* 4, 12 (Oct. 1975), they were married on Oct. 31, 1917.

Church: Central United Church, Barrie.

GPH: by 02/1975

BLOUGH, Percy Lawrence

09/12/1888–02/1977

See previous item.

Church: Central United, Barrie.

GPH: by 02/1975

BOLECHOWSKY, Mrs. Anna

26/07/1909–??

The *Spotlight* 6, 7 (July 1977) welcomed Mrs. Bolechowsky as a new resident that month.

Sons: Dr. John Alex, of Oro Station; K. A., of St. Catharines.

Church: Greek Catholic Church.

GPH: 07/1977; "transferred" 07/1977

BONNELL, Bertha *Currier*

10/07/1898–24/11/1991

B. in Cabbagetown, Toronto. Went to Park School with Tilly MACEY. Married in 1919 a veteran of WWI. With the $500 he received in compensation for the loss of an arm they bought 5 acres in North York; spent the rest of their lives in North York, living in the same house for 40 yrs. Then they came to Barrie.

Attended Little Trinity Church in Toronto—her children were christened there. Attended Greenwood Chapel at Queen and Coxwell, Toronto.

Mrs. B. had ten children, "enough for a hockey team," she said: two died in their 20s; one died in France in WWII; a son and daughter are in Barrie; a son in Washago, another in Orillia; a daughter in Vancouver.

Interment is with her sons at St. John's Norway Church cemetery on Kingston Rd.: see MEADOWS, LONG.

Mrs. Bonnell was a "White Cross" mother at Remembrance Day Services. The *Advance* published a photo of her and her daughter Eleanor Angliss on Nov. 10, 1991, under the heading "We remember George on the 11th." See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 31/10/1989—A7

BONNEY, Iona *Brake*

21/12/1908–27/04/1997

B. in Toronto, into a family that included three brothers and three sisters. She did not marry until she was 59, on 27/09/67, when she married George Herbert B.

Mrs. Bonney's work experience included ten years in an office; in the Depression she worked for $5/mo. north of Agincourt, looking after seven boys; she also worked at the Sanitorium in Gravenhurst; then came to Barrie.

Late in life she experienced a religious renewal and had a deep faith. Mrs. B. enjoyed knitting and walking. She came into GPH first with the S.E. Programme: her birthday is noted in the Dec. 1992 schedule of activities.

GPH: 12/12/1995—M72

BONNEY, Lottie Victoria *Shaw*

18/04/1902–

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 are: 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 knows a great deal about Oro's history and people. She takes 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 hangs 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 are "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.

GPH: 10/06/1993—A12

BOTTRILL, Sherill *Temple*

08/02/1911–09/08/1993

At the age of 6 mos. her parents moved from Detroit to Toronto. Her father had gone to Detroit for some reason and met Sherill's mother, who was sixteen yrs. older than he was. Her father was a man who could "put his hand to anything," she said. Throughout her life Sherill maintained connections in Detroit.

Her husband, Geoff, was stationed with the airforce at Downsview: she met him at a dance (?)—he had gone there with someone else! For 18 yrs. Sherill worked at 357 Yonge St. for Beatty, Thor and Easy Washers.

In the early 1950s the Bottrills moved to Barrie. This was a "coming home" in a sense because her gd.-parents were from Guthrie. On Mar. 9, 1978, Geoff died.

Mrs. Bottrill's connection with GPH began with the S.E. Programme: Monday was her day to come. In the fall of 1983 she moved into GPH. Sherill liked Cary Grant as an actor. She was a generous person and gave of her means when a need presented itself.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Bottrill, Edith THOMPSON, and adjuvant Mary Bartolo (m. Hutterer) on Feb. 16, 1984, in connection with Valentine's Day. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

The *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1991, printed a Valentine's poem that Sherill wrote:

Valentine's

Valentine's means to me
Memories of things that used to be;
Pretty cards with sentiment fond,
How great to be young and have these around!

Years march on; now I'm fortunate to be
In a place where others care about me.
All staff and nurses make my days
Happy in so many ways.

New friends bring joy and prove to me
Life can be pleasant as it used to be.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie, on 17/08/1993, alongside Geoff.

GPH: 01/11/1983—M85

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 works 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

BOWDEN, Harold H.

09/01/1893–10/03/1979

B. in New Dundee, ON.

There is an excellent *Examiner* article, dated Aug. 6, 1976, about Mr. B. It offers a biography of his life and explains that he began his working life as a candy maker in 1906, in a shop in Kitchener that eventually became Smiles 'n Chuckles which, in turn, was bought by Laura Secord in 1964.

Mr. Bowden married Amelia Schmidt in 1914. They moved to Winnipeg where Mr. B. worked for International Harvester for 42 years, for 35 of that as manager. Then they moved to Toronto where he worked for 15 years in his son Ralph's press-clipping bureau. From there they moved to Waterloo. Mrs. B. died in 1970 and he came to GPH in 1975. *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that he had spent Christmas with his sons Ralph, in Oro Station, and William, in Collingwood.

See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976); another *Examiner* photo—his name is misspelled as "Bowder," from the following year, shows Mr. B. at the Simcoe County seniors picnic. The *Spotlight* 6, 4 (Apr. 1977) welcomed Mr. B. back from a holiday in Arizona.

Mr. Bowden submitted a report of a trip which the men of the home took with Administrator David Johnson around Barrie; it appeared in the *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) and notes the construction of Centennial Park: "The ground around the Kempenfelt Bay area has been filled into the Bay to be used as a Park. A ramp will be built up over the railroad tracks so cars can get into the park."

Church: United.

GPH: by 12/1974

BOWDEN, Ralph

13/07/1916–

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!

GPH: 08/07/1997—C50

BOWIE, Margaret *Benoit*

13/06/1909–

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 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 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; Linda (m. Terry Yorke) has children who are twins: Nancy and James.

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

Margaret enjoys incredibly good health, fitness of both body and mind. Except in very bad weather she walks each day from GPH down to the Lake and back, this at the age of 90! We all hope to be like her.

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–

B. on the 11th Conc. of Innisfil Twp., at the first farm on the north side of

the road, east of #11 highway. He is 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 has 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 says 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!

GPH: 05/02/1998

BOWMAN, Mrs. Elizabeth *Schell*

07/08/1886–03/11/1980

Married John B. when she was 26 and he was 35. Together they had ten children: Marjorie (m. Brodie); Audrey (m. Stroud); Joe; Sheldon; Sally (m. Graydon Knupp); John; Austin; Palmer; Betty (m. Clark); Frances.

The *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976) notes that Mrs. Bowman spent the Christmas season with her daughter, Mrs. Knupp, in Sutton. The *Spotlight* 5, 3 (Apr. 1976) notes that Mrs. Bowman spent several days with her sister in Hamilton.

Hope Bowman, an R.N. who recently retired from GPH, is married to John Bowman jr.

Church: Presbyterian Church, Stroud.

GPH: by 12/1975; 1977—C59

BOWMAN, Harriet Aminda ("Minnie")

01/02/1897–14/07/1996*

B. near Clear Lake, Muskoka, in Oakley Twp., to Robert and Gertrude B. Eight more children followed: Christy (m. Frank Mathias); Francis (m. Art Jay); Robert Henry (d. at 6 days old); Vic; Harry (d. at 3 yrs. old); Robbie (d. at 1 yr. old); May (m. Ed Baylis); Ruby (m. Ed Hard).

When she was 14, Miss Bowman's father died of typhoid fever after drinking contaminated water. She was sent to work near King City, on the Whites' farm—Mrs. White was disabled with arthritis. Her duties included cooking, baking, cleaning, laundry as well as helping with the milking and other chores! Minnie managed all these things and stayed on for eleven years. After that she went to Toronto and continued this kind of work: she worked as a cleaner at "the Temple Building," and at Walfood's cafeteria in the Leaside area, where she was a pastry cook. She was famous for her pies. Forced to retire at age 70 she moved into an apartment at 250 Davenport Rd.

Miss. B. was baptized at the Beverly St. Baptist Church. When they moved near the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ, she started attending there, as did her sister May, who was Bob Baylis' mother. After the premature death of Ed Baylis of TB, Minnie lived with her mother and sister May and the three Baylis children. Bob recounted that he was only a month old when his father died so she played a significant role in the life of him, Virginia, and their older brother Bruce (struck by a car and killed at age 21).

I knew Minnie from the 1970s when she lived with the Baylis family and worshiped at the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ. She had a particular flowered hat that she often wore, and twinkling eyes. Grandson Bryce recalled at her funeral that she often protected him—unjustifiably!—against recriminations by his siblings. Bryce is the youngest in his family and Minnie had a special fondness for the youngest child in a family, having similarly favoured Bryce's father Bob.

From the time she was at King City, Miss B. adhered to a line of religious thought called "British Israelitism." Though no one in her family adhered to this, she remained committed to it until the end of her life. But I must hasten to add that her reading in British Israelitism was not the focus of her religious life—I only mention it because it underlines her independence of spirit.

Miss. B. believed in a certain elixir of things to maintain her health: these included bananas, grapefruit juice, and a certain kind of herbal tea. Perhaps these contributed to her great age.

Interment: Prospect Cemetery, Toronto. Obituary: *Gospel Herald* 61, 9 (Sept. 1996), p. 16.

GPH: 01/02/1989. Pat Norton records 31/01/1989—O74.

BOYLE, Frances May *Bradley*

09/05/1908–

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 has six grandchildren and nine gt.-grandchildren. Mrs. Boyle is 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.

Favourite expression: "Lovely dear!"

GPH: 14/10/1997—M73

BRENNAN, Mrs. Jennie ("Jean") Viola
10/07/1899–05/10/1983
Church: Faith Missionary Alliance.
GPH: 09/04/1982—B38/B30/C43

BRENNAN, Laura *Carley*
13/02/1894–07/01/1993
B. in Mount St. Louis. She spent her entire married life in Barrie, where they were the second generation to operate Brennan's Meats. The Brennans had four children: John; Joan (m Balzar); Ann (m. Rondau); Margaret.
Unfortunately Mrs. B. lived only a short time at GPH before she fell and broke a hip.
Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Barrie.
GPH: 15/03/1985—B (*sic*)–05/1985

BRIGLEY, Herman
08/05/1905–01/10/1996*
B. Queensland, N.S., one of four children. His father used to travel to Halifax to work and it was during one of those visits that he was killed in the Halifax Explosion of 1917, when a ship loaded with explosives blew up in the harbour. This meant hard times for the family.
Herman studied in Boston for a time and became a qualified machinist. It was while there and hospitalized in Worcester that he met Mildred Cook. They married in Oct. 1936 and bought their first house on Elm St. in Halifax. Carol (m. Snelling) was born; then Bruce, who died in his first year; then, after the War, Barry. During WWII Mr. B. worked in the Dartmouth shipyards: in 1943 he worked on the refitting of the Saint Roch, the RCMP vessel that had sailed across the Arctic from Vancouver to assert Canadian sovereignty. After the refit the vessel returned to Vancouver by way of the Arctic, becoming the first vessel to travel the Canadian Arctic both ways.
In 1947 the Brigleys moved to Toronto. After a period at Acme Screw and Gear in Mt. Dennis, he was hired by A.V. Roe in Malton. There he worked in the machine shop, making parts for the CF-100 and later the famous Avro Arrow. He was there for the roll-out of the first Arrow and he was there on Black Friday too, when the government cancelled the programme. Mr. B. was fortunate to keep his job and went back to work on the Monday after the massive layoffs and continued working in the machine shop through buy-outs by DeHavilland and then Douglas Aircraft.
After retirement the Brigleys moved to Barrie.
(This summary of Mr. Brigley's life is taken from son Barry's eulogy.)
Mr. B. enjoyed at trip to N.S. in 1990 with Barry and his family and their dog "Buddy." He liked that dog.
Mr. Brigley contributed the following item to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "Early Settlers in Nova Scotia." His photo appeared in the *Examiner* on June 10, 1995, following his 90th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.
Interment is at Glendale Cemetery, Toronto.
GPH: 07/06/1989—M63

BRIGLEY, Mildred Catherine *Cook*
16/03/1907–19/05/1995*
B. at Gays River, N.S., the daughter of May Walker and Ralph Cook; her siblings were Clarence, Jean and Genesta.
Her father was the 3rd generation to run water-powered mills on Gays River; her gt.-gd.-father John Sr. started what grew to four types of mills: sawmill, carding mill,

grist mill and shingle mill. These mills were known for miles around. This gt.-gd.-father build the Presbyterian church where her father and gd.-father were deacons. That congregation became a United Church; the Cooks are buried in the cemetery.

At the age of 18 Mrs. B. went to Worcester, MA, with her aunt Gladys to train as a nurse at Memorial Hospital. She graduated in 1928 and eventually became Asst. Supervisor of the Operating Room. She also did private nursing in Providence, R.I. Mrs. B. met her husband at the hospital in Worcester: she used to check on patients from N.S. When they were both back in N.S., he looked her up. They were married in 1936.

After the move to Toronto, Mrs. B. went to church with her sister-in-law and was confirmed in the Anglican Church.

Children Carol, Bruce and Barry were all born in N.S.

Mrs. B. loved nature and the outdoors and always had a beautiful garden. Nova Scotia was special to her; in 1988 she made a trip there with Carol and saw her brother again. She also had a love of the Arctic and made five trips to the eastern and western Arctic with Carol. Mrs. B. had a long service pin in the Ladies Auxiliary of the 4th Weston Boy Scouts.

I will always associate Mrs. B. with Musquadoboit, located 10 miles N of Gays River. I heard the name first from her. She related that Gays River got its name from a man named Gay, who had drowned in it "so the story goes."

Grandchildren are Shannon and Greg Brigley.

(This summary is based on the eulogy written by Mrs. Brigley's daughter, Carol Snelling.)

Interment: Glendale Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 15/05/1989—B32

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**?** (husband**?**) 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. They 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

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.

GPH: 23/12/1997

BROOK, Emily *Stanfield*

30/07/1910–

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 Sq.—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 is my Manitoba contact and passes on to me copies of the Boissevain *Recorder*. She goes out to "Stitch and Chatter" at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and enjoys that a lot. I call it "Snitch and Stitch" and we have 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.
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> 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

BROWN, Violet Ruby ("Vi") *Brewster*

17/02/1913–21/05/1993*

B. on a farm at Stroud, the daughter of Edith Lawrence and Frank Brewster; moved to Barrie at age 17. Her mother died on 29/05/1935 and her father's remarriage provided for Vi a sister, Alice ("Penny") Dunnett, of Barrie.

Married Charles Brown—d. 07/1984, whose parents had a market garden at 134 Cook St. He travelled for an auto parts business; sold cars for Dangerfield

Motors; had a restaurant at Shelburne for 3 1/2 yrs. until their little boy Charlie Jr. was struck by a car and killed. Then, as she said, "I couldn't take it any longer." During WWII Vi had a boarding house in Barrie. The Browns lived in the fieldstone house at 200 Toronto St., next to Hillcrest School.

Children: Joe (m. Barbara; d. at age 47 of cancer); Helen (m. Jim Tims: Jim d. in the fall of 1989; m. George Mauk); Charlie Jr. died at age 3; John, a carpenter in Toronto who works for White Rose Nurseries.

Vi was a great gardener: she planted 400 plants she had grown from seeds one year and had four different varieties of lilacs at her place. She was a member of the Horticultural Society in Barrie for 28 yrs. The garden at Toronto St. included a goldfish pond that her son-in-law Jim built.

Grandson Randy Tims was a special person to her. Mrs. B. and Eylenne LANDREVILLE were great friends before—at the apts. on Heather St.—and after moving to GPH.

Early in her life she worshiped at St. Paul's, Innisfil. When she lived at GPH she worshiped occasionally with our congregation. Vi contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"The Day I Played Hookey from School"; "New York World's Fair, 1939"; "Trip to Florida, 1962"; vol. 2—"My Birthday"; "Our First Car."

There is a newspaper clipping and photo of Mrs. Brown, published on the occasion of her 80th birthday and dated Feb. 3, 1993. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 20/08/1988—A22

BRUCKER, Mathilde

06/10/1901–16/04/1991

B. in Bremerhaven, Germany. She went to New York City in 1927 where she met her future husband, who was from Austria.

With the onset of the Depression they returned to Bremerhaven—in 1930—and opened a grocery store. They tried to return to the USA but could not. Her husband was conscripted for the army at age 40 and survived the siege of Stalingrad—where his company perished, Holland, and Czechoslovakia. After the War they opened a grocery store again.

In 1952 the Bruckers came to Toronto; their son Val, later a Barrie teacher and school principal, was a little boy at the time. Once more they opened a grocery store—Brucker's Groceteria. Mr. B. died in 1976. A daughter—Ingrid (m. El Gazzar), born in the War, lives in Alexandria, Egypt.

The *Barrie Banner*, May 29, 1981, published a photo of Mrs. B. visiting Allandale Heights School. Another photo, published in the *Examiner*, June 18, 1986, shows her with her son Val and a group of students from Allandale Heights School, who held a BBQ for GPH residents. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

I might mention that Mrs. Brucker's son Val has been a great facilitator of relations between GPH and Codrington St. School.

GPH: 07/1977; 11/10/1977—A5/A28

BRYSON, Florence *Kilbourn*

03/08/1901–09/10/1991

B. at Parkhill ON, the daughter of a doctor. She was the youngest of a family that included a brother and sister. The children were sent to school in Toronto where they lived with grandparents. Married; her husband was in finance.

Children: Bob (m. Ina) in Barrie, came to live at GPH also; Neil (Kingston); David (Melbourne, Australia). Long-time friends with Bill and Kitty LITTLE.

GPH: 23/11/1989—A25

BRYSON, Robert

25/05/1924–

Mr. B. is 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.

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

The death of Ina of pancreatic cancer in 1993 was a traumatic event in Mr. B.'s life. He is a spiritual man who enjoys music, reading and art. He is young to live at GPH but helps others in a variety of ways.

Mr. B. introduced me to the writings of Frederick Buechner, first to his *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner*, compiled by George Conner (San Francisco: HarperCollins 1992).

GPH: 07/06/1996—O74

BUCHANAN, Mrs. Agnes

25/11/1894–08/06/1984

The *Spotlight* 6, 9 (Sept. 1977) welcomed Mrs. Buchanan as a new resident. Joan Walker's records note that Patty Torpey of Moonstone is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Buchanan.

Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie.

GPH: 08 or 09/1977; 29/09/1978—A14/C51

BULMER, L. Jean *Beeton*

27/08/1907–

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 has 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 has seven grandchildren and eleven gt. grandchildren.

Jean is 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

BURNS, Mary *O'Hearn*

10/08/1895–14/02/1990

B. Orangeville; two brothers. At age 11 moved to Toronto where illness prevented her from going to high school. Edward Burns was a neighbour and at age 22 in 1917 she married him. They raised a son and daughter, Blanche (m. Thew, of Minesing). Mrs. Burn's husband worked for CN for 42 yrs.

When the children married the Burns came to Barrie; travelled widely—Europe, USA, NW Canada. After her husband's death she stayed on in an apt., then came to GPH, first in the S.E. Programme: her birthday is noted in the *Spotlight*, Aug.–Sept., 1980, as a participant in that programme.

Member: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

GPH: 18/11/1980—B34/A26

BURROWS, Florence Jane *Campbell Ross*

31/12/1902–

B. in Margaret MB. (When I taught at Brandon University [1980–84] I visited Margaret at 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 have 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 eight gt.-grandchildren.

Flo still loves music, dancing and singing. She really loves the "sing-songs" at GPH and can 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 knows her passion for desserts, especially ice-cream!

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, as of mid-1999 Mrs. Burrows is the GPH resident who has lived here the longest, almost twenty years. Kay JOHNSON is next—she moved to GPH on 21/03/1984.

GPH: 22/12/1980—B36/A20/C48

BURTCH, Charlotte *Atkinson*

01/03/1911–

B. outside Toronto on a farm—they had bees—on the Appleby Line, just N of the QEW. Her father died of pernicious anemia, the farm was lost and the family moved to Toronto. She was 15 when that happened.

Mrs. B. married in 1933. A sister and brother—she had six siblings—also married Burtches!! Her mother said to them, "Can't you find anybody to marry except Burtches?"

It was the Depression when she married and they had no money. Mr. B. was a "good-looking man," eleven yrs. her senior. He worked at many different jobs—they moved 32 times! She worked for Bell Telephone all her working life except when the kids were small.

Mrs. B. felt that many tragic things had happened in her life: e.g., she suffered some severe burns one time. Her life at GPH was a time of great peace and security, she felt.

There are two children: a son David, formerly a dentist, now a cabinet maker in Collingwood; a daughter in Owen Sound, whose husband is in social work at Owen Sound Hospital.

Mrs. B. had a dry, funny sense of humour. One time she was in the hospital I took her a wooden puzzle to pass the time. The next week when I went to visit her she showed me that puzzle with satisfaction: "See Mr. Cox," she said, "I got it apart!" The puzzle stayed apart until the young son of a parishioner of mine, a whiz at such things, quickly reassembled it.

Mrs. B. was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-Day Saints but she kept her religious convictions in balance with other things. I was disappointed when she moved to Owen Sound to be closer to her daughter in the summer of 1990.

The *Spotlight*, July-Aug. 1985, offered congratulations to Mrs. Burtch for winning a trophy at a recent visual arts display at Parkview Centre. Her winning entry was a still-life in pastels, done in the GPH sketching class.

While at GPH Mrs. Burtch contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "Dragging Her Tail Behind Her"; "Tobogganing." A piece of her artwork, entitled "The Great Blue Heron," can be found in GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 08/11/1984—B40–01/1989

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CALDWELL, Mrs. Ida ("Julia")
08/01/1883–07/05/1976
The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Mrs. C. had a wonderful Christmas at GPH; many friends and relatives visited her on December 25.
Church: United.
GPH: by 12/74

CALDWELL, Mrs. Laurine
02/07/1893–17/11/1979
B. in Barrie. There is a photo of Mrs. C. in the *Examiner*, June 25, 1976, taken at the anniversary tea. On this occasion Joan Walker was introduced at the new activities director. Another photo from the same year shows her taking a tour of Codrington St. School. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976).
The *Spotlight*, Nov. 1976, notes that "Mrs. Caldwell appeared on the Moira Hunt show on CKVR-TV on December 1st. She was interviewed with her adopted grandson from Codrington School, Stephen Fox." Children: one son, in Timmins (01/1975: *The Spotlight* 4,3 [Jan. 1975]); one daughter.
GPH: by 06/1973—C41

CAMERON, Miss Anne Bridget
21/12/1891–1976?
B. in Barrie; she had six siblings: George; James Thomas ("J.T."); Catherine, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph—she taught in Barrie; Ella (m. Lahey); Jessie; Jack ("Babe"). *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Miss Anna Cameron of Barrie, a niece of Miss Cameron, played piano for a hour on the evenings of Jan. 10 (classical music) and 11 (popular music).
Ms. C. was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto. Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic.
GPH: by 01/1975

CAMERON, Mrs. J. Kathrine
25/12/1905–24/02/1985
Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian, Barrie.
GPH: 27/03/1984—M83

CAMERON, Winnifred Ainslie *Campbell*
14/07/1908–04/10/1998
B. in Winnipeg MB. Her family moved to Calgary when she was a small child. Her father was an elder in a Presbyterian congregation there. After a short stay in California, during the Depression years, the family returned to Calgary and Ainslie resumed teaching, having graduated from Normal School in Calgary.
After ten years of teaching Ainslie was awarded an exchange scholarship to Plymouth, England, where she taught for one year. Since it was the beginning of WWII, she had many harrowing experiences in Plymouth and at sea on her return voyage to Canada.
On her way home to Calgary she stopped in Toronto to visit relatives, where she met Colin Cameron. Two years later she was again awarded a scholarship to further her

education at the University of Toronto, where she specialized in languages, in particular Spanish; she also taught there. Ainslie attended Summer Schools in Spain and Mexico. During this period her friendship with Colin—a widower, and father of Carol Anne—increased and in 1950 she accepted his proposal to establish a home with him and his daughter.

In 1951 Mrs. C. gave birth to her son, Colin Charles. The family moved to Guelph, where Ainslie was invited to join the faculty of the College and to assist in the establishment of a Spanish Division of the Language Department. (Three years previously Ainslie had responded to the gospel and was immersed. The family attended Sanford Ave. Church of Christ in Hamilton while living in Guelph.)

In 1968 Colin accepted an appointment with the Federal Government in Ottawa to serve as a scientific advisor in the Department of Health and Welfare, and the family moved to Ottawa where they were members of the Church of Christ for over twenty years.

Prior to a stroke which Mrs. Cameron had in 1986, she was active during the years in Ottawa as an executive member of the University Women's Association. A second stroke a month after the first resulted in a very serious memory impairment. Ten years later she broke her hip in a fall and, after seven months in hospital in Ottawa, came to live at GPH.

Daughter Carol Anne and granddaughter Jennifer live in Ottawa; son Colin lives in Nova Scotia. Dr. Cameron has continued to live in Barrie since Ainslie's death but anticipates moving to Brampton in late 1999 or early 2000.

Interment: Park View Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 06/12/1996—C52

•• CAMPBELL, Jane Florence *Creighton* KAY

22/11/1878–12/12/1974

B. in Corey Wexford, Ireland. She was raised in Ireland and graduated in nursing. She served in WWI as a nurse in England and later continued to work for the Red Cross in that capacity.

She met her first husband William Kay, moved to Canada, and raised two sons: William, a chartered accountant with the Anglican Church of Canada, and Laurence, a lawyer in Winnipeg.

In the 1930s she had purchased property (cabins and tea room) near Churchill—near Innisfil Conc. 3. Now a widow, she met a prominent local farmer from the 3rd line, John Smith Campbell. He was a widower with six grown children: Marjorie, Doug, Jean, Ken, Marshall and Beatrice. They married in 1943. When they retired, they sold their properties and moved to Barrie, to the village of Cundles, to a house on the corner of Bayfield and Cundles, where an Esso service station now stands.

Mrs. C. was very active in community activities: Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie Horticultural Society, RVH Auxiliary, Red Cross Society, as well as various Seniors groups.

In 1967 she was Barrie's "Senior Citizen of the Year." She rode in a carriage with the mayor in Barrie's Centennial Parade, dressed in 1800s style. She was very proud of her picture taken by the *Barrie Examiner*. There is a 1971 *Examiner* photo of Mrs. C. with Anne FALCONER, Mrs. J. Pearce, and Mrs. J. LUNDY at Elaine Bigelow's in Shanty Bay where the May Court Club hosted a tea for GPH residents. *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mrs. Campbell was the first president of the Barrie Friendship Club.

In her later years one of the highlights of spring for her was to be guest at the Holden Estate in Shanty Bay for the annual garden party each June that recognized volunteers of various charities.

During her stay at GPH she feverishly knitted mittens and socks for the Red Cross, and baby outfits for RVH. She was also very crafty at euchre, cribbage and bridge.

(This biography was prepared by Colleen Campbell Schriver, Mrs. Campbell's granddaughter. It corrects at a number of points a brief biography that appeared in *The Spotlight* 3, 9 [July 1974]. Colleen was a member of the Barrie Church of Christ in the 1960s when GPH was being planned and then built. She and her husband Kurt moved to Fredericton in the fall of 1999.)

GPH: fall 1969

CARR, Sadie *Brown*

27/10/1892–05/09/1989

Grew up at Holly; met husband at a skating rink in Stroud. Two brothers: one was killed in 1917 in the War; the other ran away to Michigan where he married and died.

Mrs. C. went to Toronto for a week's vacation and got secretly married at Chalmers Presbyterian Church. She came home and lived with her husband's parents and after a week or so the rumour got out that they were married! Her parents gave her as wedding presents a piano, a cow, and later a "Happy Thoughts" stove.

Mrs. Carr and her new husband had their wedding picture taken on ice-skates at Big Bay Point; she wore her wedding dress and he wore his suit—so *Spotlight*, Dec. 1980–Jan. 1981, according to an interview by Jill Stewart, at the time an Eastview High School student working at GPH as part of the Community Involvement Program.

Mrs. Carr's son died at age 60 (cancer)—daughter-in-law Lillian lives in Barrie. A grandson lives in Vancouver and gt.-grandchildren are there.

Member of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Contributor to the book *Skunks and Scholars*. She knew Gladys Srigley DYER from childhood. She was an excellent quilter, and enjoyed bridge.

The *Spotlight* 7, 7 (July 1978) notes Mrs. Carr's birthday. At the time she was a S.E. participant.

Mrs. Carr attended church at the Barrie Church of Christ every Sunday while at GPH.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Sadie on Mar. 7, 1979. She is pictured with Rollie Erwin of the S.E. Programme. A second *Examiner* photo, published Feb. 18, 1984, shows her quilting; a third, published on June 27, 1984, shows her cutting the cake on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Painswick Women's Institute. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Interment is at St. Paul's, Innsfil.

GPH: 01/11/1978—A6

CARRUTHERS, Isaac John

08/04/1890–31/12/1986

B. in Sandford, ON. He married Daisy Coutts on June 16, 1920; later he remarried—Betty Srigley McQuay.

Mr. Carruthers farmed on Duckworth St., north of Grove St. He had two sons: Walter and Lorne. There is a photo of Isaac and Daisy on their wedding day, another of

them with their sons in 1928, and others of their children and grandchildren in Bernice Coutts Patterson, compiler, *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy* (2nd ed.; photocopy 1996), pp. 107–109.

Lillian Barrowclough recalled that Mr. C. had a model team of horses on his dresser at GPH.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. Carruthers on July 12, 1977, on the occasion of the Coutts/Finlay family reunion at Springwater Provincial Park. He also appears in the paper the next winter, where he is Winter Carnival King; Margaret CUMMING, 102, was Queen. GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977 and 1978).

Member: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Barrie.

GPH: 27/03/1977—A7/C37

••? CARSON, Mrs. Jessie

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Rittenhouse list #1 notes that Mrs. Carson lived in room C46.

GPH: ??

CASEY, Eileen *Little*

27/07/1919–

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 has been 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 has moved to Barrie to be close to her son.

GPH: 27/05/1998

CASTON, Miss Jean

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Miss Caston's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a tea hosted by the TAITS in the fall of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: 06 or 07/1972

CAUNTER, Cyril

22/03/1899–10/04/1988

B. at 52 Empress Ave., Ilford, Essex, England. His parents were Gertrude M. Einhauser (d. 1910) sand Lionel George C. An older brother named Arthur, who died at age 7, was followed by Cyril, Jack, Ferdinand ("Ferdie"), Mary and Leonard.

Mr. Caunter went into the army in the summer of 1917. He became a 2nd Lieutenant and went to France with the British Army.

In 1923 he joined the RAF and became a pilot. The first plane he flew was an Avro 504K biplane at Netheraven, 13 miles N of Salisbury. In 1924 he entered No. 111 Fighter Squadron at Duxford Aerodrome, just S of Cambridge. It was there that he first flew the Sopwith Snipe, a late WWI aircraft. (The first model airplane that I put together as a child was a Sopwith Camel, a version of the aircraft that preceded the Snipe. I was immediately fascinated to actually meet a person who had flown a Sopwith.)

In Apr. 1928 he married Kathleen Murray and came to New York. They crossed the ocean on a liner-merchant ship called "American Banker." He found employment with Western Electric Co., which was then installing sound systems in theatres. Daughter Ann was born in New York.

The Caunters returned to England in 1929, where son Peter was born the following year. Mr. C. was working for Western Electric Co. in Paris in 1931 when the Depression caught up with that company. Mr. Caunter turned to writing novels and short stories; the latter were published in *Chambers Journal*, *Argosy* and other journals.

Ferdie died in Lethbridge AB in 1933.

Mr. Caunter eventually found employment with Bristol Aeroplane Co., designing engines. In 1937 he joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment, where he wrote operational textbooks, including two on the Rolls Royce Merlin engine—which powered both the Spitfire and Hurricane fighter aircraft. Then in 1943 he became Chief Technical Librarian for the R.A.E. In 1950 he became keeper of the Road Transports Collection at the Science Museum where he wrote six books on various science subjects.

In 1970 Mr. C. came to Canada, to Midland ON to be close to Ann. He was happy in Canada and went off to Glendon College to pursue his B.A. He received the degree at the age of 81 and two years later obtained his M.A. from York University. Then he published a book on aircraft engines with one of his professors at York University. Indeed, he authored some fifteen books. In a biography which he wrote for Ann at the age of 70 he notes that his first book was published in 1920 by Percival Marshall Ltd. It was called *Model Petrol Engine*. This was the beginning of a life-long interest in aircraft engines, motorcycles, and writing.

In 1982 Mr. Caunter was the subject of a National Film Board of Canada "Canada Vignette" entitled *Full Circle* (113C 0179 119). This four-minute film shows Mr. C. in Daphne Schiff's class at Glendon College and piloting a vintage Avro 504K. As we see him climbing into the cockpit there is that look of "dreams come true" on his face.

"York U's oldest grad earns Masters at 83," was the title of an article about Mr. Caunter in the *Toronto Star*, Nov. 3, 1982. The article is accompanied by a fine photo. Surely he ranks as one of the most interesting and accomplished people to live at GPH.

Daughter Ann Caunter lives in Barrie. I am indebted to Ann for permitting me to read the intriguing biography which her father wrote for her.

He was a member of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto.

GPH: 29/05/1987—O89

CHAMBERLAIN, Violet *Sprague*

11/03/1914–03/11/1996*

B. in Toronto's east end, the only child of Edgar Sprague and his wife. It was a small family: her father and two brothers were the only Spragues in the Toronto phonebook. Her father was a builder.

She married Walter Chamberlain, a 9th generation Canadian. There was a very short honeymoon—over night—before they began their common life as grocers. This business provided them with lots of work and lots of friends: Mrs. C. mentioned various Maple Leafs hockey players who used to stop by the store.

Two sons were born: Bob and Ed. There are three gd.-children: Candy; Betty-Ann and Bobby.

In 1985 Walter and Vi came to Barrie to live at Collier Place; they worshiped at Collier St. United Church. In 1988 Mr. C. died and Vi came to live at GPH. Here she became as especially close friend of Eileen LANDREVILLE. We had a point of contact because one of her closest friends was a Mrs. Huff, from Meaford.

Mrs. C. enjoyed knitting for the GPH Christmas bazaar and she liked her regular appointments for playing cards. She was a person of good and generous heart, optimism, and a sense of the importance of family. She often spoke of the

loneliness of being an only child. One of her treasured childhood memories was of a trip by ship to England with her mom.

The benediction at her memorial service *in lieu of funeral* was given by Rev. Doug Muir of Collier St. United Church, a good friend. Mable Finlay, another friend, offered recollections.

GPH: 11/08/1991—O95

CHITTICK, Mary *Harrison*

NA–23/09/1988

B. on a farm near Milton ON, the third in a family of four. Her parents died quite young, before Mary was ten years old, and she and her siblings went to live with relatives in the area.

Mary was brought up by her grandparents on a farm at Mt. Nemo near Burlington. She enjoyed the farm, particularly riding her farm horse to the country school. She finished high school in Toronto, became a teacher and taught for several years at Givens Street Public School in Toronto.

In 1925 she married C. Leslie Chittick and they came to Barrie to live, where her husband operated the Ford dealership until 1949. After selling his business, Les Chittick was for many years a special representative of the Sterling Trust Corporation in Barrie. In their later years the Chitticks travelled in Europe several times.

Mary was an avid duplicate bridge player, competing well into her nineties. In her younger years she won the ladies golf championship at the Barrie Golf and Country Club. During WWII she was president of the Red Cross Auxiliary in Barrie for several years.

The Chitticks had one son Bob who now lives in Toronto. Mary always took great pleasure in her three grandchildren who were all born in Barrie but as adults lived in San Francisco, London (England) and Halifax. In spite of the distance she always managed to "keep in close touch" with each of them.

A friendly person, with great interest in life and people, she would usually greet new friends with "Hi, I'm Mary Chittick."

Mr. Robert Chittick, Mary's son, has told me that his mother's closest friends among GPH residents were Kitty LITTLE, Evelyn WILGAR—who came to GPH after Mrs. Chittick's death, and Ruth CURRIE: "They had been friends for many years playing bridge and golf and through other social activities." She also knew Vera WILDMAN, and Velma MACDONALD.

GPH: 01/1986

CLARK, Martha *Bartholemew*

28/01/1902–05/11/1997

B. at Guthrie, where her parents farmed, the youngest of six children: Mary, Jean, Sue, Jack, Andy, Martha. She went to school with Helen WARNICA and May DRURY.

She married Gordon Wm. Clark on Mar. 12, 1927 and they bought a farm on the Shanty Bay Rd., south of #11, now called the Second of Oro-Medonte Twp. (Their son Ivan now farms there.) The Clarks had four children: Bill, Eileen, Ivan and Erma. Mrs. Clark has 16 gd.children and 32 gt.-gd.children.

They retired to Barrie and lived at 161 Codrington St.; Mr. Clark (b. 1904) died ten years later, in 1966. On the Clarks see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 72–74. Mrs. C. had been a member of the United Church at Guthrie and in Barrie identified with Collier St. United Church, where Myra ST. JOHN knew her.

Mrs. Clark was a gentle, loving person who is remembered in her family for her hugs. When they would ask her who old she was, she would say "102," and her purse was

always referred to as “her million.”

Knitting was her hobby.

Interment is at Guthrie Cemetery, near Jessie LOVE.

GPH: 26/05/1992—O99

••? CLEMENTS, Mrs. Katherine

30/06/1891–21/09/1978

Mrs. Clement’s name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

Church: St. Mary’s Roman Catholic, Barrie.

GPH: before 06/1972

•• COCHRANE, Mrs. ??

13/07/1885–??

Church: United.

GPH: ??

COCHRANE, Mrs. Annie

30/09/1905–

GPH: 28/03/1984—A3/B30–29/04/1984 (moved back home)

COCKBURN, Kathleen (“Kay”) *Perry*

16/10/1901–05/07/1995

B. at Kincardine, the youngest of four sisters. Her father was a high school teacher, then principal. She took grades 9 and 10 in London, continued in Toronto, then attended Victoria University.

Mrs. C. came to Barrie to teach French and English. In 1928 she married Alec and became a homemaker. In the 1950s she took up leathercraft. Mr. C. died in 1983 and Mrs. C. came to live at GPH. They had one son, Perry—who lives in Cambridge—who recalled his mother’s strong moral principles, her cooking, and interest in schoolwork.

GPH: 29/01/1984—A3

COLPITTS, Ralph

25/12/1886–19/12/1980

B. in New Brunswick, but came to ON as a young man. He worked for the CNR as a conductor for 40 years. The brief biography in *The Spotlight*, 2, 3 (Jan. 1973), adds that he prided himself in being a good cook; he loved to bake. Agnes Rouble, Dietary Director, in the *Spotlight*, Oct. 1976, thanks Mr. Colpitts for keeping the very productive GPH garden watered all summer. Children: Doreen (m. Bauldry); D’Arcy—both of Barrie.

GPH: a new resident in 01/1973

COMEAU, Cliff

14/06/1918–

B. in Meteghan, N.S., in Digby Co. 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.

Mr. Comeau came from Anten Mills. He has a daughter in New Hampshire.

GPH: 06/11/1998

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.

GPH: 11 or 12/ 1979

CONNALLY, Harold Matthew

16/03/1902–22/06/1989

B. at South River; he had two brothers, Fred and Bert, and a sister, Edith.

Mr. Connally moved to Sudbury in his early teens and worked in the Bank. Most of his working life was spent as the Purchasing Agent for Pineland Lumber Company, in Sudbury.

M. Iverna McCrindle in 1926. They had two daughters: Hope (m. Bowman), who retired from nursing at GPH in 1997; Diane—b. 22/03/1935, who died on 22/02/1936 at age 11 mos. of streptacoccus. Mrs. Connally died on Dec. 21, 1971.

He was a lifetime member of the Lions Club, where he served as President in 1948–49. He was a member of the Church of the Epiphany, where he was a "sidesman" and Warden for many years. Mr. Connally was also a Mason. Everyone in Sudbury knew him as "Con."

Mr. Connally told me that he once made 600 lbs. of sauerkraut.

Mr. C. loved to smoke big cigars and did so in the rose garden at GPH until shortly before he died. At GPH he was on Residents Council.

Newspaper photos in the *Examiner*, June 14, 1980, and the *Barrie Banner* "Weekender," show Mr. C. with Mayor Ross Archer proclaiming Senior Citizens' Week, June 15–21, 1980. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 02 or 03/1979; 05/11/1979—A2

CONSTABLE, Mrs.

19/01/??–1973?

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) introduced several new residents. About Mrs. Constable it says:

> Mrs. Constable came to Grove Park Home from Stroud. She recalls her early days on the farm, working with the cows and hens, and has fond memories of many friendly quilting bees in her beloved church—Stroud United. Mrs. Constable enjoys reading. She has two sons, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.
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> GPH: fall 1972

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, Sarah Mary ("Sally") *Redmond*

31/01/1900–24/07/1996

B. in Dublin.

She was 2 1/2 when her mother gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Nine days later her mother died.

Her mother's wish was to be buried with her mother, 60 mi. from Dublin. The children went to live with grandparents. Sally's aunt told her it was the saddest day of her life when the family departed: the twins in their grandmother's arms, Sally in her grandfather's, and Sally's dad riding with the coffin in the baggage car of the train.

When she was nine, her father remarried and Sally went to live with them; the twins stayed with their grandparents.

Mrs. Cooper lived in England for 10 yrs. from WWI. In 1929 she came to Winnipeg to marry:—her husband-to-be's first wife, her best friend, had died. The marriage also brought her a 7-yr. old daughter—Sally had been the first person to see her when she was born. Then they had a son of their own.

Before WWII the Coopers moved to London, ON; then to Camp Borden; then with WWII to Red Deer, AL.

Mr. Cooper died in 1964. Daughter Joan died in 1996; her son Bill lives in New Maryland N.B.. Mrs. Cooper was active as a volunteer with the St. John's Ambulance; also for 30 yrs. at RVH. She liked her place on Blake St. before moving to GPH.

Sally contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 2—"Coming to Canada"; vol. 3—"Our Grandmother";"Leaving London, Ontario to Live in Camp Borden."

GPH: 15/11/1989—M83

COPE, Leila May

01/04/1886–14/02/1979

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mrs. Cope wrote a history of Port Carling; in issue 3, 10 (Aug. 1974) it is noted that she spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Cookson, in Westhill; she also visited with her son Lionel and her daughter, Mrs.

Lorraine Amey. Her son and his wife were here from Ottawa.

In *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) we read that her granddaughter and husband Allan Quinton visited with her on their way home to Sarnia. They had been in Port Carling visiting the granddaughter's parents, Leonard Amey and his wife. Mrs. Amey is Mrs. Cope's daughter. Issue 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) of *The Spotlight* mentions a visit by daughters Shelagh (m. Jim Cookson) of Don Mills and Betty Pain of Minett.

Church: St. James Anglican, Port Carling.

GPH: by 06/1973

CORBETT, Chester

02/07/1899–1976?

The Spotlight 4, 4 (Jan. 1975) has brief biographical information on Mr. and Mrs. Corbett. It states that they spent most of their life in the Alliston-Cookstown-Barrie area. In Barrie they lived on Alfred St. "in recent years." They had three daughters and a son who lived in the Barrie area. He was a builder.

GPH: 11/1974

CORBETT, Mrs. Ella

04/12/1902–1976?

See the previous item.

GPH: 11/1974

CORBIÈRE, Dorothy *Martin*

10/12/1898–26/07/1988

B. in England. Worked in the War effort in 1914–18. Married Agustin C. in 1918. She retained her British accent until the end of her life.

She spoke mostly of Baie Comeau, P.Q., where she and her husband, a chartered accountant, raised four children—who grew up with Brian Mulroney.

After her husband died in 1976?, she lived by herself. The *Spotlight*, Apr.–May, 1981 noted that Mrs. Corbière was a new S.E. Programme participant.

Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic.

Mrs. Corbière continued to think about politics and business even in the midst of serious illness—a strong constitution! An avid bridge player.

GPH: 29/05/1985—B32

••? CORY, Mrs. Selina

08/03/1889–1973?

The first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971, congratulates Mrs. Cory on the occasion of her winning the prize for naming "our newspaper."

GPH: by 10 or 11/1971

COTTENDEN, Lexei *Murray*

05/04/1892–09/04/1991

B. in Springhill, N.S., as was her husband; she lived there until she was 85? Her husband worked above ground at the mines. He was in WWI.

Two sons: both were in WWII—Murray was a prisoner of war; Harry was a cook. Harry lives in Barrie—taught at Georgian College; her other son is in Sidney, N.S.—he worked in the coal industry as a shipper.

Harry recalled that his mother had a positive attitude toward life.

At GPH she knew who lived in each room. She first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme.

Worshipped at Collier St. United Church.

Funeral: at Springhill, N.S., April 14, 1991.

GPH: 14/03/1979—B34/A17

COTTHAM, Peggy *Brunton*

25/08/1911–06/05/1991

Her father was one of 14; her mother, a *Lawson* , was one of 9; she herself was an only child. Two of her father's brothers went to Australia; all his sisters followed. Her own parents were on their way there too but stopped in Toronto to see her mother's family and got no further!

Her father's work took the family to Montreal when she was 8 or 9. Her father was a Congregationalist and her mother a Methodist. In the small village in which she grew up in P.Q. there was only one Protestant church, the Presbyterian, so they went there—that congregation became United with the union of 1925.

In time Peggy went to work for Sun Life in Montreal; she was a member of St. James' Church. She enjoyed maple syrup from the eastern townships. Peggy returned to Toronto with her husband but he died rather young, at 48.

Mrs. C. came to live at GPH at the same time Joan Walker joined the staff. She was very active: on the Residents' Council for 10 years, President of it for 8 or 9. She liked cats.

Peggy was a tall, slender, well-kept person. I knew her from the time I came because the S.E. Programme at that time—1985—used the church kitchen/lounge as its point of arrival. Peggy and Mary BURNS always "came over" to meet this group.

A newspaper photo (1983?) shows Peggy accepting a watercolour painting from artist Joyce Langford. A later photo, published in the *Barrie Banner*, Nov. 12, 1986, shows Peggy questioning government representative John Nywening at the 18th Annual County of Simcoe Senior Citizens' Recreation Conference. Still another photo, published in the *Examiner*, Feb. 10, 1988, shows Peggy with David Johnson and Ellen Heikkila on the occasion of GPH's securing accreditation. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Finally there is a fine photo of Peggy with several other GPH residents on the occasion of GP Home's 21st anniversary, i.e. 1989. The other residents are: Mary ELLIS, Norman BARTLETT, Tillie MACEY, Mary CHITTICK, Vi BROWN, Kay JOHNSON, Edna WEST, Edna KNUPP, Aileen SAUNDERS, Anna MICHAEL, Edith THOMPSON, Velma MACDONALD, Elsie MONTEITH, and Mable YOUNG. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 29/091976—A11

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 1976.

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 Amy 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 newpaper 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

COWAN, Ethel *Beelby*

16/11/1893–05/03/1991

Family of 8 children lived near Stroud: six girls, one boy; a brother died in infancy (?). In 1923 she married a man who had a daughter, and came to Barrie (before 1925). Her husband died in 1943.

The Cowans lived at 168? Bayfield St., then at 55 Eccles, where she lived—except for a brief stay with a sister, until coming to GPH. She enjoyed gardening.

GPH: 25/09/1985—B36/O8

COWAN, Ivy Gertrude *Tabbrett-Wilson*

01/11/1901–17/12/1988*

B. in England; raised in North Battleford, SK. Her parents were part of the migration to the West. Her father was a large man who had a jewelry story and fitted eyeglasses; he died of diabetes.

Mrs. C. left school at grade 3 to look after her sister. At age 30 she married, and adopted Valerie; at age 43 she was pregnant with Judy and nearly died giving birth in Vancouver. Eleven yrs. later Mr. Cowan died and Ivy worked full-time for BC Telephone.

Mrs. C. was a strong and independent person: an aunt in Medicine Hat offered to raise Judy (m. Purser) but she declined.

Ivy never drove a car—she walked everywhere. She had a strong spirit and used to say: "If you have a problem, ask the good Lord and he will help you."

GPH: 10/03/1983—B36/B30/B34

COWARD, Susan *Hill*

11/03/1894–15/10/1995

B. in Medonte Twp., one of three children. Her brother, Harold, was in the car business in Barrie for 40 yrs.

Mrs. C. took her nurse's training at Ottawa Civic Hospital and graduated in 1934. The she took a course in orthopedics in New York City.

Married Tommy C. and they lived at Craighurst, in a house which she would eventually own for 70 years. Mr. C. spent the last years of his life in a hospital, so Susie spent many years by herself. She was known as a person who was always there to help.

Many winters she spent with her sister Grace at Cape Cod. They loved each other. Grace used to visit once or twice a year when Mrs. C. came to live at GPH and they kept up a correspondence. Mrs. C. called me "the parson." She had many photos of Cape Cod; her house at Craighurst—with its picket fence; her mother; also of her fellow nursing students in Ottawa. She lived to a great age. Nephew David Hill and his wife Lucille live at Craighurst.

Church: St. John's Anglican, Craighurst.

GPH: 06/10/1986—B36/C52

COX, Zelma Fanny *Johnson*

09/02/1898–27/11/1976

Mrs. Cox was the youngest child of Samuel Johnson and Emily Goddard. They lived at Lot 1, Conc. 3, Vespra Twp., near Craighurst, and it was there that Mrs. Cox was born.

She had two brothers, Lloyd and Earl, and two sisters, Minnie (m. Bowdery) and Edith (m. Woods). The family attended Craighurst Public School and St. John's Anglican Church. Before her marriage, Zelma taught Sunday School at St. John's.

On Sept. 28, 1921 Zelma married Sidney Cox at the home of her parents. He had immigrated from Dorset, England in 1909. They went to England for their honeymoon.

Mr. Cox was appointed Superintendent of the newley established Hendrie Forest at Anten Mills in 1922. The couple moved into the house supplied for them at the Forest Headquarters, where they remained for 34 years.

Zelma and Sidney Cox had six children: Gwendolyn (m.1 Geddes; m.2 Weatherall); twins Arthur and Alvin; George (d. 1981), Marion (m. Wright; d. 1984); Edith (m.1 Martin; m.2 Hook). Edith became an R.N. and nursed at GPH for a period of time in 1988 and 1989. The Coxes had eighteen grandchildren.

Mrs. Cox was very interested in gardening, especially in growing flowers. She made a great number of quilts, which she gave to her children and grandchildren.

When Mr. Cox retired in 1955 they moved into a new home at Anten Mills and enjoyed several years of retirement. He died in 1967 after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

Mrs. Cox came to live at GPH in Jan. 1976 and shared a room with Nelda MORROW. She enjoyed the fellowship and quilting sessions. In Sept. 1976 she very unexpectedly suffered a stroke and was taken to RVH, where she died.

(The information above was provided by Mrs. Cox's daughter-in-law, Marion Cox, who is a daughter of Clara MAYES.)

The *Spotlight* 5, 2 (Feb. 1976) welcomed Mrs. Cox as a new resident and provided a few details of her life.

GPH: 01/1976

• COXALL, Mrs. Caroline A.

30/10/1884–06/04/1973

According to an *Examiner* article—26/10/1972— Mrs. C. won a prize for "best lady's costume" at a Hallowe'en masquerade party at GPH, hosted by the May Court Club. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: 05/1968

CRAIG, Joan *Hargreaves*

31/12/1904–01/11/1998

Mrs. Craig's father was a geologist who discovered gold at Kirkland Lake.

As a child in Haileybury the rule was that they could go to school as long as it was not more than -40^{o}. She went to the movies on Saturday afternoons: 15 cents to see Charlie Chaplin!

Her family came to Barrie after the Haileybury fire of 1922—she and her mother were on their way home by train when they got the news: the conductor asked them where they were going and they told him, "Haileybury." He said that it was "off the map"—it had been burned out that afternoon and he didn't know how far the train would get. It got as far as Cobalt, where Joan's father, brother Frank, and grandmother met them.

An uncle told her parents that he had a house that they could live in: it was (is) at the corner of Peel St. and Wellington St. and had at the time 3 1/2 acres of land with it.

The ballroom of this house was converted to living quarters in WWII when relatives came from England to live with them.

Joan married Bill Craig in 1927.

When Mr. C. was overseas she spent a month with parents on Lake Nipissing among aboriginal people who were enthralled with her blond-haired daughter, Nancy.

The Craigs had three children: Frances (m. Crandall), who lives in Kingston; Bill (m. Pat Brookfield), who lives in Kitchener/Waterloo; and Nancy (m. Jackson), of Burlington. Mr. Craig died on Aug. 4, 1981. Nancy recalled that she was "a great mother."

Mrs. Craig's uncle Wright, a philanthropist, provided the money for the building of the nurses' residence at Royal Victoria Hospital on a "matching dollar-for-dollar" basis. Eileen LANDREVILLE, who knew Joan from childhood, related this to me.

GPH was a benefactor of Mrs. Craig's generosity: she donated room #70. The Residents' Council report for June 11, 1979 states that she is to be invited to lunch in appreciation for a stereo donated for the Main Lounge. Further, an *Examiner* article, dated May 14, 1981, mentions that Joan Craig donated a Colonial cabinet for the opening of the dining room extension. See GPH Scrapbook 1. There were other gifts too.

GPH: 02/08/1996—M83

CRANE, Edward Francis

23/09/1905–14/11/1992*

B. in Port Credit; the oldest of four children: his siblings were Helen, Harold, and Marion.

"Francis" was his mother's family name. Lived in New Toronto; worked at Goodyear for 9 years. In the Depression he married Noleata *Pearson* and moved up to Thornton—to the 10th Conc. of Innisfil—where they farmed and raised their son Raymond. They severed a few acres from the farm, sold the farm, and built a bungalow where they lived until taking an apt. in Barrie.

Ray, his wife Margaret, and children Anne and John took over the bungalow until they too moved to an apt. in Barrie, in the same building as his parents.

Francis was an elder of Thornton United Church from Jan. 1948; he served as Clerk of Session and treasurer of the board. He also served as a school trustee. Francis loved reading. His mother would recite poetry on Sunday evenings when he was a child: his favourite poem was "Wailing at the Wake."

Mr. Crane contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Upon Taking Up Residence in Grove Park Home"; "Recollections of Swansea, Early Years, 1905–1910""; vol. 2—"The Great Depression"; "Hurricane Hazel"; "Wedding Day."

For Canada Day 1992, Mr. Crane contributed the following brief poem to the *Spotlight* :

I love Canada for its vastness,
Its beauty, its diversity.
I pray for its solidarity,
That it may continue,
United in purpose.
I love Canada,
My home and native land.

Frances and Noleata appeared together in newspaper photos, the second with

a story about them, in 1990 and 1991. The first, published in the *Advance* on Nov. 21, 1990, shows them with Pat Imrie of the Royal Bank, as part of a story about seniors' banking. The second, which appeared in the *Examiner* on Feb. 23, 1991, accompanies a story entitled "Cranes find life in 'home' interesting." Both photos are in GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Thornton.

GPH: 01/07/1990—B38

CRANE, Rhoda Noleata *Pearson*

03/07/1908–04/08/1993*

B. near Thornton to William Pearson and Rhoda Elizabeth Hubbert and spent her whole life in that area. At the age of 15 she met Francis Crane when his family moved to the Thornton area—they met at a threshing. His family returned to Toronto but the two of them kept in touch. Twelve years later they married.

She was a quiet and gentle, but strong spirit and, by the end of her life, achieved the kind of wisdom that we all hope we will eventually have. The Cranes knew Allan BEACH; also Edna KNUPP, her mother and sister Vera.

Noleata contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Highway 27, 1914"; "A Shopping Trip to Barrie"; vol. 2—Polly's Colt"; "The Little Red Schoolhouse."

Interment: Union Cemetery, Thornton.

GPH: 01/07/1990—B38

CRAWFORD, Helen Victoria *Ross*

27/03/1910–15/03/1998

B. in Barrie and raised in Oro Twp. Her mother died when she was five of TB so she lived with grandparents until the age of nine, when she returned to live with, and take care of her father.

In 1941 Helen married Bus Crawford. Mr. C. suffered from diabetes: he was blind at age 50 and died at age 62. In her suite at GPH Mrs. C. kept a photo of her house in Oro Station; from there she moved into Barrie and lived at Imperial Towers, 37 Johnson St. In her old age Mrs. C. also lost her sight.

Mrs. C. was treasurer of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Oro Station, for 40 or so years and also served as an elder there. In the 1940s she was one of a handful of people who kept the congregation going. In fact, on the 100th anniversary of the congregation in 1994, Norman Shelswell and Tim Crawford—a "99th cousin" of Helen's husband—found a time-capsule behind the cornerstone of the churchbuilding. It included a list of the key people involved in the construction of the building. Among these were both Mrs. Crawford's grandfathers: Archibald Ross and James Burt.

Mrs. C. bequeathed a large sum to the congregation and gave another major gift to the Scott Mission in Toronto.

Mrs. Crawford died after a brief illness. Her eulogy—written by Tim and of which he kindly gave me a copy—emphasizes her life as a caregiver, comforter, and friend.

GPH: 10/02/1996—A15

CRAWFORD, Wilf

05/02/1908–28/05/1996

B. in Oro, attended S.S. #8. Hilda SHELSWELL was a sister of his.

In 1931 he married Margaret Cameron. He was a deacon at Mitchell Square Baptist Church for many years. They farmed; in retirement he operated a nursery.

Margaret died in 1971 and he remarried two? years later. They moved to Rugby

and then to Barrie. Mr. Crawford loved to sing and he enjoyed his religious faith. His favourite church songs were: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," and "Softly and Tenderly."

Mr. Crawford had four children: Eleanor (m. Heatherington); Norma (m. Dawson); Eden; Leonard.

On the Crawfords see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 86–92. The marriages of Wilf and his sister Hilda (m. SHELSWELL) are recorded on p. 91.

GPH: 14/06/1993—A22

CULROSS, Miss Helen

14/08/1895–20/07/1985

Library assistant.

Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 09/03/1980—B34/A23

CUMMING, Andrew

23/12/1888–02/1977

He was the son of Robert and Amy C. and brother of Margaret Cumming. In 1916 he bought Lot 22, Conc. 3, Flos Twp. and brought his mother and sister Margaret to live there.

Children: Lloyd, of Barrie; Leonard, of Oro Station.

Church: Collier St. United, Barrie.

GPH: after 1974

CUMMING, Miss Margaret Jane

30/10/1875–14/10/1982

The most elderly person to live at GPH: Miss C. died twenty days short of 107!! A photo of her hangs in the front hallway at GPH.

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) says about Miss Cumming:

> Miss Margaret Cumming spent much of her early life in Medonte Township, where she kept herself busy caring for her parents, and helping with the chores. She recalls feeding flocks of turkeys, and making mounds of tasty butter. Miss Cumming has three brothers, two of whom live in Midland and the third in Barrie.

There is a newspaper photo of Miss C. in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974), with an article citing her as the May Court Club's first "senior of the month."

An *Examiner* photo, dated June 18, 1975, shows her with Lena WEBB and Selina MARTINDALE, visiting the farm of Bill and Ethel Malcolmson, north of Crown Hill on highway 93. From that photo one would never guess that she is almost 100. The notation with the photo says that she was born on a farm in Flos Twp. and that she spent most of her life in the area of Vasey. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1975). Other *Examiner* photos in the Scrapbook record her birthdays at 101, 102—with Mayor Ross Archer, 103, and 104, 105, and 106.

The *Spotlight*, Oct.–Nov. 1981, included the following biography of Miss Cumming, probably written by Joan Walker.

> Margaret Cumming has been a resident of Grove Park Home since September of 1972, a month before her 97th birthday. Now, nine years later, we are making plans with her family for the celebration of her *106th* birthday. We are proud to have Miss Cumming as a resident. She is an example to all of us on how to grow old gracefully.

A few years ago, I asked Miss Cumming the secret of her long life. She answered, “No secret. I just worked hard all my life.” I think that perhaps was her secret. She worked hard helping others. She was a nurse, homemaker, helper and companion to several families—the George Millers, the Robert Bells, her aging mother and her sister, Marian. Her nieces and nephews remember visiting “Grandma” and “Aunt Maggie” in a simple house with few conveniences, where “Aunt Maggie” could feed a multitude with “little fuss and much variety.” She also found time to knit hundreds of socks, sweaters and mittens for her young relatives.

I asked Miss Cumming to share some memories with us for the *Spotlight*. At first she protested that her life was unimportant, but after a little persuasion, her recollections were fascinating.

She started school one hundred years ago. She walked two miles to a one-room school, with about 60 students of all ages and one teacher. The older boys went to school in the winter, and the three youngsters had to sit in one seat. They had a very good man teacher who stayed for three years. He carried a gad (stick) under his arm for discipline. Miss Cumming says, “I never got the gad. I guess I was kind of tame. There were some youngsters who got it.” They had spelling matches, with a line of students stretched right across the room. If you made a mistake, you went to the end of the line.

Miss Cumming says her father was a good scholar and helped his children with their lessons in the evening by the light of oil lamps. She had a good memory and once didn’t have to read her lesson but remembered it all. She says they didn’t have much chance to learn. She completed the Third Reader, which I believe would be about grade 6.

She may not have had much schooling by today’s standards, but she has a wealth of knowledge and wisdom not written in books.

Miss Cumming was third in a family of eight children. She says life was not easy for women in those days: they milked cows; churned butter; washed by hand on the wash board; pumped water at the well outside, winter and summer; walked to the country store—a mile each way; and some even went out and helped with logging, besides everything else. “When I was a youngster, there was always a baby to look after.” I asked her if she liked babies—“We had to. They were an awful nuisance sometimes! My older sister didn’t like babies, so they were left in my care.”

Miss Cumming’s mother was a “handywoman” who not only cared for her own family, but was frequently called out to help others, even in the middle of the night. She cared for the sick and delivered babies.

Farming was very different in those days. She remembers her father using oxen in the fields. They were very strong, but slow. Horses were a new invention! She recalls the old threshing machines, with three or four teams of horses going around and a man with a whip in the middle. “We children watched and felt awful bad if he touched our horses.” She also can remember a flail being used to thrash peas. “Old people were pretty gritty to take land and clear it. They didn’t have it easy.”

A shorter biography appeared in *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) which adds a few details to what is provided above. It states she was born near Allenwood, in Flos Twp., the third of eight children. Her father had come to Upper Canada with his parents when he was four; he was able to remember the six-week crossing of the Atlantic.

Farm work, she recalled, was difficult: her brothers had to work most of the year and went to school only in the winter months. Teachers had their hands full, with approximately 60 pupils in their little country schools. Miss Cumming, the article says, spent her life helping others as a "practical nurse and housekeeper."

Church: Vasey United.

Interment: Vasey Cemetery.

GPH: 12/09/1972—C44

CURRIE, John ("Jack") Gladstone, Q.C.

21/06/1904–20/01/1989

B. in Manitowaning; he had one brother and one sister. Mr. Currie's father was a Presbyterian minister; indeed, altogether there were four ministers in the family.

He was named after Gladstone, the British Prime Minister. Mr. Currie was a lawyer; he was called to the bar in 1930 and became Q.C. in 1950. He was also politically involved and ran for election for the Liberals.

The Curries have three children: Heather (m. Elliott) and Hugh—an avid bird-watcher, both of whom live in Toronto; and Beth (m. Wright) who lives in Huntsville.

Church: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 28/06/1988—B34–08/1988

CURRIE, Ruth *Gibson*

17/11/1906–29/05/1996

B. in Brantford, one of six beautiful girls who were nicknamed "the Gibson girls" by friends.

The Gibsons lived on Dufferin St., which was "the place to live." Her mother died at age 38 and her father raised the family. He used to take one child each Christmas to buy gifts for the others. Mrs. Currie's grandparents lived just a block away and had ponies which the children rode. The third-eldest sister Dorothy died after drinking unpasturized milk; her youngest sister died of cancer.

Mrs. Currie was married for 58 yrs. She enjoyed golfing: her best trip was to Europe where she played golf on the famous course at St. Andrews in Scotland. Her sister Flory Macdonald's daughter is Kady Denton of Brandon MB. Kady is a well-known illustrator of children's books, including *The Kingfisher Children's Bible*, retold by Ann Pilling, illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton (New York: Kingfisher Books 1993).

Kady won the Governor General's Award in Nov. 1998 in the category of Children's Illustration for her book *A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* (Kids Can Press 1998). (Kady's husband, Trevor, taught in the Dept. of Sociology while I taught in the Dept. of Religion at Brandon University.) Flory used to visit Mrs. Currie at GPH from time to time and I met her on such a visit.

Mrs. Currie contributed the following story to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "A Wedding."

GPH: 28/06/1988—B34

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DARKE, Ethel *Dunsford*
01/01/1909–
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 is "Dunny."
Mrs. Darke is a sister-in-law of Myra ST. JOHN.
GPH: 16/03/1998

DAVIE, Mrs. Marion F.
17/08/1894–
Mrs. D. is cited in an *Examiner* list of guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in the summer of 1972. She moved to Rathwell Heights Lodge in Ottawa. *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mrs. Davie was a dancing teacher.
GPH: 05 or 06/1972–??

DAY, Eda *Baker* HALLETT
30/11/1913–
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 now resides in Simcoe Manor, Beeton.
Mrs. Day's family say 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 enjoys weekly visits from both daughter Ellen and son Edward, who comes up from Scarborough. She is also regularly visited by her grandchildren and her great-granddaughter Kaitlyn. Since arriving at GPH in January 1997, Eda's daughter-in-law Roberta and granddaughters Ellen and Susan, from St. John's, have 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.
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

DEACOFF, Elsie Lily

16/12/1899–18/11/1985

The *Examiner*, May 9, 1984, published a photo of Mrs. Deacoff, Emily SMITH, and friend Celia Spring at the 16th Anniversary Tea. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Mrs. Deacoff's nephew, Elmore Hamilton, provided the following information about his aunt (27/01/1999):

> My Aunt, Elsie Deacoff
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> Born in England, into a military family, before the First World War, Elsie, her brothers and sisters and parents sailed off to do duty for the British Empire.
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> Weeks later, they disembarked at the Isle of Mauritius, a tiny pinpoint in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Madagascar. Elsie's father, an army engineer, was to work in the operation of the ship coaling plant (station) at Port Louis.
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> Elsie spent her early years on this Island and she never forgot it. The exotic plant life and animals, the rides in horse-drawn open carriages, she talked about forever.
>
> The last time I saw my aunt Elsie before she passed on, was at Grove Park Home. Guess what we talked about? —the Isle of Mauritius.

GPH: ??

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

DEGENNARO, Robert

22/03/1902–19/01/1999

Mr. Degennaro was born in San Guiseppe de Vesuviano (St. Joseph of the Vesuvius), near Naples, Italy. He was the third of four children when his mother died in childbirth. He was two at the time. His father remarried—to his mother's sister—and there were three more children, for a total of seven. His father was a pharmicist.

In 1927 he emigrated to New York, because of economic depression at home. He was a teleype operator at the time. About 1930 he walked across the border secretly into Canada, but was caught a few days later in Montreal. He was put in jail, but fortunately he could speak French and he had a benefactor who knew his family and could vouch for him, so he was permitted to stay.

In Montreal he started a new career, managing restaurants for Frank DeRice. Then he opened his own, but when interment for Italians came in WWII he fled to the Laurentians. There he opened Chez Roberto at St. Adolph d'Howard, near St. Agathe. So, for some years the family operated the hotel there in the summers and returned to Montreal in the winters, where he was involved with the Esquire Showbar. Young stars like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin appeared there.

In 1957 Mr. D. sold his hotel and went into a new business—canning foods for Italian restaurants—under the O'Mari label. 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. DeGennaro died in Sept. 1996; she was fourteen years his junior.

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. DeGennaro was a "driven" kind of person: he had an entreprenurial 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

DELAFRANIER, Geraldine *Grevelle*

06/10/1906–

B. in Stratford. She married Alvin D. They lived in Guelph and had a family of eight, six of which survived infancy. Mrs. DeLaFrenier 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.

At GPH she has become a good friend of Emily Brook.

GPH: 19/03/1998

••? DEO, Mr.

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Recalled by Jean James.

GPH: ??

DEVINS, Mrs. Cora May

11/04/1895–1973?

Mrs. D. is noted in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in the summer of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: by 04/1972

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 the details concerning her life.

GPH: 16/09/1996—C59

DICK, Ivy Ethel *Windle*

13/03/1903–30/01/1998

B. in the Huddersfield area of west Yorkshire, England. She and her parents emigrated to Canada when she was two, settling in Hamilton. Her sister Lily was born here. Their father was a master carpenter.

Mrs. D. spent her life in Hamilton and Stoney Creek and much of her life centred on St. Peter's Anglican Church in Hamilton and, after a move to Stoney Creek in the 1970s, on Church of the Redeemer in Stoney Creek.

Ivy married Alexander Dick on June 10, 1924. She had met him on the street as a new arrival from Scotland. Mr. D. died in 1984 at age 72.

Ivy's son Gordon lives at Sandy Cove Acres, near Barrie, and was the reason Ivy and then her sister, Lily MEINKE, came to GPH. Gordon and Betty have two sons, Robert and Douglas; there are three gt.-gd.children: Travis, Jordan and Charlene.

Mrs. D. and her sister were always together, though opposite in temperament. Mrs. D. was a quiet person who, as Gordon recalled, "gave everything and kept everything." She cared for her parents in their old age; then for her husband before he died.

At GPH Ivy and Lily enjoyed a warm and caring relationship. Mrs. D. had a hearty laugh.

GPH: 01/11/1991—A11

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 currents, 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. They spent about twenty winters at Newport Beach, 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

DIMMEL, Gertrud Erna *Fuchs*

01/12/1905–31/07/1998*

Mrs. D. was born in Germany, near the border with Czechoslovakia, the second last of five children.

She was widowed and left with one daughter, Liane. When her daughter married (Schwarz) and moved to West Germany, Mrs. D. followed and lived in Frankfurt for 15 years. In 1959—two years after Liane—she came to the Toronto area, where she lived until 1996, when she came to Barrie to live with the Schwarz family.

Mrs. D. came to GPH with the S.E. Programme before moving in for a short period of time. We enjoyed trying out our limited knowledge of German with her and listening to her sing.

Her family remembers her as a person of great determination and independence.

GPH: 24/03/1998–24/06/1998

DINSMORE, Florence *Halbert*

16/07/1918–

B. in Shelburne, one of six children: three girls and three boys. One sister is still alive in San Diego. (1991)

Married Reg Dinsmore and they lived near Thornbury, on a farm next to Emerson Dinsmore who was my uncle. (Emerson D. married Ethelene Hindle, my mother's sister.) They had three children: Barbara, Don, and Ruth. Don has the home farm, in orchard. The daughters live in Shelburne and Alliston?

Mrs. D. took a "Home Care Nursing" course in Toronto and then obtained a Health Care Aid Certificate. She worked in nursing homes in Thornbury and Meaford, as well as the Hospital in Collingwood.

Mrs. D. was able to tell me about the Gospel Workers, which became the "Goffites," which in turn became the Free Methodist Church in Thornbury: they were against tea and coffee and wanted girls to cover their legs with black stockings!

Church: Free Methodist.

Mrs. D. moved to a nursing home in Orangeville.

See also Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS.

GPH: 01/11/1991—A21–08/1992

DOBSON, Mrs. Ella

04/03/1908–??

Church: Central United, Barrie.

GPH: 06/1985—B30–24/06/1985 ("discharged" [Joan's records]; "transferred back to Orillia" [Pat's records])

DOBSON, Mrs. Ina

22/06/1890–30/09/1986

The *Examiner*, Dec. 18, 1984, published a photo which shows Ina decorating a Christmas tree. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Barrie.

GPH: 13/04/1982—B30/A16/C43

DOBSON, Mrs. Irene Isabel

13/02/1892–31/12/1979

The Spotlight 4, 4 (Feb. 1975) says that she is the newest resident at GPH. It states that she and her husband Frank had a grocery store for many years at the corner of Essa Rd. and Cumberland St. Mrs. Bodson was much involved at Burton Ave. United Church, where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and was a member of United Church Women. She was one of the first female elders at that congregation.

There is an *Examiner* photo of Mrs. D., age 85, at the Raggedy Ann Day Care. The article with the photo explains that the Busy Bee Craft Club at GPH donated doll blankets to the Day Care. Other GPH residents named are: Mary SPRING, Elizabeth BOWMAN, and Louisa FAWN. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).

Sisters: Ada O. (m. Honey), of Barrie; Margret (m. Smith), of Toronto. Mrs. Dobson was a friend of Muriel GREEN.

Church: Burton Ave. United.

GPH: 01 or 02/1975

DOBSON, Regina *Murray*

03/07/1899–30/10/1987

B. in Sunnidale Twp.; four brothers, two sisters.

M. Arthur Dobson (d. 1959). Two sons: Willard (m. Lorna), Mervin (m. Irma); one daughter, Doreen (m. Miller).

She was a great community worker at Utopia Hall: she would to race to get into the dishwater! Her whole life was lived around her family: when Doreen had a stroke she was there every weekend for three months. When she was coming she would ask, "Should I bring a needle and thread?"

She was associated with GPH for some years before becoming a resident.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Regina bowling, on Mar. 1, 1980. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

The *Spotlight*, Feb.–Mar., 1981, featured an extended biography of Ina. It was written by Joan Walker and reads as follows.

> Except for short periods away in Guelph and Toronto, Ina Dobson has lived in Simcoe County all her life. She was born at home on her parents' farm near New Lowell, the second in a family of six children. Her dad, John W. Murray, was Scottish, and her mother, Nellie May Thornton, was Irish, …
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> John Murray raised race horses which he raced in Alliston, Barrie and Cookstown. The Murrays had a big home and did a lot of entertaining. As a result, Ina has always been very sociable. The family owned two buggies, a democrat and a big sleigh which they used to take family and friends to church and social functions.
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> The Murray family wree the first in Sunnidale Township to have electricity and an indoor bathroom. In order to do this, they had a well dug 300 feet and installed a "Delco unit" in the basement and another in the pump house for the barn.
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> On of Ina's early memories is the time the barn burned down. Neighbours had seen some tramps leaving the barn shortly before the fire was discovered. Fortunately, they managed to save the horses but not without difficulty. They whinneyed and protested because they didn't want to leave their home. The wind was blowing the fire towards the house. Everyone was frightened and they got down on their knees and prayed. Ina remembers hearing the roar of the wind changing directions. The fire continued until it had burned over five acres. Even the train had to stop because the rails were too hot to proceed.
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> Ina also remembers about the escaped slaves who settled in Sunnidale Township. Her grandfather Murray bought a large piece of property from them for $3 an acre.

Ina attended school on the 7th of Sunnidale until she completed here Senior Fourth (Grade 8). Later she and friends attended school one winter just for the fun of it. When she was 19, she attended McDonald College in Guelph for 6 months where she studied Home Economics. Her teachers wanted her to stay longer because she was good at cleaning, drawing and carving chickens!

Later she went to Toronto and stayed with her aunt Minnie while she worked on an assembly line in a dress factory folding dresses and sewing on buttons on orders for Eatons. Before she left there was a machine to sew on buttons. She also was a clerk in the general store in New Lowell, where she remembers selling a pair of shoes faster than the head lady.

The Murray family used to provide board for school teachers. One of them wanted Ina to meet Arthur Dobson and arranged for a blind date when she was visiting Schomberg. Ina changed her mind and took the train home without meeting Arthur. Undaunted, Arthur wrote to Ina. She replied, telling him where she lived, but didn't invite him to come. Nonetheless, Arthur arrived at the Murray farm and, in due course, Ina Murray and Arthur Dobson were married on June 24, 1922 at the New Lowell Methodist Church, the last service in that church before Church Union.

It was haying time and Arthur planned to be away from his farm in Utopia for only a few days, but they stayed for a week with Arthur's cousins in Hamilton. Arthur's cousin, Olive, was a mischief: she put salt in the bed, so that the bride and bridegroom had to get up and shake it out.

After her marriage, Ina lived on the Dobson farm at Utopia until 1960. She raised three children. Besides all the usual labours of a farm wife, Ina remembers doing her husband's work while he was recovering from an accident. After Arthur died in 1959, Ina moved to a smaller house across the road. Her son, Willard, continues to operate the family farm. Her oldest son, Mervin, is County Clerk in Angus.

More recently, Ina bought a house on Drury Lane in Barrie. She supplemented her income by doing light housekeeping and was given references by Dr. Benton and Dr. Postnikoff. She feels fortunate that she has always had good health.

Those of us who have known Ina since she came to Grove Park Home appreciate her friendly, pleasant disposition, sense of humour and helpfulness. We are amazed tha she knows people wherever we go. It has been fun hearing about some of her past experiences.

Church: Central United, Barrie.
GPH: 01/05/1979—B40/A1

DONALDSON, Grace *[Cameron] Lang*
15/12/1905–09/09/1990

B. in Toronto. Her mother died when she was three weeks old and she was sent to Barrie to live with her 60-yr. old aunt and uncle at 80 Grove St.; her brother was four.

At seven her father died and her brother was sent to live with various relatives. The brother died in 1945.

Mrs. D.'s father's name was Cameron but when she started school she took her aunt's name, "Lang." She met her husband at Trinity Anglican; m. Oct. 1928 and lived at 9 Kempenfelt Dr. for 56 yrs. in a house built in the 1840s.

Son: Peter. Mr. Donaldson died in 1972.

Mrs. Donaldson served on the altar guild at Trinity; through the church she knew Emma JONES for 50 yrs. or so. She also knew Anna MICHAEL from 1927: she was in Anna's sister's wedding and at her own wedding the following year that sister was her maid of honour. Anna used to visit from Detroit.

At the age of 16 or 17 she was meditating and arrived at the conclusion that the theme of her life would be "others." And so she lived. But the question arose in her mind, "Why, when you're being useful to others, does God take you from the place where you can help others?" She kept this question in mind but went on anyway with her tasks.

GPH: 25/07/1985—B32

DONNELLY, Caroline Ada *Stokes*

18/08/1897–03/06/1996*

B. at Sandbatch, Cheshire. She had two brothers, Harry and Ted, and a sister, Ivy.

She worked as a milkmaid at Bridley Green and met her husband at the local hospital. They moved to Glasgow. He was involved in union activities.

In 1956 they emigrated because of the Suez Canal crisis. Children Patrick and Helen went to California and Mrs. D. went there every year for a long time; a daughter Ada died in 1988. Gd.-daughter Carol Bethune lives in Barrie.

Mrs. D. enjoyed poetry and used to recite some. She liked to recite the following from Oscar Wilde's "Ballad of Reading Jail":

> To dance to lutes, to dance to flutes, is delicate and rare;
> It is not neat with nimble feet to dance upon the air.

She also liked, again from "Reading Jail":

> You never can tell
> what red hell
> his sightless soul has seen.

Another of her sayings was, "If wishes were horses, and beggars could ride …," which I do not recall hearing her finish. Imagine my surprise a year or two ago when I heard the American humorist Garrison Keillor recite the entire saying in a monologue, "A Snowfall in July." He says he heard it from his grandmother, and it goes:

> If wishes were horses, and beggars could ride,
> The world would be drowned in an ocean of pride.

GPH: 24/09/1991—A15

DORA, Mrs. Edith

27/03/1900–??

Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic.

GPH: ??–09/1978 ("moved")

DOUBT, Adelaide *Painter*

12/02/1912–

B. in Toronto, one of three sisters.

Married Robert Doubt who, at the age of 90, now lives at Simcoe Terrace. 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. has 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 has a five year old son, Duncan.

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 is reading. She loved to curl up on the couch with a book. At GPH she especially enjoys that pets that come in to visit.

GPH: 25/05/1998

DRURY, Mae Isobel *Emms*

04/07/1908–14/03/1998

B. at Guthrie, on "Hillview Farm," the daughter of Jack D. and Retta Morrow. She had one brother, Mervin.

Mrs. D. went to school at Guthrie with Martha *Bartholemew* CLARK; she was a bit younger than Helen *Ross* WARNICA who also went to school there.

Mrs. D. went to Teacher's College—the first person in the area to do so. She taught for six years in the Depression and then in 1935 got married to Charles ("Carl") D. It was not permissible for a woman to be a teacher and marry, so she had to give up that career for some time.

The Drurys lived on a dairy farm at Crown Hill. Charles (m. Nancy) was born in 1939; then twin girls, Elaine (m. Bigelow) and Marg (m. Clipsham), were born in 1943.

Mr. D. died suddenly of a heart attack at age 56. Mrs. D. had just gone back to teaching when this occurred. It was providential that she had. She taught 12 more years at Shanty Bay, grades 6 and 7. Mrs. D. took "early" retirement at age 62, just as the first of six gd.-children started arriving.

Mrs. D. built a house next to the old farmhouse at Crown Hill—into which Charles and Nancy moved. She was able to live there until coming to GPH. Her daughters also lived not so far away—in Shanty Bay.

On the Drury family: see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 99–102; on the Emms family: see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 110–113. Mrs. Drury's grandson Craig—son of Charles and Nancy—married Sandy Marshall, granddaughter of Kay JOHNSON.

GPH: 15/05/1991—A11/C51

DRURY, Mrs. Eva Theresa

25/09/1880–02/1977

B. in Renfrew Co. *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) printed a very brief biography. It notes that she married a medical doctor, Walker (sic?) Drury, and that they had three sons and a daughter. The daughter, Viola, lived in Barrie. Mrs. Drury worked in the Eastern Star, and enjoyed reading and quilting.

Church: United.

See also Viola *Drury* HANDY, Mrs. Drury's daughter.

GPH: by 07/1974

••? DUNBAR, Mrs. Isabel
27/09/1884–04/1974
The Spotlight 1, 11 (Sept. 1972) notes her birthday.
GPH: before 07/1972

DUNSMORE, Britton ("Brit") J.
21/05/1906–??
Mr. D. was a horse breeder.
Brit used to go to the United Church at Crown Hill. At the reception after the funeral for Ann BLACK, I visited with Viola Tuck and Muriel Luck. For a period of time (in the 1930s?) Muriel was the organist at that church. According to her, she got into trouble with the minister because she was "swinging" the hymns. One time as she began to play, Brit Dunsmore said, "Swing it, Luck!" Muriel is a sister of Harry LUCK.
Church: Collier United, Barrie.
GPH: 18/09/1985—A10–06/1986 ("Discharged," according to Joan's records; Pat's records indicate that in 10/1986 Mr. D. was at Parkside Villa.)

DYER, Gladys *Srigley*
18/11/1901–01/09/1992
B. near Barrie on a farm next to Sadie *Brown* CARR—they attended the same school; one of 12 children.
She attended Barrie Collegiate in 1916 and walked in from Holly to do so—they lived across the street from the Methodist Church (now Seventh Day Adventist).
Mrs. D. went to North Bay for Teacher's College and taught for three years in Muskoka, then in Beamsville for a year and a half, then in Barrie for 7–8 years. With marriage she became a farmer and that lasted 30 years. There followed a move into Barrie; her husband's illness with cancer; an apt.; then a move to GPH.
The #400 went up through the Line between the Brown and Srigley farms: their mothers used to talk over the fence. Mrs. Dyer's grandfather gave the land for St. Paul's Anglican Church and for its cemetery. When they moved to Holly she went to the Methodist Church because she could walk to it.
Mrs. D. was a great gardener and a knitter.
The *Examiner* for July 17, 1980 published a photo of Mrs. Dyer at the Srygley reunion. Also in the photo is Isaac CARRUTHERS. See GPH Scrapbook 1.
Interment: St. Paul's.
Mrs. Dyer was a contributor to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1.—"The Teacher"; "The Homemaker."
GPH: 24/09/1984—B34/A33

DYMENT, Grace Elizabeth May *Walls*
17/10/1894–21/06/1980
The *Examiner*, July 8, 1980, published an obituary which outlines her very full life.
Mrs. D. was born in Tottenham, the daughter of George C. Walls and Margarent Jane Milligan. In 1909, with brothers Fred and Bill and sister Gladys, she started a weekly newspaper in Barrie, *The Saturday Morning* . The two sisters were the first female lino typesetters north of Toronto.
The sisters lived with their mother at 56 Mary St.; their brother Bill and his family lived at 92 Mary St.
She married Howard D. on Feb. 28, 1918. The next year they moved to Alberta,

where he was involved with General Electric; in 1925 they moved to Toronto, and in 1927 they bought the old Dyment family home at 72 High St.

Church: Trinity Anglican.

See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 08 or 09/1978—A25/C56

DYSON, Gwendolyn *Malson*

04/11/1896–15/10/1989

Her family originated in the Forest of Dean, a royal forest in Wales; b. in Malvern, Gloustershire, England.

Her first husband—daughter Hazel's father—fought in WWI and during that time she lived at Dover; Her second marriage was in 1924 and lasted until her husband's death in 1971.

In Glouster she lived in a little Georgian house beside or near the cathedral: she said she cried for a year after leaving that house. In 1972 came to Canada to live with Hazel and David.

Mrs. D. liked china and antiques. She was also an avid hockey fan and cheered for whoever was winning!

GPH: 18/12/1987—A2

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EASTON, H. Campbell ("Cam")

30/09/1918–06/01/1984

Mr. E. was with the Armed Forces for thirty years.

GPH: 22/06/1983—A22

EDGERTON, Mrs. Mary Jane

17/09/1902–

Moved from GPH 05/06/1995 after about a week's residence; she moved home with family.

GPH: 29/05/1995—C55–05/06/1995

EDWARDS, Frederick W. ("Fred")

21/10/1902–21/05/1985

Mr. E. was a telegrapher with the C.P.R.

GPH: 19/02/1985—A7

EDWARDS, William H.

28/02/1896–13/02/1978

Mr. W. was the Vice-President of the first Residents' Council at GPH: there is a photo of him and other members of that Council in the *Examiner* for Dec. 4, 1973, p. 8—see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1973). Another *Examiner* photo shows him in a Hallowe'en costume—Scrapbook 1 (1974).

An *Examiner* article of 1976 records that he was the President of Residents' Council that year; other members listed are Ralph COLPITTS, Blanche WHEELER, Pauline WATSON, Ellen POPE, James WHITE, and Alice WIDDIFIELD—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976).

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Mr. W. spent two days in Dec. with his daughter, Dorothy Howell.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: by 03/1973

ELGIE, Mrs. Ida
13/08/1896–12/01/1984
GPH: 16/02/1982—B38/A18

ELLIOTT, Violet ("Polly") Lucretia *Bowser*
28/04/1918–22/10/1997
B. in Parry Sound; one of nine children, seven girls and two boys.

Her father was the Fire Chief of the town and she was born in the Fire Hall. The family moved to Edenvale when her uncle was left a widower in order to help him farm: they lived on the 2nd of Flos Twp. (north on the first sideroad east of the bridge at Edenvale to the 2nd).

Polly met her husband when he was working on the construction of the bridge and they married on 28/11/33. Together they had seven children, five sons and two daughters. The one daughter died at age 8; Peggy (m. Hebdun) of Oro Station is the sole surviving daughter.

In WWII Mr. E. worked as a mechanic. Later he worked for Greer Transportation of Barrie in that same occupation. After he retired they delivered the mail together on the RR #3 route. They lived at 125 Wellington St.; he died in 1991. Mrs. E. had polio when she was young, though it left her without handicap; she also had TB twice during her lifetime.

Her church was the Edenvale United Church; then later in life the United Church in Midhurst.

Mrs. Elliott's mother gave her children some unusual names. In fact they were the names of aboriginal children that she played with as a child. In order of birth, Polly and her siblings' names are: Floyd Alvin, Mildred Eliza, Gwendolyn Lyda, Violet Lucretia, Effie Oweado, Frederick Arnold ("Ted"), Almyrice Lizell ("Zella"), Beulah Elizabeth ("Boots"), Audrey Noreen. The name Zella was the name of a schoolteacher Polly's mother had.

Polly's name was Violet. Her father called her "Voily," which she did not like, so she took the nickname "Polly." It wasn't until she was in her 60s that she found out her real name was Violet, a name which would have been fine with her. This is a most interesting collection of names!

GPH: 01/01/1997—O101

ELLIS, Mary Secor *Patterson*
15/08/1907–09/10/1993*

B. in Louth Twp. to William Robert P. and Lillian Secor Hunter. Her mother brought to the marriage a son by a previous marriage, Charles. Mrs. E. had a brother John, who did not marry, and a sister "Nodie" who died tragically in a farm accident at 12 yrs. of age.

Married Howard Ellis, son of Will E. and Charrie Tallman, on Sept. 30, 1928; moved to Toronto and then in 1931 back to the Peninsula. In 1943 the family returned to Toronto and she and their sons, David and Geoffrey, became involved in the Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ. In 1961 Mary began 11 yrs. of work with North York Public Library—this ended when she had a stroke. Howard d. in 1973.

In 1988 she moved to Barrie, to GPH, where a number of friends from the Bayview Ave. (Toronto) Church of Christ were already living, including Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON. Mary became a member of the "Recollections Group" and contributed several stories to that group's first book, *Tales of Yesteryear*.

Mrs. E. was a person of strong determination: at 49 she overcame her fear of

water by learning to swim—she advanced to the Bronze Medallion; at 60 she got a driver's license and bought a new car. Perhaps these triumphs made her the encouraging person she was.

Mary had a good sense of humour: one time she said, "Sometimes just being is tiring!"

Mrs. Ellis was a fine storyteller and contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Recollections of a One-room School"; "A Day with My Grandparents"; "It Takes All Sorts"; "A Remarkable Budgie Bird Named Peter"; "Picnics at the Farm"; vol. 2—"Recollections of a Very Long Day"; "Remembering My Mother: Elizabeth Lillian Secor Patterson"; "Bid Time Return."

Mary contributed a recollection entitled "Contrasts" to the *Spotlight*, Mar.-Apr. 1989. In it she compares the way life was in her earlier years with the life she knew later, so impacted by technology. I reproduce her reflections in part.

> I recall taking trips of two to seven or eight miles with a horse and buggy driven by my grandfather through the beautiful countryside in the lazy, hazy days of summer; smelling the lovely aroma of freshly cut hay; the blossoms of an apple orchard, or the odor of the warm sun on a newly ploughed field—lots of time to dream, to contemplate, and to talk.
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> I can remember life at the farm, where all the cooking was done on a wood stove, and coal-oil lamps and lanterns were the only method of illumination. How lethal they were—I shudder when I think of carrying a lighted lamp up the long carpeted stairway to my bedroom in the far southeast corner of the big house, when just one stumbled step would cause an inferno. However, at the time, we did not worry, but felt quite safe and secure.
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> In spite of all the marvellous inventions that have occurred during my lifetime, I still look back with nostalgia to the good old days. My heart aches for the beautiful, peaceful evenings on the farm, in front of a roaring wood fire, the pungent odor of the coal-oil lamps, munching a cold, crisp northern spy apple, and best of all, time to talk!

Interment: North York Cemetery, Toronto. Obituary: *Gospel Herald*, 58, 12 (Dec. 1993), pp. 15, 17.

GPH: 28/04/1988—O89

EMMS, Mrs. Lillian ("Maude")
23/03/1893–26/04/1979

The *Spotlight* 6, 4 (Apr. 1977) welcomed Mrs. Emms as a new resident; 6, 2-3 (Feb.-Mar. 1977) notes her birthday; 6, 5 (May 1977) records that Mrs. Emms played "Happy Birthday" on the piano at the Birthday Party and Easter Parade on Apr. 5th.

GPH: by 02-03/1977

ETHERINGTON, Edith Hazel *Kennedy*
04/09/1905–23/06/1995*

B. in Glencairn, the only child of John K. and Mary Ellen Lane.

She married Albert E., who died in the mid-1950s. They were members of the Horticultural Society and during their years on Codrington St. kept a magnificient garden. From there she moved to 1 Blake St. There were no children but she had cousins who meant much to her. Mrs. E. liked "getting out and going." Her church life was at Emmanuel Baptist; after her move to GPH she worshiped with us.

Mrs. E. lived a quiet life and had a good sense of humour. She enjoyed reading.

As her eyesight deteriorated you might see her sitting in her chair by the window of her room, a large print book in one hand and a big magnifying glass in the other, working her way through a book, word by word.

Mrs. E. read romances and with her passing Harlequin lost a devoted fan. She had some good friends, such as Joyce and Morris Ackerman from Emmanuel.

Mrs. Ethrington first came to GPH with the S.E. programme: The *Spotlight* 8, 4–5 (May–June 1979) notes that she is a new member of Senior Encounter.

Interment: Barrie Union Cemetery.

GPH: 30/06/1979—B38/A35

EVANS, Irene Ada *Cormack*

13/02/1909–21/06/1996*

B. on a farm near Arthur; the 6th child of Henry Cormack and Lottie Ida Tovell. The names of the nine children are: Edna, Mervin, Lorne, Albert, Evelyn, Irene, Mary, Gordon, and Alva. Lorne, Evelyn, Mary, and Alva survived Mrs. E. By the way, the Tovell family was a prominent family in the Disciples of Christ in the Grand Valley area.

Mrs. E. attended Gregg Business College in Toronto and went to work for Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., where she worked for actress Barbara Hamilton's father. She was active at Carlton St. United Church and met Bob Evans there in 1927. On Aug. 13, 1938, they were married.

Irene enjoyed various kinds of crafts, including painting. At GPH she was always busy with some kind of craft: e.g., she recycled Christmas cards and donated the proceeds to the rose garden. Mrs. E. always had jokes for family gatherings. Church hymns were recalled from early in her life when the family used to sing hymns on Sunday evenings—"Jesus Loves Me" was a favourite.

When Irene was 57, in 1966, she was diagnosed in Florida as suffering from bipolar disorder. Little was understood about the disease at that time and Bob took her from place to place seeking help. Mr. E. had a stroke at age 80 and when I met them in 1988 they were truly helpers of one another.

I will remember Mrs. E. for her interest in our little children. From time to time she would send home pictures of cows and other animals that she thought they would like.

Irene contributed many stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Generations"; "Laughter on the Farm"; vol. 2—"Memories of Christmas Long Ago"; vol. 3—"Swollen River"; "The Life Story of Irene (Cormack) Evans 1909–1925"; "Farm Accident";"Memories of Bob Evans and His Stores"; "Mother's Christmas Present."

Irene and Bob appeared in an *Examiner* photo dated Mar. 1, 1990 as Winter Carnival King and Queen. With them are Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON and Harry MILNE. Later that same year they were both featured again in an *Examiner* photo with Hazel KELL under the title "Seniors' Christmas wish list …" In the photo they're playing Scrabble. Both photos are in GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 31/10/1988—B34

EVANS, Robert ("Bob") Earl Vivian

17/09/1906–12/11/1993*

B. at Dresden, ON., the son of a Free Methodist minister. His family included four brothers and five sisters and at the time of his death one sister, in Sarnia, and one brother, in Buffalo, survived him.

At an early age Mr. E. displayed athletic ability: at 17 he was a champion boxer in Tillsonburg. He hadn't told his parents about this pursuit and they knew nothing of it until his father received congratulations for his achievement at a ministerial meeting: the

Presbyterian minister had been the referee! His father didn't, however, bother him about this, he said. Later he was a capable bowler: once he bowled 11 strikes and a spare in Toronto, for which he collected $50. He also played baseball and golfed.

Mr. E. went on to Teachers' College, graduating just in time to participate in the Depression: from 1930–35 he had no job and had to live at home. He tried selling Wearever pots and pans but was no salesman.

In 1935 he opened a little variety store at 5935 Yonge St. in the village of Newtonbrook, between Sheppard and Finch Aves., Toronto. He borrowed money on a small insurance policy to get started. On the first day, between 8 A.M. and 11 P.M. he took in $4. The store provided many stories and occupies an important place in the Evans' scrapbook. One time he was featured in the local paper as "man of the week." Rev. Art Storey, minister at Grace United Church, Barrie, used to stop in at that store while doing his paper route. Mrs. BONNELL'S family shopped there.

It was at Carlton St. United Church, which stood at the corner of Yonge and Carlton Sts. that he met Irene Cormack in 1927. Twelve years later they were married.

The urge to teach remained in spite of his business. At the age of 54 he went teaching: he spent two years in Woodbridge and eight years at Yorkview in Willowdale as an elementary school teacher. At age 64 he retired.

After his retirement Mr. E. and Irene moved to a cottage at Gilford for nine years; then to Barrie: six years at 37 Johnson St. and then at GPH. Before becoming a resident Bob and Irene participated in the S.E. Programme: her birthday is noted in the schedule of activities for Feb. 1988; his for Sept. 1988.

Mr. E. experienced no serious illness until he was 80.

In retirement he and Irene travelled across Canada and the U.S.A. three times. They played golf on more than 100 golf courses: every province except Nfld. and all the States except Alaska and Hawaii. He and Mrs. E. each had two "holes in one." They wintered 14 yrs. in Florida. At age 80 Mr. E. suffered a stroke and, as he told me with tears in his eyes, "I got old in a day." He fought back and made a good recovery, though his speech remained slightly impaired.

Mr. E. was an active volunteer in a number of organizations, including the Barrie Food Bank. In Coco, FL he volunteered to work with illiterate children; he was a volunteer in a similar capacity at Johnson St. School, Barrie.

At GPH he was on the Residents' Council; he participated in the "Recollections Group." In the latter connection, four brief stories of his are found in *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"First Impressions"; "The Long Journey Home"; vol. 2—"Pigs for Sale," "The Boxing Bout," "The Bootlegger and the Power of Prayer," and "Edgar and Kathleen Evans."

Bob also liked to write poetry and one year at GPH won the prize for the best Valentine's poem. That poem was:

I think that I have never seen
A girl as lovely as Irene.
Her kiss is sweet—as sweet as wine
She is my own, my Val-en-tine.

Bob and Irene raised two children: Bob jr. (m. Brenda; d. 1987); Ruth Anne, of Gibson, BC.

In Barrie the Evanses worshiped at Collier St. United Church. While they lived at GPH they worshiped with us sometimes. Our service recalled that familiar from his youth because they did not "have music," i.e. were an *a cappella* church.

Interment: Barrie Union Cemetery.

GPH: 31/10/1988—B34

EWEN, Mamie *Shaughnessey*
09/12/1896–26/09/1990

B. Montreal; two sisters and five brothers. Mother's name: Hussey. Her parents were hoteliers and moved when she was young to Deborah, 40 mi. from Sault Ste. Marie, then when she was older to Toronto. She worked at Eaton's: met her husband when he came in to buy a tie—he didn't buy the tie but he married the clerk!—so she told me. Actually, she met him at Sunnyside. Married in 1926. He was from Aberdeen and was Ella *Ewen* MURDOCH'S brother. Mrs. E. made a trip to Scotland with him but was seasick on the boat. Two daughters: Pat; Dorothy (m. McDowell). Mr. E. died in 1978.

Hobbies: gardening.

From Deborah she used to walk the railway tracks to Kensington Pt., 2 1/2 (?) mi. away. Deborah had a sawmill, thanks to the Deborah River. No main street—"no streets," she said.

In her years at GPH she would speak of a man named Jack, who was Jack McKay, a farmer up at Deborah whom she apparently fancied in her youth.

Mrs. Ewen's granddaughter worked at GPH part-time.

GPH: 28/10/1985—B30/B40

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• FALCONER, Mrs. Julia Annie *Bailey*
20/09/1880–11/1974

Gladys Arff, daughter of Mary HART, showed me a photo taken on Mrs. Falconer's 94th birthday at GPH. Also in the photo is her daughter, Dorothy (m. Pow). They lived together on Worsley St. in Barrie. *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) provided the following biography of Mrs. Falconer:

> Mrs. Falconer was born September 20, 1880 in Port Carling.
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> She moved to Gravenhurst at an early age where her father was employed as Captain of the steam boats which plied the waters of the Muskoka Lakes. She remembers with pleasure the overnight trips up the lakes with her father. Her father was a well-known figure in that community and was highly respected by the summer residents who depended on him to take them to and from their summer homes. He had been working on those boats since he was 14 years old.
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> As a young woman she learned millinery and worked as Miss Arnott's Store in Gravenhurst. She and her family often travelled to Toronto by train to visit the C.N.E.
>
> She and husband were blessed with three children—two girls and a boy.
> Mrs. Falconer moved to Barrie about 20 years ago and has made many friends here.

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) noted that Mrs. Falconer's father was a wheelsman on the *Wenonah*, the first steamboat on Lake Muskoka, where he was long remembered as "Captain Bailey."

There is a photo of Mrs. F. at a May Court Club tea hosted by Elaine Bigelow in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1971).

Church: Collier St. United, Barrie.

GPH: 05/1968

FARQUHARSON, Dorothy *Lawson*

18/09/1906–22/04/1994*

B. in Albertson, P.E.I., the eldest of the six children of W.C. Lawson. Her mother Jean Douglas died when she was nine, leaving her and her brothers Bill and Jessie. Her father married Margaret Laird and three more girls were born: Mary, Norma, Mildred. (At the timeof her death, Bill lived in Trenton; Norma in FL; Jessie and Mary in Charlottetown.)

Her husband was from P.E.I. too. He worked for the YMCA and was moved to Moncton, then to Capreol, west of Sudbury. (The move was to be either to Capreol or Revelstoke, B.C.) They were married in Sept. 1930 and she joined him there; they lived in Capreol for many years. Jim left the YMCA to open a clothing store, after a stint in Montreal. In Capreol they were much involved in Trinity United Church and in community activities. After retirement Mr. F. took a job with Hydro; then, after the move to Barrie, he worked for Sears.

Their son Allan worked for the railway and still lives there. Upon her husband's illness they moved to Barrie and lived in the apts. at Bayfield and Grove Sts., where D. CORBIÈRE and M. RICHARDSON lived. Like them, she Mrs. F. was an avid bridge player. Mrs. F. was also "at the top" in the Eastern Star Lodge.

After her husband's death in 1981 she returned to Capreol, then came to GPH.

Her siblings had not been all together since her marriage and that was a disappointment to her. In Barrie Mrs. F. was a member of Collier St. United Church.

Grandchildren: David (m. Phylis); Wendy (m. Dexter Telenko).

Mrs. F. said that she had been a worrier for as long as she could remember and we used to joke about this.

GPH: 24/07/1986—B34/O99/B36/C61

• FAWN, Mrs. Louisa

11/08/1884–22/04/1981

B. in London, England, one of five children—three boys, two girls.

She met and fell in love with Joseph F., who came to Canada in 1907 to work on the Queen Victoria Memorial in Ottawa. She followed a year later and they were married 27/07/1908 in Ottawa, right after she arrived. Most of their married life was spent in Toronto, where she was active in the Royal Canadian Legion and at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Two of her children lived in Barrie; two sons became stonecutters, like their father.

Mrs. F. was the President of the first Residents' Council at GPH. A photo of the group which comprised that Council—except for Frances HUBBERT, who was Treasurer—appeared in the *Examiner*, Dec. 4, 1973, p. 8: William EDWARDS, Vice-President; Jessie LOVE, Secretary; Freda BAINES; Eric BASE; Wray SMITH.

Daughter: Edith (m. Hodgson), Midland.

Mrs. Fawn was one of the first two residents to move into GPH. The other was Mrs. MERRICK.

For most of the details provided above see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1971 and 1973); there is a Valentine's Day photo of Mrs. F. from the *Examiner*, Feb. 17, 1979. The *Examiner* published a picture of Mrs. Fawn at 96, May 6, 1980, on the occasion of the 12th Anniversary Tea; her son Joseph and daughter-in-law Marjorie are also in the photo.

See GPH Scrapbook 1. In the second issue of *The Spotlight*, Dec. 1971, Mrs. Fawn thanks everyone for the Hallowe'en party, and gives her room as A4.

The *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) notes the 9th Anniversary Tea and that "We still enjoy the company of at least one resident who was present when the Home first opened in May of 1968. Her name is Mrs. Louisa Fawn." The comments on the Tea were written by Administrator David Johnson.

GPH: 05/1968—C61

FENNO, Phyliss *Creasy*

24/06/1905–04/11/1998

B. in Hawley, England; she had one sister, who eventually lived in BC.

At the age of 6 or 7 her family moved to New Mexico, where her father had a ranch. Her father enlisted in the Canadian army to fight in WWI and that brought the family to Canada. After the War he worked with the OPP. One of his postings was to Barrie.

Phylis went to Buffalo to work with the telephone company. There she met Freeman Fenno and they married. When their daughter Pat (m. McCleod) was three they came to Barrie, where Mr. Fenno got employment with the Barrie-Allandale dairy. Then he worked as a salesman. He died in 1966.

Mrs. Fenno enjoyed bridge and bingo. She was also an avid collector of antiques: especially coloured glass, lamps, and dolls.

Mrs. F. maintained her house on Henry St. until she came to live at GPH. This was a much anticipated move: she was happy to be here finally and so was her family. Unfortunately she died suddenly just days after her arrival.

Pat McCleod noted that Mrs. Fenno's niece married Jack Craig and was therefore a sister-in-law of Bill Craig, husband of Joan CRAIG! Mrs. Fenno and Mrs. Craig died within days of each other and we had their memorial services together.

Church: Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie.

Interment: Barrie Union Cemetery.

GPH: ??

••? FERRIER, Mrs. Ada

02/03/??–??

The Spotlight , 1, 2 (Dec. 1971) noted that Mrs. Ferrier was hospitalized.

GPH: by 12/1971

FLANAGAN, Bertha *Charlebois*

14/02/1914–03/02/1996

B. on Valentine's Day in Perkinsfield into a family that would include four boys and eight girls, four of whom were still alive at her passing.

Mrs. F. spoke French until her marriage to an Irishman, Ernie—himself one of eight children—of Mount St. Louis. They were married in 1938 and moved to Toronto; in 1947 they moved back to Mount St. Louis, then to Barrie.

Mr. F. worked at GE and drove a taxi, among other things. They had five children: Marilyn (m. Drope), Larry, Bill, John, Kevin.

Mrs. F. was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Catholic Women's League. She enjoyed family gatherings and liked to play horseshoes!

On 25/10/1997 I performed the wedding service for Mrs. Flanagan's grandson Kent Drope—son of Brian and Marilyn, who married Cori Myroon, at the Holiday Inn in Barrie.

See also the next item.

GPH: 24/04/1989—A2

FLANAGAN, Cecilia *Valley*

24/03/1909–07/06/1998

B. at Lafontaine, one of five sisters; one brother. When she was about two the family moved to Victoria Harbour and that is where she grew up.

Cecilia married Harold Flanagan and they farmed on a family farm at Mount St. Louis until 1949, when they moved to Toronto. Mr. F. was a partner in a service station and Mrs. F. worked in a factory, making purses.

After Mr. Flanagan died, about 1990, their niece Marilyn Flanagan Drope arranged for Cecilia to come to Barrie, where she lived at Simcoe Terrace until she was able to live at GPH.

Harold and Cecilia had no children of their own but adopted nephews and nieces as their own: they lived close by to Ernie and Bertha at Mount St. Louis, so visits by Marilyn and her siblings were easy. (Indeed, of the family of eight Flanagans that included Ernie and Harold, only two had children, Ernie and Florence—the former had five and the latter three.)

Cecilia was an extraordinary cook and baker, according to Marilyn, and continued to bake bread until she was 80. She also loved to play euchre—for 25¢ a hand!

Her funeral was conducted at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church by her nephew Fr. Ted Fournier.

GPH: 23/08/1994—A25

•• FLEETHAM, Mrs. Emily

08/10/1877–1972

B. at Caledon, ON.

In Apr. 1903 she was married to Albert Fleetham. For the occasion she wore a pale blue suit with full skirt and a matching blouse which she had made herself. She was a very clever seamstress.

They moved to Allandale, where Mr. F. worked on the Grand Trunk Railway. Later he had a grocery store on Essa Rd.; Emily helped in the store. They moved thirteen times but never left Allandale! They had no children.

The Fleethams were members at Burton Ave. United Church and Mrs. F. belonged to all the women's organizations.

Mr. F. died in Feb. 1968 and she moved to GPH in Aug. of that year.

Interment is with her husband in Caledon East Cemetery.

Mrs. Fleetham was a friend of Muriel GREEN. Her birthday is noted in the very first issue of *The Spotlight* .

GPH: 08/1968

FLEMING, Sidney

01/07/1892–21/09/1981

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that he spent a Christmas visit with his son John, of Innisfil.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: by 12/1974; 1977—A1/C56

FLETCHER, Madelyn *Bird*

19/12/1901–

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

FLIGG, James ("Jim") William

27/07/1899–17/05/1998*

B. at Bethesda, on the 11th Line, just outside Meaford. He was one of eleven children, born two years apart in the sequence boy-girl-boy-girl, an amazing coincidence. Two of these children died in infancy. (Mr. Fligg was born on July 27, but his birth certificate says Aug. 18.)

In 1916 he went to Conquest, SK, to work in the harvest on the farm of Sam Silverthorn who had moved there from Meaford in 1909. Sam's brother Aaron had gone out some time before that. Aaron convinced a Meaford girl, a Smith, to marry him but she refused to spend the winters out there so they rented an apt. in Toronto for $150/mo. so she could winter down here. The next year Mr. F. went to Swan Lake, MB, where his uncle farmed.

Mr. F. married a Reeta Speer of Minnedosa, MB. He had dated Amy Tallman of the Disciples Church at Meaford—a close friend of some of his sisters and who later married Grant Stevenson—but she did not want to go out West, claiming that the people out there were all "heathens," according to Mr. F. At any rate, he and his sisters kept in touch with her for the rest of her life.

Mr. F. had many stories about the people he had known over the years. One concerned Al Waters from Meaford, a young man whom trouble seemed to follow. Aaron Silverthorn had come down East to buy some horses, which he put on a rail car, tied at either end. He also bought a cow, which he tied up in the middle, its head tied low so she couldn't put it over the rail. Al Waters wanted to go out West, so it was agreed that he would ride with these animals. In northern Ontario, west of the Soo, it was a hot day, the cow was mooing, so he took pity on her and untied her so that she could put her head up. This she did, and fell over the rail. Then he had no choice but to cut her loose.

When they arrived in SK, Mr. Silverthorn asked where the cow was and Al said, "It's back there in northern Ontario somewhere," and related the story. He was then obliged to stay and work to pay for the cow. They had harvested "prairie wool" to feed the horses, of which Silverthorn had 18 or 20. The first day Mr. S. took Al Waters out with him to load and bring it in and the next day told him, "You know where it is now, so take a wagon and bring it in." When he had loaded the wagon Al W. decided to have a smoke, which was strictly forbidden. The load caught fire. He unbolted the horses but the wagon and its load burned. As Mr. F. tells it, his whole time there was like that. After a couple of years Al Waters left and headed for Moose Jaw and Mr. F. never heard of him again.

Mr. Fligg returned to Meaford from Manitoba in the Depression. (The circumstances of this are a story of real hardship.) He worked as a labourer on various farms and eventually worked at the Collingwood Shipyards for 25 yrs. He retired in 1971, a week after the Unemployment Insurance Act came into effect, so he was able benefit from it.

The Fliggs had one son, Melbourne, and he brought his father to live at Sandy Cove Acres. Later he lived at Collier Place, Barrie Manor, then at GPH. He was a man who had many, many stories and who could make friends with much younger people. The day before his funeral, Catherine Wildman—Vera WILDMAN'S granddaughter, about to be married to John Beaton, Jean BULMER'S (step-)grandson!—explained to me how she and Jim had become friends some years earlier and how he was supposed to be part of her wedding a month hence.

There were several Fligg descendents at the funeral. One of these, Louise Walters Long, a niece, who lives at Walter's Falls, related to me that she had worked at the Eaton's catalogue store in Meaford from 1950–54 and she remembered that I used to come in there with my mother.

Mr. Fligg's wife Reeta died in 1989.

Mel Fligg and his wife Mary have four children: Leonard (m. Teresa), of Wasaga Beach; Stephen (m. Gloria), of Winnipeg; Shawna (m. Anthony Myers), of Merritt Island, FL; Melanie, of Wasaga Beach.

Mr. Fligg died at the age of 98, almost 99, after an extremely brief illness. Shawna, Melanie's daughter, was with him at RVH for his last hours.

Mr. Fligg is survived by one of his siblings, Carmen (m. Ruth), who lives in Cannington, and is also a man of many stories; by Mel and Mary; and by grandchildren Shawna Fligg; Tom and Samantha Fligg; Cristin Allison and Benjamin Fligg; Brandon and Jessica Myers. At his funeral a eulogy was given by nephew Ross Camplin of Thornbury.

Mr. Fligg was the first Senior Citizen of the Month in the Simcoe County newsmagazine called *Life Begins at … 50+* (Vol. 2, Issue 8 [Mar. 1998]). His photo appeared on the front and and again on p. 7 under the title "Wheat was 24 cents a bushel, oats seven." The story was written by Sharon Brown. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: St. Paul's Cemetery, Innisfil.

GPH: 10/01/1997—A20

FLYNN, Agnes

01/04/1904–11/12/1994

B. in Essa Twp.

Miss F. was named for my gt.-grandmother Agnes Flynn Cox.

She was a school teacher.

Church membership: Central United Church, though she had been an Anglican.

GPH: 01/10/1990

FOBERT, Mrs. Muriel *Seager*

30/11/1898–16/05/1987

Mrs. F. was the daughter of Edith and Edwin Seager. She had three brothers and a sister: Reginald, of North Carolina; Charles, John, and Grace (m. Roberts).

Church: Hi-Way Pentecostal, Barrie.

GPH: 27/10/1983—M65

FORD, Mrs. Ella Edith *Turley*

01/07/1891–15/08/1983

B. at Brentwood.

She married Albert Ford at Utopia in 1911 and they had five children: Emma, Lillian, Percy, Bill and Frank. Employment was with the railway; then they farmed at Utopia for a short time before moving to a larger farm at Grenfel in Vespra Twp.

Mrs. F. was widowed in 1952. She moved to Barrie in Dec. 1976 and decided to live at GPH. She enjoyed her years at GPH, with the freedom to come and go as she wished, and spent many hours knitting and doing crochet work; she was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards. Her main interests were her family and her wish was that her family would remain close and would always show love and concern for each other, which they have done.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. F. pouring tea on the occasion of GPH's 9th anniversary. With it is another photo of Reba SCOTT, May BANKS, Jessie LOVE, and Administrator David Johnson cutting a cake. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977). An *Examiner* article and photo of Mrs. F. appeared June 30, 1979. The article presents recollections of her life. —see GPH Scrapbook 1.

Church: Burton Ave. United Church.

GPH: 01/12/1976—A26/C56

FOSTER, Mrs. Betty
10/05/1913–
Mrs. F. lived very briefly at GPH and moved to Simcoe Terrace.
GPH: 21/02/1990(—M73)–07/03/1990

FOSTER, Mrs. Betty
31/12/1906–17/03/1997
Mrs. F. lived her life in Barrie. Her husband was a great gardener and grew beautfiul flowers. They lived at the corner of Anne St. and Dennis (?). Lillian Beames of Stroud is a daughter. Mr. F. died in the late 1980s of epilepsy and other ailments.
Mrs. F. moved to GPH from Collier Place, where she had lived in unit 811. She was a member of Trinity Anglican Church.
GPH: 10/02/1997—B30

FRENCH, Florence *Waldon*
25/09/1910–
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. enjoys 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 recalls.
Mrs. French appears 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

FRENCH, Jennie Velma
26/06/1894–1974?
GPH: ??

FRENCH, Owen
14/04/1888–11/10/1977
There is an *Examiner* photo of Mr. F. at age 89: see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).
GPH: by 04/1977

FRENCH, Winifred *Darke*
18/08/1902–30/01/1995
B. near Lindsay. Her husband, Oliver, was from Morton's Harbour NF, in the Twillingate area. They used to go there yearly.
Mr F. was the superintendent of a construction company and worked in various cities. Mrs. F. was secretary to five Ontario cabinet ministers at Queen's Park, including Robert Nixon, Premier of Ontario. They lived for 40 years in a house at Yonge St. and Sheppard Ave., a house that her husband built.
A brother (1992) lived at Sandy Cove Acres; a sister, Myra ST. JOHN, and a nephew live in Barrie. Mrs. French was a member of Lansing United Church in Toronto, near her home.
GPH: 17/12/1991—M85/B40

• FRONCE, Miss Isabelle
27/12/1909–12/04/1979

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Miss F. had Christmas with her brother Arthur, of Barrie.

GPH: 1968

FULLER, Mrs. Eileen *Cottingham*

04/12/1907–14/03/1984

B. in Toronto, the oldest of four children, followed by two brothers and a sister. Mrs. Fuller's sister Violet (m. Peterman) lives in Peterborough (04/99).

Mrs. F. attended Shirley St. Public School and Central Commerce; as a child she was a faithful member of St. Anne's Anglican Church.

She worked at Eatons, where her father had worked and where her sister later worked.

Mrs. Fuller was active in Home and School, bridge groups; was President of All Saints Chancel guild, where she did beautiful flower arrangements. Her artistic talents were evident in the lovely smocked dresses she made for her daughters, her sewing, millinary, and oil painting, china painting and découpage.

Church: Central United, Barrie.

See the next item.

GPH: 19/10/1982—B38

FULLER, Walter

25/03/1905–15/03/1994

B. near London, England; one of six boys and a girl (the youngest).

At the age of 5 he became a foster child when his father died. He and a brother were placed with a family named Haddock in Buckinghamshire.

At 9, with one brother who was 14, he came to Canada by way of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, to West Gwillambury Twp., to a farm near Bradford. His brother was settled six miles away. He was not treated well: he had to do all the housework and, as a consequence, missed a lot of school. When an inheritance of $5.35 came to him, he got the 35 cents and the woman who looked after him kept the $5. He related in a newpaper article, published at Christmas 1985, that during his nine years on that farm he never ate with the family once, nor did he have a bed to sleep on. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

At 18 he went to work in the harvest for the summer, then got a job with a firm that made display counters; from there he went to Prudential Insurance where he worked in "supplies" for 43 yrs. Mr. F. attended "The Alert" Bible Study at St. John's Church in W. Toronto, which was attended by some 200 young people. He married Eileen Cottingham on 29/04/30; she d. 03/84. His wife's first Christmas present was the first Christmas present he ever received!

The *Spotlight*, June-July, 1981 noted that Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were new S.E. Programme participants. The Fullers came together to live at GPH the next year.

They had two daughters: Barbara (m. Thompson) and Shirley (m. Whyte). Two brothers, Bill and Tom, lived in Bradford.

Mr. Fuller was a kind, caring man, who overcame great obstacles in his life and we all respected him as a gentleman.

On Dec. 30, 1988, the *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. Fuller and Kay JOHNSON with the caption "Happy New Year." See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 19/10/1982—B38/A14

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GAFFNEY, Ellen ("Nellie")

25/11/1894–10/07/1986

The back of the GPH Activities schedule for Nov. 1980 notes Mrs. Gaffney's birthday as a member of the S.E. Programme.

Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie.

GPH: 20/05/1983—B36

GALBRAITH, Emma Lucy *Kirby*

22/11/1891–05/1977

B. at Dorchester ON (near London).

She was employed in Toronto as a seamstress in a department store. In 1913 she married William Bolton G. and they farmed in the community of Whitfield, near Shelburne. Their family consisted of Norman, Blanche (m. William Ford), Wildred, Oakley and Leona.

Mrs. Galbraith was widowed in Nov. 1963 and in a few months time sold the farm and moved to Barrie to live with her sister and to be near her daughter Blanche. She volunteered for many years with the Red Cross Society and remained close to her family who loved her as mother and grandmother.

In March 1975 Mrs. G. moved to GPH, where she enjoyed the company of many people she met. She continued to visit her family in Shelburne, Toronto and Barrie, making it evident that her family were the most important part of her life. She seemed to suffer deteriorating health in early 1977, taking a severe stroke in March and passing away in May at RVH.

An *Examinar* photo of Nov. 1976, shows her as one of the GPH "adopted" grandparents of Codrington St. School students. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976). *The Spotlight* 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) notes that she is a new resident. It says she was born in Toronto and that she had been active with the Red Cross.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: 03/1975

GARDNER, G. Ross

31/08/1900–??

Bookkeeper.

The *Spotlight*, Feb.–Mar., 1980, welcomed Mr. Gardiner as a new Senior Encounter participant. The *Examiner* published a photo on June 21, 1980 of Mr. G. at Lucy's Tea Room on the occasion of Senior Citizens' Week. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Church: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 15/03/1980—A25–16/05/1983 (date of discharge to RVH)

GAULEY, Elizabeth

21/12/1886–05/02/1979

A newspaper photo in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974) shows her wearing an Easter bonnet in the GPH Easter bonnet parade. She was a sister of Mrs. May BANKS. *The Spotlight* 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) notes a visit by her daughter Marjory (m. Sam Cunningham) of Alliston, and a grandson, Neil Whelan, also of Alliston.

The *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) notes that Mrs. Gauley and her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth BANKS, attended the wedding of their niece Katherine Kelly (m. William B. Winterton) at Collier St. United Church on Apr. 23.

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: before spring 1974

GEORGE, Susan *Wilson*
19/02/1910–10/02/1985
B. in Smeaton, Scotland, the oldest of four children. Three brothers followed: Patrick, Dan, John. She was eight and John only six weeks old when their mother died of "child bed fever." The children were raised by their gd.-mother until Mrs. G. was twelve: at that time she had to leave school to look after her brothers and father.
She married John George in 1919. They had three children: John, Mary; and Helen (m. Rivard), who works at GPH.
Helen recalls:

> We all lived together—she was still looking after her father and three brothers until they married and her father died in 1947. She came to Canada a few times on vacation to visit my brother John and finally, after dad died in 1970, stayed here. She still kept looking after people, taking on the position of a priest's housekeeper in Hamilton and Windsor.
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> She came to GPH in 1984, where she lived until her death. She was a wonderful person and I still miss her. I think that when she had no one to look after any more and became ill her life here didn't have a purpose. All she knew was looking after people.

Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.
GPH: 03/05/1984—B30

GIFFEN, Amy *Waller*
15/06/1894–23/03/1983
Mrs. G. was from Mono Centre and was teaching at Edenvale prior to her marriage. The Giffens farmed for many years in the Minesing/Edenvale community and their children and grandchildren are still there.
Amy and Harry G. had two sons: Douglas (m. Dorothy) and Graydon (m. Wilma).
Church: United.
See also Henry GIFFEN..
GPH: 27/06/1980—B40/A9/C61

GIFFEN, Evelyn *Brown*
10/09/1916–
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 Pacquana 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 says, she loves them too much for that: they have a life of their own! Her children are: Lynda (m. Teel) and Murray.

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

Mrs. Giffen is a member of Residents' Council; works in the Tuck Shop; does a lot of quilting.

She is a member of Bethel Community Church.

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

GIFFEN, Henry ("Harry")

10/11/1889–17/04/1982

There is a newspaper photo and article about the Giffens' 60th wedding anniversary celebration at Edenvale in GPH Scrapbook 1. It states that they set up housekeeping at Lot 19, Conc. 1, Flos Twp. in 1920, after their marriage on Mar. 10 in Toronto. Mr. G. was the son of James Giffen.

Mr. Giffen's obituary appeared in the *Examiner*, Apr. 26, 1982. It states that he had five brothers—Newman, Ellwood, Gordon, Kenneth, Fraser, and Ottie—and one sister, who married Walter Downey. The Giffens were members of Minesing United Church.

Interment: Stayner Union Cemetery.

See Amy GIFFEN.

GPH: 27/06/1980—B40

GIFFEN, Leda *Parnell*

02/08/1901–19/10/1991

B. on the 11th Conc. of Flos Twp., in Allenwood.

At the age of 35 she married a farmer, Gordon G., who was born near Stayner. (His parents owned a farm at Sunnidale Corners.) They had met when she was teaching school but WWI intervened. Their romance blossomed when they both found they were in Alberta after the War. She went to northern Albert with the Home Missionary Board to work with Ukrainians northeast of Edmonton—Stoney Lake? Mrs. G. kept in contact with those people throughout her life.

The Giffens had one son: Wilmur; gd.-children Laura and Glenn.

She "enjoyed everything." Wilmur says that "she especially enjoyed biographies, keeping scrapbooks and organizing photo albums. She used to love sharing those things with co-op students from Barrie North. It was a way of re-living the highlights of the past."

The *Spotlight* 6, 11 (Nov. 1977) notes that Mrs. Giffen portrayed Cyrano de Bergerac—"a Frenchman with a very large nose"—at the Hallowe'en Party in October!

In a Christmas letter of 1979—GPH Scrapbook—Mrs. Giffen mentions that her sister Mamie lives in the Nursing Section of GPH and that her cousin Vera is also here. These are references to Mary SPRING and Vera WILDMAN.

Harry GIFFEN was Leda's brother-in-law.

GPH: 28/09/1978—A27

GILLIES, Annie Christina ("Ina"—pronounced "Eena") *Mitchell*
15/04/1906–21/02/1998*

B. in Proton Twp., seven miles from Dundalk to a farm family: James Mitchell (m. Susan Fullerton) had a fox and mink ranch, one of the first in Ontario.

Mrs. G. was the fourth of seven children: Marjorie, who died in her late teens of appendicitis; Douglas; Ross; Ina; Ruth, who died at age 4 mos.; Helen; Muriel.

The family worshiped at Ventry United Church. That churchbuilding was demolished in the early 80s, though the cemetery is still there.

(I might explain the pronunciation of Ina's name. Mrs. G. had a cousin with the same name, Christina, so that cousin's name, when shortened, became "Ina," pronounced "Eyena," and Mrs. G.'s the same, but pronounced "Eena." Also, in the area of Dundalk the name Gillies was pronounced "Gillis," the Scottish pronunciation.)

Mrs. G. did nurse's training in Orangeville but gave that up to get married in 1926 to Gilbert ("Bert") G. who was in university in Toronto to become a pharmacist. He was also from the Dundalk area. She moved to Toronto and was there until her move to GPH. Mr. G. was a pharmacist for Tamblyn Drug Stores in north Toronto and worked well into his 70s at this store and others called him to come and fill in.

The Gillies travelled widely: England, Europe, Barbados, across Canada. They enjoyed golfing; Mrs. G. bowled until age 80. Mr. G. died in 1986. They had lived in at a number of addresses in north Toronto, on Glengarry for the longest period. Before Mr. G. died they had moved to an apartment at Bayview Ave. and Cummer. Robert and Elsie SLATER also lived in apt. near that corner.

The Gillies had two children: Howard (m. Marjorie Jackson of Dundalk) and Gloria Hewitt Secretan. Howard and Marjorie have three children: Brenda (m. Lynas) who, as a model, was in the "Women Alive" advertisements for Eaton's—she has two children, Aubray and Julie; Bruce (m. Pat, a lawyer), who is in Cambridge Bay, NWT, where he works for native land claims' settlement—Bruce and Pat have two children, Lucas and Morgan; Peter (m. Jennifer), who trains racehorses at Rockwood—they have two children, Alexis and Quinn. Gloria has had three children also: Lynn, who died at age 21; Sandra, whose children are Paul and Natasha—they are in England; Natalie, who is in university.

In her room at GPH Mrs. G. had a photo of her family home. It was in a deserted state in the 1970s when it was hit by lightning and burned down.

Mrs. G. was a member of Fairlawn United Church in Toronto for many years and was active there in a variety of ways. She was a volunteer with the Cancer Society and "Meals on Wheels."

Marjorie Gillies is a volunteer at GPH and, in talking with Vi BAYCROFT, learned that Vi and her aunt Marjorie Bellamy had taken a trip to Israel together, as well as another trip down through the USA in an RV vehicle.

I had the honour of conducting Mrs. Gillies' funeral and travelling over to Dundalk with Howard and Marjorie on a sunny winter's day.

I have passed by the sign on highway #10 pointing west to Dundalk many times but had never actually been there until the day of the funeral. My parents in Meaford had several houses for rent, one of them beside them in the 1970s. Willard and Mora Foster lived beside us—they were from Dundalk, where her father edited the town newspaper. Willard was teaching in Meaford. They moved to Flesherton and now, the Gillies inform me, he is a principal back in his home town.

At the funeral home in Dundalk we had a cup of coffee together in a kitchen at the rear of the home. On the wall hang various pictures, including one of the director, Mr. Jack, and his graduating class at mortuary school. Among that class I recognized two photos and names: one is Bud Gooderham, who owns the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral

Homes in Barrie, the other is Robert Guse, a high school friend in Meaford who, like me, played in the Meaford Citizens' Band.

A photo of Mrs. Gillies at 89 appeared in the *Examiner* on May 13, 1995. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 17/07/1992—A17

GIRARD, Eveline ("Evelyn")

26/11/1906–29/05/1989

A granddaughter, Margaret MacLeod worked at GPH. Mrs. G. worked for the federal government in Ottawa.

GPH: 11/11/1983—M63

GOSNEY, Clayton

29/03/1898–26/05/1987

CNR dispatcher and worked on the Grand Trunk Railway, 1913–1958. Mr. G. was Mason and a member of the Horticultural Society.

Hobbies: gardening, reading, TV. Sang in a choir: he liked classical music. Took singing lessons. He liked reading the Anglican church paper and the *Toronto Star* .

Mr. G. said that when his wife died half of him died too. He was then content to be alone.

GPH: 29/07/1985—A1

GRASETT, Miss Henrietta

24/06/1917–29/07/1983

Miss Grasett was a niece of Mary ANDERSON. She was the daughter of Henry James Grasett, an older brother of Mary, and his wife Margaret Witten. Miss Grasett was born in Toronto but lived all her life in Barrie. She lived with her mother and took part in all sorts of volunteer work, particularly with the Red Cross. —Thanks to Hope, Mary's daughter, for this.

Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie.

GPH: 25/03/1983—C52

••? GRAY, Mrs. Violet

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Mrs. Gray's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972; again, as a guest at the TAIT'S that fall—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: before the end of 1971—see Rittenhouse list #1

GREEN, Muriel *Kendall*

14/04/1909–

B. in south Toronto. Her family included three brothers. 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; Doug, their third child, died a few years ago.

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.

Mr. Green died in 1973.

Mrs. G. was a best friend of Irene DOBSON, whom she knew in Toronto before her marriage. 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 Burton Ave. United Church, Allandale, or Shanty Bay: Mildred MCQUADE, Louise PUGH, Reta SUTTON, Mrs. FLEETHAM, and Jenny WISDOM.She knew Joyce Purdon, the Activities Director at GPH, and wife of the minister at Burton Ave. United Church—she was instrumental in Mrs. DOBSON'S move to GPH.

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

GPH: 09/10/1996—M63

GREEN, Peggy

07/10/1907–24/04/1993

Miss Green had a long career with Canadian GE, where she was secretary to the General Manager, the top executive in Barrie. She was a golfer and worked at Trinity Anglican Church in a number of capacities. Miss G. suffered from Alzheimer's Disease.

GPH: 11/10/1991—A25

GREER, Mathew

10/11/1891–01/11/1980

Church: Emmanuel Baptist.

GPH: 06/12/1979—A9

•? GREGORY, Mrs.

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Jean Bercovici recalls Mrs. Gregory as an early resident.

GPH: 1968? 1969?

GYSEL, Mathilda ("Mary" or "Tilly") *Kegels*

09/12/??–??

B. in the Dutch province of Zeeland on the Belgian border. She and her husband and two small children immigrated to Ontario in 1920. At first they worked on a farm near Chatham, where sugar beets were grown and refined. Mrs. Gysel's daughter, Alice Van Driesche, recalls that they were met at Chatham by their employer in a Ford car, but her mother refused to set foot in it!

A son was born at Chatham. Later they owned a farm at Delhi and grew tobacco. From there they moved to the Angus area, where they again grew tobacco. After the death of her husband Mrs. G. moved to Barrie.

The Spotlight, 1, 2 (Dec. 1971) notes her birthday that month. Mrs. Gysel's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

Mrs. Gysel's daughter Alice is a friend of Alva Crawford, a sister of Irene EVANS. It was thanks to Alva that I learned of Mrs. Gysel's lifestory.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

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HALBERT, Elizabeth ("Lila") *Jebb*

30/10/1906–04/12/1995

B. near Cookstown; the oldest of four children, three girls and a boy who was 21

yrs. younger than her—her mother was 43 at his birth!

The family home burned down when she was four yrs. old and she recalled coming home from getting her hair cut and going through the rubble in search of a toy bank that meant a lot to her. Mrs. H. also remembered her father's Model T Ford which he got about 1918: she used to crank it for him. Her son is on the ancestral farm.

She knew Mary SCOTT's parents from church and was a good friend of Elsie Brinkman of Meaford and her mother, who lived in Barrie.

See the next item also.

GPH: 04/06/1987—B38

HALBERT, Stanley

18/06/1899–30/12/1988

The Halberts were from Newton Robinson, where they farmed. They had one son, Wallace; one daughter, Gwen (m. Lennox) in Barrie.

Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS was his sister; Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS was his first cousin. Mr. H. was struck by lightning in his house and that ruined his legs. Wallace took over the farm and the Halberts moved to Barrie in the late 50s.

The Halberts were members of Central United Church in Barrie.

GPH: 04/06/1987—B38

HALL, Mrs. Maude

01/01/1887–??

The *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) notes that Mrs. Hall won a prize at the Birthday Party and Easter Parade on Apr. 5th. Mrs. H. moved to Dufferin Oakes 29/10/1978.

Church: United.

GPH: by 12/1976

HALPENNY, Reta *Burnside*

11/02/1908–

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 *Deacoff*

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Dutch descent; Elmore Hamilton's mother and sister of Elsie DEACOFF.

GPH: ??

HANDY, Viola *Drury*

28/02/1908–

Mrs. H.'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. H.'s mother returned to Canada, to Crown Hill. As a result of the American sojourn Mrs. H. has relative in the St. Paul's, Minnesota, area. She has 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

• HARRIS, Gertrude ("Gertie")

07/01/1910–05/06/1997

B. in Toronto, the youngest of eight children, four of them girls.

As a child she was cross-eyed and could not talk; she did not walk until she was 10. Her brother, Rolly, paid to have her eyes straightened after he came home from the War. In Toronto her church was High Park United Church.

Miss H.'s father died of a stroke. After her mother died, she lived with brothers and sisters for short periods. Then a sister of a sister-in-law arranged for her to come to live at GPH—in 1968, so she lived here almost 30 yrs.! At the time of her death only her brother Bill, in Toronto, survived among her siblings. He used to come and visit her.

For a period Miss H. followed "General Hospital" on TV. Among her prized possessions were some of her mother's jewelry and family photos. She thought a lot of Mr. Johnson, who did various kindnesses for her.

Miss H. lived so long at GPH that whole generations of staff knew her.

There are various photos of Miss H. in the GPH Scrapbooks and photo albums. An *Examiner* photo and article shows her having her hair done by Yvonne Knoll (now Chartrand) at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977). *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Doug Garraway and his wife had entertained Miss H. on Christmas Day. It adds, "Miss Harris thoroughly enjoyed visiting with their very lively children."

GPH: 18/09/1968—A31

HART, Mary *Kett*

24/08/1913–08/03/1998

B. at Sedowa in Rama Twp. where her parents farmed. Her family included one sister, Julia (m. Speiran) and one brother, Charles, who lived in Woodville. (Julia Speiran's daughter, Helen [m. Torrie], lives near Argyle, and knows Richard Webster, a cousin of my wife Elaine.)

Mrs. H.'s mother died at age 36—when she was three—and her father at 51.

In 1936, in Orillia, she married Harold Hart, whose business was Barrie Electric Motors.

In 1947 the Harts moved to the corner of the Penetanguishene Rd. and Georgian Drive for a year, then they lived eight yrs. at Owen and Worsley Sts.; then six years on Maple Ave., where he died in 1963 at age 51. Mrs. Hart continued on at Maple Ave. until two years prior to moving to GPH.

Mrs. H. has a son Earl in St. John, NB; daughter Gladys (m. Arff) lives at Crown Hill. Mrs. Arff recalls her mother as a loving, protective person, "a mother through and through."

The Harts were members at Collier St. United Church. It is from Collier St. that Myra ST. JOHN knew Mary.

GPH: 02/01/1996—A35

HARTT, Mary Frances *Coady*

10/09/1904–09/03/1998

B. in Barrie, one of six children—two boys and four girls. Her father worked for the railway. Mrs. Hartt's husband, Ernest, also worked for the railway and that took them to Toronto in 1943, to Union Station.

Mrs. H. has two daughters and a son: Nancy (m. Grecco) in Barrie; another, Frances (m. O'Grady) in Burlington; her son John is in Elora. Mr. H. died in 1973 of a heart attack.

In ca. 1975 Mrs. H. moved to Guelph to be near Nancy; from there to St. Catharines (ca. 1990) where she lived in a residence operated by the Carmelite sisters. She liked to read the newspaper so her son had the *Toronto Star* delivered every day for her. She was a devoted hockey fan. In her senior years Mrs. H. took up pool; she also bowled. She travelled widely: across Canada, England, Hawaii.

Mrs. H. moved to GPH to be close to Nancy.

Mary was christened at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and took her first communion there. Likewise her children were christened and married there. In Toronto Mrs. H. worshiped at St. Pius X Church.

Mrs.H.was a very religious person and devoted much time to prayer.

Interment: Assumption Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 14/06/1996—A7

HARVEY, Gladys *Roots*

27/06/1910–

B. in Toronto, one of five children: Winnifred Bessie, who died at age 10 1/2 of rheumatic fever; Gladys; Reta (m. John Jefford, who after Reta's death, married Helen Johnson, who is a volunteer at RVH); Reg; 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 and were married there. 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 came, on a boat that had Sir Wilfred Laurier as a passenger. 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 Constracting. He started as a truck driver and eventually became treasurer of the company. They nicknamed him "Granny" because he ws so kind and thoughtful.

Gladys taught Sunday School over the years and still receives notes from a class at Hillcrest, where she still has friends like Elmer Stainton. She also recalls 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. Barry Shaw, who died at 59). Lorna works for the Atomic Energy Commission and lives in Burlington. There are ten gd.-children and numerous 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 is a second generation resident: her father lived here.

Gladys has many interests and friends. She is always keen to know how our family is doing.

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

HAVERCROFT, Walter

26/09/1881–1974?

The Spotlight 3, 9 (July 1974) printed the following brief biography for Mr. Havercroft.

> Mr. Havercroft was born September 26, 1881 and has lived all his life in Ontario.He and his wife, Iva, had two children, Dorothy and Norman.
> He had three great loves in his lifetime—his wife and family; his church and his garden. His garden was a sight to behold, with its many blooms. In recent years he developed a new strain of gladiola called "Havercroft's Pink."
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> Church: Northside Bible Chapel.

GPH: by 07/1974

HEAL, Julia *Ecclestone*

01/05/1896–10/01/1994

B. in Bristol, England, where her father owned two hotels: "Ye Olde Rhubarb Tavern" and "The Great Western." He died when she was 10.

Mrs. H. became a bookkeeper for a co-operative. She was engaged to two suitors at the same time but chose an opera singer over an optician—her mother told her she'd have to make up her mind!—because he wanted to travel.

Mrs. H. came to Canada in 1924 for their honeymoon and never returned to England. Two sons were born at Warkworth and Campbellville, respectively; Peter alone survived at the time of her death.

She enjoyed travelling and went to BC five or six times by train.

Mrs. H. had a photo of the YWCA hostel in Los Angeles where she worked for 12 years after the death of her husband in 1954. Then she returned to Toronto.

GPH: 05/07/1985—B30/M75

••? HENDERSON, Mrs. Alice

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Her birthday is noted in the first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971.

GPH: before the end of 1970

HICKLING, Roy

03/09/1892–18/06/1984

B. at Barrie. He married Lydia Dobson on Dec. 12, 1917 and they had five children: Charles, Gordon, Cecil, Harold, Ray and Doug (m. Nancy Beach).

Mr. H. left high school in his second year because he wanted to go farming; later

he took a course at the Ontario Agricultural College.

He was a member of the Barrie Milk and Cream Producers and their secretary for twenty-two years; he was also a member of the Georgian Bay District Milk Producers and served as their secretary-treasurer for two years. Further, he was a charter member and President of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association. As well he worked as a crop inspector for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. H. began his political career in 1921 as a school trustee. After that he served about twenty years as councillor and deputy reeve, and was Reeve of Vespra Twp. from 1952–1958. He had the honour of being Warden of Simcoe Co. in 1955. From 1958 to 1967 he was Vespra's representative to the Barrie & District High School Board. He also served on the RVH Board for eight years.

Church: Collier United, Barrie.

GPH: 25/04/1981–15/09/1982—A3 (discharged to RVH)

HOBSON, Yvette

08/11/1932–

Mrs. Hobson first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme and then came to live at the Home for a period of time.

GPH: 10/08/1998–10/02/1999

••? HOLLINSWORTH, Mrs. Ethel

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Rittenhouse list #1 notes that her suite was C54.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

HOOD, Margaret

27/01/1912–10/01/1992

B. at "Tally Ho" farm, south of Duntroon on the E side of the highway. Father: John McGregor Hood.

When she was three the family moved to Creemore where her father became an undertaker. At first they lived on Johnson (?) Ave., "the only avenue in town" the first E-W street after one leaves the highway, the 4th or 5th street on the right—a two storey, yellow brick house with a veranda on the front and down the side. Later they moved to a place behind the furniture store.

Her gd.-father came from Scotland as a Baptist but there was no Baptist church in Duntroon so they worshiped with the Presbyterians. Her gt.-aunt Marion (Mary?) McGregor was a Disciple (of Christ) at Duntroon.

Miss H. had one sister, Dorothy (m. Anderson) in Barrie—at 262 Rose St.—whose daughters are therefore nieces (Mary Webb; Barbara Hurst; and Peggy Bowman); one brother, Clarke, in Nepean (1990). Her brother Clarke is a retired Presbyterian minister and his children are Jamie (in Ottawa) and Ellen (in Wisconsin).

Miss H. worked for the Ministry of Highways in Toronto for 38 yrs. She was a member of Rosedale Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir.

In Barrie she was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Miss H. told the story of the trolley-car driver who went to church and, amazed at the pattern of where people sat, remarked to the minister upon leaving, "How do you get everyone to go to the back like that?"

Miss H. was an avid baseball fan; many interests and a keen mind. She passed on to me copies of the *Creemore Star*. Margaret contributed the following story to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "With Mary to Quebec."

GPH: 01/06/1987—O76

HOPKINS, Mrs. Catherine
09/09/1891–11/04/1973
Her birthday, i.e. day and month, is noted in Rittenhouse list #2.
GPH: 08 or 09/1972

HORNER, Loeta ("Leta") Olwyn
04/10/1905–14/06/1993
B. in South Africa; one sister. Her mother was Irish and her father fought in the Boer War. Her mother, Henrietta, was at one time married to the mayor of Cape Town.
The family emigrated to the USA, to the northeast. Ms. Horner's mother worked for Singer Sewing Machines: she died in 1928 and her father in the 1950s.
Miss H. was friends with Isadore Duncan, the dancer. In Toronto Loeta was confirmed at St. John's Norway (see MEADOWS). She became a clothing merchandiser and worked in that area for Eaton's—she managed "The French Room"; Northways; and Sayvette, in Willowdale, where she managed nine departments.
Her Toronto addresses were 135 Balmoral Ave. and 30 Duggan, just east of Upper Canada College. In both cases she made friends with "boarders" who helped her make the mortgage payments.
At one point she took in Catherine Beith, the nanny and housekeeper of her longtime employer John Northway, and cared for her until her death in the early 1970s. When this woman died, quite destitute, Leota buried her in her own family plot.
For a time Leota lived in a home operated by St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Toronto.
Miss H. came to Barrie because her friend Donna Douglas lives here: Donna was a tenant of hers in Toronto in the 1960s.
Nieces live in the USA.
I am indebted to Donna for some of the details provided here: Donna wrote an extensive eulogy for Miss H.
Miss Horner contributed the following to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "Farewell, South Africa."
Her memorial service was at St. John's Norway Anglican Church, Toronto, in June 1993, and interment is in the adjacent cemetery.
GPH: winter—03?/1990

HOWARD, Mrs. Winnifred Cecelia
15/12/1896–14/11/1980
Former music teacher; organist; soloist.
Church: Anglican.
GPH: 07/09/1979—B34/C46

HUBBERT, Frances Martha
09/01/1900–12/02/1989
Miss H. grew up on Conc. 11 with her parents and seven siblings; she went to school at Holly, according to an article in GPH Scrapbook 1. It goes on to say that she went to Teacher's College in Hamilton, she taught in Hamilton, at Nanticoke, and at Moon River School (south of Parry Sound). It was then that she trained as a Deaconess at Anglican Training School in Toronto.
An obituary in the Barrie *Examiner*, 15/02/1989, says: "best known for the Anglican Women's Auxiliary of Toronto, 1950–1965. Miss. H. welcomed 100s of immigrant families in the name of the church, finding homes, jobs, and arranged English classes, often teaching them herself.

"A public teacher for a number of years before entering the Church of England Deaconess House in Toronto in 1926, she served at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Runnymede for a number of years and worked at the Mildmay Institute in Toronto under the Downtown Churchworkers' Association.

"Miss H. had countless poems and stories published since her first one appeared in The Child's Own, a Sunday School publication.

"In 1959 she contributed the poem "Twilight Hour" that appears in the book *Across the Country*. Her submission to the Hymn Society of America in 1925, "Cradled in a Manger," was one of twelve chosen from four hundred entries."

The Spotlight 3, 10 (Aug. 1974) provided a biography of Miss Hubbert, which adds to the information provided above. It states:

> In early years Miss Hubbert lived on Concession 11 with her father and mother and eight children. She was the seventh. It became a family saying after several bouts of illness, "What is Frances going to bring home now?" The longest bout with illness was when she came down with scarlet fever and a big red sign on the side of the house warned everyone to keep away. There was rejoicing when the wind blew the sign off.
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> School days began when she was six, with two sisters and a brother, who walked across fields and up the road to Holly School. Her oldest sister was going to train for a nurse, but Miss Hubbert wanted to be a teacher, so when she finished public school [she] went to Barrie High School (in the days of the First World War, when soldiers marched past each day). the next step was to Normal School in Hamilton, and then the graduation and the proud owner of a certificate to teach in any public school in Ontario.
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> Miss Hubbert loved the teaching—in Hamiltonfirst and then in the country—Nanticoke—then in Moon River School where they had to to to school by boat. This school was south of Parry Sound and summer school only as the ice prevented crossing in the winter. She spent two summers there.
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> Later Miss Hubbert had a longing to make more of her life and trained as a Deaconess at the Anglican Training School in Toronto. Then it was back to teaching again, but further afield—the Indian School in Sioux Lookout. These children knew no English, brought in from the back woods, but were most appreciative of all that was done from them.
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> Miss Hubbert's health had never been tops, so after two years [she] returned home. At the offer of a position of deaconess in Toronto, she gladly accepted and went to Runnymede Anglican Church first and then on to activities of the Deaconess House and later worked with immigrants flocking to Toronto after the War—finding jobs, accommodation, meeting some at the station, etc. Several of the new Canadians have visited with her at the Home.
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> The last position she held was as Literature Secretary in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which she enjoyed very much.
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> Because of poor health, it was necessary to give up this position and after a time in hospital, she was urged to come to Grove Park Home. She came to Grove Park in May of 1972 and has enjoyed the variety of life here with other residents and friends.

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) printed the following poem of Miss Hubbert:

Have you come to the end of your working days
As the evening of life draws near?
Do you find it hard to surrender
The life that was full and dear?

There is One who will never fail you,
Who knows each path you tread,
Who can keep and guide and take you
Through all the days ahead.

He has walked the pathway before you;
He has known its sorrow and joy;
He can give a peace that is lasting,
That nothing can destroy.

So come at the close of your working days
As the evening of life draws near,
The Christ of Calvary has gone before
And will take away all fear.

In 3, 8 (June 1974) we read another poem, entitled "A Senior Citizen," and the next month, "July." The latter reads as follows:

July

What can we say of the month of July,
While the summer days slip quickly by?
When the sun shines brightly every day,
Inviting us outdoors to sit or play?

What can we say of the month of July,
When the gardens are filled with flowers?
When the warm summer days fly quickly by,
And the air is refreshed with showers?

Oh we can always thankful be
For this wonderful world of ours,
And lift our hearts most gratefully
For the summer sun and showers.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) printed a number of reminiscences of Christmas past, by Norma WILSON, Frank SANDERS, Miss HUBBERT, and Blanche WHEELER, and Edith ROWELL. Miss Hubbert's is the the most extensive. It might be entitled, "Christmas at Grandpa and Grandma's."

When I was still quite young, maybe four or five, our family, father and mother and eight active children, four older boys and one younger, and three younger girls, always went to Grandma's and Grampa's for Christmas dinner. Grandma (mother's side) was growing old, as was Grampa, but mother's younger sister was still at home to prepare for us.

I could never forget the long table and all the food on it, with the big turkey being carved by Grandpa. Grandma and Grampa were growing old and we were told beforehand that we wouldn't stay very long. We were taken to the barn, though, to see the animals. I remember best the baby calves that looked frightened and clung to their mothers.

We did not stay long. Mother said both Grandma and Grampa would take a rest, but first we went into the front room and our eyes opened wide as we saw the rather small green tree and the gifts under it. I believe I received a doll that I prized very much.

We did not stay long after receiving the gifts. Oh! one thing more I remember about the gifts—Grampa had not gone into the front room with us and the pipe that was on the tree for him was handed to me to take out to the kitchen to him. He was very pleased.

Mother didn't want us to stay long, "You didn't get much sleep last night!" she said to us. No we didn't; we were too excited. We had hung up our stockings on the handle of the broom placed between two chairs. Then we went to bed, but not to sleep. We wanted to wait 'til Santa had come.

Father and my oldest brother used to take the sleigh bells and go up the road and then ring them all the way home. We thought it was Santa and could scarcely contain ourselves. Father would rattle the stove pipes as if he were coming down the chimney and we believed Santa really was coming that way. We lay in bed, wishing we could have a look, but mother had told us Santa wanted us to wait 'til morning. We didn't think we could, but at last fell asleep.

In the morning we knew Santa had really come, but it was several years before I, at least, knew who Santa really was, and I was a bit disappointed when I found out, but the years flew by and we grew up and the meaning of Christmas and the wonderful story of Christ's coming meant much more to us.

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Miss H. was entertained by her niece, Mrs. Saunter, of Gilford, on Christmas Day. Finally, Miss Hubbert's poem "Thanksgiving" appeared in the *Spotlight*, Sept.-Oct. 1995.

Miss Hubbert's obituary appeared in the *Examiner* on Feb. 15, 1989. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 05/1972

•• HUETHER, Mary Doris *McAllister*

??–1969

Mrs. Huether died at RVH.

See also Sally AHERN.

GPH: 1968 or 1969

HUNTER, Jemima Jessie

10/04/1899–27/01/1994

B. in the Shetland Islands, Scotland, near Vusta Voe; one of eight children. Jessie once won a knitting contest in Great Britain that had 20,000 entries. In WWI Ms. H. was a bus driver.

She came to Canada in the 1930s because she thought the cold climate would be

good for her knitting business, which had already taken her to Bournemouth and London, England.

In Toronto she had a dry goods shop at 528 St. Clair Ave. W. It was called "Jessie Hunter Speciality Shop." She lived with Grace ("Christine") Kelly's family and Christine continued to be a friend in Barrie until Jessie died. Jessie had a house in Toronto as well as one in Keswick. She took care of a brother who died of cancer.

In Toronto she was a member of the Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ, a congregation with a strong Scottish element.

When she was very elderly Jessie still corresponded with a sister-in-law in Scotland and a niece in New Zealand.

Among Jessie's sayings was this one: "Christmas comes and goes and it's as far away as ever." This I take to be an old saying, to the effect that our hopes always lie ahead of us. I asked her what it meant and she told me that it was something "the old folks" used to say in the Shetlands—also with the passing of a birthday: we look forward to such occasions all year and then it's quickly over and as far away as ever.

Jessie once gave me a book by Graeme Laurenson, entitled *A Kiwi in the Shetland Scattald* (New Plymouth, New Zealand: Taranaki Newspapers Ltd. n.d.). The dust jacket says that Laurensen made visits to the Shetlands in 1963 and 1975. The book is inscribed, "To Auntie Jessie. Love. Mary. Gib & boys." A magazine photo inserted in the book shows a photo of the "Forty Fiddlers." Jessie has drawn an arrow and placed names upon "Wm. Hunter" and "Willie's son, Wm.Hunter."

Miss Hunter first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme: a note in the *Spotlight*, Oct.-Nov., 1980, notes that she was a new participant. A biography of Miss Hunter appeared in the *Spotlight*, Feb.-Mar., 1982. It was prepared by Joan Walker and reads as follows.

> Jessie was born in the Shetland Islands, which are the most northern part of Scotland, and lived there until she was seventeen.
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> During the First World War she moved to the mainland to work as a domestic. The ship she was on was followed by a German submarine and three weeks later the ship was sunk. Jessie wanted to do War work, but her mother wouldn't let her. Instead she worked as a street car conductor and driver in Paisley, Scotland! Later she went back to the Shetlands to help at home while her dad was ill.
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> After the War Jessie was invited to take part in an exhibition in London, England—the *Daily Mirror* Fashion Fair. She demonstrated Shetland wool from the sheep's back to the garment—carding, spinning, knitting, etc. Following the Exhibition, she was employed by Shetland Industries, selling and doing alterations, first in Bournemouth and later in Folkstone. Following an international competition in London—in which she won first prize among 20,000 entries from every country in Europe—Jessie got the wanderlust and decided to try her luck in Canada.
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> First she worked as a nurse maid, then for Eatons in the dress department and cutting, and finally she established her own store—Jessie Hunter's Specialty on St. Clair Avenue West, where she sold ladies' wear, baby clothing, costume jewelry, wool and instructions. Jessie continued to win prizes for her knitting in Canada. She faced international competition at the Canadian National Exhibition handcrafts contests, and over the years won 29 awards, of which 20 were firsts. Her only entry in the Ottawa Exhibition resulted in a first prize.

In 1959 she gave up her store to look after her brother, who had throat cancer. She cared for him until his death in 1975. Her brother was a ship's captain; he had gone to sea when he was fifteen, when Jessie was a small child. She tells an interesting story of meeting him in London about sixteen years later. She had to ask the hotel clerk what he looked like!

I asked Jessie if she had ever thought of marrying. She replied, "Yes," but she felt her standards were too high. She looked at others who were not happy and decided against it. She has been close to her children's children and grandchildren in New Zealand, and considers them her own. Jessie's bright smile and warm friendliness attest to a full and satisfying life.

In the next *Spotlight*, Apr.–May 1982, Joan says that she failed to mention in the biography that Jessie still had a brother, 80, living on the old homestead in the Shetlands, where all eight Hunter children were born and their mother before them. This brother was raising sheep and sent wool to Jessie at GPH, where she knitted it.

The addendum to the biography notes that Jessie had been home to the Shetlands six times, the last time in 1976. Her family over there wondered why she didn't move home. Jessie told Joan that the weather over there didn't agree with her!

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 17/05/1981—B38/A19

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 back 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. has two daughters: Carol (m. Bert Boonstra) taught nursing in Barrie and is a volunteer at GPH; 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" is 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

HYDE, Mrs. Emma

20/05/1885–1976?

The Spotlight 3, 10 (Aug. 1974) records: "Mrs. Emma Hyde spent three weeks in London, Ontario with her daughter, Mrs. Joy Spurrell, and also three weeks with her sons, Harvie and Travers, in Ottawa. Mrs. Hyde's sister, Lillian, also of Ottawa, visited with her on the [July] 25th."

Church: Bethel Pentecostal.

GPH: 03 or 04/1973

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IRWIN, Roland ("Rollie")

05/09/1895–10/02/1987

B. at Mount St. Louis, Medonte Twp. He was one of seven children of John David Irwin and Susannah Margaret Barr.

In 1921 he married Lillie Mary Rutter in Utterson ON. They had eight children, five of which survived infancy. Mrs. Irwin died in 1951 at age 48.

Mr. Irwin owned and operated his own garage in Utterson until 1926, when they moved to Barrie. He worked here as an automotive mechanic and, for a time, had his own garage on Clapperton St.

In 1935 he was hired by the Town of Barrie for $800/yr. as firetruck driver, and to keep all equipment in good working order, to keep the Police Lock-up clean, and to be caretaker of the Fire Hall building. The bell was to be rung daily at 7 A.M., 12 noon, 1 and 6 P.M. (Further, during the War years, the bell was rung for curfew every evening.) In the winter he was to keep the sidewalk adjoining the Fire Hall clear of snow and ice, shovelling it by hand.

Everything that controlled the Town was located in the Fire Hall building: the Council Chambers, Clerk's Office, Police Department, Fire Hall and Firemen's Quarters. There was also an apartment for the firetruck driver and family. This employment was a shared responsibility between husband and wife—for example, when a fire call came in it was Mrs. Irwin's job to set the alarm bells in motion and telephone all the volunteer firemen.

"Rollie" felt a sense of security, being an employee of the Town of Barrie, as the 1930s were tough times, Depression years. So many were unemployed, and many men came to Barrie in search of a job and, with little or no money, were often referred to the Fire Hall, where Mrs. Irwin would prepare meals for them. The men would sit on the steps that led up to the apartment as they ate, so very thankful for a meal! (The Irwins were reimbursed by the Town of Barrie for the cost involved in providing these meals.)

Life at the Fire Hall was never dull—especially when a fire call came in: the bell in the tower would be ringing, the firetruck would speed on its way, siren blaring; volunteers would jump on the back of the truck and others follow close behind. Excitement filled the air!

The Fire Hall building was located on the south-west corner of Collier St. and Mulcaster St. The building was demolished in 1978.

In 1949 Mr. Irwin was promoted to Barrie's first, full-time, salaried Fire Chief. He held this position until Dec. 31, 1964, when he retired at age 69. He was also the first Fire Coordinator for Simcoe Co., setting in motion the Mutual Aid System.

It was in 1979 that he joined the GPH S.E. Programme. He enjoyed their many activities and became a resident of in Aug. 1979. He wasn't quite ready for life at GPH—he had lived with his daughter Joyce Mosley and her family for 20 years. He moved back with his daughter for another year, Dec. 1979–Dec. 1980, then moved back to GPH. He lived here until Apr. 1982 when, due to health problems that required oxygen on a regular basis, he became a permanent resident/patient in the Helen Shanahan Ward at RVH on Ross St. He died at RVH in his 92nd year.

Mr. Irwin was a "family" man, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and gt.-grandfather, a dedicated and loyal employee of the City of Barrie, and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Irwin's children are: 1) David (m. "Kit" Wye) (d. 1982), who served as a Captain with the Ordinance Corps in WWII—father of William, John, Sandra. 2) Harvey, who served with the RCAF as a Sergeant Wireless Air-gunner in WWII. He flew with #431 Iroquois Squadron and was 20 when his Lancaster bomber exploded over England on Oct. 25, 1944. 3) Audrey (m. William Robinson), who has two sons, Ronald and William. They live in Hamilton. 4) Joyce (m. Ray Mosley), has two sons, Stephen and Paul. They all live in Barrie. 5) Paul (m. Martha ["Marty"] Adams). After retiring from teaching in Toronto, they took up residence in Gravenhurst.

(This biography of Mr. Irwin was provided by his daughter, Joyce.)

The *Spotlight*, Feb.–Mar., 1980, welcomed "back" Mr. Irwin as a Senior Encounter participant.

Church: First Baptist.

GPH: 04/1979–12/1979—A9 and 12/1980–04/1982—A19 (to RVH)

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JACKS, Susie Isabella ("Isabel") *Goodfellow*

22/09/1897–20/06/1988

B. in Stroud, daughter of William G. and Susan Warnica, and gd.-daughter of John L. Warnica of Painswick. Her gt.-gd.-father George Frederic Hanning Warnica settled in Innisfil in 1823—the third pioneer settler family!

Her family home was on the 9th of Innisfil Twp.

Mrs. Jacks went to Craigvale school, east of Stroud, and then boarded with her grandfather Joseph Goodfellow on James St. in Barrie so she could attend Barrie Collegiate, then on St. Vincent St.

The family moved to Tollendale: she was a beekeeper, with 60 hives at one time.

Her father and brother Ward developed Goodfellow Beach at the end of the 9th Conc. of Innisfil.

She married at age 33 her school friend Wilfred Jacks, a seaman on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. J. trained as an R.N. in Hamilton, where they had two children: William ("Bill") and Jean (m. Warrington).

After Jack's death in 1961 she returned to Innisfil. She was the organist a Stroud Presbyterian Church for nine years and then for three years at St. James United Church in

Stroud.

Hobbies: pressed flower pictures; horticulture; pastel painting; needlework.

She was a longtime friend of Laurena ROBERTSON, whose husband knew her.

A newspaper photo (1983?) for Mother's Day shows Mrs. J. being visited by 14-year old Ingrid Craddock, as part of a project by the Catholic Family Life Centre.

On Dec. 15, 1986 the *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Jacks, along with her lifestory. At that time her brother Roy lived at the I.O.O.F. Home across town. Yet a third photo in GPH Scrapbook 1, published in the *Examiner* , June 23, 1987, shows the 90 yr.-old nurse Mrs. Jacks cutting the cake on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of RVH. With her in the photo are daughter Jean Warrington and RVH nurse Jane Craig. The *Barrie Banner* published a similar photo the following day.

GPH: 10/12/1982—B30

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!)

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, has taken up Mr. Jackson's monthly preaching appointment at Pine Orchard.

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.

GPH: 13/05/1997—A31

JAMES, George Edward ("Ed")

19/12/1891–06/06/1984

The *Examiner* published a photo on the occasion of the 58th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James. The accompanying article says that they came from England and were married in 1919. It states that they had five sons, one of which, Nelson Garrett, is pictured with them, along with a grandson and gt.-grandson. Mr. J. was an alderman and a member of the True Blue Lodge. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).

The *Spotlight* 7, 10 (Oct. 1978) reported that Mr. James donated a scales to GPH in memory of his wife, Janetta, at a ceremony on Sept. 8. The Residents' Council report

for Nov. 8, 1982 states that Mr. James had decided to purchase two new hospital beds for GPH.

The Oct.-Nov. issue of the *Spotlight* for 1980 contains a substantial biographical article about Mr. James. It is reproduced here.

> When Ed James was 19 years old in 1910, he started to work for the Bell Telephone Company in London, Ontario. he had had a good education for those days—Public School and High School Entrance. His first position was lineman clerk with a construction gang. His duties were to keep track of materials and the mens' time. He worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week, for a salary of 12 1/2 cents an hour, plus board (about $2 a day). When he had worked himself up to 20¢ an hour in 1915, his dad thought he was well off!
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> Ed was away from home for months at at time, working on constructing new telephone lines and changing iron wire to copper on long distances lines. The men travelled by train and their material were shipped by freight. They boarded near where they were working. He spent one winter living in a railroad car on a siding and camped in a tent during a summer in the bush. All the work was done by hand. The holes were dug and poles raised by man power alone. They had to entertain themselves in the evenings as there were no movies or TV.
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> Ed served in the army during the First World War from 1915 to 1919. Because he had been wounded overseas, he received orders from the doctor to no longer climb poles. The Bell sent him to work in the Barrie office. His mother expressed the wish that they would send him home to London. He protested that he would be fine in Barrie. Even though he hadn't told her, his mother knew he was planning to be married. Sure enough, Ed James and Janetta GARRETT were married quietly in Toronto on December 27, 1919.
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> Mr. James' first job in Barrie was to check all the 1,000 telephones in Barrie and change the receivers and transmitters to the new style, if necessary. He travelled by bus or jitney, as it was called, to Allendale for a fare of 5¢ and then walked carrying all his tools and equipment with him. Later he was called storekeeper in the office, which involved building maintenance and looking after stock.
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> Barrie was a district office then, with 25 operators working in shifts plus office and maintenance staff. All calls were handled manually then—hencethe need for many operators. Mr. James commented that the dial telephone made more work for men and less for women. When dial phones were installed in Barrie about 1941, Mr. James handled every one of them!!
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> The Bell was a good company to work for. Before the days of Workmen's Compensation, they looked after anyone hurt on the job. They were also one of the first companies to adopt pension and sick benefits. All five of Mr. James' step-sons started with the Bell. Some were laid off during the Depression and went to work for the Hydro. But Nelson stayed with the Bell until his retirement. A granddaughter was an operator until she was married, and a grandson is with the Bell at present in North Bay.
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> The telephone was a luxury in 1910 when Mr. James started to work. In the

intervening years, it has become a necessity. Those of us who take it for granted should pause a moment to thin of all we owe to people like Ed James.

Church: Central United, Barrie.
GPH: 20/10/1977—A8

JAMES, Janetta *Frankcom* GARRETT
22/07/1886–21/04/1978
B. in the Colswold Hills of Gloucestershire, England. Her family emigrated to Canada around the turn of the century. About the same time her family came, the Garrett family emigrated from Bath. The two families are connected through the marriage of Albert Garrett and Elizabeth Frankcom.
Janetta married Francis Garrett, a cousin. He died of consumption when their son Nelson was four years old, in 1918.
She married George Edward JAMES in 1919 and bore four more boys. Her five sons were all born on the farm on Conc. 2 of Flos Twp.: see entry above. According to the *Spotlight* 7, 1 (Jan. 1978) they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27.
GPH: 20/10/1977

JAMIESON, Mrs. Hattie
13/06/1894–04/09/1983
The *Spotlight* 7, 12 (Dec. 1978) reported that Mrs. Jamieson was a new resident. Similarly the Residents' Council report for Dec. 7, notes that she has arrived.
The *Barrie Banner* published a photo of Mrs. J. on May 7, 1980. Also in the picture are gt.-nephew Jim Hillyer and his wife Robin and their infant child Erin. The *Banner*, June 23, 1982, printed another photo of Mrs. J., this time with artist Margaret Helland at an art show at GPH. Also in the photo is Mary Bartolo (m. Hutterer), who worked at GPH as an adjuvant.
Church: Emmanuel Baptist.
GPH: 11 or 12/1978

JARMAN, Mrs.
??–14/02/1975?
The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that Mrs. Jarman visited her son Bob and family at Christmas that year.
GPH: ??

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

JEFFREY, Beatrice *Merner*
01/06/1910–02/12/1996*
B. at Zurich, ON, into a family that would include seven children—three boys, four girls. Her grandfather was from Berne, Switzerland; her mother was a teacher. Mrs. J. spent her early childhood between Zurich and Seaforth, ON. Her father had a store at Seaforth and then entered politics and became an M.P.
She trained as a nurse at Grace Hospital in Windsor, 1930–33. Then she nursed at

the Sanitorium in London, where she met her husband, a doctor. With her marriage ca. 1935 she became mother to two children, Barbara and Garry; in 1938 her own daughter was born, Andrea (m. Robertson).

The Jeffreys made several moves between Windsor and Thunder Bay: after their marriage Dr. Jeffrey took a position as superintendent of the Sanitarium in Ft. William and they were there a long time; then moved to Windsor; then back to Ft. William; then to Windsor to retire.

Dr. Jeffrey was ill a long time and Mrs. J. took care of him until his death in the early 1970s. She then moved to Norwood, where she had a sister and, following her death, to London; from London to Hamilton, where Andrea was living.

When her daughter moved north of Barrie, Mrs. J. came to live at GPH. (That happened, interestingly enough, because of Andrea's contact with Stan and Eileen Snyder, Laurena ROBERTSON'S son and daughter-in-law, who live at Port Severn.)

Mrs. Jeffrey's interests centred on family life. She and her husband hunted and polished agates while they lived in Thunder Bay. She liked knitting and crafts; singing; and, relatively late in life, went camping. Mrs. J. was raised in the United Church but joined the Anglican Church after her marriage. Her last surviving sibling died shortly after her own death.

There was a memorial service at GPH *in lieu of* a funeral service.

GPH: 09/06/1995—B30

JENKINS, Mary Helen *Gowan*

29/03/1908–30/12/1993

B. in Orillia, an only child, and grew up at 269 Laclie. Even at GPH she still had childhood friends in Orillia that she kept in touch with. Her family went to the Presbyterian Church.

Her father worked as a cook at a lumber mill in Algonquin Park; they moved up there and lived on Joe Lake. She was ill as a child and used to have fainting spells. Mary went to Toronto to work, then returned to Orillia where she worked at Woolworth's.

Her husband, Austin, was also an only child; further, though his father was one of five children, he was the only one of his family to marry! Mary and Austin knew each other from childhood; they had no children.

The Jenkins came to Barrie in 1943: he had worked for the railway and went with the military to Holland in WWII as a clerk. She got a job with the railway in an office.

The Jenkins lived in Allandale for more than 40 yrs., in three different houses, the last of which Austin built. Her mother lived with them for more than 20 yrs. before she died just short of 90. Mary fell and broke a hip on a DeNoer's trip in Texas. She convalesced for 18 days in Midland, TX.

Helen was long-time friends with Burt and Helen WARNICA and Eileen LANDREVILLE; also Mildred MCQUADE, whose father also worked for the railway.

In Barrie she was a member of Essa Rd. Presybterian Church. Mary knew the family of Tom Cunningham, the minister there, in Orillia. Because of her fainting spells she did not go to church but remained a person of faith.

Helen contributed several stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 2—"The Reluctant Bear Cub"; "C.N. Express: The Night the Stove Blew"; "C.N. Express: Mixed Freight"; "Algonquin Tragedy." She appears in a photo with Margaret BALL and Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, published on the occasion of the appearance of that volume. The *Advance* story is dated Nov. 17, 1993 and in it Mrs. Jenkins recalls living in the bush in Algonquin Park with her parents and starting a job with CN in Barrie in 1943. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 25/07/1991—A19

JOHNSON, Katharine ("Kay") Isabelle Stuart *Saunders* GARRITY

16/02/1914–

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 call her, did an amazing job of raising a fine family: David, who is in Winnipeg; Judy 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.

Judy 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 St. James Anglican Church, where there is a fine choir.

"Ms. Kay" has been 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 has a great sense of humour and is 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–

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.

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 the mid-1985.

Mr. J. travelled to the Middle East in 1971, 1972, and 1974. (In 1973 he travelled to Australia.) He reads the *Biblical Archeologist* with interest.

John Johnson owns the No Frills store in Bradford, which he operates 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. is 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

JOHNSTON, Mrs. Esther

01/09/1898–

Mrs. Johnston moved to Sunset Manor in Collingwood.

Church: Emmanuel Baptist.

GPH: 02/01/1980–24/03/1980

JOHNSTON, William ("Bill")

14/03/1909–10/07/1991

B. in a village on the Clyde River, in Scotland. His father was a miner. The family came to Canada in 1920 for the benefit of his mother's health. Mr. J. had two sisters and a brother—the brother is still alive in Toronto (1990). The mother died a year after their arrival in Toronto and Bill was 12 or 13 when his father remarried a woman whom neither he nor his brother liked.

Mr. J. went to work at Amalgamated Electric. He married and had two sons—Frank and Alec: the one is deceased (no children); the other son is in Toronto.

Mr. J. had a happy second marriage to a Mrs. Byles from Barrie who has two sons and a daughter: Ken owns K & J Equipment; Don; Dorothy (m. Dave Almond) of Meaford.

Mr. J. lived at Collier Place after moving to Barrie in 1996.

GPH: 09/06/1990—A19

JONES, Emma Irene *Wallwin*

17/11/1891–10/10/1992

B. on the 7th of Vespra; one of eight children.

Her husband died relatively young, of cancer; he worked at the Express office in Barrie. Daughter Margaret (m. Knight) lives in Toronto, at 264 Briar Hill Rd., the same street as my major professor at the University of Toronto, J.W. Wevers, who lives at 116.

Mrs. J. cared for her parents for some twelve years: they moved into her house, according to Grace DONALDSON.

She knew Richard ARMSTRONG when he was a boy.

Mrs. J. was a sprightly person and walked with the step of a teenager; she also wore beautiful sweaters that enhanced her youthful appearance. On July 16, 1988 she suffered a stroke which left her unable to talk but otherwise little affected. Mrs. Jones passed peacefully from this world, as little trouble in death as in life. There is a photo of the two one hundred-year old Mrs. Joneses together at GPH, sitting on a love seat in the solarium.

The *Examiner* published a photo on Jan. 19, 1990 that recognized years of service of a number of GPH staff, namely Ellen Heikkila, Georgina MacMullen, Juanita Hulme and Yvonne Chartrand. Other residents in the photo are Elsie MONTEITH, Ethel MULHOLLAND, Kay JOHNSON, and Maude WOOD. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

The *Advance* published a fine photo of Mrs. Jones with Joan Walker on May 8, 1991. It was printed on the occasion of GP Home's 23rd anniversary. Later that same year, on Nov. 30, 1991, the *Examiner* printed a photo of Mrs. Jones for her 100th birthday. These photos are also in GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 08/03/1986—B30/A20

JONES, Florrie V. *Wice*

25/03/1891–03/04/1982

B. in Innisfil Twp., daughter of Winnifred MacDonald and Albert E. Wice. She had one brother, Alvin (d. 12/1952) and one sister Verna Inez (d. 19/09/1952). The farm she came from was behind the A & M Supermarket and on Huronia Rd.

Florrie did a lot of nursing and caregiving for people who needed help in their homes. This is how she met her husband, Douglas Jones: she nursed his wife and, after she died, they married. They had no children.

Mrs. Jones loved to do oil paintings. Several of them hang in the home of her (late) nephew Lorne Wice and his wife Esther. She also liked playing cards and carpet bowling; she enjoyed singing and was able to see the funny side of things. Mrs. Wice—who provided the information here—says that "she never seemed old." Mr. and Mrs. Wice used to come to GPH to attend various kinds of parties with her. They were her family, apart from another nephew, Bruce Wice.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She loved her church, Central United Church.

The *Spotlight* 6, 6 (June 1977) welcomed Mrs. Jones as a new resident.

Mrs. Jones was a cousin of Jennie WISDOM.

GPH: 19/05/1977—A10

JONES, Lila Margaret *Adams* CROWE

01/01/1892–18/12/1996*

B. at Knock, south of Barrie, the oldest of five children, four of whom were girls.

When she was three her parents moved to Lefroy, to farm. Mrs. J. attended school there; high school in Bradford; "Normal" school in Toronto. Following that she taught in Arnprior.

In 1913 Lila Adams married Frederick J. Crowe. They moved to Toronto, where he died in 1916. To this too-brief union were born two sons—Fraleigh (m. Bethia) and Fred, the latter born six months after his father's death.

In 1919 Mrs. Crowe moved to Barrie, where she met Harvey Jones, whom she married in 1921. They had three children: Delisle (m. Lois), Delores (m.; m. Dr. Curtis Spearin) and Rosemarie (m.; m. Robert Kadwell, of Antigua). In 1975 Mr. J. died and she moved to Imperial Towers, at 37 Johnson St.; then to Kempenfelt Manor for a year and a half; then to GPH.

Mrs. J. was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and at one time was the head convenor for all the banquets at that church. Her special love was gardening.

In 1988 Mrs. J. fell and broke a hip. At that time Delores and Rosemarie commented that their mother had never had an operation until that time—she was 96!

At GPH there were people whom Mrs. J. had known over the years: one of these was Laurena ROBERTSON, whom she had known since after WWII.

There were two Mrs. Joneses of great longevity who lived at GPH at the same time: Mrs. Lila and Mrs. Emma Jones and a photo of the two of them at age 100 hangs near the Cedar Nursing Station.

For many of us, Mrs. Lila Jones will be the oldest person we will ever encounter. She died two weeks short of 105, an awesome age. How did she manage to live so long and with such good health for so long?

There was a memorial service for Mrs. Jones at GPH in the chapel.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo of Mrs. Jones on the occasion of her 100th birthday—i.e. in 1992. See Eleanor Johnston's photo album or GPH Scrapbook 2 where the photo is dated Mar. 16. Another photo appeared on May 13, 1995 when she turned 103. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 10/11/1983—B30

JONES, Reta *Vasey*

30/11/1905–09/10/1997

B. on the 3rd of Tay Twp. in Vasey, the eldest child of Richard V. and Annie Russell. She was the 4th generation of Vasey to live on that farm. Her grandfather Michael ("Mack") Russell had once been an employee on the first railroad in Ontario.

When Richard Vasey took over the farm from his parents, the parents moved to a farm near Midland. Mrs. J. recalled one Christmas when it was planned that they would spend the day with these grandparents. The family set out on the sleigh for Midland but there was so little snow that the horses could not draw the sleigh through the sand on the hills of the 3rd of Tay. They had to return home to a house with the fires out and no preparations for Christmas.

The Vasey family grew to five children: after Reta, Ivan, Joyce (m. Brissette), Ted and Ottaline were born.

One time when she was a child, Reta and Joyce and her father were riding on the same horse back to the farn from a field when a summer storm broke. They were struck by lightning, all three thrown off, and the horse thrown to the ground as well. Reta and her sister Joyce were unconscious and their father thought they had been killed. No one, however, suffered any permanent injury.

Mrs. J. attended the local one-room school and completed senior fourth (grade 8). Few farm girls went to school then. She did not claim any musical talent but a family friend remembered her coming to the Sullivan home on the McDonald Sideroad near Orr Lake for piano lessons: a little girl on a big horse who came two miles alone, with a ten-cent piece in her mitten!

In 1928 Reta married Earl Jones at her home on the 3rd. Their honeymoon was a camping trip at Cook's Lake. Their family began with four girls: Rilla (m. Wadles), Jane (m. Bewick)—these first two named for characters in Lucy Maud Montgomery books, Donne, and Patsy (m. Graham); son David arrived later.

They farmed on the 4th of Tay, where David now farms. At first her in-laws, Levi and Jennie Jones, lived there too, but in a year or two they bought the Preston farm in Wyebridge. Soon it was the Depression and men walking the roads looking for work found their way even to the out-of-the way Jones farm. Mrs. J. always made them a sandwich and would serve it to them out he kitchen window.

When their son David married, the Joneses moved to a new house on the 5th of Tay, on the farm where Reta's mother had been raised. Mr. Jones died in 1974. Reta moved to Elmvale and later to Barrie.

Mrs. J. was an active member of the Vasey United Church and later the Elmvale Presbyterian Church, as well as the Vasey and Elmvale W.I. and the Vasey United Church Women. She is survived by 21 grandchildren, 34 gt.-grandchildren, and 3 gt.-gt.-grandchildren.

(The preceding is virtually word-for-word from a eulogy prepared by Mrs. Jones's family.)

GPH: 23/11/1993—M73

JUSTICE, Miss Mildred M.

09/07/1897–26/09/1982

Her father was a Justice of the Peace. (L.B.) *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that she was the Deputy Registrar of the Surrogate Court of Simcoe County.

Church: First Baptist, Barrie.

GPH: 03/04/1973—C48

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KELL, Hazel *Archer*

08/04/1901–26/05/1997

B. at Gilford, south of Barrie, one of five children. Mrs. Kell's father was a well-driller. Her mother died when she was 19.

Mrs. K. married a neighbour in 1922, John Kell, who had a farm at Fennel's Corners. Together the Kells had six children. Two died in infancy. The oldest son Bill, a retired farmer, lives at Horseshoe Valley; daughter Grace (m. Moriarty) lives in Barrie; another son Keith is semi-retired on the home farm at Fennel's Corners; youngest daughter Shirley (m. Constable) died in 1984.

Mr. Kell died in 1943. Mrs. K. carried on the farm until 1954. She then took a "practical nurses" course and worked until 1959, when she started babysitting her daughter Grace's children. In 1969 she purchased 99 Queen St. where she did babysitting for several other families, including Art and Jan Storey.

Mrs. K. lived for a period at Barrie Manor and used to come to GPH with the S.E. Programme. When she moved to GPH she was "delighted" with her room. She had a large, caring family, of which she was a matriarch. It included 15 grandchildren—two predeceased her—and 51 gt.-grandchildren!

She joked about the mouse in her room—a stuffed mouse—and enjoyed a funny story. Mrs. K. really liked her flowers and playing cards, but when her eyes finally gave out she enjoyed bingo. Hazel was very grateful for her long life and good health; she did not take these things for granted. When she turned 95 we joked about the years ahead and 100 but she was not fixated on living until that time. Her death was sudden and peaceful: a long life, a large family, lots of love flowing both ways.

As long as she was able she came to church here on Sunday mornings and worshiped with us. She sat with Evelyn Johnson; with Kay JOHNSON. Her favourite hymn: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Her funeral was conducted by her longtime friend Art Storey of Grace United Church.

A fine photo of Mrs. Kell appeared in the *Examiner* on May 13, 1995 on the occasion of her 94th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 04/09/1990—A3

KELL, Mrs. Pearl

22/03/1894–03/04/1973

The Spotlight 1, 9 (July 1972) welcomes Mrs. Kell, Mrs. MACMILLAN, and Miss CASTON as new residents.

GPH: 06 or 07/1972

KELLY, Lyla *Williamson*

11/09/1910–

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!
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> Lyla grew up in the Wiarton 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 Wiarton 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 has 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

KELMAN, Bill

02/01/1917–14/07/1998

B. in Toronto; he had one older sister and one younger sister. In 1936 he joined the Medical Corps of the army and served with them until retirement in 1972.

In 1939 he married Leone Wice. Alex BOWMAN'S gd.-mother was Mary Wice (m. Bill Wicklum), so that there is a family relationship here formed by Mr. Kelman's marriage.

The Kelmans had two children: Bill jr. and Pat . His military career in Canada meant that they moved some, mostly between Winnipeg and Camp Borden.

Mr. K. served in WWII and in the Korean War. At the time of his retirement he was Administrator of the hospital at Camp Borden.

Pat lives in the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan. She met her husband at Carlton University and the "farmer in him" took them back to his home province. Bill jr. lives in Barrie. Both Pat (m. Lyster) and Bill (m. Rita Masse) have two daughters—Shannon and Sarah, Dana and Katie, respectively.

Bill jr. recalls his father as a gentleman. He was a quiet man with a sense of

humour.

Mr. K. was a member of Central United Church in Barrie. Interment is at St. James' Cemetery, Stroud.

GPH: 06/02/1995—C53

KENNY, Lucinda Beth *Coutts*

22/11/1919–

B. in Midhurst.

She is the youngest child of Duncan McHardy ("Card") Coutts and Ella ("Ollie") Lucinda Edwards. The names of her older siblings are: Verle, Leonard, Jean, Marge, Olive, and James.

There is a photo of her father, his siblings, and parents in *Pioneer History of Midhurst* (Midhurst, ON: The Midhurst Historical Society 1975), p. 82. The same photo appears in *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy* (2nd ed.; photocopy 1996), p. 62; there is a photo of Mrs. Kenny's mother on p. 65. Mrs. Kenny's "number" in the genealogy is 2170, p. 70, and there is an excellent newspaper photo of her—Oct. 1987, from the *Examiner* (?)—instructing in the baking of bread at the Allandale Recreation Centre.

In 1936 she married Bert K. and they farmed in Innisfil Twp. until 1949; then in Flos Twp.; they retired to Barrie in 1968. Here she catered for seniors at the Allandale Recreation Centre; she taught cooking and bread baking. She was an excellent cook.

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); Gary (m. Francis Loftus); Sandra (m. Bob Coe). There are nine gd.-children and six gt.-gd.-children (08/98).

Mrs. K. is a first cousin to Clarence KNUPP, and Mary MCMASTER; the wife of Isaac CARRUTHERS—Daisy Coutts, was an aunt. The three cousins are grandchildren of James Coutts and Mary Monteith. The relationships are as follows:

James Coutts (b. 1846) + Mary Monteith
↓
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.

GPH: 07/07/1995—A2

KERR, Ellen ("Nell") *Nisbet*

06/06/1886–01/04/1979

B. Kilsyth, Scotland and emigrated to Canada in 1908. She married John Thomas Maxwell Kerr (b. 1881) on June 6, 1911 and they had two sons: Thomas (b. 14/03/1912) and John Nisbet Maxwell (17/12/1913–06/1999).

Mr. Kerr enlisted with the 48th Highlanders in 1915 and returned from the War in 1919, wounded.

The Kerrs farmed at Wyevale from 1929–1939 and then moved to Barrie. They had two sons, both of whom served in WWII: Tom enlisted with the C.P.C. in Aug. 1940; John enlisted with the R.C.E. in Sept. 1940. Both sons returned in late 1945, with wives

they had married overseas. Each has three sons. Mr. Kerr died in Apr. 1971.

There are *Examiner* photos of Mrs. K. in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that her son Tom visited her Christmas day.

Agnes Rouble, Dietary Director, wrote an article in the *Spotlight*, Oct. 1976, in which she gave a reckoning of all the vegetables which the GPH garden had produced that summer. Among others, she thanks Mrs. Kerr, who started plants in her room in the spring for transplanting to the garden: "Mrs. Kerr, your tomato, cauliflower and parsley plants did very well. Thank you."

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: before 1974

KILLORAN, Harry

21/08/1909–23/09/1995*

B. in Haileybury; numerous brothers and sisters.

His father and a brother died in the legendary Haileybury fire of 1923 and he spent time in foster homes.

Mr. K. went to Detroit and in 1931 married Margaret Long. They had one daughter, Maureen, who is a Unitarian minister in Asheville, NC. Most of Mr. K.'s married life was spent in Toronto—where he worked at DeHavilland—but eventually the Killorans moved to Waubaushene where he had a business that involved radiant heating.

Mrs. K. died in 1979. He moved to Barrie in 1980. Mr. K. married Kathleen Frizzell Rivers in 1985 and they lived at Collier Place. Kathleen played the piano, Harry sang and played the harmonica. They often performed together for other senior citizens. In 1992 Kathleen died.

Mr. K. loved to entertain: he had some 20 harmonicas. He was known for a wide variety of hats. He was self-taught in a variety of subjects; he established a bursary at a local elementary school.

He was an RCAF veteran of WWII. At his memorial service Belle Oswald sang "There is a Place of Quiet Rest." He was Roman Catholic by faith and a member of St. Mary's Parish in Barrie. The reception after his memorial service included albums of photos of aircraft from his years of work in that industry.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. K. on Sept. 9, 1995, following his 86th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 11/05/1995—O89

KING, Lillian *Morris*

10/02/1899–26/09/1994*

Lillian Morris was born near Magnetawan, the eldest of ten children. Nine children followed her: Mabel, Ella, Julius, Gordon, Laura, Angus, Wilbur—Navy Petty Officer lost at sea on the Windflower (Dec. 7, 1941), May and Jean. Her four youngest siblings—Laura, Angus, May, Jean—were alive to grieve her death. Her father was a farmer.

On June 1, 1920 she married a carpenter, Archie King. He contracted TB at the age of 40 and died at the age of 56. His declining health meant that Mrs. King had more than her share of work to do. This burden she bore with grace.

Lillian and Archie had three children: Viola (m. Peters), Ray and Jack. Her grandchildren number six: Viola and George's children Susan Metcalf and Gary; Ray's children Patti, Judy and Brenda; and Jack and Willa's son John. Mrs. King's great-grandchildren number eleven: Susan and Al's children: Chad (m. Nancy) and Mark; Gary and Peggy's children: Kristin, Jordan, Dylan and Sarah; Patti and Jergen's children Jessica, Jody, Jennifer and Ian; Brenda (now Tilson) and Tim's son, Timothy.

After the death of Archie, Mrs. King went to Toronto and worked as a housekeeper. She enjoyed this and stayed there for 20 years. Then she moved to Magnetawan for four years to take care of her aged mother, who lived to be 100.

Mrs. King then moved to Barrie and, with Viola's help, got an apartment at 125 Wellington St. Apartment living also proved to be a good experience and she made a number of friends who eventually moved to Grove Park Home. These friends included Francis and Noleata CRANE, and Ann BLACK; also Agnes FLYNN from the apartment building next door at 135 Wellington. Ann Black lived on the same floor as Mrs. King and told me that she was often down to Mrs. King's apartment for tea. Mary MCMASTER was a special friend—she also lived on the same floor at 125 Wellington St.

The Morris family was Presbyterian but, she told me, after Ray and Jack started going to the United Church, she started attending here too. In Barrie she was a member of Collier St. United Church. There she met Elizabeth NEW.

We became friends soon after her arrival at GPH. I have two little boys, now 4 and 2 1/2 (1994), Michael and Jason; she took an avid interest in them and asked about them from time to time. I recall going through some pictures with her that included her house at Magnetawan.

She left behind a legacy of hard work, an optimistic spirit, a sense of humour and an ability to overcome. These are no small advantage in a family.

Mrs. King's funeral was from Magnetewan United Church.

GPH: 04/10/1990—O91

KION, Norman

04/05/??–??

The Spotlight, 1, 4 (Feb. 1972) welcomed the Kions as new residents that month. It says that they had lived in Barrie for a few years. Some of their life was spent as missionaries in the West Indies. Mr. K. produced radio programmes in that capacity.

GPH: 02/1972

KION, Mrs.

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GPH: 02/1972

KIRKPATRICK, Elsie Beryl *Priddle*

22/07/1903–29/08/1987*

B. Hawkestone; three sisters, one brother.

Married in 1921. Mr. K., who worked for the railway, predeceased her by six yrs.

Two sons: Roy (b. 1922); Richard (b. 1932); daughter: Helena.

Lived at Oro; Shanty Bay; Barrie.

The Priddles were Methodists of strict type. Mrs. K. later played the organ at the Anglican church in Hawkstone.

Mrs. K. was an excellent cook: butter tarts, tea biscuits, lemon pie—this baking she sold in the 1930s and Roy and her husband delivered it. She made many clothes for the children.

Mrs. K. had a lot of personal pride in her appearance: when she was dying she asked her son, "comb my hair."

Interment: Red Brick Cemetery, Oro.

GPH: 08/02/1984—M66

••? KIRKPATRICK, Mrs. Mary Ann

03/05/1889–10/04/1973

Mrs. Kirkpatrick's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a tea hosted by the TAITS in the fall of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

••? KISSOCK, Andrew

10/09/1900–25/06/1974

Mr. Kissock's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mr. Kissock was invited to his sister's—Mrs. Sarah Perry—for Christmas that year.

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: by 12/1971

KNEESHAW, Agnes *Todd*

17/01/1904–

See Lois *Todd* STURGEON.

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.

Mrs. K. 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)

GPH: 12/01/1994—B34

•? KNIGHT, Fred Allen

08/11/1880–08/11/1969

Mr. K. was born in Meaford. On Aug. 6, 1907 he married Ethel Elizabeth Dyce. He was in Administrative Management at the factory of Knights of Meaford Ltd. and his hobby was following the stock market. He was also known by his grandchildren to have an infinite supply of "humbugs." Mr. K. had one son, Charles Frederick. (These details are from the Knight family history [1974], and provided by Ron Knight of Meaford.)

He told Lillian Barrowclough that she could remember his name from the expression "Night and Day."

GPH: 1968 or 1969

• KNUPP, Edna

04/11/1918–30/05/1993

B. at Minesing,the daughter of Ernest and Margaret KNUPP.

She had one sister, Verna (m. Mayes); two brothers, Fred—who died in his teens—and Harvey, who lived in Guelph.

Her father was killed in a threshing accident when she was a child. Alice LOUGHEED knew her as a girl: she used to see her going to school.

Miss K. came to live at GPH with her mother Margaret, who died in 1978. Edna was somewhat mentally challenged and worked at the ARC Workshop. Her handicapp brought out the parenting aspect in many people. Edna enjoyed various activities and everyone at GPH knew her.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that Edna and her mother enjoyed Christmas day that year with "Mrs. Mayes, who lives on Wellington St."

Interment is at Minesing Union Cemetery.
GPH: 31/05/1968—A12

KNUPP, George
07/08/1890–08/11/1980
Daughters: Yvonne (m. Hollinger); Vona (m. Partridge).
Church: Anglican Church, Minesing.
GPH: ??—A28

KNUPP, Miss Irene G.
24/08/1884–03/03/1980
The *Spotlight* 6, 10 (Oct. 1977) notes Miss Knupp's nomination for Residents' Council.
Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie.
GPH: by 10/1977; —C52

KNUPP, Jean *Cairns*
27/07/1909–1986
Wife of Clarence Knupp.
Church: Essa Rd. Presbyterian, Barrie.
Mrs. K. moved to Sunset Manor..
GPH: 02/06/1982—B34–03/03/1986 (date of move to Collingwood)

• KNUPP, Margaret *Campbell*
23/06/1882–03/10/1974
B. at Edenvale, the daughter of Angus Campbell. An article and photo in the *Barrie Banner*, Oct. 2, 1968, p. 13, records the visit of a sister from out West. See GPH Scrapbook 1.
She was Edna KNUPP'S mother. (L.B.)
Church: Anglican Church, Minesing.
GPH: 1968

KNUPP, William Clarence
10/11/1901–23/06/1984
The eldest of the six children of Tom K. and Lizzie Effie Robertson Coutts. His siblings were: James Eldon, Orma Jean, Florence Grace, Harry Maxwell, and Glen Everett. See *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy* (2nd ed., photocopy 1996), p. 75, where there is a photo of his parents.
He married Jean Cairns. They lived together at GPH.
Church: Essa Rd. Presbyterian, Barrie.
See also Jean Knupp.
GPH: 02/06/1982

KOMAR, Apollonia ("Pola," i.e. "Paula") *Bullova*
15/04/1906–27/03/1997
B. near Kozitza, Slovakia, to a farming family; one sister: Alia; one brother: John.
She married in 1929 and came to Lethbridge, AB, to work on a farm. They moved then to Niagara Falls in 1930; their son John was born there. The Komars moved to Timmins, where Mr. K. worked in the mines. Then in 1934 the family went to Slovakia where they managed some land, returning to Canada before WWII, to Timmins.
At Timmins the Komars built a house, a project that Paula worked hard on.
In 1949 Mr. K. died of cancer. From 1958 Pola lived with John, in Barrie.

He was principal at St. Monica's School. Paula was there to help raise John's three sons: Karl (m. Jo)—of Brampton; Stephen (m. Joyce)—of Calgary; and John (m. Katharine)—of Dayton, OH.

Mrs. K. catered to weddings in the Slovak community and was an avid gardner.

In 1961 Pola made a visit to Slovakia; in 1981 she went with John to visit a sister there.

Mrs. K. was a participant in the S.E. Programme before coming to live at GPH so had many friends here before she actually moved in. The GPH schedule of activities for the month of Apr. 1984 noted her birthday as a participant in that programme.

She was a warm and gracious person.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo of Pola at age 89 on May 13, 1995. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 31/08/1992—A27

KROSE, Adrian

01/01/1913–28/06/1995

B. at Delft, the Netherlands; he had one brother and one sister, the latter surviving him in Holland. His parents farmed.

On 07/08/40 Mr. K. married Jacova Van Beek, from the village of Naaldwijk, about an hour's distance away. They met when she took care of him during a period of hospitatlization. This was a difficult time to get married: the Nazis invaded Holland three months earlier, in May 1940.

Adrian and Jackie had two children: Hans, who now lives in the United States, and Marja (m. Jack Middel), at Horseshoe Valley. Hans has two sons, Andrew and John; Marja and Jack have two sons, Trevor and Kevin.

The Kroses came to Canada in 1960, to Barrie. Adrian had worked in a leather factory in Holland and quickly found work at the Barrie Tannery. In 1988 Adrian and Jackie left Barrie for Brampton, returning six years later to live at Barrie Manor for a while before coming to GPH. The Kroses worshiped with Christian Reformed churches in Holland; in Barrie they identified with St. Andrews Presbyterian. In Holland Mr. Krose had sung in a male choir; here he sang in the church choir.

Adrian's hobbies included travelling, gardening and carpentry. He was a gentle man, much devoted to Jackie and his family. His conversation was sprinkled with Dutch sometimes; his rich, mellow voice was doubtless a great asset to the choirs in which he sang.

Interment is at Innisvale Cemetery.

GPH: 11/01/1995—B30

KROSE, Jacoba ("Jackie") *Van Beek*

11/03/1910–02/10/1997

B. in Naaldwijk, Holland. Please see the preceding entry.

I related to Jackie how much I enjoyed my visits to Holland. I mentioned in particular the "barrel organs" that one finds in the street on Market days in places like Leiden. These "street organs" are an amazing musical instrument. I heard "Chanson d'Amour" on one of these in Leiden and I was so taken with it that I put a guilder in the man's tin cup. He tried to give it back to me but I insisted—what a fine memory on a sunny day in Holland.

Jackie gave me a record album of "barrel organ" music: "Holland Souvenir. Street Organ/Draaiorgel. De Arabier" (Gouden Molen; Philips 6423 314).

GPH: 11/01/1995—B30

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LAKING, Mrs. Ethel May *Kidd*
15/06/1882–03/07/1974
Mrs. Laking was the mother of Wib—see next item.
Church: Anglican.
GPH: ??

LAKING, Wilbur ("Wib")
16/10/1905–10/01/1993
B. near Lisle in Tosorontio Twp.

Mr. Laking's early years were spent in Lisle ON and district. His father, Arthur Laking, was a woodsman and carpenter. His mother spent her life in Lisle until moving to GPH. Mr. L. had one brother, Harold, and two sisters, Clara and Thelma.

At the age of 15 he began work at Little's General Store in Lisle. At the age of 21 or 22 he met T.P. Loblaw and went to work for him at one of his three stores in Toronto, at Danforth and Pape. Six months later Loblaw opened a store in Barrie and Mr. L. came to manage it, which he did for 40 years.

In 1926 he married Alma May Jones from the Lyle-Glencairn area and they had four children: William (d. 1945); John (m. Janice); Jim (m. Marina); Joan (m. Earl Winter). Alma died at the too early age of 53.

Mr. L. later married Jean Srigley, a retired school teacher who shared his interest in gardening, wildlife and in the trees in their favourite woodlot near Lisle. After her untimely death, Mr. L. married a longtime friend and neighbour, Hazel Bates. After her death in 1980, he was a widower for his remaining 14 years—living at 10 Henry St. in Barrie and at GPH.

Mr. L. had many interests, but the strongest was in trees. He donated and planted many—the most notable is the Blue Spruce at the front entrance of GPH. He was a member of Trinity Anglican Church, the Kiwanis Club, the Cancer Society; he was also active in the Horticultural Club and worked on the arboretum at Sunnidale Park.

Mr. Laking was proud to have one room at GPH named for him in recognition of his support.

GPH: 24/02/1992—B60

LANDREVILLE, Ilene ("Eileen"; "Eylenne") *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 "Eylenne" in a film credit—about 1928, in Barrie—so she adopted that spelling!)

Eylenne went to work after taking a business course. Her employment was with Metropolitan Life in Barrie and continued twelves 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?

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

Eylenne 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.

GPH: 06/10/1989—A6

LANDREVILLE, Leo

12/06/1909–22/05/1991

In WWII Mr. L. was an instructor in gunnery. After his retirement from the military at age 38, Mr. L. was at Camp Borden with the civil service until age 65. In 1979 he had a stroke which affected his abilities. He was hockey fan and enjoyed watching TV. Mr. Landreville appears in an *Examiner* photo, dated Mar. 31, 1990, with Linda Armstrong and her golden retriever. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 07/03/1985

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–

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

18/08/1933–

Peter's wife Cathy is the sister of Phyllis Davis, an R.N. at GPH. Phyllis recently retired. Mr. LaPlante did beautiful pencil drawings, including one of the old St. Joseph's school. The drawing hangs in his room.

GPH: 17/07/1997

LATIMER, Mrs. Helen

03/08/1895–21/09/1987

The *Spotlight*, Oct.–Nov., 1980 notes that Mrs. Latimer was a new member of the S.E. Programme. Mrs. L. was a member of the United Church in Watford.

GPH: 13/05/1981—B30/A20/C61

LAWRENCE, Mrs.

??–14/05/1974

GPH: after Rittenhouse list #1

LAWRENCE, Mrs. Ina

09/01/1904–08/1984

Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

GPH: 24/04/1982—B40/A3

LEDREW, Florence *Austin*

20/12/1911–

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 *The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters*, 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. Grace is a nurse and has been at RVH since 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

LENNOX, Dorothy *Vaughn*

04/05/1899–19/06/1989

B.in Tollendale; one of seven children; grew up in Painswick.

Met Gordon Lennox at a garden party when she was 18 (i.e. in 1917). After her marriage—in Nov. 1921 at St. Paul's, Innisful: see *Spotlight*, Dec. 1980–Jan. 1981—she lived across the road from her parents; eventually her son lived next door. Her husband was "gassed" in WWI and did not have good health after that, but lived until ca. 1968.

Mrs. L. enjoyed knitting, sewing, gardening.

The Lennoxes had three sons: Jack, Allan, Gordon—Jack is married to Gwen Halbert, Lila HALBERT'S daughter!

There is a glossy photo in GPH Scrapbook 1 of Mrs. L., Mary STEELE, Elizabeth SMITH, Dearwyne NICHOL, and Sadie CARR with a quilt designed by the Design Arts Division of Georgian College. Also in the photo are students Regis Alcorn and Donna Biles; teaching master Pat Hart and Jill McKinley. See GPH Scrapbook 1, which also contains newspaper photos of the same group.

GPH: 19/11/1980—B34/C39

LENNOX, Mary Carolyn *Rowe*

28/05/1899–18/03/1998

B. at Newton Robinson, the youngest of four children. The names of her four brothers were: Watson; Russell; and Earl, later a well-known local politician.

Her parents farmed.

Mrs. L. had five children: two sons are in Barrie, Lorne and Jim; Earl and Isabel live in the Toronto area; one daughter, Mary, is deceased: she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis shortly after the death of Mary's husband, who died of cancer at age 54.

On Oct. 25, 1990, I married Ann Lennox and Brian Hutchins. Ann is Jim and Marion's daughter. The wedding took place in the A-frame chapel at Horseshoe Valley resort. Both Mary LENNOX and Mary THACKER—the two grandmothers—were there, and both lovely in their quite advanced years.

Jim Lennox is retired from veterinary medicine. Many years ago he was an acquaintance of Colin Cameron, husband of Ainslie CAMERON, who also specialized in

veterinary medicine.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo of Mrs. L. on June 10, 1995 at the age of 96. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 15/03/1991—M69

LEPSCHI, Rosa

24/01/1910–

B. in Salzburg, 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.

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: three sons operate a marina in Barrie—this fact amuses her because she doesn't like water; one daughter owns a hair salon in the Duckworth Plaza; daughter-in-law Margaret works at GPH.

Mrs. L. came to Canada in 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 is "The Happy Wanderer."

Mrs. L. is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in Barrie.

GPH: 01/11/1983—B34

LINDSAY, Margaret

13/04/1911–

Mrs. L. came to GPH with the S.E. Programme before moving in for a short period of time.

GPH: ??–15/07/1989

LITTLE, Kitty *Ford*

07/01/1899–30/09/1990

B. Columbia, PA; daughter of a Methodist Episcopal clergyman. Her uncle was also a minister in that church. Family: two sisters; one brother. Took her nurse's training in Scranton. In 1923 at age 24 came to Canada with Bill.

Children: Joyce Seagram of Barrie; Bill Little, M.D., of Toronto. Hobbies: curling; tennis. Member of Trinity Anglican; grandson Jimmy is an Anglican minister. In her old age Mrs. L. tired of religion: she had had enough of that when she was young, she said, when she couldn't dance publicly and when on Wed. eve she had the choice of "prayer meeting" or staying at home!

With her husband Mrs. L. was part of "old Barrie," when it was possible for prominent individuals to know many people.

GPH: 20/10/1988—M81

LITTLE, Dr. William ("Bill") C.

14/09/1895–19/03/1990

B. Churchill, ON; his father was a doctor.

Mr. Little began studying medicine at the University of Toronto at age 16 but left to serve in WWI with the Canadian Field Artillery. He was decorated for bravery at the Battle of Somme in 1916—he liked being a soldier.

At university he was on the varsity tennis team; he also boxed. Dr. Little graduated in medicine at the U. of Toronto in 1920 and pursued graduate work in Scranton, PA, where he met Kitty *Ford* LITTLE, a nurse: he bet her he could defeat her at

tennis using his left hand—and did!

They married in 1923. Their children are: Joyce (m. Seagram) and Bill jr.

Dr. L. was Chief of Staff at RVH and taught obstetrics to nursing students for 40 years. He was an avid tennis player; fisherman; he played the harmonica.

Dr. Little was from a family of doctors and religious thinkers—his father-in-law was a minister; his grandson a chaplain—and was able to discuss many questions in the area of religion and ethics: e.g., he posed the question to me about the situation of a doctor who advises against surgery and the patient dies.

The Littles had a wide circle of friends, including Laurena ROBERTSON'S first husband, Irving Snider; Mary CHITTICK; and Florence BRYSON.

Dr. L. was a leading citizen of Barrie and made a large contribution to community life. The Royal Canadian Legion named its St. Vincent St. building after him in 1981.

The *Examiner*, June 3, 1988, published a photo of Dr. Little and another of his son Dr. Bill Little jr. The occasion was Bill jr.'s acceptance of the Rotary Club of Barrie's Vocational Service Award on behalf of his father. See Eleanor Johnston's album.

Member: Trinity Anglican Church.

Interment: St. Paul's, Innisfil.

Obituary: *The [Barrie] Examiner*, Thurs. Mar. 22, 1990.

GPH: 18/04/1988—C49

LOCKHART, Beatrice ("Bea") *Stevenson*

13/10/1903–20/01/1994

B. in Ripley, ON, the youngest of six: four boys, two girls. The three oldest children were born in N. Dakota.

Her parents built a new house in 1917; both died in the spring of 1931. An unmarried brother stayed on that place until he died.

At the age of 21 she went to teach in New Lowell; married in 1925 and gave up teaching.

Her husband was a carpenter, amongst other things; he died in 1971. They had five children: Marlene (m. Thurlow); Irene (m. Mumberson); Helen (m. Gooding); Jean (m. McNamara)—three of whom are in Barrie; one son, Roy, who died at age 42.

Mrs. Lockhart was the last surviving member of her family; the last survivor of a group of girls she went to school with; with one other woman—Mrs. Orser on Wellington St.—the only person left of the Brentwood United Church, whose building is now demolished.

After six years at Simcoe Terrace she moved to GPH. She enjoyed cards and bingo and was a person of faith.

GPH: 03/05/1993—B60

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

LONG, Verna Anne *Young*

02/04/1904–08/07/1992

B. at Danforth Ave. and Dawes Rd., Toronto, and attended the Anglican church nearby, St. John's on Kingston Rd., where her parents were buried after their passing.

Her husband, Fred—m. Christmas Eve, 1922 at St. Xavier's Church—worked for Ontario Hydro and they lived for years at Kapuskasing. He died in 1975.

Children: Barbara Gregson; Gord; Doug—of Barrie. She was related to the Youngs at Lucan where the "black Donnellys" lived.

Mrs. L. loaned me a book on C. L. Burton, a prominent member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), who became President of Simpson's. Her father (?) worked there.

Favourite dessert: ice-cream.

Mrs. L. gave me a copy of the Anglican *Book of Common Prayer* . Favourite Gospel: Luke; favourite hymn: "Breathe on me, Breath of God." She was a gentle spirit.

Mrs. Long's funeral was at Trinity Anglican Church, where Canon John Speer gave the sermon.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 27/11/1985—B40/O99/A17

LORD, Lily *Halliwell*

03/06/1909–07/04/1991

B. Rochdale, Lancastershire, England; no "second name"—only Lily. Her parents came to the USA but returned to Great Britain for her birth.

Her mother died when she was 4 at age 28 of strept throat and was buried in Wooster, MA. A brother died when she was 8 in the diptheria epidemic of 1917–1918.

Mrs. L.'s father went back to Britain and married a woman who had a little girl—also when Lily was 8. The girls were left behind for a year while their father and mother set up house in Canada. The girls came over in a boat called "The Regina," by train from

Montreal to Toronto. They had heard it was cold here so Lily wore a heavy coat on the train in the summer! When they saw Lake Ontario they thought it was an ocean—it was too big for a lake!

Mrs. Lord's husband worked in advertising; he died in 1968. When she would speak of her husband tears would well up in her eyes. Her step-sister died of cancer. The Lords had one son, William, who lives in Minesing. Mrs. L. felt that she had some tough blows early in life but she just had to make the best of it.

Member of St. Peter's Anglican Church at Minesing; worked with church auxiliary. She had a hearty laugh.

The *Examiner*, Dec. 21, 1985, published a fine photo of Lily with six-year old Mandy Theal at a turkey luncheon hosted for seniors at Oakley Park Public School. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Three years later, on Dec. 14, Mrs. Lord appeared in an *Examiner* photo with four other members of the Recollections Group: Eleanor ROBINSON, Doris PARSONS, Elsie SLATER, and Helen WARNICA. Unfortunately each and every person's name is misspelled! See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 07/01/1985—B34

LOUGHEED, Alice *Hare*

10/12/1899–21/12/1995

Her family lived on the 3rd line at Meaford and she babysat my mother! I attended school with a later generation of her family.

Mrs. L. married William Everett L. on 30/12/1925 and they farmed at Stayner. Mr. L. died in 1976; a son William Kenneth, injured as a baby in an accident died in 1958.

Her daughter Betty married Bert Maw of Barrie. Bert was our insurance agent at Co-operators; the Maws live at 262 Rose St., where I lived before marrying and moving a block away to 18 Roslyn Rd.

Mrs. L. was a person of dignity and bearing. She first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme—she amused the staff by jumping to the ground from the top step of the bus! The *Spotlight*, Oct.–Nov., 1980 noted that she had just started in the programme.

Church: Central United Church.

GPH: 15/09/1982—B36/A9

LOVE, Jessie Ellen *McCuaig*

29/12/1891–18/08/1988*

B. in Oro Twp., the second last of six children. Her parents were William M. and Mary Fletcher. William was born in Islay, Scotland.

She married Ernest Love. They farmed in Oro, on the 4th Concession. Later they retired to live on #11 at Guthrie. She was a hard-working person who liked a good laugh.

Steve REYNOLDS worked on their farm in Oro. Mayor Janice Laking is a niece. *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) records that "Mrs. Love and Mr. MCCUAIG were guests of their niece [for Christmas], Mrs. J. Laking."

Spotlight 5, 1 (Jan. 1976) records of the Christmas Concert in 1975: "Many will remember Jane Scott, who used to write articles for the Toronto *Globe and Mail* and other papers sixty years ago. Miss Scott, who is still living, is a distant relative of Mrs. Love, and from her book *My Adventures with God* Mrs. Love read "Cleaning the Lamps."

On the McCuaigs of Oro Twp. see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 243–251. Jessie's marriage is recorded on p. 250—where her year of birth is given as 1892—and there are brief remarks about her on p. 249: "They [Jessie and Ernest Love (1887– 1965)] were farmers in Oro. Jessie lived on Highway 11 just north of Guthrie Church."

Jessie was the Secretary of the first Residents' Council at GPH: see FAWN. There is a another newspaper photo of her and Arthur ROOTS attending a Garden Party with the Queen Mother at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974).

Member: Guthrie United Church; later, Barrie Church of Christ.

GPH: 09/08/1973—A21/C

LUCAS, Annie Susanna *Goodfellow*

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She was Elmore Hamilton's mother-in-law: see DEACOFF.

GPH: ??

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–

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 are, 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 has 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.
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> 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."
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> 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 pharmicist 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 as 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 start 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

• LUNDY, Mrs. Bertha
12/02/1882–??
The Spotlight, 1, 4 (Feb. 1972) notes her birthday.
GPH: 1968

LUNDY, Mrs. Edith
09/01/1885–03/1974
Mrs. Lundy's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).
GPH: by 07/1972

••? LUNDY, Mrs. Edna Jessie
29/03/1889–14/06/1979
The *Spotlight* 1, 5 (Mar. 1972) notes her birthday.
Church: United.
GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

••? LUNN, Mrs. Agnes
??–??
The Spotlight 1, 1 (Nov. 1971), notes that Mrs. Lunn had spent a week with her daughter in Philadelphia. Rittenhouse list #1 notes her suite number: B38.
GPH: by 11/1971

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MACDONALD, Velma Helen *McBrien*
15/04/1904–14/03/1992
B. at Uxbridge. Two older brothers, Russell (WWII) and Bill—the latter Ellen Heikkila's father.
Went as a girl to St. James' Anglican Church in Orillia and before her marriage worked at the newspaper in Orillia, *The Orillia Packet and Times* . Her husband worked for Bell Telephone—he died 27/08/1974.
Three children: Diane, Jan, Brien.
The family cottage was on Lake Simcoe near "the Narrows."
Mrs. M. played bridge. She told Joan Walker in 1985 that her greatest accomplishment was raising three children.
I called her "aunt Velma" because Ellen Heikkila, the Director of Nursing, always called her that—naturally. She was a charter member of the I.O.D.E. in Barrie; member of Trinity Anglican Church. The *Examiner*, Oct. 16, 1985, published a photo of Velma on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the I.O.D.E. lodge in Barrie.
Mrs. M. was a determined person; fiesty; and she had a very quick wit!
GPH: 12/03/1985—N83

MACEY, Matilda ("Tillie") Jane *Brown*
29/06/1898–18/09/1991*
Mrs. Macey grew up in Cabbagetown, Toronto, the eldest of a family of seven.
She had three sisters: Helen ("Buster"; m. Haughey) who lived in Montreal; Mildred (m. Krajewski) of Detroit MI; Janet ("Jennie"; m. May) of Toronto. Her brothers were Cecil of Vancouver; Norman of Montreal; her youngest brother George was killed while serving with the Black Watch regiment. Cecil was a prisoner of war for four years.
Tillie married James ("Jim") when they were both in their 30s and they lived at the corner of Queen and Hamilton Sts. in Toronto for over 30 years. Her sister Jennie, Bev Murphy's mother, lived within a block of them so Bev and her two brothers were very close to her.
Mr. Macey died of emphysema in Oct. 1968 and Tillie came to Painswick to live with Bev and John on June 28 of 1969—the day before her 70th birthday. It was a traumatic move because Tillie had been accustomed to city life. But she got involved with neighbourhood women, playing cards, and joined the S.E. Programme at GPH one day a week.

Bev Murphy tells the following stories about her aunt:

> My Aunt Till had the most remarkable memory. When she died at 93 she still knew every sport score, every current event that took place. She took the greatest pleasure in betting on a sports event with my husband John. If she won she would write on the dollar bill, "won from Johnny" and the date. When she died she must have had a least ten of these bills hidden in her wallet. Patty Hipwell, who worked at GPH, would take Tillie and Mr. STREET to her home and they would celebrate the Grey Cup together. They had a great time.
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> One thing I will never forget. When my Uncle Cecil came to visit Tillie he gave her a $100 bill. He knew she was living on a very limited income. She never spent it. She kept it hidden in her wallet. On it she had written, "from my dear brother Cecil." Unfortunately Cecil died before Tillie, of cancer. She had instructed me to place flowers at her funeral and that they were to be bought with the $100 and the card was to be marked "from your loving brother, Cecil."

GPH was a happy place for Mrs. Macey: "there's something about this place," she said.

Family—nieces and nephews: Bev Murphy and John; Paul and Gwen May; Jim and Joan May.

The *Examiner*, June 26, 1987, published a photo of Tillie with Cindy-Lynn Brown, who had a summer job at GPH as assistant activities coordinator. See GPH Scrapbook 1. There is another *Examiner* photo of Mrs. Macey at 91 with five-year-old Tony Spagnola on the occasion of a visit to Cundles Heights Public School. The photo was published on May 4, 1989. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 15/08/1978—B30/A15

MACISAAC, Miss Beatrice

06/09/1897–11/10/1978

The *Spotlight* 7, 3 (Mar. 1978) reports that Mrs. MacIsaac was a new resident. Hazel WALT, Davina MCKAY, and James A. MILLER were welcomed at the same time.

Church: Catholic.

GPH: 02 or 03/1978

MACKAY, Ivy *Berry*

04/12/1910–26/05/1996

Her family was from near Birmingham, England. Mrs. M. was born in Toronto.

She married John M. on 21/06/1930 and her life from that time revolved very much around him. He was a "lay" preacher and was well known among Churches of Christ in southern Ontario: see his obituary in the *Gospel Herald* 60, 5 (May, 1995), p. 20.

They started and operated Phoenix Dye Works from 1940–75, a business for which Mrs. I. provided the slogan "New Life to Your Garments." She was a talented poet.

Mrs. M. had five children: Dennis, Bill, Doug, Roger, and Margaret (m. Hefferman).

In later years the MacKays worshiped at the Pine Orchard Church of Christ, where John preached once a month.

The Spotlight 1, 6 (Apr. 1972) reported that Ivy's husband John would be showing slides on Apr. 9th in the auditorium. She was doubtless with him on that occasion.

GPH: 07/07/1995—M68

MACKENZIE, Charlotte *Main*

01/06/1913–17/03/1998

B. in Toronto, into a family that included two brothers, Stanley and William. Her parents were William Taylor Main and Charlotte Robertson. Her father was a painter-decorator with Robert Simpson Co.

Mrs. M. attended Oakwood Collegiate and then Shaw's Business College.

She went to Blind River to work as a secretary. After 3 1/2 years there she met her husband, who came there as a widowed United Church minister. They stayed twelve years, then moved to Tilbury; then to Hickson—on #6 Highway, north of Guelph; then to New Lowell.

"Mrs. Mac" used to give out this poem, which was on the back of a business card. On the front were the words "Mrs. F.G. Mackenzie." The poem was written by her husband.

"If you could only see Me,
Behind the cloud to-day,
And watch My silent working,
My deep and hidden way, —
You'd cast away your frettings,
You'd cease to fear and doubt;
You'd rest upon MY promise,
And let ME work it out."

"But though you cannot see ME,
If you will only trust
My Wisdom, Skill, —unerring;
My Power,—to uttermost;
My Faithfulness,—ne'er failing;
My Love,—beyond degree;—
I'll bring to full fruition
My perfect plan for thee."

"Some day, MY child, you'll see ME
And understand it all,—
The strange and fiery trials
That threaten and appall;
And through eternal ages,
You'll praise ME for the grace
That brought you to MY likeness,
As you behold MY face."

Rev. F.G. Mackenzie

"Mrs. Mac," as I called her, was at Art Storey's induction service at Grace United Church in Barrie. That was in 1969.

Her funeral at Bethel Community Church was attended by a large group of "people of the cloth."

When Mrs. M. smiled her whole face smiled, as one member of Staff told me.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. M. on June 10, 1995, following her 92nd birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 27/05/1992—A2

• MACKENZIE, Gertrude ("Gertie") *Tallman*

16/12/1888–30/05/1968

B. in Smithville ON, the daughter of Peter and Jennie T. Sometime later the family moved to Beamsville, where she helped in the family store (confectionary, flour, feed). She also worked later in Hamilton. Her siblings were, in order of age: Goldie (m. Lawson; Richardson), (Gertie); Charlie ("Pete"; m. Fern Reid) of Beamsville; Grace (m. Charles G. McPhee); Cora (m. Russ Peckham); Willis (m. Leon Peckham—sister of Russ!) of MI.

She married a widower, Donald MacKenzie, after a two-year courtship. She had originally met him while visiting her sister Goldie and family in Little Current ON. They married in 1920 and later raised two sons, George (m. Irene Cooper) and Donald (m. Viola Martell). They lived in Little Current nearly all of their married life. Her home became a summer visiting place for her siblings and family as well as cousins and friends from earlier years.

Even though the house was small, a greeting and welcome was always there. Her husband guided tourists and looked after their equipment and boats in summer seasons. He worked a few years for Ford and many years for Timkens, thus much of the summer she spent looking after a big garden and two boys in Little Current. She and her husband had many good years together. He died in the early 1960s. A few years later, while spending some time with her son Don and family at Camp Borden, she heard about the seniors home being built at Barrie by the Church. Since she was a member of the Church of Christ for most of her life, she said, "That's a good place for me when it opens." She moved in with those who came in May 1968 and spent a short time here before her passing to glory.

I have many fond memories of the early days at home with a loving mother.

(This was provided by Mrs. MacKenzie's son, Don, who was for many years a member of the Board of Directors of GPH. It was Don who painted the river scene that graces the baptistry in our churchbuilding. The MacKenzies have further connections with GPH and the congregation in that their son Paul worked at GPH for a summer in the early 1970s and two of their sons, David and Paul, were baptized here.)

GPH: 05/1968

MACLENNAN, John

30/05/1900–06/12/1997*

B. in the north of Scotland to Colin M. and Alexia McPherson. He had three sisters—Marie (m. Potterat), Anne (m. Brown), Helen (m. Francis)—and a brother, Hugh. The family spent five years in Edinburgh before emigrating to Canada. Mr. M. was 12 when they came. He recalled that they arrived one week before the Titanic sank. He had seen the Lusitania, another "famous" ship at Liverpool.

His father worked at carpentry in Toronto. His mother died at the age of 32 and is buried in Prospect Cemetery.

Mr. M. worked at various occupations but spent the majority of his working life—some 45 yrs.—as a chauffeur for the Longwell family in Rosedale. He continued to be in touch with that family through the daughter, Mrs. Matson, until the time of his death.

In 1923 he married Beatrice Currie and they had six children: John, Ken, Hugh, Muriel (m. Don Mattocks), Paul, and Elizabeth. His youngest, Elizabeth, died in an

accident when she was a child. Following the death of his wife in 1943, Mr. M. was remarried, to Helen Dickinson; then, following her death, he married Aino Sony, a woman of Finnish extraction. He was really a man who did not like living alone.

John MacLennan was a remarkable person in a number of respects, aside from his longevity. He was a voracious reader until the end of his life. His daughter Muriel told me that he used to read the *Scientific American*, encyclopedias and other reference works. He also read the Bible avidly and knew its contents well. When I first met him—he was then 93!—he told me that he kept himself busy with writing things down!

Mr. MacLennan's father was Presbyterian and he himself was United. He had worked out his religious beliefs along the following lines: God is a spirit, infinite and eternal; we are made in the image of God and therefore we too have an eternal life.

He treasured a small plaque which Dr. Rick Irwin had brought back from Israel. At the bottom of this tiny plaque is the Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24–26). He also had a faviourite prayer, about which he once made the remark "That covers all the bases":

> God bless all those that I love
> And God bless all those that love me.
> And bless those that love those that I love
> And all those that love those that love me.

Mr. M. was a man about whom his family has a wealth of stories.

Mr. MacLennan's photo appeared in the *Examiner* on June 10, 1995 on the occasion of his 95th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Westminster Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 17/06/1993—M70

•? MALDEVER, Mrs.

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Jean Bercovici recalled Mrs. M. as an early resident.

GPH: 1968?

••? MALTARP, Mrs. Amelia

28/01/1895–??

The Spotlight, 1, 4 (Feb. 1972) notes that Mrs. M. had left for three weeks' vacation in the Bahamas with her family.

Mrs. Maltarp's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972; that fall she was at another hosted by the TAITS—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Oct. 1972) notes that Mrs. Maltarp had a visit with her son and his wife, who were on their way to Poland. It goes on, "Her son has been Business Attaché in the Danish Embassy in Bogata and is now transferred to the Danish Embassy in Warchawa, Poland. His wife is the daughter of the Bishop of Columbia, South America."

Mrs. M. moved from GPH.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

MARSDEN, John ("Jack") H.

24/12/1901–02/07/1981

Church: United.

GPH: 12/05/1980—A20

MARSHALL, Mrs. Elizabeth Mildred

08/09/1886–04/07/1977

There is an *Examiner* photo of her at a costume party at GPH hosted by the May Court Club. Also with her are Mrs. ASTBURY, Mildred JUSTICE, and Jane MURRAY. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974).

Son: Ray, of Shanty Bay.

Church: York Pines United.

GPH: by summer 1972

•? MARTIN, Mrs. Bella

29/07/1882–16/12/1980

Mrs. M. is noted in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). The Residents' Council report for Sept. 21, 1981 reports that a "tea service," thirty-five years old and valued at $2000, was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Swan in memory of Mrs. Martin.

Church: United.

GPH: 1968 or soon thereafter

MARTIN, Clarissa ("Chrissie") *Hibbins*

10/01/1914–21/02/1995

B. in Toronto; she had five brothers, four older and one younger—Arthur, Harry, Wilfred, Walter, and Frank. The brothers remained in Toronto. Her siblings always called her "sis." Her father was a cooper by trade.

Mrs. Martin went to Malvern Collegiate. At the time of her marriage her family was living on Woodbine Ave. She worked at Eatons in Toronto until her marriage and, many years later, again in Barrie.

Clarissa *Hibbins* came up to Strongville to visit her friend Jean Barlow, whose sister and brother-in-law went to the Strongville Gospel Hall. It was there that she met Jack Martin and, after two or three years, they were married in June, 1940 in Toronto. Clarissa was a particularly elegant bride and I remember well the wedding photo of her and Jack. I'm grateful to her family for permitting me to include that photo in this book.

After their marriage the Martins lived in Stayner. John worked at farming until they were able to buy their own farm. About 1950 they moved to Barrie and Mr. Martin took a job with Ontario Hydro.

In Barrie they were members of Northside Bible Chapel.

See further, John MARTIN.

GPH: 13/01/1989—B38

MARTIN, John ("Jack") A.

15/08/1904–01/03/1990

B. in New Lowell. In his teens (16?) he began working for a "Brethren" family by the name of Partridge and attended meetings at Vespra and Sunnidale Rd. where the Brethren used a Mennonite churchbuilding. This church was the Strongville Gospel Hall.

On the morning of their wedding Jack had been cleaning out a well. He took ill after the wedding and spent the honeymoon in bed with a fever. The doctor was worried about this fever to the extent that he gave him what was an experimental drug at the time, sulpha.

The Martin farm was west of Edenvale, on the south side of highway 26, the last farm after the 14th of Vespra and before the highway veers upward to the north. It was marked by the large willow tree which Jack transplanted there. It was on that farm that the Martins raised four children: Bonnie (m. Don Wardle),

George, Grace (m. Bokesch) and Jean (m. Sweezie). They went to church at Strongville.

Jean's mother-in-law Mattie came into GPH with the S.E. Programme before her death in the fall of 1997.

In Barrie the Martins were members of Northside Bible Chapel, a Brethren church, similar to the Church of Christ. After they came to GPH they worshiped with us quite happily.

Mr. Martin had an early connection with GPH. As Bonnie told me, in its early years the Home periodically called on the community and churches in the community for help. So it was that Mr. Martin came from Northside and spent "endless hours" doing outside work on the lawns and gardens!

GPH: 13/01/1989—B38

MARTINDALE, Mrs. Selina ("Lee")

04/01/1896–25/09/1983

A photo that appeared in the *Examiner*, June 18, 1975, shows Mrs. M., identified as "Mrs. Percy Martindale," with Lena WEBB. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1975). *The Spotlight* 4, 9 (July 1975) records a visit by Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds and their five children of Delta, BC. Mr. Reynolds was an M.P. The note is unclear about which of them, Mr. Reynolds or his wife, is Mrs. Martindale's grandchild.

Church: Roman Catholic.

GPH: 29/05/1973—A24/C41

MAW, Albert Salton

07/02/1886–08/1976

B. in Toronto Gore, near Bolton, the son of John Maw and Alice Atkinson.

Mr. Maw's paternal grandfather, also named John, came from England and settled in Etobicoke. Then he moved to Edenvale and settled on the east 1/2 of Lot 18, Conc. 1, Flos. Twp. in 1874. Albert bought the farm in 1927. There is a photo of the farmhouse in the early 1900s that shows his uncle Ernest Maw drilling for water in *A History of Vespra Township*, p. 84.

When he was seven Mr. Maw's family moved to SK, just west of the Manitoba border, along highway #2. Times were difficult and he returned a few years later to work in the family brick yard at Minesing. For information on this brickyard see *A History of Vespra Township*, pp. 677–678.

Mr. M. married Ella Gilchrist, a teacher, and they farmed.

They had five children: Jean (m. Walt); John Leslie, who died at age 7 of leukemia; Russell (m. Mabel Dobson), who farmed; Margaret Fern (m. Ward), who also farmed; and Albert ("Bert") Gilchrist (m. Betty Lougheed, daughter of Alice LOUGHEED).

Even after retirement Mr. Maw used to go out and work on Russell's farm—"Cloverdale Farm," three miles north of Minesing on highway #26. His son Bert said that his gt.-aunt used to see bears while going for the cows at that farm, a Century Farm, which was in the Maw family for 125 years.

In Rittenhouse list #1 Mr. Maw occupies suite C43.

The *Spotlight* 5, 2 (Feb. 1976) reported that Mr. Maw's family held a 90th birthday party for him at GPH: "Approximately 100 people, including relations, neighbours and friends [came] from his home town of Anten Mills and Edenvale, Toronto and Barrie."

Church: United Church, Minesing.

GPH: by 07/1972

MAW, Mrs. Elizabeth ("Lizzie")

15/09/1886–01/11/1979

The Spotlight 4, 9 (July 1975) notes that "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graves of Oshawa visited their aunt Mrs. Edith ROWELL and cousins Albert and Lizzie MAW at Grove Park Home on Sunday, June 15th."

Lizzie Maw was married to David Maw, Albert S. MAW'S first cousin. The Georgian Mall and Barrie Country Club occupy what were formerly David Maw's farms.

Children: William, of Painswick; daughter, Mrs. R. Sweezie.

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: by 07/1975—C45

MAYES, Mrs. Clara *Ney*

07/04/1896–17/01/1981

Daughter of William Ney, who came from Ireland in 1849 at the age of 5 with his parents and siblings, and Eliza Jane Wilson of Victoria Harbour.

Mrs. Mayes had three brothers and two sisters: John A.; Marshall—killed in France in WWI on Nov. 2, 1918; Wilson; Ellen (m. Fritze); Lillian (m. Black). The family attended the Old Fort School, near the present site of the Martyr's Shrine, and Port McNicoll Presbyterian Church.

In 1917 Clara visited her aunt and uncle and cousins who had moved to a farm north of Minesing. During that visit she met her future husband, Harry Mayes. They were married on Nov. 30, 1922 in Midland and lived on a farm on Conc. 9 of Vespra Twp., near Minesing.

Harry and Clara Mayes had three children: Marshall, who died in 1975 at age 50; Marion (m. Arthur Cox); Ewart. There had nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayes lived an active life in Minesing, being involved in community affairs. Clara was a Life Member of the Women's Institute. She enjoyed sewing, knitting and playing cards.

In 1952 they sold their farm and moved, first Midhurst and then in 1960 to Barrie. They attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In Oct. 1964 Mr. Mayes died as the result of several strokes and a heart condition.

After living in an apartment for several years and suffering from arthritis and other ailments, Mrs. Mayes decided to become a resident of GPH. She moved into GPH in Mar. 1976. She already knew several of the residents, including her daughter's mother-in-law, Zelma COX. She enjoyed the card games and other activities as long as her health permitted.

(Thanks to Marion Cox for the information above.)

The *Spotlight* 5, 3 (Mar. 1976) welcomed Mrs. Mayes as a new resident of GPH. It states briefly that she was born in Tay Twp. and had lived in Barrie for a number of years. She belonged to the Women's Institute; enjoyed knitting and playing cards; and helped with missions and bazaars at her church.

A 1976 *Examiner* photo shows Mrs. Mayes with four-year old Jamie Clipsham of Shanty Bay at the Christmas Tea and Bazaar. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976).

Finally, Mrs. Mayes' daughter Marion boarded at Alice LOUGHEED'S and was the bridesmaid at Betty's Lougheed's marriage to Bert Maw.

GPH: 03/1976; —C46

MCCLEARY, Helen

21/12/1917–28/09/1978

Mrs. McLeary's birthday is noted in the *Spotlight*, Nov. 1976.

A tongue-in-cheek report in the *Spotlight* 6, 7 (July 1977) states that on Sat. June

25th "several residents lost their week's earnings [in a GPH outing] at the Barrie Racetrack," namely Mr. [Arthur] ROOTS, Mr. [Reg] STREET, Mrs. MCCLEARY, Mr. [William] EDWARDS, Mrs. [Peggy] COTTHAM, and Mr. [Isaac] CARRUTHERS. The report concludes with this advice: "We learned that you cannot place your bet *only* on the head or the tail but you must bet on the *whole* horse in order to win."

Church: St. Aidens Anglican Church, Toronto.

GPH: by 11/1976

MCCONKEY, Mrs. Charlotte

04/12/1889–14/11/1974

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) introduces Mrs. McConkey with the following brief note:

> Mrs. Charlotte McConkey came from Stroud and was a neighbour of Mrs. CONSTABLE. She has no children. Her husband was councillor for Innisfil Township for many years. Life was busy on their farm, but she found time to take part in the activities of the Eastern Star and was Past Patron of that lodge.

The Spotlight 2, 1 (Dec. 1972) gives her birthday as Dec. 7.

There is an *Examiner* photo of Mrs. McConkey with David Johnson on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of GPH. The article says that she is GPH's newest resident. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1973).

Church: United Church, Stroud.

GPH: fall 1972

MCCORMACK, Mrs. Edith

16/05/????–27/02/1973

The Spotlight 1, 7 (May 1972) notes her birthday.

GPH: before 05/1972

MCCUAIG, Henry

04/11/1882–23/06/1976

He was a brother of Jessie LOVE and it was his advice that brought her to GPH, according to Lillian Barrowclough. His birthday is noted in *The Spotlight* 1, 12 (Nov. 1972). In 1924 Mr. McCuaig married Annie McKay; they had no children. He was an uncle of Barrie Mayor Janice Laking, whose father was a younger brother Duncan.

For the McCuaig family tree see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 244–250 and especially p. 250.

Church: United Church, Hawkestone.

GPH: before 11/1972

MCCUAIG, Mrs. Susan

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Mrs. M. moved from GPH.

GPH: 1973?

MCDONALD, Mr. Charlie

1876–??

B. in Vellore, ON. The brief biography in *The Spotlight*, 2, 3 (Jan. 1973), states that he married Clara Devins, a distant relative of Cora DEVINS. As a young man he went West to homestead in what was later Saskatchewan. After 40 years he returned to Ontario and farmed for another 30 years.

Mr. M. was an elder for many years in the Presbyterian Church.
GPH: 01/1973

MCDONALD, Mary *Johnstone*
21/06/1901–01/08/1990*

B. Dumfrieshire, Scotland. Her mother died when she was 11 months old; she was raised by maternal grandparents. They owned a large dairy farm and felt that they were more able to provide for her. Then her grandfather died when she was 4 or 5, before she went to school.

Her grandmother was very strict and saw to it that she had a good education. This was unusual for farm children in those days, especially for girls.

Mrs. McD. emigrated to Canada in 1926 with her husband Robert and two young sons, Richard and Robert. Mary and Robert had four more children, all girls: Flora, Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth ("Bette").

She was involved at First Baptist Church in Barrie for many years; after a move to Churchill she led the choir at Lefroy United for nine years. Son Richard was killed in WWII; Mr. McDonald died in 1977.

Mrs. M. endeared herself to staff and residents at GPH. A grandson married Elsie COTTON'S niece.

Mary told this story about the "power of God."

> In about 1922 there was an open-air religious meeting at Crossroads, Scotland, where a Mr. Porters, together with his wife—missionaries, was the preacher. They had a trailor which they took from town to town. As they were meeting, "Black" Douglas,—a local man with a black beard who drank all he earned and whose family was destitute, came riding by on his bicycle. He stopped for a moment. The preacher asked him to come and join the group to find some help. He responded, "I'll go to hell before I join you _____!" He rode off. Shortly afterwards the ambulance went by; then the police. They found "Black" Douglas dead in a ditch on the way to his home. He didn't appear to have fallen from his bicycle.

Her children recalled that, in Mary as mother, they got music, good food and a big dose of Baptist religion.

I knew Will Thompson, Mary's son-in-law (m. Bette), before I knew Mary. Will sang in the King Edward Choir, as I did. Ellen Heikkila, the Director of Nursing, and Diane Ferrier, from the S.E. Programme, sang in the Choir at that same time.

Bette has told me that her mom was an avid reader all her life and would buy boxes of books at rummage sales.

The *Examiner*, Dec. 24, 1986, published a photo of Mary, along with her recollections of Christmases past. The same article includes contributions from Dorothy FARQUHARSON about Christmas in Charlottetown.
GPH: 06/02/1986—B34/O95

MCELROY, Joyce Alene *Dane*
25/08/1925–23/10/1991*
B. in Midland.

She married John A. McElroy, an electrician, and they had four children: Dane (m. Wendy), of Vancouver; John (m. Vera), of Collingwood; Tom, of Calgary; and Bonnie, of Barrie. The family moved to Barrie and they built a house on the east side of #93, north of Georgian Dr.

Joyce was a person of great caring: on Nov. 1, 1967 Mr. E. died at age 42 and she

was left with the four children to raise. Nevertheless, when her sister Pat died in 1975, David and Craig Lemaitre, her children, came to live with her and her children. Then, her father lived with them until his death in 1977. Mrs. E. had the help of good neighbours: the Suttons, Smiths, Reids, Zimmermans. David Lemaitre (m. Jenny) lives in Orillia; Craig (m. Elizabeth) lives in Alcona Beach.

GPH was built in 1968 and she went to work there part-time and then, later, fulltime. She walked the three miles to work; she was a conscientious and dedicated employee—she achieved a 20-yr. GPH pin.

At her funeral service at Nicholls Funeral Home in Midland I said that "upon this kind of commitment rests our society: unsung heroes and heroines who, at passing, do not make "the National" on CBC but who are responsible for our examples of love, commitment, responsibility and honesty."

Mrs.E. was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Midland; then of St. Andrews Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 28/03/1990—A13

MCFALL, Mrs. Mary *Miller*

28/04/1898–29/11/1978

The Spotlight 2, 1 (Dec. 1972) introduces Mrs. McFall with the following brief biography:

> Mrs. McFall was born in Markham and lived there until she was seven years old. Her ancestors were Dutch and chose to leave Philadelphia to live under British rule in Markham township. Her maiden name was Miller, which she feels was probably a variation of Mueller. She was the third eldest of a family of 12 children.
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> After moving from Markham she lived in Toronto until her retirement. A summer home at Gilford Beach was winterized and she lived there until she came to Barrie five years ago.
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> She was never idle because she filled her days with sewing, hooking rugs and quilting. For many years she worked for Holt-Renfrew doing alterations.
>
> Mrs. McFall has two children—a boy and a girl as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that Mrs. McFall visited her daughter, "Mrs. Ken Gardner at Gilford Beach" at Christmas that year.

An *Examiner* photo, dated Apr. 19, 1975, shows Mrs. "Mame" McFall and Elizabeth GAULEY working on decorations for a fashion show at GPH. GPH Scrapbook 1 (1975).

Children: Clarence, of Dwight; June (m. Gardiner), of Gilford.

GPH: 11 or 12/1972

• MCIVER or MACIVER, Mrs.

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Recalled by Jean James. She was the sister of Mary SMITH. After the death of her sister, her family moved Mrs. McIver back to the U.S.A.

GPH: 1968

MCKAY, Devina "Vina" *Patton*

24/11/1914–18/10/1991

B. in Dundee, Scotland.

She came to Canada via NY in 1948—and endured the heat there in a 3-piece tweed suit. Her husband's family had immigrated to Canada, and had lived near

Wallaceburg, but returned to Scotland after being flooded out twice. Ten of the family went back.

Mrs. M. knew her husband from age 3 or 4. Following marriage they lived at Broom, near Markham, then had their first home in the Hockley Valley—her husband worked in security at A.V. Roe at Malton. He lost his job when the Avro Arrow was cancelled.

Then they moved to Alliston where he was a policeman for 16 yrs. Mr. M. was a lay preacher in the Presbyterian Church.

There is one son, Stuart, lives in Campbell River BC.

Mrs. M. was back to Scotland in 1986.

The *Examiner*, Apr. 7, 1982, published a photo of Mrs. M. at a concert of the Cressex School band. Another *Examiner* photo, dated June 25, 1986, shows Mrs. McKay addressing the haggis on Robbie Burns Day. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 15/02/1978—A29

MCKEE, Mrs. Margaret

03/12/1887–28/10/1978

Mrs. M. lived in Toronto most of her life. *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted: "Mrs. Margaret McKee expects to visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and their families (sic) for the holidays at their home on Lake Simcoe."

Children: Kathleen (m. Russell Smith), of Barrie; William F., of Sydney, N.S.

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: 03 or 04/1973

MCKENZIE, Ethel *Kell*

07/09/1901–29/07/1994

B. near Churchill, ON; one of nine children, of which she was in the middle.

Her mother died at 62 and she was "like a mother" to four younger siblings.

Mrs. M. met her husband at school in Cookstown—he went there to school from Thornton. They married on 07/09/29 and moved to Toronto, to Mimico, then New Toronto, where she kept a house even after her move to GPH. Her husband died after 60 yrs. of marriage; he had worked for Goodyear.

Mrs. M.'s father was active in the Methodist Church at Churchill and that was an influence upon her. She had a "conversion experience" after a relapse of the mumps when she was 33 and her daughter was 3 mos. old. She gained a sense of the presence of God.

For 57 yrs. she was a member of Century United Church, Toronto (minister: Bob Nichols). Mrs. M. was also active in the WCTU.

The McKenzies had three children: Gordon (Bramalea); Doug (Egbert); Joyce. Mrs. M. was a sister-in-law of Hazel KELL and Clarisse LANGDON; a cousin of Lila HALBERT; and a friend of Lois STURGEON from childhood.

Mrs. McKenzie was a contributor to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 2—"Family Heirloom"; vol. 3—"Early Days of Cherry Creek Home"; "Early Life on the Kell Farm."

There is an *Examiner* photo that shows Mrs. McKenzie with Hazel KELL and Robert Kell, published on Apr. 29, 1991 on the occasion of the re-enactment of a wedding 100 years ago by the Innisfil Historical Society. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/12/1991—A25

MCMASTER, Mary *Coutts*

02/03/1909–22/10/1998

B. at Midhurst, where there were two large families by the name of Coutts.

Her gd.-father Duncan immigrated from Scotland. Mary's parents moved to Newton Robinson: so she knew Lila HALBERT, Estelle WIGGINS, and Mary LENNOX there. She moved back with sadness—she thought at the time that there was no place like Newton Robinson!—but the McMasters enjoyed 47 years at the village of Utopia.

Their place at Utopia was bought by the Conservation Authority and her husband worked for it. Then the Supervisor lived in their home. They moved from there to 125 Wellington St. but went back for their 50th wedding anniversary in Feb. 1986. Mr. McMaster died later that year.

Mrs. M. was christened Presbyterian but attended the Methodist Sunday School in Newton Robinson. (This church was United after church union in 1925.) After the move to Utopia she went to the Anglican church, where she did everything but preach! In Barrie she was a member of Central United Church.

Mary had two sons, Doug (m. Barbara Philips) and Don (m. Sharon Patton) and a daughter, Diane (m. Bill Grant).

Mr. McMaster had a cousin, Ethel McMaster (m. Frank Garvey) in Meaford: I went to school with the Garveys' daughter, Star! So we had a connection!

Mary was a ball player in her day and at GPH was still an avid fan of the sport. She played for a team at the Scotch Settlement; she usually pitched. There were no organized leagues in those days but teams used to compete at tournaments. Mary and her family made a lot of friends at ball diamonds.

Other community involvements included seventeen years as Sec.-Treas. of the Utopia Community Centre.

Mary was a good friend of Polly ELLIOTT. The McMasters and Elliotts were neighbours at the 125 Wellington St. apts. She knew Chris Flynn—who works in the GPH S.E. Programme—from childhood because Don Shannon, uncle to Chris, played ball in Ivy.

In 1991 she mentioned that she had changed doctors, after 51 (!) years with Dr. Smith.

Mary was an outgoing, friendly person with a great knowledge of this area, community-spirited and kind.

There are photos of Mary and Gilbert and their family in Bernice Coutts Patterson, *Family Tree of Duncan Coutts & Margaret McHardy* (2nd ed., 1996), pp. 80–82.

GPH: 15/04/1991—M87

• MCMASTER, William

1884–1969

Mr. McMaster married Florence Edna Marwood (1895–1963) and they had five children: Lillian (m. Irvin Watson; Tottenham area); Yvonne (m. John Pile); Wilma (m. Wm. Whitelock); Elizabeth ("Betty") (m. Roy Griffin); Bruce (m. Doris Way).

Mr. McMaster was an uncle of Mary SCOTT. His mother was Mary Jane Sproule; Mary Scott's grandmother was Lavina Sproule, Mary Jane's sister.

Lillian Barrowclough recalled him: he said you could remember his name from the University of the same name.

GPH: 1968

MCMILLAN, Mrs. Olga

05/08/1899–08/06/1977

The Spotlight 1, 9 (July 1972) welcomed Mrs. MacMillan as a new resident.

Church: attended Collier St. United.
GPH: 06 or 07/1972

MCMULLEN, Mrs. Joy
15/10/1896–10/05/1981
Church: United.
GPH: 22/11/1979—B30/C49

MCNABB, Cora *Fralick*
06/09/1903–

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 has 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: Jean (m. LeBlevec) who, in turn, has a daughter Nancy LeBlevic-Philley (m. Shawn) with children Lauren and Taylor, and a son Bob (m. Sue) with children Paul and 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. (I may mention that I know the Farringtons through Ruby Drake, James' grandmother.)

Mrs. McNabb has two sisters and a brother still living: Alice Stewart of Orillia, Ardell Burns of Elmvale, and Joe of Minesing.

Cora is a lifetime member of the Women's Institute of Elmvale 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

MCNAUGHT, Margaret ("Peggy") *Alison*
05/06/1915–

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 Carlisie 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 have a great time with Peggy, since they are all from Scotland. There are lots of reminiscing and stories when they are together.

GPH: 01/06/1998

••? MCPHERSON, Mrs. Rose
16/10/1887–12/08/1974
Mrs. McPherson's birthday is noted in the first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971.
Church: St. Mary's Roman Catholic.
GPH: by 10/1971

MCQUADE, Mildred
10/09/1909–27/11/1997
B. in Barrie; parents: Charles McQuade and Philemon ("Phylis") *Dasheau* .
She was the second of nine children: Robert, Mildred, Florence (m.: Wright), Ethel (m. Scott), Ella (m. Gauthier), Wallace, Eunice (m. McLeod), Roberta, and Beatrice.
She was 13 when the family moved into 80 Burton Ave., a house that stayed in the family for 70 yrs. Miss M. went to Sunday School at Burton Ave. Methodist, then United Church. She knew Orville ARNOLD as a child and her sister Ella is named after his mother.
She also knew Reta SUTTON as a school mate and as a co-Girl Guide. Miss M. related the following story about herself and Reta. They were at a museum in Toronto during a trip to a big Girl Guide meeting. A woman left a baby with them, specifically with Mildred, while she used a washroom. It was a long wait. Miss M. asked herself, "What would my mother think?" The woman went to the washroom *and then to lunch* before returning—she saw their uniforms and thought her longer absence would be OK!
Mildred moved to Toronto and worked there for the Department of Indian Affairs in a civil service job and then returned to Barrie. One of her sisters and her husband had a cottage on Colpoys Bay and Miss M. used to spend time in the summers up there.
Miss M. did very fine handiwork.
At GPH she was involved in all aspects of resident life. At the time of her death she had been at GPH some 13 yrs. and was something of a "matriarch" of the institution. She had become involved in the "Recollections Group" after Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON started it and helped in the process of publication of the three volumes of *Tales of Yesteryear*. Indeed, vol. 3 would not likely have appeared without her interest and work.
The stories she contributed are: vol. 1: "Two Sisters Trip from Williamsburg to Norfolk, 1956" (with Eunice McLeod); ""The Day My Little Sister Was Missing"; "Blue Mountain Pottery"; vol. 2—"My Working Years"; "Rainbow Lodge"; "Our Memorable Trip to Churchill, Manitoba"; "Our Cow Daisy"; vol. 3—"Entertainment in the 'Olden Days'"; "Our Rained Out Picnic"; "Our Little White House."
In our many conversations Miss M. did not talk about her career. Rather, what was important to her was her family, the house on Burton Ave., her friends and her crafts. She looked forward to family gatherings with anticipation.
On Mary 27, 1990 the *Examiner* published a large colour photo of Miss McQuade on the front cover of "Senior Scene."
The *Examiner*, Nov. 4, 1993, published another fine, large colour photo of Miss McQuade with Margaret BALL and Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, on the occasion of the book launch of *Tales of Yesteryear*. See Eleanor Johnston's album. Finally, Donna Danyluk wrote a story about Miss McQuade entitled "Telling tales out of school a treat for Grove Park residents" and published in the *Examiner* on Sat., May 4, 1996. The story preceded the book launch of vol. 3 of *Tales of Yesteryear*. See GPH Scrapbook 2.
GPH: 20/08/1984—M71

MCQUAY, Mrs. Dorothy
26/06/1903–
Church: Presbyterian.
GPH: ??: moved 31/08/1979

MCREYNOLDS, Ada Beatrice ("Dolly") *Channon*
14/12/1892–20/08/1990
B. London, England; her father was a goldsmith. She had two brothers and two sisters—two older, two younger.

She met her husband John Galway McR. in WWI: he was a soldier who, with his brother, had gone earlier to Canada. They married and came to Canada.

Mrs. McReynolds had three children: Jack; Don; and a daughter Doris who died of cancer at age 40. Four years before the loss of her daughter her husband had died, at age 62.

The McReynolds lived in Toronto, near the Danforth. Her son was at Base Borden so she moved to GPH where she had previously visited with her daughter-in-law to play cards.

I always associate the following story with Mrs. McR. because it takes us back to a time quite remote from our experience and shows how much the world changed during her lifetime.

> Dolly recalled that in 1916 she was returning to her home to 14 St. Paul's Rd., Canonbury, London N1 from her sister's on Liverpool Rd. at 10 P.M. She was on a bus going from Highbury Rd. to Essex Rd. along St. Paul's; got off at "St. Paul's turning" with a premonition. She looked up and saw a Zeppelin: it was like "a long silver cigar," following above the bus. Dolly didn't know what it was at the time but found out afterwards that something had hit a tobacconist's shop down the street, setting it on fire and killing the owner and his wife. Beyond Essex Rd. it dropped bombs on the Red Lion Pub. When she got home her father was quite anxious.

The house at 14 St. Paul's Rd. was still standing when Dolly made her last trip to England.

GPH: 15/11/1983—B40

MEADOWS, Elizabeth ("Beth") *Turff*
12/04/1903–30/08/1998
Mrs. M. enjoyed cooking and told me stories of of making kidney pie in England during the War. She is a card player: she liked bridge and used to play a game called "Spite and Malice" with Norman BARTLETT.

Mrs. Meadow's only daughter (m. Robert Wallace) lives in Alexandria, VA. Trips there were always eagerly anticipated.

At GPH Mrs. M. was recognized as a poet and contributed stories and poetry to *Tales of Yesteryear*, volumes 1–3. It was her custom to compose poems in her mind while lying awake at night. Some of these she shared with us at social functions at GPH.

Beth contributed various stories and poems to *Tales of Yesteryear* vol. 1– "Holidays at Orr Lake"; "Our Daily Bread"; "Tornado"; "Neighbours!"; vol. 2– "Pets"; "Aboard the *S.S.Chomedy* "; vol. 3–"Growing Up Around the Church"; "Card Games"; "Boston Baked Beans"; "Valentines"; "Canadian National Exhibition 1908"; "Florida";"Salute to Our Volunteers"; "Dr. Eleanor Robinson." In her story about the family cottage at Orr Lake she tells us about how she and Ernie renewed acquaintances with Edith *Gilmore* THOMPSON after a lapse of about sixty-five years.

The *Spotlight*, Nov.-Dec. 1994, printed the following poem Beth wrote:

November

November is a dreary month
That is all I can say
But skiers are all happy
'Cause snow is on the way.

Junior drags out his old sleigh
He's thinking of the fun
That soon he will be having
Sliding down the old ski run.

The skates are being sharpened
All ready for the ice
And Santa is getting busy
Checking all things twice.

Dad looks at his old snow tires
Hopes they'll last the season
And Mom gets out the toques and mitts
To keep the kids from freezing.

Youth is such a happy time
So full of expectations
But winter to we older folks
Is just an aggravation.

A much longer poem, entitled "My Home and Native Land," appeared in the *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1995; "27th Anniversary" and "Time Marches On" appeared in the Sept.-Oct. 1995 issue. A photo of Mrs. Meadows was published in the *Examiner* on May 20, 1995. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Church: St. George's Anglican.

GPH: 01/10/1981—B34—29/05/1982 and from 25/05/1987

MEADOWS, Ernest ("Ernie")

22/04/1902–25/12/1989

B. in Woodbine-Kingston Rd. area of Toronto and lived much of his life around St. John's Norway Church. Both his parents and Elizabeth's are buried there. Indeed, he met Elizabeth at St. John's. They were married there on a very rainy day in 1927.

Mr. M. worked at a bank and then in finances. He collapsed in 1957 at the age of 52 of an undiagnosed disease. They went to Florida for ten years, where they owned an apartment house in Sarasota. They returned to Canada, to Windsor because Elizabeth's mother needed care; then they came to the Barrie area. Their son-in-law has worked for the FBI for thirty years in Washington, DC.

The Meadows were members at St. George's Anglican Church in Barrie.

Ernie and Elizabeth came to live at GPH in 1982 but then moved to an apartment for four years before coming back again in 1987.

The *Barrie Advance* published a photo on Oct. 26, 1988 of Ernest and Elizabeth on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/10/1981—B34–29/05/1982 and from 25/05/1987

MEINKE, Lily *Windle*

15/08/1906–16/12/1995

B. in Hamilton and spent her whole life there; her sister is Ivy DICK. Her father built a house in a new area, just outside the city: they had an orchard in their back yard. Hers was a happy childhood.

Mrs. M. worked for Hyslop and Co. and met her husband, nine yrs. her senior, there. Ernie was in sales. They were married in 1930. He worked for a dairy for some yrs.; finally for a hardware store.

Lily returned to work—wives *did not work* outside the home in the 1930s—at Moody Co.,which made underwear.

For seven winters she went to Florida and four times visited friends in Tennessee. In the latter state she worshiped with a Church of Christ in Maynardville.

In Hamilton she worshiped with St. Stephen's (Anglican) Church on the Mount.

GPH: 13/08/1993—O97

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, at teacher at the High School there. A year after their marriage he began working for the Federal Gov't and had head-quarters 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 muscial 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 saxaphone. 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

• MERRICK, Ethel Isabel *Cooper*

20/02/1880–10/1976

The Spotlight, 1, 5 (Mar. 1972) offers congratulations on the occasion of Mrs. Merrick's birthday:

> Mrs. J.W. Merrick, one of the first residents of Grove Park Home, celebrated her 92nd birthday on February 20. Mrs. Merrick was born in Cookstown and moved to Barrie at the age of 18. Here she learned the millinery trade and worked in

> several stores until she was married in 1905. A twin sister and two sons, both married, live in Toronto.
>
> Among the many good wishes from friends at Grove Park was a letter of congratulations from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans.

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that she was a twin; it also states that her son Lewis of Toronto had visited on Mother's Day; issue 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) records that both sons, Lewis and Harvey W.—also of Toronto, were present to celebrate her 95th birthday. *The Spotlight* 3, 6 (Apr. 1974) notes the death of the wife of Mrs. Merrick's younger brother, Joseph Cooper, of Edmonton. Finally, *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) has a brief biography of Mrs. Merrick:

> On February 20, 1880 two girls were born to a family in Innisfil Township. Ethel came to Barrie as a young woman of 18 to learn millinery. She worked as a milliner until she married Mr. J.W. Merrick in 1905.
> Mrs. Merrick was kept busy looking after her two sons, Lewis who is now a pharmacist living in Willowdale, and Harvie who is a retired Superintendent of Agencies, Confederation Life Insurance, Toronto. She was active in work at Collier United Church.
> Mr. Merrick became a tailor and the people of the town of Barrie had high regard for his workmanship.
> Mr. and Mrs. Merrick lived for many years at 34 McDonald Street.

The *Spotlight* 5, 2 (Feb. 1976) noted a visit to GPH by the "Louisa Lewis unit" of Collier St. United Church. An African violet was presented to Mrs. Merrick on the occasion of her 96th birthday. It goes on to state that Mrs. Merrick had been a member of that group from the time she came to Barrie, "over 50 years ago." At that time the group was known as "The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church."

GPH: 05/1968

MICHAEL, Anna Kathleen *Kenny*

09/07/1897–14/11/1989

B. Crown Hill; one of eight children; christened in the Anglican Church but went to Sunday School at the Methodist.

She took nurse's training in Peterborough and then went to Detroit in 1920. There she married and lived for more than 50 years. After her husband's retirement they came to Barrie. Mrs. M. got her last cheque as a nurse at age 70. Their house was at Letitia and Sunnidale Rd. She was widowed in 1987.

Mrs. M. said lots of people were going to Detroit in 1920: Richard ARMSTRONG went too, unbeknownst to her.

Nickname: "Kenny."

Church: Trinity Anglican.

GPH: 01/10/1987—A2

MICKS, Mildred *Wright*

29/05/1910–

B. near Bobcaygeon. Her mother was a Beatty (Beaty?) and their farm was near Dunsford. This farm is now in the 5th generation of that family. Mrs. M. has one brother, three yrs. older, who is out West, where he was a regional manager for Canada Dry; a sister, Gwen (m. Drummond) lives in Holland, MB.

Mrs. M.'s 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 remembers Venn, Watrous and Saskatoon, SK. At Venn she recalls 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. M. 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. M.'s father died of diabetes at age 39. Her mother remarried but died of lockjaw at age 57 after stepping on a rusty nail.

Mrs. M. recalls 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. M. died in 1976 or 1977 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.

Mrs. M. has one son, Harold, who worked for Thorncrest Ford and then eventually had his own business in Barrie, namely Bay City Motors on Bradford St.

In Barrie Mrs. Micks is a member of Collier St. United Church.

GPH: 02/12/1997—M71

MILLER, Edith

07/09/1896–29/10/1986

Mrs. Miller's step-daughter, Jean McFarlane, lived at New Hamburg at the time Mrs. M. came to GPH.

Church: United Church at Minesing.

GPH: 11/10/1983—B30

MILLER, Miss Frances

28/09/1908–07/01/1989

B. on the Niagara Peninsula; with two brothers and a sister she lived on a farm near Hamilton.

Miss Miller taught school in Hamilton and Toronto. She was much involved in setting up libraries in schools in the early 1970s and also devoted her energies to Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville.

She travelled widely, with others or alone; in a van from Alaska to Texas; by steamer once from Montreal to Trinidad; to England.

In the 1970s Frances was a member of the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ in Toronto and I knew here there. She was a long-time friend of Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON and Phyllis WHITE.

GPH: 21/01/1984—M79

MILLER, James Alexander

20/10/1890–20/02/1979

B. in Medonte Twp.; he had two brothers and five sisters. Mr. Miller married Frances Elizabeth Minnikin. They lived in Medonte Twp. and moved to Vespra Twp.; then later to Essa Twp. and finally to Barrie. They were farmers all through the years.

They had four children: Reg, of Sundridge; Maurice, of Barrie; Marion (m.

Clifford Harris), who farms at RR 2 Barrie; Emory (m. Beverly Miller), also of RR 2 Barrie. Emory operates Emory Miller Limited, Realtor. Reg and Maurice are deceased, prior to 1999. Maurice owned Maurice Miller Lumber Co.

Church: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 02 or 03/1978

MILLWARD, Mrs. Irene

21/09/1896–??

The Residents' Council minutes for Oct. 7, 1983 note that Mrs. Millward was elected to the Council. The *Spotlight* for Sept.–Oct. 1984 notes Mrs. Millward's birthday.

Discharged to the Hospital 02/11/1984.

Church: Collier St. United, Barrie.

GPH: 23/04/1982—B30/A7

MILNE, Harry

17/08/1900–24/01/1991

B. in Barrie, the youngest of the six children of Alexander Milne and Jane Hodgins. Two siblings died of diptheria, one of scarlet fever (?), one in WWI—the oldest, 17 yrs. his senior, was the other survivor. From an early age Mr. M. was associated with his father (d. 1922) and older brother in the firm of Alex Milne & Sons, Merchant Tailors & Mens Furnishings, which was founded by Alexander Milne in 1886.

In the 1930s Mr. Milne went to work with A.E. Smith's Furniture, which in the early 1960s was taken over by Eatons. Following a period as Manager there, he retired and until 1984 worked for Clark's Home Furnishing & Appliances. At the time of his final retirement, Mr. M. had the distinction of being the merchant who had been on Barrie's main street for the longest time.

Mr. Milne married Edith Curtis (d. 1975). They had six children: five daughters and one son. Ted Long of RVH, m. to Mary, is a son-in-law; two children are in Toronto, one in Midland, one in St. Catharines.

The Milne house—for 52! years—was at Owen and Sophia Sts.

Mr. M. was a long-time member of an informal group of seniors called "The Senate," of which he was the Chair. It met at Jackson's Grill, the Canadiana, and Grandma Lee's. He was on the Arena Commission in the 40s and 50s, an ardent basefall and hockey fan and enjoyed curling and lawn bowling. He was intensely interested in all aspects of life in Barrie. Mr. Milne told me that he was "born into St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and just stayed."

The *Examiner*, Mar. 2, 1989, published a photo of Mr. Milne with Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON. They were Winter Carnival King and Queen that year. See Eleanor Johnston's photo album or GPH Scrapbook 2. In the fall of that year Mr. Milne appeared in an *Examiner* photo published on Oct. 30 with Mayor Janice Laking and MPP Bruce Owen on the occasion of the burying of a time capsule at Memorial Square. See GPH Scrapbook 2. Finally, The *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. Milne and other members of "The Senate" in 1990: see GPH Scrapbook 2—"Men's Club Has Been Meeting For 17 Years."

In the spring of 1991 Mr. Milne's grandchildren planted a tree in his memory in Fred Grant Square.

GPH: 08/09/1988—O99

MILNE, Jessie *Donward*

23/08/1892–17/06/1988

B. near Dundee; four brothers and two sisters.

Came to Canada in 1908, to SK—near Tisdale where a deceased brother had a farm. It was a difficult transition from the city to the undeveloped Canadian West. Finlay Milne's farm was next door: they met and married.

The Milnes had two children. They moved to another little SK town—Valparaiso—where her husband worked for Imperial Oil and they had a post office for 35 yrs. Mr. M. died in 1955 and Mrs. M. came to Barrie to live with her granddaughter, Shirley Harper.

A newspaper photo and article on the occasion of Mrs. Milne's 90th birthday adds some details to what has just been given. It says that she started working in a factory at age 14 and worked from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. except on Saturdays, when they quit at noon. Also in the newspaper photo are her daughter, Isobel Clements, granddaughter Shirley Harper—a GPH volunteer, and Jayne Gratrix, who was a former employee at GPH. Another photo—published in the *Examiner*, July 27, 1984—shows Mrs. Milne at a pet show at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 16/11/1983—M73

MITCHELL, Jack

04/10/1929–

B. in Cobourg; he has one brother. He was a police officer in Toronto when he met his wife Joan.

The Mitchells live on Cynthia Ct., the next crescent west of ours—Roslyn Rd.—off Rose St.

Daughter: Carol (m. Arthofer); granddaughter, Monica.

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 it 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

MONTEITH, Elsie *Edwards* HANDY

15/08/1901–01/05/1995*

B. in England. Her mother died in childbirth with her sixth child: two children were sent to Canada with Dr. Barnardo's Homes; two were placed in school by the same agency; one was put up for adoption; the youngest, a baby, was raised by gd.-parents.

So it was that Elsie came to Canada in 1913 at the age of 12. They came by boat to St. John's—250 girls and 250 boys. The two sisters were placed with two families of Wallwins—she with Forest Wallwin—at Barrie, on the 4th (?) and 7th lines. Her sister had a difficult time and ran away; she was placed with a family at Hillsburgh who put her through for a teacher.

In 1950 a brother and sister came from England to visit Elsie, who then got photos of her mother, the children and her maternal gd.-parents.

Elsie had two daughters with Mr. Handy and then, with justification, began divorce proceedings against him in 1928 and obtained this in 1933. Mrs. M. kept house for two brothers and a sister on a farm. The Brown boys—Lawrence and Bill—came to look upon Elsie as their mother.

Dr. Bill LITTLE was the doctor who attended to her second husband when he died.

Mrs. M. was a person who managed her life, who didn't let circumstances determine her destiny: when the family with which her one daughter was living moved to Peterborough, she went too and got a job as a cook in a restaurant to be near her.

Elsie moved to GPH from a little house near the railway tracks in Minesing. (She had worked nearby at Springwater Park.) As the *Spotlight* , Aug.-Sept., 1980 noted, she had already been coming as a S.E. participant. At the time of the note she had just begun.

At GPH she was a source of great fun: at Winter Carnival she would dress up as a police officer—she arrested me an put me "in jail" about the first year I was here.

She did various hand crafts which she entered in the Barrie Fair. Toward fall Elsie knitted socks and mitts for her gd.-children and would take them with her on the bus to Kingston.

The *Examiner*, June 11, 1982, published a photo of Elsie on the occasion of her receiving a ten-year membership pin with the To Get Together Club. Also in the photo is Bea Tideman, who came to GPH with the S.E. Programme. A later photo, published in the *Examiner* on Mar. 19, 1987, shows Elsie with May Court Club members Dorothy Smith, Barb Rising, Irene Roach, and Beth Hall at a GPH Tea for volunteers. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

The *Spotlight*, July-Aug. 1986, reported that Elsie sent four items—a crochetet baby sweater, a knitted baby sweater, a crocheted doily and a pair of knitted socks—to the handicraft exhibit at the CNE. It notes that this was the first time that a GPH resident had entered that contest.

Mrs. M. contributed the following items to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"The Life of Elsie Monteith"; vol. 2— "Picking Fruit on the Farm, 1914"; "Farm Animals"; "Hard Times"; "Midhurst in 1914."

Church: Midhurst United.

GPH: 03/05/1982—B40/B36/A35

MOORE, Mrs. Minnie

24/10/1898–

Mrs. M. was a textile designer and commercial artist. She lived at GPH for two weeks.

GPH: 05/12/1983(B38)–30/12/1983

MORRISON, Lily ("Lil") *Hayward*

08/03/1901–06/04/1989

B. in Hastings, England; one sister, two brothers. She had one daughter, Helen (m. Chuck Schock) in Barrie.

GPH: 17/01/1986—C40/B32

MORROW, Nelda *Hill*

14/09/1894–07/11/1989

B. in Toronto, in a large house, one of the few which had a toilet indoors at the time. Had a younger brother. Her parents also had a farm. She attended high school for one year, then had to quit to take care of "the books" in her father's business—this led to a course in a business college in Hamilton. Mrs. M. returned to her father's business.

She married her minister's brother but he was ill for several years so she was 29 at her marriage.

Her husband was a bus driver in Toronto; they moved to Buffalo where he did the same. They used to drive up on weekends to Barrie where they had three lots on Lake Simcoe. Upon his retirement they moved to one of those lots; when he died she stayed on in the cottage for a while and then came to GPH.

The *Examiner*, Mar. 29, 1986, published a photo of Mrs. Morrow and Mary Hutterer making an Easter cake. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 12/08/1976—A19/C55

MOWFORTH, Mrs. Adeline

09/01/1898–??

GPH: 09/01/1984—B38–02/1984 (moved to nursing home in Hillsdale)

MUCKLESTON, Mrs. Madeline

01/07/1897–19/03/1984

Mrs. M. lived for about six months at GPH.

GPH: 30/09/1983—B38

MUIR, Stella

28/07/1919–13/10/1999*

B. at RVH. She was the daughter of Robert and Daisy Muir and has 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

MULHOLLAND, Ethel *Lasher*

07/03/1908–06/01/1995

B. in Leamington, from which the family moved to Broadway Ave., Toronto, and then to Richmond Hill; one of three children, one of which—a sister—died while still

young. Her father died at age 63 of a heart attack.

Mrs. M. had wished to be a nurse but part-way into the course she contracted rheumatic fever. She went to Victoria and bought a house; her mother moved out and that is where she died.

After an illness she returned to Stroud where her mother had a house being built. The contractor's name was Mulholland, a widower with three sons. (The house is across from the plaza in Stroud.) They married: she was 40; he was 71: she didn't know her future husband's age until they got the wedding license! It was a happy marriage.

She was a member of Innisfil Pentecostal Church.

GPH: 10/07/1989—A33

MURDOCH, Ella *Ewen* LOGAN

25/05/1901–13/07/1997

B. Glasgow, Scotland; one of six children.

Married a man by the name of Logan; he died.

She remarried and came to Canada as a Murdoch, to Toronto and was left a widow while still young.

She lived on Mann Ave. near Bayview and Eglinton; had three Scottish terriers in succession, each named "Max."

Mrs. M. worked at various jobs, the last in a paint store: she said work was her "salvation." She was a member of Manor Ave. Presbyterian Church, where she enjoyed the bridge club. The Bayview Ave. Church of Christ is located only a block away from Mann Ave. and she asked me one time if I had been there when Pat Boone was. He visited the congregation one time he was in Toronto.

Mrs. M. had a cousin married to Ian Smith, prime minister (president?) of Rhodesia.

Sister-in-law Mamie EWEN also lived at GPH at the same time. Mrs. M. always requested as her favourite song at Bible Study "Jesus Loves Me."

She told the following story which was related to her by her brother Tom Ewen.

> I had a dream last night. I dreamed that I died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the gate and said to me, "I'm sorry, you can't come in: we're full. Where are you from?" I said, "Aberdeen." St. Peter said, "Okay, come right in. You're the first one we've had from there!"

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. M. on June 10, 1995, following her 94th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 01/04/1990—O97

MURPHY, Blanche *Toole*

05/11/1915–

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 Navy.

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, Mrs. Jane

18/05/1886–between 06 and 09/1976

Mrs. M. is noted in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in the summer of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

Church: United.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

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

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NEPEAN, Mrs. Elsie

01/08/1904–??

GPH: 05/06/1985—B32–08/1985 (transferred to Newmarket home)

NERPIN, Verna *Parnell*

18/10/1910–

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

NESBITT, Mary Elizabeth *Mayne*

28/09/1894–10/11/1992

B. at Waverly; one sister.

Her father was a carpenter in the village. Mrs. Nesbitt's mother died when she was young and she and her sister lived with grandparents until her father remarried. Her step-mother treated her well; there are no step-brothers or step-sisters.

Mrs. N. went to Toronto and worked for Simpson's in "correspondence," i.e. customer service. That employment took her to Regina for four years. After her return she worked for Simpson's in Barrie.

She married Arthur John N. and had two daughters, Margaret (m. Miller) and Dorothy (m. Faulkner)—Margaret has recently moved from Sidney, BC to Aurora ON.

The *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976) notes that Mrs. Nesbitt spent the "Festive Season" with her son-in-law and daughter, the Faulkners, in Mississauga. A "social note" the next month records a visit by Mrs. Nesbitt to her daughter, Mrs. Miller, in Thornton.

Member of Trinity Anglican Church, where she taught Bible classes to adults.

Mrs. N. lived to a great age; she used to say she wasn't too bad "for an old lady." She did speak of having "the creakies!"

GPH: 02/04/1975—C50

NEW, Elizabeth *Thompson*

29/07/1911–12/11/1993*

B. in Mars, PA. Mrs. New's gd.-father came from Scotland by way of Ireland with six adult children; her father was an accountant.

She was one of three children: her sister Mary served in Egypt and Iran with the Presbyterian Church and then was much involved at 5th Ave. Presbyterian Church in NYC; her brother John R. worked as a librarian in the Defense Dept. in Washington, DC.

Elizabeth was widowed in her 40s and then met William New at a church in FL. They married and lived in Toronto; he worked for the Post Office for nearly 50 yrs. Mr. N. had one son who died in 1977.

The News had a cottage in Honey Harbour and they retired there, then they lived at Imperial Towers in Barrie for almost 14 yrs. They were active travellers: Europe; across Canada; twenty-seven times to FL.

Mr. N. lived to be 99. They were active at Collier St. United Church: she was an elder there for 6 1/2 yrs. They had many friends at Collier, including Edith Chapman, Kay Porter and (Rev.) Doug and Ada Muir.

Elizabeth spoke of the tragic death of her sister, which took place when Elizabeth was 10. Her sister, six, was wearing a nightgown made of synthetic material. It caught fire when she got too close to the stove and she died as a result of her burns. Mrs. N. said that her mother "didn't come downstairs" for six months, so great was her grief.

Mrs. N. was a person of great determination, who could rally people around her to get things done. Even while ill she made a trip to Washington to see her brother. Corrie Giffen of GPH attended to her during that time.

Joan Decarie, her husband's niece, was also a help to Elizabeth, as well as the friends already mentioned.

Rev. Bill Fritz, Rev. Doug Muir, and I conducted the funeral service at Collier United Church.

Mrs. New appeared in an *Examiner* photo, published on May 30, 1992, with other GPH residents Bob EVANS, Mildred MCQUADE, Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, and S.E. participant Bea Tideman on the occasion of "Crazy Sneaker Day." See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 22/08/1990—O99

NEWTON, Florence *Gendron*

29/08/1917–

B. in Toronto: the family had moved there from Montreal. Her father worked for Sully (sp?) Brass. In her late teens she had TB.

Mrs. Newton's husband, Hugh, worked for Eaton's, downtown in Toronto. They had a cottage in Haliburton and later in life enjoyed winters in Florida.

Linda Ward Newton—see Vona WARD—is Mrs. Newton's daughter-in-law. Graham and Linda have two children, Robin and Kerry and live in Barrie.

GPH: 01/03/1995—M67

NICHOL, Elizabeth Dearwyne Walker *Patchel*

03/03/1896–08/03/1990

B. St. John, NB; youngest of 10 children.

Her father was a grocer. Her husband worked at MacaVatie brass foundry until he was 70; she was housewife and enjoyed bridge, quilting, cooking. Active in the Anglican Church—St. Paul's, Midhurst; Women's Auxiliary.

The Nichols came to Barrie in 1976 where a niece, Aline Holloway, had a "granny house" built for them; two years later Mr. N. died.

In the early part of her stay at GPH she displayed a keen sense of humour.

GPH: 07/11/1979—B36/A?

NOBLE, Mrs. Mary Ida

14/09/1895–25/03/1982

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. N. with Annie CONN at the 12th Anniversary Tea; it appeared May 6, 1980. Her obituary appeared in the *Examiner* on May 15, 1982 and states that she was born in Mulmar Twp. She married Samuel George N. on Dec. 10, 1918. They stayed on the family farm for several years, then farmed at Newton Robinson until 1951, when they retired to Barrie. They worshiped at Collier St. United Church.

Children: Ruth (m. W.J. Milligan) of Beeton; Keith, of Bradford.
See GPH Scrapbook 1 for both newspaper items.
GPH: 26/06/1979—B38/A16

NOLTIE, Eve *Whitney* DAWSON
14/08/1917–
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

NORRIS, Gwenneth ("Gwen"; "Wendy") TOMLIN
20/03/1921–11/09/1997
B. in New Westminster, BC; one brother, two sisters.
After going to UBC for two years she joined the army and was posted to Newmarket, ON, and met her first husband, Ann's (m. Tomlin) father. He was also in the army and they were posted all over Canada, settling in Toronto after WWII. He died in 1959.
Mrs. N. entered Teacher's College and embarked on a brief career as an elementary school teacher. In the early 1960s she joined the Federal Civil Service with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs at Sunnybrook Hospital. There she met her second husband Lew Norris. When he retired in 1973 they moved to Mahone Bay, NS: they travelled extensively, gardened and so on.
After eight years of marriage Mr. N. died and a few years after that Mrs. N. moved to ON. In 1992 the younger daughter, Betsy, died of cancer at age 41.
Mrs. N. lived in Thornbury and worshiped at St. Georges Anglican; also at St. James Fairmount and knew my cousin Brian Dinsmore; also the Lowe family of Meaford.
At GPH she manifested her indominable spirit. A deep love of music, nature and literature sustained her throughout her life. An accomplished pianist, she taught music in her home for many years. (These remarks are from Ann's eulogy.)
GPH: 29/09/1994

NORRIS, Mrs. Mary Ann ("Mae")
30/06/1904–27/04/1981
The *Barrie Banner*, May 13, 1980, published a photo of Mrs. N. at the GPH annual Family Picnic. See GPH Scrapbook 1.
Church: Central United, Barrie.
GPH: 10/01/1980—B34/A5

NOSEWORTHY, Mrs. Enid
14/06/1914–04/10/1995
Mrs. N. moved from GPH to Leisureworld, where she died.
GPH: 11/07/1995(—C59)–29/09/1995

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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

O'CONNER, Charles ("Gabby")
11/01/1902–04/03/1986
Mr. O'Conner was well-known in Barrie as a shoe salesman.
The *Examiner* published a photo and story on Nov. 28, 1983: "'Gabby' closes shop: After 50 years, O'Conner knows shoes." The story says that, after a few years in the grocery business, he worked at Neil's shoe store. Then in 1933 he bought out Vera Beardsall's shoe business and opened a half store front next to the Queen's hotel.
In 1948 his landlord wanted the Dunlop St. location—rent was $28/mo.—so Mr. O'Conner moved his business to the back of his Berczy St. house. His stock was in a shed, a garage, and throughout his house! And that was the way it was until 1983, when he moved to GPH.
Another article, published at the time of his death in the *Barrie Banner*, Mar. 7, 1986, says that Mr. O'Conner was predeceased by his six brothers, two sisters, and his wife Jean. It is accompanied by two photos: one of him and another of his Ideal Shoe Store on Dunlop St.
Children: Kenneth (m. Janet).
See GPH Scrapbook 1 for both articles.
Church: Trinity Anglican, Barrie.
GPH: 16/11/1983—M75

OGILVY, Miss Mary
29/05/1889–??
Miss O. moved from GPH.
Church: Roman Catholic.
GPH: ??

OKROS, Margit *Acs*
05/05/1920–
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 enjoys artwork, including drawing.
GPH: 15/12/1994—A33

• ORCHARD, Mr. Joseph
??–??
B. in Vespra Twp., son of Wesley O. and Ann H. Ronald. For details on the Orchard family see *A History of Vespra Township*, pp. 88–89. Wesley Orchard farmed the homestead at the south 1/2 Lot 7, Conc. 10, Vespra. Joseph's siblings were (Joseph), Mary, William, Ronald and Andrew. Two other siblings, Annie and Woodsworth died in an epidemic of diptheria in 1894.
The Spotlight 1, 11 (Sept. 1972) notes his birthday. Mr. Orchard occupied suite C39 according to Rittenhouse list #1. He had been a railroader.
GPH: 1968

• ORCHARD, Mrs.
??–??
Jean Bercovici recalled that the Orchards were early residents. Mrs. Orchard became ill soon after moving into GPH and died in the hospital.
GPH: 1968

ORROCK, Eva Evaline *Griffin*
13/04/1876–01/07/1973
Mrs. Orrock's obituary, published in the *Examiner* on July 3, states that she married Arthur Orrock and lists her children: Gladys (m. Malcolm), of Collingwood; Robert, of Barrie; Norma (deceased). Interment is at Union Cemetery.
The Orrock families of Midhurst appear in *Pioneer History of Midhurst* (Midhurst, ON: The Midhurst Historical Society 1975), pp. 97–98. There it says that Arthur O., the son of Robert—whose farm was Lot 9, Conc. 3, Vespra Twp., worked on the farm with his father until he bought a farm south of Barrie.
GPH: by 04/1972

ORSER, Anna May *Story*
26/06/1907–01/11/1995
B. in Pittsburgh; one sister.
The family moved to Midhurst and she went to school there with Mary MCMASTER.
She was married in 1927 and had four sons: Frank, Bill—who predeceased her, Melville, and Lorne. Initially the Orsers lived in Toronto; then they farmed for 25 yrs. at Brentwood. In 1961 they moved to Midhurst; then to Barrie about 1980. Mr. O. died 20/12/84.
They worshiped with the United Church and then, after their move to Barrie, with the Presbyterian Church.
GPH: 23/10/1995—O74

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: 04/091998

••? PARKER, Charles

28/09/??–??

The Spotlight 1, 11 (Sept. 1972) notes his birthday. Rittenhouse list #1 notes that Mr. Parker occupied suite C47.

GPH: before 07/1972

PARKER, Charlotte ("Lottie") Jane *McCauley*

05/08/1896–02/07/1997

B. at Thessalon, ON, where her parents lived on a farm. Mrs. P. was a stenographer in Sault Ste. Marie for three or four years before she married Ed Parker. The Parkers had no children. She used to crochet with her left hand and Nita (?) from the S.E. Programme finished off some work of hers.

The *Spotlight*, Apr.–May, 1980, noted that Lottie was a new S.E. participant.

"Lottie" was well-known by GPH residents and staff, with her twinkling eyes and jolly laugh. When she was about 90 an x-ray technician came to GPH with a portable x-ray machine to take a chest x-ray of Lottie. She was sitting up in bed, smiling, talking. She asked the technician, "If that turns out OK, would you send me a copy?"

GPH: 20/04/1983—B34

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

PARKER, Laura-Jean *Thompson*

03/12/1917–02/08/1998

B. on Manning Ave. in Toronto. Her family moved about in various locations in that part of the city. Mrs. Parker's father was a silversmith. She herself worked at Inglis and at Acme Screw.

Marriage came just before WWII: on Jan. 1, 1937 she married Melville Parker. Three children were born before the War: Lois (m. Cake), Peggy (m. Phillips), and Jim. Lois was just two and a half when Mr. Parker went to War. (Laura's father also enlisted: he gave authorities "the wrong age" and was in Europe for 18 months before that was discovered. He was then sent home!)

Her husband was seriously wounded at Dieppe and became a prisoner of war; he endured many surgical operations on his face.

After the War they lived in Weston in a "wartime" house and she went to church at St. David's Anglican. The children were christened at St. Jude's Anglican Church, in the Roncesvales and Dundas area.

Don was born after the War. He is a familiar face at GPH because he has done a lot of electrical work here over the years.

Mr. Parker died in 1984.

There were many family photos in Mrs. Parker's suite at GPH, which attests the importance of family in her life.

Interment: Beechwood Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 18/11/1994—A18

PARSONS, Doris *Fletcher*

25/08/1900–24/12/1996*

B. in Colbrookdale, the Midlands, England, to Ellen Bowden and Edmund F., the second eldest of seven children. Her father and gd.-father worked in the ironworks there.

Her father set sail for Canada after the Titanic sank (1912) and there was much weeping in the family lest his ship would sink too. After three months in Toronto, he sent for the family, which sailed on the Empress of Ireland. Mrs. P. recalled that she was sick all the way over, as well as on the train to Toronto.

(The Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence near Rimouski QC on May 29, 1914, with the loss of 1014 lives. There were 465 survivors. The ship sank in 14 minutes after being rammed by the Norwegian collier Storstad. Bodies were buried near Métis-sur-Mer. The captain of the *Storstad* was later held responsible for the disaster. See James Marsh, "Empress of Ireland," *The Canadian Encyclopedia* [2nd ed.; Edmonton: Hurtig 1988] II, 694.)

Mrs. Parson's father got a job with Massey-Harris and, with WWI, most of the family worked there too: Mrs. P. said that they could have called it Massey-Harris-Fletcher. At Massey-Harris Mrs. P. was exposed to many new experiences. She remembered the excitement of Yonge St. at the end of WWI, when streetcars could not move for the masses of people; flags were taken from the stores until they were locked up.

Marriage came on Dec. 30, 1923. The Parsons family were cabinet makers and carpenters. Mr. P. worked as an accountant; then as a optometrist. In the latter capacity they moved several times: Hamilton, Brantford, North Bay, and finally to Barrie in 1962. Here they opened a branch of Shorney's.

Though Mrs. Parson's eyesight was poor even earlier in her life, she was a reader. She served as President of the RVH Auxiliary and at one time knitted "booties" for all the children born over the holiday season. Mrs. P. enjoyed crafts; played the piano.

On June 9, 1976 Mr. P. died and ten years later Mrs. P. moved into GPH. We frequently talked.

Life has its amazing turns. At GPH there was another Fletcher, namely Elsie *Fletcher* Slater who, like Doris, had lost almost all her sight in late life. When they traced their family connections in England they came to conclude that they were almost certainly cousins! That was quite a discovery.

Her family was Methodist and then United Church. In Barrie the Parsons family were members at Collier St. United. Isaiah 40 was her favourite passage in the Bible. On the night she died she and her friend Hilda recited together the 23rd Psalm. She raised her hands toward heaven and they recited the Lord's Prayer. Then she died.

The Parsons had one daughter, Jean (m. Beer); one granddaughter, Donna (m. Michael Thomas); two gt.-grandchildren: Christie and Kevin.

Mrs. Parsons contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "The Church Mouse"; "The Dionne Quintuplets"; "A Success Story"; "A Day at the Canadian National Exhibition."

The *Examiner*, Apr. 15, 1987, published a photo of Mrs. Parsons, Verna LONG, Mildred MCQUADE, Kay JOHNSON, Elsie MONTEITH, Vina MCKAY, Mable YOUNG, and Velma MACDONALD in Easter bonnets. On July 1, 1995, Mrs. P. was featured in an *Examiner* story about Canada Day, "Every day is Canada Day." A photo accompanies her thoughts and recollections.

Again, the same paper published a fine photo of Mrs. Parsons on Sept. 9, 1995 on the occasion of her 95th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

The funeral service for Mrs. Parsons was in our churchbuilding on Dec. 28, 1996.

GPH: 11/03/1986—B40/O101

PASHLER, Walter

28/08/1889–01/10/1974
The Spotlight 3, 11 (Oct. 1974) noted his death.
Church: St. Thomas Anglican Church, Bracebridge.
GPH: 1974 or before

PATTERSON, Harold
31/01/1891–1976?
The Spotlight 2, 1 (Dec. 1973) introduces Mr. Patterson as a new resident with the following brief biography:

> Mr. Patterson was born on a farm near Sunbury [sic: read Sudbury], Ontario. He is very fond of the three sons he and his wife had.
> As a young man he started working for the railroad and became telegrapher. In 1916 he became a train dispatcher and was moved to Allandale in 1931 to do that same job. He was promoted to C.N.R. Chief Dispatcher at Capreol in 1939 and returned to Allandale to accept the same kind of position here in 1945. After his retirement in 1956 he and his wife decided to stay in Barrie.
> For a period of time in his life he was on the executive of the Red Cross Society of Barrie.
> He enjoys going downtown, seeing familiar faces and chatting with old friends. Each Saturday night he can be found watching hockey on television.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mr. Patterson visited his son Gerald at Bolton over the Christmas period that year. *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) notes that Mr. Patterson had visited his son Allan, a professor, and Allan's wife in Winnipeg. The next month it is recorded that he had visited his sister in Kingston.

A photo of Mr. P. appeared in the *Examiner* on June 18, 1975. In it he is visiting the farm of Bill and Ethel Malcolmson, north of Crown Hill on highway #93. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1975).

Church: St. Giles Anglican, Barrie.
GPH: 11 or 12/1972

••? PEARCE, Mrs. Jessie
??–??
A 1971 *Examiner* photo shows Mrs. P. with a group at Elaine Bigelow's for a tea which the May Court Club organized—see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1971). *The Spotlight* 1, 1 (Nov. 1971) notes that Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. BANKS are both in the hospital. According to Rittenhouse list #1, Mrs. Pearce occupied suite A16.
GPH: before summer 1971

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

PEARSON, Robert Harold

13/07/1921–21/12/1996*

B. in Toronto; his parents separated when he was two or so. Then, in his words, his mother "gave" him to his maternal grandmother because she was in training to be a nurse. The gd.-mother was an itinerant cook; she changed his name to hers. As a consequence, Mr. P. grew up with little sense of family and knew little about his father or mother.

In WWII Mr. P. went to England and enlisted in the RAF. Because of a health crisis he returned to Canada, where he worked at Camp Borden.

It was while working at Camp Borden that the happiest event in his life occurred: he went to a dance and there looked for a tall girl with whom to dance—and so he met Lorna Beeton, who had gone there with a friend. They were married on May 24, 1949 and took up residence at 259 Bayfield St., where they lived through their entire married life, some 47 yrs., until coming to GPH.

For much of their married life Mr. P. drove a taxi-cab in Barrie. He drove some 30 yrs. for Deluxe Cab.

Mr. Pearson's health was not good when he lived at GPH. However, he was well enough to play two selections on the organ for the "Variety Programme" following the Residents & Staff Christmas Dinner, two nights before he died. He had a year of piano as a child but otherwise had taught himself to play. (Mr. Pearson donated the organ to GPH so that he could play it here as long as he was able.)

Mr. P. was a person who had to scramble during his life. His family support came mostly from Lorna and her mother.

GPH: 14/11/1995—B30

PECK, Mrs.

26/07/1897–03/1974

GPH: after Rittenhouse list #1

PEDERSEN, Anton

17/01/1910–05/01/1997*

B. near Copenhagen, Denmark, the youngest of 13 children. He married Margrethe Seidenfaden on 26/01/1936 and to this union was born a daughter, Karla (m. Chopp).

In Nov. 1951 Mr. P. left Denmark for Canada. The voyage included a hurricane; Anton was the only one on board who was not sick. He arrived at Union Station in Toronto at 10 P.M., with no English and $50. As he left the Station he didn't know which way to turn but he was able to secure an inexpensive room for the night. By trade he was a tool and die maker. A friend took him to a firm called SKF in Scarborough, where he got a job—still with no English but he could read blueprints.

In Feb. 1952 his wife and daughter joined him. Two years later they were able to

buy a house in Scarborough.

It was in 1966, when Anton was 56, that he came home one day and announced that he had taken a job in Shreveport, LA, in answer to an ad in a Toronto newspaper. Karla and her mom pored over a map to find out where that was! So they moved. In Shreveport Mr. P. worked for Western Electric until he was 65 and then promptly took another job and worked until he was 72. Mrs. P. died in Louisiana in 1979.

After he finally retired Mr. P. spent from spring to early fall in Barrie and so enjoyed two springtimes. An unfortunate accident in Shreveport—he fell and broke a foot and spent several days in hospital before neighbours and family were aware of it—brought him back to Canada permanently sooner than expected. He lived with Karla and her husband and came into GPH with the S.E. Programme.

I asked Karla about her dad's hobbies and she said "work, work, work." He was very strong physically and his handshake immediately made one aware of that. He had a wonderful, mellifluous voice and sang in various church choirs over the years.

Mr. P. was raised a Lutheran but his faith was not restricted by denomination. While he lived at GPH he sometimes worshiped with us and he enjoyed the Bible study at GPH.

GPH: 23/04/1991—A27

PHILLIPS, Barbara

03/12/1895–12/10/1988

B. north of Scotland, in Aberdeenshire. Attended good schools in Aberdeen.

Mrs. P. worked in a munitions factory in WWI. She met her husband as a wounded soldier. She came to North America with a sister and her two children and married that soldier here.

Two daughters: Sheila Wordsall and Delores Davison.

Mrs. Phillips had a sharp mind—she asked perceptive questions about the Bible in our weekly Bible study. She was secretary to three Lieutenant Governors of ON. She was an avid bridge player; played piano; sang in the choir at Collier St. United.

Mrs. P. was a good friend to many: Velma MACDONALD said she was a good neighbour and helped her to adjust to life at GPH.

GPH: 10/11/1983—M81

PINDER, Cyril ("Bill")

19/04/1903–03/031985

Mr. P. was a former O.P.P. officer.

Church: St. James United, Stroud.

GPH: 01 or 02/1985—A7–02/1985 (transferred to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, where he died)

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 diptheria.

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 lives in Coldwater; 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

POPE, Mrs. Ellen Anna
14/09/1894–03/1977
Children: L. Bernard and James Howard, both of Barrie.
Church: Church of the Good Shepherd Lutheran.
GPH: by 1976

PRESTON, Mrs. Myrtle
23/12/1883–??
B.in Portland, ON. Mrs. P. had a son and two daughters.
Church: Anglican.
Mrs. P. moved from GPH.
GPH: ??

• PRINCE, Alice Kate *Lynch*
27/03/1883–29/03/1975

B. in Dorking, Surrey, England, daughter of James Robert Lynch (d. 1918). Her father was a postman. She had one brother, Edwin, a railway porter and army plumber; one sister, Beatrice, died at age 7.

Mrs. Prince was married and came to Canada in Apr. 1919 as a "war bride." Her husband, William, in his youth had kept horses for the Anglican Church Army, in particular for "Gypsy" Smith, a man who had a ministry to gypsies in England. The Princes came to Canada on a Cunard troopship, the Minnedosa. I should add that Mr. Prince had come from England to Canada before WWI and enlisted in the army here so that he could make a return trip to England—he didn't think the War would last long!

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Prince took up residence on a "soldier's settlement farm" two miles east of Dalston. They tried to farm 50 acres but they couldn't pay for the farm—it was the Depression and he suffered from arthritis, so they had an auction sale to pay off the debt. Then they moved to Oro Station, where they were able to buy a house for $250 (!) in 1937. Mr. Prince kept busy with his gardening, cottage maintenance, and fishing in the winter.

In Barrie the Princes lived in a house opposite the old Lakeview Dairy on Dunlop St. That house has since been torn down. Mr. Prince died on Jan. 1, 1968 in his 85th year. He had his name in to live at GPH, but he died before it opened in May of that year. Mrs. Prince lived for a short while at Archer's Nursing Home in Barrie after breaking her hip;

then she came to GPH.

Mrs. Prince had a good sense of humour. At GPH her sight was not good and her hearing was poor. Her son says that she used to listen to the TV wearing headphones, but she still had the volume so high that residents living in suites adjoining hers complained of the noise! She would laugh about that.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince had three children: Edith (m. Jim Craig); Dorothy (m. Harry Graham); Fred (m. Mary Chappel). Fred Prince lives in Barrie and has provided the information here.

The Spotlight 1, 5 (Mar. 1972) notes her birthday.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: 1968

PROCTOR, Elizabeth *Wray*

15/04/1915–

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

PUCKETT, Mrs.

??–??

The Spotlight 1, 10 (Aug. 1972) welcomed Mrs. Puckett.

GPH: 07 or 08/1972

PUGH, Louise Emma

03/09/1886–31/07/1983

There is a *Examiner* photo of her at age 90 in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976). The accompanying article says that she and her husband Art (d. 1973) moved to Barrie in 1921. She was a member at Burton Ave. Methodist, later United Church and originated "the 39 Club" there. Mrs. P. was active in the WCTU, CNIB, and the auxiliary of the Lions Club.

The *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976) notes that Mrs. Pugh had a December visit from her daughter Bette Northover of Newmarket.

The *Spotlight*, Aug. 1976, reported that Mrs. Pugh won first prizes in the Arts and Crafts Exhibit at the Barrie Fair for a quilted bedspread and a lace tablecloth. She also won a second prize for crocheted placemats.

According to Muriel GREEN, Mrs. Pugh lived in the room next to the Main Lounge.

The *Spotlight*, Mar.–Apr. 1983, included the following biography of Mrs. Pugh.

> Mrs. Pugh was born on September 3, 1886 in Wick, in Brock Twp., ON. She lived in the country with her two older sisters. Her father worked for a farmer and was paid $1.25 a day.
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> Later her father bought his own farm in Uxbridge Twp. and Mrs. Pugh went to Public School. She never went to high school because she had poor health at the time; however, Mrs. Pugh did take music lessons at home. She walked miles each day in order to teach people how to play the piano.

Mr. Arthur Pugh took Mrs. Pugh's sister home one day—she was his teacher—and, in turn, they met. Mrs. Pugh was 18 years old at the time and was married at the age of 22.

Arthur and Louise Pugh lived on a farm in Goodwood Twp., near Uxbridge. Seven years after they were married she had her two children, Betty and Billy. However, Mrs. Pugh lost Billy when he was five years old because of polio. When her children were babies, Mrs. Pugh lived in Toronto and owned a grocery store on Yonge St. She moved to Barrie for a permanent stay in 1921. Mr. Pugh worked at Imperial Oil as a manager until her retired.

Mrs. Pugh started a Bible class in the Burton Ave. Church, starting off with 8 young women. She taught for 18 years and when she left there were 39 members, so they called the club "the 39 Club." Today the Club is still very active.

After the Pughs retired, they travelled to Newfoundland, Halifax, and many places in Ontario.

After her husband passed away at the age of 83, Mrs. Pugh lived on her own until she decided to live at Grove Park Home. She came to Grove Park on Oct. 10, 1975.

GPH: 10/10/1975—B60/C54

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RAEBURN, Mrs. Isabelle
08/01/1891–08/1978
The *Spotlight* 7, 1 (Jan. 1978) notes her birthday.
Son: Gordon, of Cookstown.
Church: United.
GPH: by 12/74

RAWN, Ethel *Knuff*
27/07/1899–26/09/1988
B. at Ravenna on a farm; one of six children—three of each gender.
She was a teacher at Slash School, grades 1–8; then taught grade 2 at Byng Public School in Stayner for close to 30 years. During this time her husband farmed. After retirement they moved into Stayner.
Children: three sons (Jim, Lloyd, Bill), one daughter (Marguerite). In 1974 Mr. R. died and in 1982 Mrs. R. moved into GPH. Before she moved to GPH, Mrs. Rawn had been a participant in the S.E. Programme: the *Spotlight*, Dec. 1981–Jan. 1982, welcomed her as a new member of that programme.
Church: Presbyterian. When she died she was survived by son Bill of Minesing and her daughter at Sault Ste. Marie.
GPH: 1982; 19/03/1983—B36

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

REDFERN, Edith Florence ("Florrie") *Dyer*

21/06/1893–

Mrs. R. was a sister-in-law of Gladys DYER. Dr. H.F. Dyer of Burlington was a brother. The *Spotlight* 6, 4 (Apr. 1977) welcomed Mrs. Redfern as a new resident.

She moved to a nursing home in 10/1977.

GPH: by 04/1977

REESOR, Mrs. Joan

??–1973?

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) offers these brief remarks by way of introducing Mrs. Reesor, a new resident: "Mrs. Joan Reesor has spent the last ten years in Barrie, having come here from Haileybury. Mrs. Reesor is interested in painting, and needlepoint."

GPH: fall 1972

REYNOLDS, Stephen ("Steve")

05/07/1907–31/01/1986*

Mr. R. had worked in the bush in his younger years. Wayne MacRiner, a member of my congregation, was a friend of his.

The *Barrie Banner* on Feb. 29, 1980, published a photo of Steve and Burt WARNICA playing shuffleboard at GPH. The next month, on Mar. 8, the *Examiner* published a photo of Steve being served tea by volunteers Mary Fraser and Grace Reinhart. Another newspaper photo reproduces a picture of the victorious 1931 Edgar Football (soccer) team: Steve was part of that team. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 23/02/1979—A33

• RICHARDSON, Eva M. *Brunton*

21/07/1890–23/10/1982

Wife of Lorne Richardson. In a brief, photocopied article she wrote for Christmas 1973, entitled "Christmas Gifts," Mrs. R. mentions the death of her husband earlier that year. She says that at Christmas the thought of gifts comes to mind and how difficult it is for seniors to do what they used to do in that regard. The article concludes, "We can always give the gift of kindness to one another and that may be more appreciated than the greatest gift money can buy." See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1971).

In the summer of 1972 Mrs. Richardson was hospitalized at RVH. Upon her return to GPH she wrote a note of thanks, which was printed in *The Spotlight* 1, 10 (Aug. 1972). In it she says that her view from the seventh floor on Ross St. was "fabulous": "As I looked out across the park … on to the hills beyond [,] nestled among those hills I could remember my grandparents' farm where I played as a child with never a worry."

The Spotlight 3, 10 (Aug. 1974) noted that Mrs. Richardson had visits from son

George, of Toronto; son Morris; and a gd.-daughter Marilyn, a teacher in Toronto.

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) noted that Mrs. R. spent Christmas with her son, Don, and his family in Toronto. *The Spotlight* 4, 6 (Apr. 1977) noted that Mrs. Richardson was the "Best dressed" at the Winter Carnival on Mar. 1–2.

Cousin of Effie Richardson. Mrs. Richardson was also a cousin of Jennie WISDOM.

Church: St. George United Church, Peterborough.

GPH: 29/09/1968—C37

• RICHARDSON, Lorne

16/09/??–15/02/1973

Mr. R. had been a high school teacher in Peterborough. The Richardsons had three sons, who live in Toronto.

Rittenhouse list #2 notes that the Richardsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 1971.

See previous item.

GPH: 1968

RICHARDSON, Mildred *Kent*

02/03/1901–22/12/1994*

B. in Granby, P.Q.. Her husband was born in nearby Waterloo QC. He rose to be President of Bathurst Containers Ltd.

Mrs. R. liked Montreal and thought it was a more beautiful city than Paris. She travelled widely: her favourite place outside Canada was New Zealand. After the death of her husband she moved to London, ON; then later to Barrie because her son Kent is here.

The *Spotlight*, Oct.–Nov., 1980, noted that Mrs. Richardson was a new member of the S.E. Programme.

GPH: 10/12/1981—B60

RIVERS, Miss Edna May

29/02/1904–21/06/1988

B. in Teeswater ON and had two brothers, Harold and Stanley, one step-brother Clifford, and a sister Margaret. After studying to become a nurse in New York City at the age of 19, she nursed privately for many years in Toronto, then in the infirmary at Queen's Park until her retirement.

She had a "sparkle in her eye" and a deep love of people. Her sense of humour remains with her family when they often say, "Remember when Aunt Ted (their name for her) ..."

She was much loved by many—especially her nieces and nephews and their families: Brian (m. Gail) Rivers, Pat (m. Mossop), Nora (m. John Boos) of Barrie; Don (m. Mary) Rivers of Lambeth, Lorne (m. Janet) Rivers of Kitchener; June (m. Norm Dickinson) of Scarborough, Jean (m. Doug Whyte) of Saskatchewan, Bob (m. Carolyn) of Baysfield ON.

Miss Rivers was proud of her accomplishments in art classes at GPH. Her public school teacher at age 7 told her that her drawing was awful—so she made her next attempt at GPH 72 years later! The entertainment, beautiful roses, good food with good company gave her great pleasure.

She feared old age as a single person but to her delight found GPH "a little piece of heaven" (her own words).

The *Examiner*, on Feb. 29, 1984, published a photo of Miss Rivers on the occasion of her 80th birthday that day. She was born in a Leap Year on Feb. 29!

See GPH Scrapbook 1.
GPH: 12/11/1983—B30

ROBERTSON, Laurena ("Laurie") Alexandra *White* SNIDER
12/08/1902–27/03/1990

B. Shelburne; grew up next door to the Anglican rectory, in a house that is still there (1987); one of five children: two girls, a boy and then, after her mother was 40, two more boys. Her grandmother was a Jelly.

In high school she was captain of the basketball team: the Shelburne high school yearbook of 1921 records that she had gone on to Normal school "preparing for the work of instilling into the minds of the young some ofthe knowledge with which her own is crammed."

Mrs. R. married and moved to Tweed; became involved in her husband's business: the Stedman's store.

Three weeks before son Stan was born in 1930 her husband Stan died. She later returned to teaching in Hockley Valley, at Cookstown, and then at Milton—this last move so that Stan could have a better educational advantage: she said that at Cookstown he got good grades but did not excell in sports, so he was teased!

When Stan was in high school they moved to Barrie with her new husband, Irving Robertson. Mr. R. predeceased her before her move to GPH.

Mrs. R. taught grade 1 and 2 and devoted herself to what is now called "special education," specifically to dyslexic children, with whom she had considerable success. She had many long-time friends: e.g., Aileen SAUNDERS, Lila JONES (from 1947), and Velma MACDONALD. Mrs. R. was an avid reader and I enjoyed talking books with her; she also played bridge.

Mrs. R. was raised Anglican and became United Church with her first marriage; then Presbyterian with her second, according to the proprieties of the time.

At GPH Mrs. Robertson was a member of the Recollections Group and contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1—"The Pioneer House of My Grandparents"; "The Jelly Family"; "The Baby"; "Moments of Crisis." She provided the following recollection for the *Spotlight*, Nov.-Dec. 1988:

> "Recollection of Day May 10, 1983"
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> A vivid recollection of strange sights on May 10, 1983 in Portugal.
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> Our tour guide told us that in 1917, on May 13, three shepherd children in the hills saw an image of Mary. Ever since then, on that date, a great pilgrimage is held at a shrine called Fatima, not far from the fishing village of Nazare. We were to travel by bus through this area on May 10, 1983. It was said [that] if people lived not farther than 100 miles they felt it was an honor to walk, but buses would drive them home. I wish my word imagery were able to bring the picture of what we saw that day as vividly as I recall, but I know I can't possibly.
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> As we drew near the area, the roads and roadsides were crowded with people walking leisurely towards Fatima, old and young, rich and poor, healthy and frail they trudged along with bundles and canes. The bundles were rolled in very bright plastic covers, many 1 yard wide, their yellow, red, green and bright blue contrasting with the many black costumes and shawls. Food stands were plentiful along the way.
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> About noon we came to the Shrine of Fatima. The large church stood high above

many steps, but there were great tents where mass was being said; we were free to stand and watch. Everywhere was quiet.

Leading from the Shrine was a long path about six feet wide as far as a block of houses and on a rise of land.. This path was filled with pilgrims moving to the shrine in a slow, reverend manner. Some walking, some limping, some moving on knees, some on hands and knees, and some completely prone, crawling along in religious fervour.

This would go on for three days, culminatory on May 18. We were deeply impressed and felt a bit subdued in the presence of such devoutness.

Funeral: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Barrie; interment: in her father's plot at Shelburne.

Son Stan and daughter-in-law Eileen Snider live at Port Severn.

GPH: 1987

ROBINSON, Eleanor McArthur, M.D., FRCPC

26/11/1909–31/12/1994*

Dr. Eleanor's father, Henry William Robinson, was born in Collingwood Twp., Ontario, moved to the Manitoulin Is. and then to Toronto; her mother, Janet McArthur, was born on the Manitoulin. They were married in 1907.

Dr. Eleanor was born on November 26, 1909 on Durie St. in York Twp. and grew up in Toronto. She sometimes recalled the Toronto of her childhood, where the city "ended" at St. Clair Ave. She attended Pauline Ave. Public School, Oakwood Collegiate and Bloor Collegiate Institute.

It was at considerable sacrifice to all three of them that she was able to attend medical school in the Depression. Her father's mother died when he was three and he was unable to go to a regular school. Though he had learned sheet metal-working in Thessalon at night school, work was hard to find in Toronto during the Depression. Her mother was a baker and started a bakery in that difficult time. The bakeshop continued for four years until her mother seriously cut her hand, bringing the business to an end.

From the age of nine Dr. Eleanor knew that she wanted to be a doctor, a medical missionary. She was good at math, but when her teacher in grade 13 asked her to apply for a scholarship to go into math at university, she responded, "No thanks, I'm going into medicine!"

Professional Life

Eleanor Robinson entered medical school in 1927 and graduated in 1934. She studied at the same time that Frederick Banting and Charles Best, the discoverers of insulin in 1921, were doing research and teaching. In fact, Dr. Best, still in his twenties, had just been made professor of Physiology. Dr. Eleanor studied at the Banting Institute, which was the department of pathology.

She was one of the first two female interns admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital. It was while taking her internship at St. Joseph's that she had the chance to become a specialist in the care of diabetic patients. At that time the mortality rate of newborns of diabetic mothers was 50%. (It was through her work with diabetic mothers that she came to have several children named Eleanor after her; some of these remained in contact with her through the years.)

Sixteen years at St. Joseph's were followed by a twenty-five year practice at Women's College Hospital. In 1950 she wrote exams to obtain the Certificate of the Royal College of

Physicians; in 1970 she was made a Fellow (FRCPC). During her time at Women's College she was instrumental in setting up a Diabetes Education Centre involving her hospital. Just as it was about to open, Dr. Anne Kenshole persuaded Toronto General and Mt. Sinai hospitals to join the project. It then became TRIDEC. In October of 1991 Dr. Eleanor attended the 20th anniversary of the Tri-hospital Diabetes Education Centre and with much satisfaction found that its services have expanded considerably.

For fourteen years Dr. Eleanor was on the staff of the Toronto General Hospital Diabetic Clinic. She served part-time with the Toronto Department of Education secondary school service. For many years she was the Ontario Medical Association representative on the Continuing Diet Manual Committee and the Manual Revision Committee of the Ontario Dietetic Association. From 1966 she lectured at the University of Toronto.

In 1972 Dr. Eleanor was awarded a fellowship by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons; she was a member of the Canadian Academy of Allergists; at the time of her anticipated retirement she was honoured with a Life Membership by the Ontario Medical Association.

Though she retired in 1976 Dr. Eleanor continued to study. She took courses in various subjects at Ryerson and graduated with a certificate in gerontology.

Church life

Dr. Eleanor had the same level of involvement in the church as in the community.

She first attended Bathurst St. Church of Christ, Toronto, in July 1923; it was there that she was baptized by the minister, George Klingman. His daughter's song "There is a Sea" will be known to some from E.L. Jorgenson's *Great Songs of the Church* (number 572). Indeed, she recalled a visit that Jorgenson made to Toronto.

Dr. Eleanor was a Sunday school teacher at Bathurst St. It was one of the Bathurst St. elders, Alex Stewart, who told her that they would not be able to support her as a medical missionary: there was just no money.

In the early 1940s, when the Bathurst St. congregation moved up to Bayview Ave., Dr. Eleanor began to worship with the Fern Ave. Church of Christ, in the west end of Toronto. After that congregation ceased to meet in the late 1960s, she was a member of the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ. Since her move to Barrie six years ago [i.e. 1988] she has been a vital part of our congregation.

For many years Dr. Eleanor made weekly trips in the summer from Toronto out to Omagh Bible School—located near Milton—and was instrumental in seeing that the Camp met various regulations of the Ministry of Health. From 1945–1957 she was the Medical Director of the Camp. During that period she is the only woman mentioned as serving in any leading capacity. In 1949 an infirmary was included in the construction of a new building. This was doubtless due to Dr. Eleanor's influence. Her interest in the Camp continued until a few years ago: she attended family week and eventually seniors week.

She has recalled with me that Sunday when a case of polio was discovered and how she had to quarantine the Camp while anxious parents were kept at the gate. For some time before her death she was preparing a video about the Camp based on old film and pictures.

Dr. Eleanor sat on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Christian College, located at Beamsville, from 1972–1980 and was a supporter of the school in various ways until the time of her death. These "various ways" included providing the necessary support for a number of students to attend the School over the years.

Dr. Eleanor taught a group of people in a Bible study at Maynard Nursing Home (Toronto) for several years. Along the way she amassed a good library of scholarly books on the Bible and related subjects. Like some of us she was a bibliophile and could not part with a collection that spanned medicine, the Bible and gerontology.

Family and church family

Over the years the church increasingly became Dr. Eleanor's family, though various individuals—like Linda Zila's family—"adopted" her into their families. Many of us in the congregation and among her friends here recall her well-given hugs of affection.

Dr. Eleanor was an "only" child. Earlier in life she was blessed with many cousins, especially on her mother's side: the Flemings, McAnshs, Kerrs, McArthurs. On her father's side are the Morpeths and the Richardsons. She spoke of this family frequently, especially of the trips to Manitoulin Is., beginning in her childhood. There were many wonderful family experiences. It gave her satisfaction that, living in Barrie, she had relatives nearby at Stayner.

Her only regret in life, she told me, was that she did not have the opportunity to learn the Greek of the New Testament early in her life.

Overcoming adversity

Not all was smooth sailing. The good doctor also knew the life of a patient. She was near the top of her class in medical school when she was forced to take a year off after the fifth year: it was suspected that she had TB.

Thirty years ago—in 1964—she had her first experience with cancer; fourteen years ago she had malignant tumours removed from her throat and this left her with a weakened voice. She said that the quality of her voice was a small price to pay for her life! The cancer returned again in 1991—when she spent a month in treatments at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto—and in 1992.

In the spring of 1985, after studying for her certificate in Gerontology and while tutoring one of the classes, Dr. Eleanor suffered a heart attack that required her to carefully monitor her level of activity. After her heart attack Cyndy Allcock lived with Dr. Eleanor while Cyndy pursued a Master's degree in gerontology at the U of T. They had much to talk about because at the same time Dr. Eleanor was working on the Certificate of Gerontology at Ryerson. Cyndy is one of a number of younger women who were part of a circle of valued friends.

The heart attack was a "peak experience" for Dr. Eleanor. She spoke on several occasions with us about the sense of peace that she experienced while lying on the floor waiting for the ambulance to arrive. She credited this sense of peace with possibly saving her life at that time. Out of the experience Dr. Eleanor came to feel that it would be alright to die. Her faith was one that sustained whatever happened.

Life with aged parents

Ministry begins at home. Several times Dr. Eleanor told me of the satisfaction she found in taking her parents on a trip across Canada, when they were in their late 70s and early 80s. This is something that they were unable to do in their younger years. She looked back on that as important. Her mother passed her 100th birthday and, except for a period when she lived in Barrie at Grove Park Home and another at Runnymede (chronic) Hospital, she was with her daughter. We recall, of course, that the biblical injunction "Honour your parents" was first directed not to children but to adults.

In Barrie

At Ryerson Dr. Eleanor was part of a "recollections" group. When she moved to Barrie she started such a group at Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens. In 1991 this group was able, with the help of a New Horizons' grant, to publish *Tales of Yesteryear* . This book includes four brief stories by Dr. Eleanor, and many more by others, including her friend Mary ELLIS. With the

publication of the book there were articles about Dr. Eleanor in the local press and an appearance on a local cable-TV talk show. The book project was so successful that a second volume of stories was published in 1993. It contains five stories by Dr. Eleanor: "My Mother's Early Life"; "The Life of a Child in Toronto, 1910–1925"; "The Depression"; "Dr. Charles Hastings"; and "Practising Medicine in the 1930's." The first volume is out of print but the second is still available.

In January 1991 Joe Cannon—veteran missionary to Japan—was with us on a Sunday evening. In the course of his speaking to us he remarked that a Bible study that Dr. Eleanor had led in the 1940s had been crucial to his sister's faith.

Dr. Eleanor spoke to me of that difficult time at the Fern Ave. Church of Christ in Toronto after there was a mysterious fire in the churchbuilding—the minister was a suspect. She started a Bible study group in a typically inauspicious way in order to help women through the crisis. As it turned out, the Bible study continued for forty years—with a couple of short breaks—as long as Dr. Eleanor was able to lead it. This was typical of Dr. Eleanor's work in the kingdom of God: a need quietly filled, a valuable ministry provided.

Dr. Eleanor's mother was a McArthur. That family has as its motto, "Fide et opera" ("by faith and work"). It is a motto that served Dr. Eleanor well. The contribution that she made to her church and community is exemplary. With grace she brought credit to the contributions which women make to the life of the church, and she ennobled the life of the single Christian woman. She was intelligent, professional in her personal relationships—by this I mean, for example, that she kept things in confidence, and caring. Her opinions were worth soliciting. I myself profited from this.

Finally her life offers an example to young people to seek a life in professions where they can have a dramatic impact for good in their communities.

At 5:45 on December 31, 1994 our beloved Dr. Eleanor died. Her friends Pat MacRiner and Cyndy Allcock were with her. She died at home with friends and cared for by a staff of people who knew, respected and thought much of her. It was a peaceful end after a brief illness.

Dr. Eleanor remains with this congregation as one of its "cloud of witnesses." We feel blessed by her life here. May more like her be raised up in Israel.

Much of the above appeared in an article I wrote for the *Gospel Herald* 57, 10 (Oct. 1992), pp. 9–10. For the writing of that article I profited from "Night Scholars," *Ryerson Rambler* 38 (Winter 1988/89), pp. 16-19 and a substantial article in the local press: Gisele Winton, "Diabetes Pioneer Still Curious About the Human Condition," *The [Barrie] Examiner*, Nov. 27, 1991, p. 21. Dr. Eleanor checked what I wrote at that time for accuracy. In addition I am indebted to remarks which appeared in *GLCC Report* (1975) and provided to me by Steve Courson; further Dr. Geoffrey Ellis gave me information, for which I am grateful. The material that appeared in the *Gospel Herald* is reprinted here with permission.

Dr. Eleanor contributed the following items to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Stormy Waters"; "Lusitania"; "Winter Storm"; "Nancy"; vol. 2—"My Mother's Early Life"; "The Life of a Child in Toronto, 1910–1925"; "The Depression"; "Dr. Charles Hastings"; "Practising Medicine in the 1930's"; vol. 3—"Early Memories"; "Telegrams and Telephones"; "The Morphets: 6th Line Nottawasaga"; "Medical School and TB"; "Travel by Street Car"; "A Chance Meeting in England"; "Travel to Manitoulin."

To this list of stories we can add "Raccoons," printed in the *Spotlight*, May-June 1990, in which she tells about a raccoon that got into the attic of her house in Toronto in 1985. That event is described matter-of-factly, but I found the mention of her neighbour's experience quite humorous:

A friend of mine up the street had a raccoon walk out of the fireplace in her second floor

bedroom one day while she was making her bed. She ran down the stairway and out the front door. The raccoon followed her out.

The *Examiner*, Nov. 30, 1987, published a photo of Dr. Eleanor serving tea at the Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar. A few weeks earlier, the *Barrie Banner*, on Oct. 16, printed a photo of her with Cheryl Stevens and Dr. Randy Lee of RVH's Diabetic Teaching Clinic on the occasion of her donation of various journals to the Clinic. Also in Oct. 1987, the *Spotlight* printed a one-page biography of her.

In the spring of 1988, on May 3, the *Examiner* published a photo of Dr. Eleanor with Clarence Rittenhouse, the first administrator of GPH. In the accompanying article Mr. Rittenhouse explains how GPH came to be built twenty years earlier. See GPH Scrapbook 1. On Dec. 24 of that same year the *Examiner* published a photo of Dr. Eleanor under the title "Ghosts of Christmases Past." In the accompanying article she, Helen WARNICA, and Elsie SLATER of GPH talk about the Christmases they knew as children. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

On Mar. 27, 1990, the *Examiner* published an article by Dr. Eleanor, "Thoughts on old age: Growing older is a stage in life to be enjoyed." It is accompanied by a photo. See GPH Scrapbook 2. Then on Dec. 24, 1992, the *Examiner* published a colour photo and article about Dr. Eleanor's work with the Recollections Group, entitled "Remembering Christmas past." It includes a photo of Irene EVANS and her story "Horse sleighs part of celebration"; Margaret BALL and her "Grandma's house best place for holiday"; and Helen JENKINS' "Eaton doll a precious present." See Eleanor Johnston's album for the last two items.

Finally, Beth MEADOWS dedicated a poem to Dr. Eleanor in the third volume of *Tales of Yesteryear* : "Dr. Eleanor Robinson."

GPH: 22/04/1987—B30

ROBINSON, Mrs. Florence

24/05/1879–31/07/1979

There is a photo of her at age 95 at a May Court Club garden party at the home of G.E. Rising, Shanty Bay. Another photo of Mrs. R., published in the *Barrie Banner*, May 26, 1978, on the occasion of her 99th birthday, has brief notes about her life. These state that she was born in Wyevale; that her husband started Robinson's Hardware; that she has three sons—two of which now operate the hardware; the third, it says, is a violinist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974, 1978).

The Spotlight 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that her husband's name was Charles and that the hardware store was started 50 years ago, i.e. ca. 1923. In 3, 9 (July 1974) we find a brief biography, as follows:

> Mrs. Robinson was born May 24, 1879 in Wyevale. During the early years of her marriage, she and her husband, Charles, lived in Shawinigan Falls where he worked as an operator at the Electrical Plant, and in Cookstown and Stroud, where he farmed. They moved to Barrie fifty-one years ago and opened Robinson's Hardware Store, a business which is still carried on by their son Alvin. Mrs. Robinson kept busy attending to the needs of three lovely sons and working at her church, Central United Church. She has many happy memories of living at her home at 95 Clapperton St.

GPH: by 07/1972

•• ROBINSON, Janet *McArthur*

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Lived at GPH for a period but, with the improvement of her health, returned to

Toronto to live with Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON, her daughter. Please see the item on Dr. Eleanor. On the McArthurs of Oro Twp. see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 238–242. Janet McArthur's family was also from Islay, Scotland, so there is likely a family relationship, however distant.

GPH: 1968–

ROGERS, Mrs. Ethel ("Peg")

12/03/1894–18/10/1985

A nurse.

The *Examiner*, Dec. 6, 1984, published a photo of Mrs. Rogers and Tilly MACEY with May Court members Eva Harvey—as Santa, Barb Rising, and Audrey Macmillan at a GPH Christmas party. Another photo from the same occasion shows Gladys Jansen in a rabbit's costume with Burt WARNICA. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 26/10/1982—B30/A24

RODGERS, Mrs. Etta

10/??–??

The first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971, notes that Mrs. Rodgers had a birthday the previous month, before moving into GPH. In Feb. 1972 *The Spotlight* noted that in Jan. Mrs. Rodgers had visited her two daughters in Toronto.

GPH: 10 or 11/1971

ROOTS, Arthur

13/12/1885–09/03/1979

B. in London, England and married Emily Woodman.

Mr. R. and Jessie LOVE were the first "King and Queen" at GPH winter festivities and, in that capacity, met the Queen mother on a visit here: see the entry on Mrs. LOVE.

The Spotlight 3, 10 (1974) published a substantial biography of Mr. Roots. It is as follows:

> Mr. Roots was born in London, England and was apprenticed in the Electrical Industry there.
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> As a young man he came to Canada and settled in Toronto, working in the electrical trade, and later forming his own electrical contracting business, until he retired.
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> While in England, he became engaged to his childhood sweetheart, Emily Woodman, and they were married in Toronto b the Rev. Canon Dixon; and enjoyed sixty happy years together before she passed on. They were blessed with five children, four of whom are still living, all doing well; and as a result has sixteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.
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> He enjoys traveling and has crossed Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific; visited most of the United States and a good portion of Europe, including Holland, Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
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> He has seen many Royal functions in England, including Queen Victoria's funeral procession, and a happier occasion, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth from Canada House, Trafalgar Square.
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> In Canada he has seen "Royalty" on their visits here, but was most fortunate this June to be included in the representatives from Grove Park Home to the Garden Party at the Science Centre in Toronto in honour of the Queen Mother.

He is a member (longstanding) of Hillcrest Church of Christ, Toronto. He has spent many happy summers at their cottage at Lake Simcoe and is now enjoying living at Grove Park.

The *Spotlight* 7, 4 (Apr. 1978) reported that on Mar. 31, 1978, Mr. Roots' daughter, Evelyn Royce, began an activity at GPH, namely to teach French! Father of Gladys HARVEY, whose entry please see.

GPH: by 1974

ROWELL, Mrs. Edith

01/02/1891–02/04/1979

The Spotlight 3, 9 (July 1974) welcomed Mrs. Rowell as a new resident, along with Mrs. Winnie ASTBURY. *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) printed reminiscences of Christmas by a number of residents. Mrs. Rowell submitted a poem, entitled "Remembering."

Remembering

When I was but a little girl
How well I recollect,
The fun we had at Christmas time
With Jolly Old Saint Nick.

We had a Christmas concert
This took practice once a week
We had to be on duty
To make it all complete.

The day was set,
The tree put up
In good old Guthrie Church,
The lights turned on,
The curtains drawn
With children in their seat.

For me, they chose a song which went
Something like a sermon, to me at any rate
T'was "Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
—I sang it loud and clear—
Then made a bow, and hurried to my seat.

With words so true and meaningful
I really knew not
The wisdom of it all
Until I older grew.

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that she enjoyed Christmas at GPH. The next year she sang "Bless This House" at the Christmas Concert, according to the *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976). Issue 7, 1 (Jan. 1978) notes that Mrs. R.sang a solo—"Radiant Horn"—at the GPH Christmas Variety Night in 1977, accompanied by Mrs. COPE on the piano. Gertrude HARRIS sang a song on the same programme, and Jessie LOVE read a poem. Ellen Heikkila, the Director of Nursing, sang three songs, accompanied by Doug Garraway.

Similarly, the *Spotlight* 8, 1 (Jan. 1979) notes that played some selections on "the melodica" after the Christmas Dinner in Dec. 1978. (The summary of activities—by Joan Walker—records that an evening spent carolling with the Lions Club was especially memorable.)

Church: United.

GPH: 07/1974

RUMBLE, Mrs. Mary

16/03/??–??

Mrs. Rumble's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a tea hosted by the TAITS in the fall of 1972.

GPH: before 03/1972

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SALTER, Ivy Martha *Morrison*

27/07/1906–19/12/1997*

B. in London, England.

On 07/07/25 she married Bertie Salter, also a Londoner. He had various occupations during his lifetime: he worked for the local city council (Westminster); was a chauffeur and so on. Together they had three children: Eric, Bob, and Joan. In WWII the children were evacuated from London to Cornwall where they spent the duration of the War. They formed a close relationship with the family with which they stayed. Mr. S. served as a "warden" in London; his duties included retrieving the dead and injured from bombed and burning buildings.

In Dec. 1985 Mr. S. died and the following year, at the age of 80, Mrs. S. came to Midhurst to live with Joan and her family. She enjoyed animals and her garden and always had a budgie.

Mrs. S. also like to play bingo and it was through someone that she met at bingo that she learned of GPH and began coming in with the S.E. Programme. Eventually her physician, Dr. Beecroft, advised that she come to live here. That was after a time of living on her own at 125 Wellington St., and at St. Mary's senior apartments.

Mrs. S. brought "Joey," her budgie with her to GPH. When she was away for a period of hospitalization and returned Joey refused to speak to her! After her death the budgie continued to amuse the rest of us with his chatter in the Senior Encounter room.

Ivy was a person of personal dignity; a good friend for those who knew her; a person of independence who never complained: "Oh well, no use complaining," she would say.

At the time of her death, Eric and Lynn—his children Susan and Jamie were with his first wife Moira, deceased—live in Niagara Falls; Bob and Shirley live in England—their children are Robert and Wendy.

Joan and Brian May live in Chapel Hill, NC—their children are Gary, Claire, Christopher, and Laura. Laura's father-in-law, Ed Radford, read the Scriptures at Ivy's memorial service in our churchbuilding.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo and story about Ivy when she became a Canadian citizen at the age of 89. The story is dated Jan. 23, 1996. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 03/06/1996—A11

SANDERS, Frank

23/06/1882–26/05/1979

There is an *Examiner* photo, dated Nov. 13, 1974, of Mr. S. in connection with Remembrance Day ceremonies. With the photo we read: "Mr. Saunders (sic) served with the British infranty in South Africa, China, India and Hong Kong, and with the Canadian army during the First World War in Belgium and France." See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). *The Spotlight* 3, 9 (July 1974) printed a biography of Mr. Sanders:

> Mr. Sanders was born June 23, 1882 in Nottingham, England. His father was a lace maker. In 1889 he joined the British service. His military career took him to many countries, including two years in South Africa for the Boer War, two years in China, two years in Singapore, and four and a half years in India.
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> He was shocked at the terrible poverty which existed in many of those countries. …
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> He married Esther before his time in China, Singapore and India, so after his discharge he joined his wife in Barrie, where he lived until 1915, when he went to war in France and Belgium.
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> After that war he became a section hand with the railway, working at that job until 1947, when he retired.
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> He has three grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

The Spotlight 3, 10 (Aug. 1974) reported that Mr. Sander's grandson, Cpt. Karl Schultz of the Canadian Navy had visited on Thurs., July 25th. That Sat. Cpt. Schultz had to be on board the HCMS Yukon at Halifax. *The Spotlight* 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Mr. S. had visited his gd.-daughter, Mrs. J. Moore, over the Christmas season.

Church: Trinity Anglican.

GPH: before 07/1974

SASS, Sarah *Lux*

18/03/1908–13/09/1990

B. in Barrie. Her mother died when Sarah was four and she was raised with her two sisters by her aunts and uncles on the family farm on the 10th Concession of Vespra Twp. She was married and had three children when her husband Carl was killed in Holland during WWII.

Mrs. Sass lived in Toronto for 25 years; she missed Toronto after her move here. Son Ron still lives on the family farm on the 10th Concession of Vespra.

GPH: 24/03/1990—M73

SAUNDERS, Aileen Victoria

22/05/1902–08/11/1994

B. in St. Vincent Twp. (Meaford area) to Samuel Saunders and Victoria Gray.

Her father was killed in a tragic train wreck at the Spanish River in Jan. 1910, leaving a widow and five small children under ten: Frank (d. 1992: Orillia), Elma (m. MacGregor; d. 1994: Guelph), Aileen, Graydon (d. 1987) and Mabel (m. Carter; d. 1988: Markham). Mention may also be made of Aileen's step-sister, the late Merna Smith of Orillia.

Aileen taught school for 40 yrs., mostly in Orillia, where she taught generations

of grade 3 students at Hillcrest Public School. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Orillia, and later of First Baptist Church, Barrie. In Barrie she lived with Marg Sinclair next to First Baptist Church on Clapperton (in 1969).

She travelled around the world: Europe, Australia, South America, mostly on Baptist Fellowship Tours. Aileen was a long-time friend of Laurena ROBERTSON. Velma MACDONALD was in the R.O. Smith house as a teenager—Smith being Aileen's mother's name after re-marriage.

Interment: St. Andrew's and St. James' Cemetery, Orillia.

GPH: 29/06/1988—O97

SCARROW, Mrs. Edith

10/04/1891–1976?

The Spotlight, 2, 6 (Apr. 1973) notes her birthday; 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) records that she is in RVH, but her return is anticipated.

Church: United.

GPH: 03 or 04/1973

SCHOLES, Mary *Shepheard*

06/05/1913–

B. in Toronto; one of seven children.

Her father? worked at Eaton's downtown store for 45 years in maintenance.

After her marriage she lived in north Toronto and came to Barrie in 1982. They lived on Essa Rd., then on Drury Lane. Mrs. S. came to GPH from the nursing home in Elmvale—she was there six or seven months—because she has a niece close by in Barrie.

The Scholes had no children.

GPH: 25/03/1998

SCOTT, Jean *Neish*

13/04/1891–24/12/1982

B. in or around Keith, Scotland and came to Canada at the age of 20.

Mrs. Scott's husband was Wes Scott, a brother of George Scott, husband of Mary SCOTT. Wes and Jean Scott had ten children. They are—not necessarily in order: Nellie (m. Campbell); Isobel (m. Webb); Gladys (m. Morrison); and Alice (m. Churchill); Ella (m. Evan Griffiths, in Texas); David is married and lives in BC; Norman, who lives in Barrie and winters in Lakeland FL; John (deceased); and James and Ernest, who died in a drowning accident as children.

Her hobbies included reading, knitting; she loved to play cards.

Church: St. John's United Church, Alliston.

See the next item.

GPH: 26/01/1977—A3/C45

SCOTT, Mary *Milligan*

26/06/1905–30/07/1990

B. Tecumseh Twp.; three brothers: Howard—in 1990 he was a 90 yr.-old barber in Flesherton; Bill (on farm); Leighton. Her mother was a Leighton from Barrie. (Since her death both brothers have also died.)

She said she was the spoiled sister: she never went to the barn and knew nothing of farming!

Mrs. S. went to school in Cookstown; then to teacher's college in Hamilton. She taught school for several years in country schools before marriage to George. Mrs. S. used to visit Milligans in Meaford. One son, Kent, lives in

Burlington. She also had two daughters, both of whom died as infants: Marilyn (1936) and Nola Dawn (1942).

She called Alliston "home." At Kent's birth her husband was storm-stayed for four days at Sunnidale Corners after calling in at the COTTONS' hardware store in Stayner: he travelled for Cochrane & Dunlop. Elsie Cotton once noticed her straightening a picture on the wall at GPH: she thought "that's what she's like"—Mrs. S. kept her house that way too.

Mrs. Scott's son Kent notes that his mother had two relatives who lived at GPH before his mother came to live here: Jean SCOTT was a sister-in-law and Bill MCMASTER was an uncle.

GPH: 11/11/1980—B38/A5

SCOTT, Mrs. Reba

07/05/1890–04/11/1984

GPH: 13/05/1976—C54/C42

SCOTT, Mrs. Vera

05/10/1889–07/11/1981

The Spotlight 3, 11 (Oct. 1974) welcomed Mrs. Scott as a new resident. It states that she had been living at Kipling Acres, a home for the aged in Toronto, and that she had two daughters in the Barrie area. An *Examiner* photo shows Mrs. S. playing bingo at GPH. The photo appeared Oct. 8, 1977 and is in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).

Children: Ethel (m. Walter Cobb); Dorothy (m. J. LeMoine).

Church: United.

GPH: 10/1974; 1977—A20/C42

SEAL, Mrs. Alice *Sayce*

18/11/1886–25/11/1983

B. in Dorrington, Shropshire, England. She had a grocery store in England. Her daughter-in-law Nellie worked with them from the age of 19. Son John and daughter-in-law Nellie came to Canada in 1949; the following year Mrs. Seal and her other son, Wilfred, came. Lesley Williamson, Millie Williamson's daughter, adopted Nellie Seal as a grandmother. (Millie is Business Manager at GPH.)

Mrs. S. first came to GPH with the S.E. Programme. She enjoyed amazingly good health and was never hospitalized during her long life. For the 25 years before her move into GPH she lived with John and Nellie. Unfortunately John predeceased her.

Nellie and John had two sons: John (m. Marilyn Furyk), of Hillsdale, and David (m. Janice Waters), of Calgary.

GPH: 25/03/1980—B36/A14

SEAMAN, Sarah *McClelland* WOODHURST CALLAS

25/01/1907–10/02/1995*

B. in Dunmurray, Northern Ireland, to John and Alice Stratton McClelland. There she lived with her parents, grandparents, brothers and sister in a thatch-roofed cottage where the cooking was done over the open fireplace.

In an early childhood memory she recalled seeing her gd.-mother die as she sat in a chair beside the fireplace; when she was six, her mother died of "consumption" and at about that same time a baby brother died. Then, a year or two later, her father went off to WWI and she didn't see him for five or six years. He settled in Canada after the War, remarried, and in 1919, with brother Sam and sister May, she was put aboard a ship to join him in Montreal. Mrs. S. was 12. She left behind her beloved grandfather who had

cared for her in the interval.

One of her fondest memories was of this gd.-father: he would return in the morning from his night job, stand before the fire, and sing "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." He later joined the family in Montreal but, after a stay of about two years, returned to Ireland.

In 1928 she married Leonard Woodhurst. They raised three children: Dick, Alice and Brian. Mrs. S. was widowed in 1955. Two and a half years later she married Charles Callas. Following his death she married Harold Seaman, who died in 1986, the same year her eldest son died. At the age of 80 Mrs. S. came to live in Barrie. The *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1992, noted her birthday as a participant in the S.E. Programme.

The following remarks—as well as the information just given—are a slightly edited copy of the eulogy which Mrs. Seaman's daughter, Alice Crooks, gave at her memorial service on 15/02/1995.

> At age six, she had a job, delivering milk from the dairy, in cans, three in each hand, before school in the morning. After school she minded children. Her schooling ended at age 14 when she went to work at Woolworth's. Later she became a cashier at Murray's Cafeteria. She could quickly add up sums in her head. It was here that she met our Dad. He was captivated by her sparkling dark eyes and her winning smile. He brought his mother in to meet her and the courtship began. Married at 21, Mum took on not only a husband, but a mother-in-law and a brother-in-law as well. She didn't even know how to boil water, she would later say. Never one to shirk her duties, she soon learned to cook. And I believe it became one of her greatest satisfactions—to prepare delicious meals and send you, groaning, away from the table. We, each of us, have our different memories of Mother or Granny, as the case may be, but I'm sure we all agree thta no one could match her roast beef and yorkshire pudding, and her apple pies were
> superb.
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> She was a worker. She worked fast and she worked well. She developed her home-making skills. Her clothes were "Rinso-white" and hung outside on the line even in the bitterest cold of winter. She spring-cleaned with a vengeance. She painted and wall-papered and kept the house up. She put up canned peaches and jams and jellies, and pickles and preserves. She had no labour-saving devices except for a wringer washer. She knit our sweaters and socks and mittens, and she knitted for the war effort too. She was active in our community church, with the Ladies Aid, and the bake sales, and the bazaars. She always did her part. She was always anxious to be helpful. She always tried to do the right thing. She invariably put others ahead of herself.
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> When our Dad died, my brother Dick and I were already gone from home, but Mum still had Brian, then aged 10 to provide for. She was 47. She found a job as a cook in the cafeteria of one of the local industries. The work was hard and the hours long, but again, I believe she derived satisfaction from feeding good food to appreciative people. She used to delight in telling the story of how she introduced into the plain fare of the menu her tasty spaghetti sauce, a relatively new dish in those times in our area. As the workers streamed in from the plant, inhaling the spicy aroma, they would line up enthusiastically, crying out, "Ah! de spagatt. De spagatt." It made her day.
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> Her whole life long Mum was always looking after people. On her terrifying trip across the Atlantic she was seasick, but when she recovered, she spent the rest of the journey helping others who were ill. Over the years, the

aunts, uncles, cousins, friends came and went and our mother fed and looked after whoever needed her. For us kids, there were cold cloths for a fevered brow, and there was hot cocoa at the ready in a cosy kitchen when we came in from a frosty afternoon of skating or sliding. There were summers in the country in a primitive cabin and Mum could still manage to bake me a birthday cake.

Our mother was not without faults. Which of us is? She was quick-tempered, often impatient, sharp-tongued, and excitable. At these times she might lapse into what we called her "Irishisms." One day walking home from school, I was caught in a cloudburst. I arrived at the door soaked tot he skin. Mum took one look at her bedraggled daughter, dripping all over the mat, and shrieked, "Come in! Come in! Take your feet off!"

Our mother was not a jovial person but she enjoyed a good laugh. She had to laugh at herself the day she went out for several hours, forgetting that she'd left a plum pudding gently steaming on the stove. When she came home she remembered, and ran to rescue it, but it wasn't there. The pot had boiled dry and blown off the lid, but where was the pudding? She finally found it, stuck in the ceiling!

In the late 50s mother met and married a very fine gentleman, Charlie Callas. He became a father to Brian, and a stalwart and loving husband. He had six grown children, a warm, lively, and affectionate family who took Mum into their hearts, particularly Margaret (Kerr), who lived in Montreal at that time with her husband and 4 children. The others are in the West and I know Mum made many happy memories while visiting them
there.

Eight years after Charlie's death she married Harold Seaman. They travelled to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Sixty years after leaving it, she was back in the same village of Dunmurray, which by now had been incorporated into the city of Belfast. Back to the cottage where she began her life. It stood there still, not much changed in the intervening years. This was a real joy to her, to see it all again, and to renew acquaintances with her cousins.

If I had to conclude in one word, I would choose the word "service." Even in her final illness, when she could no longer walk, and her memory almost gone, she kept repeating, "I should be doing something. What am I supposed to be doing? I shold be doing something."

In a Dear Abby letter, a grandmother was quoted as saying, "Here's all the advice you'll ever need to have a good life: Wash what is dirty. Water what is dry. Heal what is wounded. Warm what is cold. Guide what goes off the road. Love people who are least loveable because they need it most." I believe that sums up my mother's credo. But I'm sure she would have added: "Feed what is hungry!"

GPH: 11/03/1993—A28/C61

SEAWRIGHT, Mrs. Ruth Theodora
26/08/1906–06/02/1976
The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Mrs. S. entertained her son, Terence, at GPH on Christmas day. Son: Terrence, of Cambridge ON.
GPH: by 12/1974

SHANNON, Hazel *Little*
04/02/1901–05/06/1996

B. in Coboconk, one of five girls.

Her father worked at a lumber yard and a lime kiln. With WWI the family moved to Toronto. She lived at "the Junction" for many years and worshiped at St. Anne's for 50 years. Mr. S. had a business, the Automatic? Box Co., which made boxes for Laura Secord and other firms. Mrs. worked for Bell Telephone for 46 yrs.: "perks" included free telephone service and $30/mo. in long distance calls.

She liked to play cards, enjoyed "the usual things" and—at least in her elder years—was a devoted reader of the *Toronto Star* . Mr. S. died in 1983; there are no children. They maintained a cottage on Balsam Lake, near Coboconk.

GPH: 28/07/1995—C61

SHELSWELL, Hilda Jane *Crawford*

21/11/1901–16?/05/1992

B. in Oro Twp. She was a sister of Wilf CRAWFORD. On the Crawfords see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 86–92; on the Shelswells see pp. 355–356, where Mrs. S.'s marriage is recorded on p.356. From her childhood she attended Mitchell Square Baptist Church. She married her father's "hired man," Albert, who was from the Baptist Church north of Edgar. They had a 150 acre dairy farm, with one or two hired men. Her husband picked up other farmers' milk for transport to Orillia.

One son, Maurice, has an excavating business; three daughters—married names: Perkin, Hubbert, Slessor—live in the Barrie area. Mr. S. died in 1979.

Mrs. S. had a serious illness when she was 40. She was not expected to live and spent 6 mos. in bed. She said that the experience freed her up to live: she came to understand that all of life is "borrowed time." Certainly she was a kindly, vivacious person.

At GPH she played the piano from memory—she had been the church pianist—and played well: she had a "nice touch," as they say. The details of her life she recorded in *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1, "The Experiences and Adventures of a Farm Couple Down Through the Years." Her poem "Memory" opens both vol. 1 and vol. 2.

Mrs. Shelswell's gd.-daughter, Sherry Hubbert, works with my wife Elaine in the CCU at RVH.

GPH: 05/10/1988—A27

SHUTE, Arthur ("Victor")

18/09/1886–1976?

The Spotlight 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) notes that Mr. S. spent Christmas with his daughter Mary (sic), and that his wife was there as well. The next issue of *The Spotlight* has a brief biography of Mr. Shute. It states that he was born in Bruce County and spent some years in Alberta.

Children: Meiry (m. White); sons James, in Barrie, and Keith, in Midhurst.

Church: Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

GPH: by 12/1974

SIENKIEWICZ, Maria

12/08/1927–

Mrs. S.speaks no English and I know only a few words of Polish. Jennie Janowski is a good friend of Mrs. Sienkiewicz.

GPH: 21/07/1998

SIMMS, Mrs. Jean

13/02/1898–

Mrs. Simms donated room #78 to GPH.
GPH: 05/01/1987(—B32/O78)–01/12/1987 (moved)

••? SIMPSON, Miss Margaret
??/10/??–??
Her birthday was noted in the first issue of *The Spotlight* . According to Rittenhouse list #1, Miss Simpson occupied suite C59.
GPH: by 10/1971

SIMPSON, Jane
18/09/1901–13/12/1987
Miss S. was a member at St. John's Anglican Church, Waverly and had been a school teacher.
GPH: 19/11/1982—B40/B34

••? SINCLAIR, Mrs. Mary
05/10/1885–??
Her birthday was noted in the first issue of *The Spotlight* , Nov. 1971.
GPH: by 10/1971

SINCLAIR, Robert
28/01/1890–17/041987
B. in the Scottish settlement near Bradford. Farmed in the area all his life; loved the earth and land.
Married Mildred Todd—cousin to Agnes KNEESHAW and Lois STURGEON. She was an organist at Churchill for 50 yrs.
Three sons: John, Faris and Keith.
Mr. S. built a white house on east side of road on south side of Churchill.
Member of the United Church.
Mr. S. enjoyed building and fixing things and the transition to life at GPH, even in his very old age, was extremely difficult: there was nothing to fix!
GPH: 23/08/1983—A21/C56

SLATER, Elsie *Fletcher*
04/12/1900–
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 has been 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.) 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 recalls 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 Bathhurst 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 has completely lost her sight. 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 and son-in-law Hugh Oliphant live in Barrie.

Elsie has 12 grandchildren and eight gt.-grandchildren.

GPH: 09/09/1987—O93

SLATER, Mary Cowie

30/05/1909–11/09/1996*

B. Lossiemouth, Scotland. She came to Canada with her parents and two of her brothers in 1925—brothers Robert and William had preceded the rest of the family, Robert in 1923 and William in 1924.

This was a tightly knit family: none of the children married except Robert—to Elsie *Fletcher* SLATER; William died quite young in 1926 and James died at the age of 56. Mary cared for her parents and younger brother John.

Miss S. became a teacher and taught into her 60s, even becoming proficient in French relatively late in life so that she could teach that subject. She was an independent and meticulous person.

Graveside service at Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 10/1995—C59

SLESSOR, Glen

08/12/1929–1974?

Lillian Barrowclough recalls him as the youngest resident at GPH. *The Spotlight*, 1, 2 (Dec. 1971) notes Mr. Slessor's birthday. *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mr. Slessor spent part of Christmas day that year with his father on Patterson Rd.

Church: Emmanuel Baptist, Barrie.

GPH: by 12/1971

•• SMITH, Barbara *Sutherland*

24/01/1888?–07/11/1972

B. in Fraserborough, northern Scotland, one of several children including two brothers, Alec and William.

Married John Smith. They had five children before coming to Canada: Jessie ("Ness"; m. Aylett), Barbara (m. Vance), Albert, Margaret (m. Ross; m. Aylett), and Sid. In Canada they had two more children: Edwin and Joyce (m. Wilson). As was often the case then, Mr. Smith preceded the rest of the family to this country. Mrs. Smith was the only one of her family to immigrate, though a niece came to Oakville.

Mr. Smith died in 1931. Albert was 17 at the time. It was the Depression and times were very difficult. All the children helped out financially and Jessie waited until 24 to marry so that she could help her mother and siblings. The family lived in York Twp. at 488 McRoberts Ave.

In WWII Mrs. Smith went to work in the war factories.

Margaret says that her mother was a hard-working woman. She was a member of Fairbank Baptist Church and worked alongside Mrs. AYLETT at social functions.

Richard Holliday—married to Marilyn, Jessie's daughter—was minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Barrie when GPH was built and it was through this connection that Mrs. Smith came to Barrie from Toronto to live at GPH. And Mrs. Aylett was coming too!

Interment: Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 1968 or 1969

SMALL, Lila May *Hargrave*

20/11/1895–13/04/1989

B. in Wareham, near Maxwell. A twin-sister d. at age 9 mos.; she grew up with two brothers and a sister.

As a child she milked up to 12 cows until one kicked her. Completed school, then lived at home to care for her mother. Met her husband at a family friend's when she was 18, then again when she was 20: a correspondence developed and they were married when she was 22. They lived on the 5th line of Adjala Twp. (near Alliston) on her husband's parents' farm; then moved to a farm on the Camp Borden road. Son Lloyd continued on that farm; daughter Hilda nursed in Weston.

Christened and confirmed at the Anglican Church in Maxwell; in the afternoons went to the Methodist church in Wareham. In Alliston she was active in the United Church.

With her husband (d. 1981) Mrs. S. was active in the Horticultural Society at Alliston. Mrs. S. thought that Alliston was about the best place anywhere. Travelled seventeen times with her husband to Florida.

GPH: 06/10/1982—B40/A11

SMITH, Elizabeth *Twine*

07/02/1884–15/04/1983

The *Barrie Banner*, Dec. 9, 1981, published a photo of Mrs. S. at 96, with Susan Ricketts at the St. George's Church Christmas bazaar. See GPH Scrapbook 1. St. George's was her congregation.

The *Spotlight*, June–July 1982, included the following biography of Mrs. Smith, compiled by Joan Walker.

> Elizabeth ("Granny") Smith was born in Sussex-by-the-Sea, England, in a village called Slindon. Her maiden name was "Twine." Slindon is protected under the National Trust in England, and not allowed to be commercialized.
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> Elizabeth Twine went to school at Arundel, where there is a castle which is kept renovated. It is one of the residences of the Duke of Norfolk.
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> Elizabeth was married in England and in 1911 came to Canada, which was the thing to do at the time. They lived in Toronto, in an apartment on Arundel Avenue (by coincidence), just off Broadview. Toronto was very different in those days. Elizabeth remembers Woodbine Avenue as a dirt road with a plank to walk on. The Don Valley was all bush where the wild columbine grew in abundance.
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> Elizabeth was very homesick for England at first. Her husband broke his arm the day after they arrived. She didn't like anything about Canada. Eventually their son arrived: he was born at home, as was the custom. A woman was engaged ahead of time to help, and she stayed a month.
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> Elizabeth recalls with pleasure a two-month visit to England in 1950. She loved travelling and was excited to see icebergs and whales. She also met Alice SEAL on board ship, and they have been good friends ever since.
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> Now she doesn't like to think about the past, but believes in living for the present. Perhaps this is the secret of her longevity, besides sewing and travelling. She has always loved reading.
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> We also know that she is a singer and has learned to bowl since coming to Grove Park Home. She is now one of our star bowlers—quite an accomplishment at 98 years old!
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> GPH: 29/05/1979—B40/A11

SMITH, Emily May *McLaughlin*

26/05/1898–18/02/1990

B. in Toronto; lived at 30 Bernard Ave.; youngest of three daughters.

Her father was professor of Old Testament at Victoria University; her mother was from Owen Sound. Mrs. S. had "wonderful parents" and recalled the fun the girls had when her father's students came to their home. Husband Laval was a United Church minister in Montreal. He was a conscientious objector as a result of his overseas experiences in WWI The couple moved to Toronto where he became Superintendent at the Church of All Nations and welcomed hundreds of immigrants after WWII.

Children: Bob, of Gravenhurst; Margaret (m. Waite) of Bracebridge; Dorothy (m. Miller) of Elmvale.

Mrs. Smith was an artisan, creating beautiful objects in clay at her potter's wheel. Many of these became prize-winners. She also loved poetry, and contributed "Treasures in the Making" to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1.

Mrs. Smith moved to GPH in Barrie to be closer to her daughter.

The solarium at GPH was donated by her children in memory and gratitude for their fine parents. The *Examiner*, June 4, 1987, published a photo of Mrs. Smith at the opening with Administrator David Johnson and Activities Director Joan Walker. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Joan Walker, Director of Activities at GPH, is the niece of "aunt Emily" and spent time as a child at their Muskoka cottage. Emily called her "the busy lady" because she was so active—to the point of sweeping dust from the cracks in the floor!

GPH: 17/08/1983—B40

• SMITH, Mrs. Mary

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Mrs. Smith appears briefly in a CKVR-TV interview, made before GPH opened. In it she explains that she lived for thirty years in Washington, lives with her sister in Barrie, and worships with the Church of Christ every Sunday. Mrs. MCIVER, her sister, also appears in an interview, along with a Mrs. Phillips who lived in the same building as they did at the time, at the corner of Mulcaster and Collier St. Mrs. Phillips did not come to live at GPH. According to the Rittenhouses, Mrs. Smith was a Canadian but had lived in Santa Anna CA.

GPH: 1968

SMITH, Tom

11/07/1903–08/05/1992

B. in Birmingham, England. Mr. Smith came to Canada at age 36 and never returned. He could not get work in his field (electronics) so he worked on a farm outside Neepawa MB. Mr. S. "rode the rails" with a friend back to ON, to Belleville and worked there on a farm. He fell in love with that farmer's daughter and left for Toronto after a disagreement with Mr. Lloyd. Keitha Lloyd (1897–1943) followed him and they were married.

Tom attended Radio College of Canada and worked at Inglis at night. Their son Joseph was 2 1/2 when Keitha died of cancer. She is buried at Conc. 4, Sydney Twp., outside Belleville. Three and one-half years later Tom remarried and lived happily at 53 Albania in Mimico for 30–40 years. This second marriage lasted 42 yrs.; his wife was the organist at Mimico Presbyterian Church. After her death Tom was unable to go to church: too many memories.

Joseph (m. Ruth) lives in Barrie and has two daughters. He works with computers at Base Borden and has his own business, Computer AID.

Mr. S. had a radio repair business on Soudan Ave., near Mt. Pleasant. He sold out to his partner with the onset of WWII. He also worked for 25 years for Dominion Electrical Protective Systems. His son Joseph wrote me: "He installed burglar and fire alarms in buildings occupied by (usually) large corporations. He worked very closely with Bell Canada as the alarms had to be spliced into the Bell lines so that they could be monitored at the D.E.P. main office on Adelaide St. in Toronto. Installations were usually in Toronto, but he also installed in Hamilton and London."

Tom said he had a bad temper when he was young: he lost his front teeth in a street fight.

He bowled; played snooker. He was meticulous. At GPH he had a large video and cassette collection. Tom had two (!) copies of a photo which he had taken of each of

the locks on the Trent Canal.

Tom gave me a copy of a tape of a collection of Mario Lanza songs which contained a favourite hymn, "I'll walk with God"; also a Phil Coulter tape, "Serenity."

Like many men, Mr. Smith was very attached to his car—a Toyota Cressida—and tears would come to his eyes when he spoke of having to sell it and give up driving.

The *Examiner* published a colour photo of Mr. Smith with Beulah BRINKWORTH in the section entitled "Senior Scene" on Feb. 29, 1992 as GPH Winter Carnival King and Queen. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 20/05/1991—O99

SMITH, W. Wray

10/06/1886–01/1978

For photo and brief information see FAWN. *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mr. S. was a high school teacher; in 4, 3 (Jan. 1975) it records that Mr. Smith entertained his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. [John] Speers. Canon John Speers has been a frequent visitor to GPH over the years. For example, *The Spotlight* 4, 9 (July 1975) records that Bruce Owen, accompanied by Rev. John Speers, provided an hour of music and song on the 25th of the previous month.

Church: Kingsway Baptist.

GPH: 06/1973

•? SNIDER, Mildred *Charlton*

19/07/1905–09/08/1978

The first issue of *The Spotlight*, Nov. 1971, notes that Mrs. Snider had spent a week's vacation with her daughter in Bermuda.

There is an *Examiner* photo of Mrs. S. dated Apr. 24, 1974, in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). *The Spotlight* 2, 6 (Apr. 1973) notes her husband's name is Arthur, and that she spent Mar. 16 with her son, George. They attended a euchre and box social at the Craighurst Community Hall.

The *Spotlight* 6, 6 (June 1977) tells of a Rotary Club-sponsored afternoon bus tour up highways 11 and 93, through Dalston and Craighurst. Mrs. Snider pointed out familiar landmarks and the bus stopped for a few moments in front of her son's business, Snider Well-Drilling. The tour continued up to Midland where the tour made stops at Little Lake for ice-cream, at the Marina, and at the Martyr's shrine. Thirteen residents in wheel-chairs, ten other residents, and two staff members made the trip. The report mentions that Mrs. [Leda] GIFFEN and Mrs. [Mary] SPRING saw many familiar sites around Elmvale. The *Spotlight* 6, 11 (Nov. 1977) notes visits by her brother Harold Charlton of Peterborough and sister Alyce Fouse of Campbellville.

Children: George and Ralph, both of Craighurst.

Church: St. John's Anglican, Craighurst.

GPH: before the end of 1970

SPARHAM, Mrs. Darlo

27/12/1893–30/12/1984

Church: Collier St. United, Barrie.

GPH: 12/06/1984—B34

SPRING, Mrs. Mary ("Mamie") Estelle *Parnell*

13/07/1891–23/03/1980

The *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) notes that Mrs. S. won a prize at the Birthday Party and Easter Parade on Apr. 5th.

Her nephew, Wilmur Giffen recalls:

> … wife of the late Milton Spring. They lived in Montana for a time and then returned to the 11th of Flos. They had two sons, Kenneth [m. Lillian] and Ray [m. Dorothy] Spring, both of whom were very well known in North Simcoe. They were both prominent farmers. Even though Mary was her real name, everyone called my aunt "Mamie." In her younger days she was vibrant and full of energy and an excellent cook! I still remember the meals we had at her house! My mother [Leda GIFFEN] and my aunt were great friends.

Church: United Church, Elmvale.
GPH: by 06/1976—C42

SPROULE, Mrs. Myrtle
21/04/1902–1976?
The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) provided brief introductions about several new residents. It gives the following about Mrs. Sproule:

> Mrs. Myrtle Sproule has spent most of her life in [the] Barrie area, with a few years on a farm in Cookstown. For three summers she worked in the office at Innisfil Park. Mrs. Sproule is interested in music and is looking forward to the Tuesday singings with the May Court group. She is a member of the Senior Citizens group. Mrs. Sproule has a daughter in Owen Sound and a son in Sturgeon Falls. She has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Church: First Baptist.
GPH: fall 1972

•? STAFFORD, Mrs. Alice
21/05/1877–??
GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

STAINTON, Mrs. Laura Lois
28/06/1897–08/11/1982
The *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976) notes that Mrs. Stainton spent part of the Christmas season with relatives and friends in Collingwood and New Lowell.
The *Spotlight* 9, 12 (Dec. 1979) records that GPH seniors visited Creedan Valley Nursing Home in Creemore on the "Fall Colour Tour." Apparently Mrs. Stainton met an old friend there, "adding a note of cheer by playing the piano." Some 45 people took the trip, filling the bus and five cars.
Church: Central United, Barrie.
GPH: 11/01/1974—A23/C46

STEELE, Georgianna ("Georgie") Mabel Beatrice *Norton* STRAITON
01/07/1912–23/03/1998
B. in Viewfield, SK, among the older of several sisters.
In the mid-1930s she moved to Toronto, where she married Peter Straiton. They had a son, Bruce, who was two when Mr. S. was killed in an industrial accident in 1950.
Mrs. S. started the "My Fair Lady Gift Shop" at Danforth Ave. and Pape Ave. In 1955 she married Ken Steele.
A few years later she also opened a Variety Store at 708 Pape; the family lived

upstairs. In 1968 she sold both businesses and the Steeles moved to Donlands Ave. in east Toronto. She worked as a bookkeeper at Canadian Floor Service and then with Keystone McDelland.

Mr. Steele died after a short illness in 1983.

Tony DeMattos was a close friend of Mr. S. and after his death became a close friend of Mrs. Steele. That friendship continued to the end of her life.

In 1991 Mrs. S. moved to Barrie and purchased a house at 136 Rose St. This brought her close to her son Bruce Steele (m. Susan) and their children, Jason and Sara.

Mrs. S. was active in the Rebekah Lodge for over forty-five years.

Church: St. George's Anglican Church, Allandale. A retired minister of that church conducted her funeral service and Bruce provided me with a copy of the eulogy. I have drawn on those remarks.

GPH: 04/01/1997—B30/C49

STEELE, Mary E. *Ross*

10/02/1901–06/12/1982

Mrs. S. was a sister of Helen *Ross* WARNICA. The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Steele quilting with Georgian College student Linda Huard, Jan. 17, 1980—see GPH Scrapbook 1.

The *Spotlight*, June-July, 1981 included the following biography of Mrs. Steele.

> Born at Guthrie, Mary is the daughter of the late Thomas E. Ross and Nellie Duncan, both natives of Oro Township. (The beautiful Ross home is known as the "Sign of the Elk.") Before Mary reached her 6th birthday, her mother died and her aunt, Maggie Duncan, moved into the Ross home to take care of the three children. Later Maggie married Tom Ross and raised the children as her own with great love and devotion.
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> Mary attended Guthrie Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School and was a charter member of the C.G.I.T. when it was founded in Ontario.
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> After graduating from Barrie Collegiate Institute, Mary attended Toronto Normal School. She then returned home and taught for 2 years in Oro Township. Her profession tookher West to Alberta (near Botha), where she met Sam Steele (originally from Northern Ireland), principal of Botha Consolidated Schools, and in 1924 they were married in Guthrie.
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> In 1931, Sam and Mary came east with son Jack and daughter Mary. Sam retired in 1953, and in 1956 they moved to Shanty Bay Road. They both became very involved in Collier St. United Church, and gave generously of their time and talents. Sam passed away in 1972.
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> Mary's chief hobby was weaving. Her hand-woven bedspreads and drapes are works of art, second to none.
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> Mary has travelled extensively, and has been overseas 5 times, and visits family in Ottawa.
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> Her apartment was a delightful experience, filled with beautiful crafts: needlepoint, crewel upholstery, and a magnificent corner cupboard, tables and cabinets, all made by her late husband, whose hobby was cabinet making.

Now at Grove Park Home, Mary's room is a pleasure to visit: handwoven bedspread with colour coordinated drapes, rocking chair with handwoven upholstery, anothe chair covered with crewel embroidery, petti-point and cross-stitch wall hangings, books, pictures of family, paintings—all are samples of Mary's skills and interests. Never one to be idle, Mary still spends a good deal oftime quilting in the craft shop. Her warm smile and quiet manner bring joy to all who meet her.

Church: Collier St. United, Barrie.
GPH: 22/01/1979—A18/C43

STEELE, Sybil *Hiscock*
31/05/1902–09/05/1988

B. and raised in the small fishing village of Brigus, in Conception Bay NF. Her grandfather, father, brothers and nephews were, and still are, fish merchants. They bought fish—cod, herring; lobster—from the fishermen, packed and shipped it world-wide, to Japan, the Caribbean and Mediterranean.

As we can well imagine, the fish business was always up and down, but generally speaking it provided a reasonable living to the extent that most of the Hiscock children got their final education on the "mainland."

The Steele family, that is, daughters Doreen and Sybil, together with Sybil's husband Dick and son Harris, moved to Barrie in 1948 and opened Steele's China Shop. The China Shop is still operating under Harris.

For many years Sybil was at the store on Fridays, where whe visited with her friends and helped out. She enjoyed GPH very much, as well as her Fridays at the store, especially as, on the way home with Harris they stopped off and got her an "Eskimo" icecream bar. One evening she arrived on the back of Harris' motorcycle—not bad at 84!

Twin daughters Sybil (m. MacLean), and Doreen; son Harris lives in Barrie.

She was a person of no pretensions and claimed that she had never had to work outside the home. Her "ducky" and "m'love" gave away her Nfld. origins. When I first met her she asked, "Do you know my son Harris?" She asked that of everyone!

Mrs. Steele came first to GPH with the S.E. Programme. Mrs. S. enjoyed bridge.

A favourite humourous saying: "If Miss–issippi gave her New Jersey to Miss–ouri, what would Dela–ware? I don't know. I'll-Asker."

Mrs. Steele was delightful and we still miss her. There is a glossy photo, dated May 1984, of the GPH Bridge Club at Camp Borden. Other GPH residents include Sherle BOTTRILL, Mildred RICHARDSON, Edith THOMPSON, Matilde BRUCKER, Harold CONNALLY, and Mary THACKER. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian.
GPH: 24/09/1981—B36/A3/C46

STEELE, William
16/07/1884–29/08/1981

Mr. Steele's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mr. S. owned fine teams of horses.

Daughters: Ruth (m. A.N. Coleman). *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mr. Steele had visits at Christmas that year with his daughters and sons-in-law: Mr. and

Mrs. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Coleman.
Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian, Barrie.
GPH: by summer 1972—C47

STEPHENSON, Mrs. Amelia
14/05/1891–27/04/1982
Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.
GPH: 02/11/1978—C53

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'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 teaches at Georgian College.
See also: Winifred *Darke* French.
GPH: 01/04/1997—A27

STREET, Reginald Arthur
21/06/1891–10/01/1986
Mr. Street was a handsome man. He liked the song "Darktown Strutter's Ball" and for some years after his death we used to mention his name when we sang that song at Sing-Song.
Mrs. Helen BINNS was a friend of Mr. S. at GPH and was much saddened at his passing.
Daughter: Pauline (m. Flannigan), of Toronto.
The *Spotlight* 6, 4 (Apr. 1977) welcomed Mr. Street as a new resident. The *Examiner*, Jan. 3, 1983, published a New Year's photo of Mr. S. with Tillie MACEY. See GPH Scrapbook 1.
GPH: by 04/1977—A4

STURGEON, Anna Lois *Todd*
20/11/1902–05/12/1997
B. at Cherry Creek, on the 2nd of Innisfil, south of Churchill and east of highway 11. She had an older brother was Allan, who eventually farmed, and a younger sister Agnes KNEESHAW.
At school she sat at the same desk as Ethel MCKENZIE; she grew up with Hazel KELL, who at GPH still called her and her sister "the Todd girls." After her marriage she and Edgar S. lived at 51 Eccles St. in Barrie and he worked at a variety of jobs: at Canadian Tire, at the O'Keefe pop warehouse; in the automotive business.

After his death and the death of her sister Agnes' husband, the two sisters lived at 135 Wellington St., where they knew Agnes FLYNN. On Jan. 12, 1994, they moved into GPH together.

Children: Don; Margaret (m. Peacock).

Mrs. Sturgeon was a person with lots of stories and humorous sayings and I enjoyed sitting at the table with her, Agnes, and Sarah VAUSE. I may quote what one of her parent's neighbours said about marriage: "Better to die fighting than to live alone." (02/03/94)

One of our friends through Elaine's work at RVH is Barbara Adams, the gd.-daughter of Allan Todd. Her husband, Brad Steed, is a nephew of Cora MCNABB.

The *Examiner*, May 3, 1982, published a photo of Mrs. Sturgeon with her husband Edgar at the 14th Anniversary Tea. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

GPH: 12/01/1994—B34

SUBJECT, Margaret *Swift*

29/09/1909–21/05/1998*

B. in Hanover; she had three brothers. Her father was from England; her mother's name was Wells.

Mrs. Subject's husband Walter was from Elmwood and was a butter-maker at the creamery in Hanover, then again in Creemore. She has said that they never had margarine on their table!!

The Subjects moved to Barrie, where Mr. S. died in 1987.

One of the attendants from Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home at this funeral was George Wright, husband of Shirley, Laura WOODROW'S daughter.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Barrie.

GPH: 29/12/1994—A28

SULLIVAN, Elizabeth ("Betty") *Irving*

24/10/1899–28/03/1999

B. at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, Scotland. She is 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.

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.

Betty was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her mother was Catholic; her father was Presbyterian.

GPH: 04/02/1991—O93

SUTTON, Barbara *Wilson*

14/07/1907–

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. loves 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. S. 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 remembers 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 still fills her heart with joy and brings 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

SUTTON, Edward David

16/06/1909–30/09/1994*

B. in Vespra Twp., the youngest of the six children of Samuel Sutton and Minnie K. Lee. His sister Ann and four brothers—Milton, John Currie, Melvin, and George—preceded him into the next world.

Mr. S. went to work for Woolworth's at the age of 19. He started the bakeshop at that store at the corner of Yonge St. and Queen St. (That Woolworth's store was something of a landmark and was still there when I was a university student in Toronto during the 1970s.) He told me that he sort of "fell into" that profession while "playing around" in the kitchen.

Ed baked mostly rolls, muffins and donuts, but also cakes, even wedding cakes. He remained a good cook throughout his life, though after he left Woolworth's he didn't care to bake pastry.

In Toronto he married Olive Mingo from the Burke's Falls area and they had two children: Ross and Brad. The marriage ended when the boys were still small.

Mabel *Kimpton* —"Kim"— went to work at that store after being in the armed services and it is there that they met. She was assistant manager of a sizeable lunch counter; he baked the rolls! When they married Ed was already well into fatherhood: Ross and Brad were good-sized boys. Their apartment was at Gerrard and Coxwell. Ed got off work early enough so that he could be home when the boys returned from school. So it was that father and sons had substantial amounts of time together.

Ed and Kim bought a farm at Crown Hill, just outside of Barrie, and it was there that the family spent its weekends. Ed was a shooter and when the boys were old enough to have guns it became one of their goals to be able to outshoot their father at target shooting. Kim told me that there are some fence posts at Crown Hill full of lead!

Ed took early retirement from Woolworth's: he left there at age 60 and they lived on the farm. When it came time to leave the farm, Kim and Ed moved to 37 Johnson St. (Imperial Towers) where they spent 10 years.

Edward Sutton was a tall, handsome man, with a winning smile and eyes that twinkled like Santa Claus's. He and Kim had a very close relationship. In fact, one time Kim took a trip out West—where she had spent her childhood—and was only gone a few days when Ed called her and said he was lonesome. She cut short her vacation and returned to Toronto, the one-way fare equalling the round-trip fare she had already arranged for! They call that love, I think.

Edward Sutton had a number of passions, aside from his family. He liked to play cards: Ross, his wife Ruth and Brad told me that Kim and Ed—and Kim's mother when she was alive—played very aggressively. Kim, they say, was the better card player but their father had more luck!

Edward Sutton has two grandchildren, Lynn (m. Steve) and Glen; and three great-grandchildren: Lynn and Steve's children are Tamara, Alicia and Taylor.

Interment: St. James Cemetery.

GPH: 22/12/1992—B38

SUTTON, Mabel ("Kim") *Kimpton*

12/10/1911–18/06/1996*

Kim Sutton's mother, Mabel Tiernan, was born in New Zealand in 1889 but moved to England at the age of 4 following the drowning death of her father. In 1908 Mabel Tiernan met Roger ("Bob") Kimpton in London and they were married after a quick courtship—because Bob Kimpton was intent on moving to Canada and to prosperity!

Kim's father emigrated first and then Kim and her mother came on the

Empress of Ireland in Oct. 1912, arriving in due course in the middle of Saskatchewan, about 75 km. west of Saskatoon, at Biggar, SK. (On the "Empress of Ireland" see Doris PARSONS.)

Kim's father got an office job of some kind. Her mother managed a "cook car" with a threshing outfit for 10 years: Kim would go for a couple of days at a time. She said that she learned how to work—and how to eat!

In 1916 Kim's father went to fight in WWI. The family moved to a house in Purdue, SK and Kim's mother became the local midwife. She would be away for 10 days at a time; Kim could visit after the 5th day of a delivery.

Kim's 10th birthday was a special one: they went into town and Kim was told there was something for her at the livery stable. It was a horse named "Nance" and she rode and walked it the thirteen miles home! These were good childhood times: Kim discovered strawberry patches and brought home beautiful wildflowers.

In the early 1930s Kim's mother took ill one winter with typhoid fever and had to be taken on an improvised stretcher to Saskatoon—in the baggage car of a train. The hospital bill was $1000, not to mention the doctor's fee.

There were many funny things to remember from those prairie days: the upsetting of the churn in the kitchen and the pigs brought in to clean it up! The plays that her mother organized …

After 25 years of farming Kim's father took the job of Postmaster. With WWII Kim became a Sargeant chef. After the war she came to Toronto and worked as the assistant manager of a 210 seat eatery at Woolworth's at the corner of Yonge and Queen Sts. It was there that she met Edward Sutton, who baked the rolls for that eatery. They were married in 1953. With this marriage she got two boys, Ross and Brad, and Ed and the boys got "Mum," Kim's mother: they all took a honeymoon together!

The family had an apartment at Gerrard and Coxwell but also had a farm at Crown Hill, to which Ed and Kim eventually retired. Following that there was 10 years at 37 Johnson St. where they were good friends with Jean PARKER and her husband. In 1992 Ed and Kim came to GPH to live.

Mrs. S. enjoyed playing cards—cribbage: she played with rolls of pennies. She loved dogs.

In Oct. 1994, Ed died, the last of his family. A sister-in-law, Barbara SUTTON—brother Curry's wife—also lives at GPH.

Kim is survived by her sons Ross and Brad, daughters-in-law Ruth and Chris; grandchildren Lynn and Glen, and by three gt.-grandchildren Tamara, Alicia and Taylor.

Mrs. S. had a very keen mind and she was very devoted to those she loved. Her family recollections about her mother are well-written, interesting and witty. We often talked about her life, both her early life in Saskatchewan and later.

Late in life she was able to sort out some spiritual questions. She became a student of the Bible: she attended my Bible study at GPH and came to worship with my congregation as long as she was able. From time to time she passed on clippings to me about Bible-related topics. Her questions were good ones: for a teacher it's gratifying to find such interest. I think she was at peace with God. Kim contributed the following stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 2—"Winter Guests"; vol. 3—"Plays"; "Midwifery and Farm Life in Saskatchewan"; "My Tenth Birthday."

GPH: 22/12/1992—B38

SUTTON, Reta *Spearn [Spearing]*

26/02/1906–09/05/1990

B. Barrie; her father (grandfather?) came from "the old country," worked on the railway: he changed his name from Spearing to avoid confusion.

She was the oldest of six children, one of which d. at 17.

Was in school and Girl Guides with Mildred MCQUADE.

As a bride she went to Shanty Bay, to a farm east of the Holden Estate; from there to a new house across the road, then to a house in Shanty Bay. Four sons: George, Harvey, Ross, Roy—the last two are twins; three of them married in the same summer.

Member of St. Thomas Anglican Church at Shanty Bay where she organized community suppers.

Mrs. Sutton regretted not having daughters but daughters-in-law were like daughters for her.

The hardest move she made was from the farm.

Husband Cecil d. 1978.

GPH: 03/01/1989—M87

SYKES, Marion *McDonald* SIMMONS

06/03/1904–01/05/1996

B. in Lanark and went to school there; she had three brothers. Her mother died when she was still young; her father remarried and she had a good relationship with her step-mother.

For many years she worked on the switchboard at Eaton's: indeed, until she was 75! Her first marriage gave her a son Donald, who has been in Vancouver for many years.

Mrs. S. lived at GPH *twice* : at about age 80 she came to GPH, then moved to Collier Place; from there she moved to Simcoe Terrace, then back to GPH.

Mrs. S. enjoyed pets—a dog, flowers, and walking.

Mrs. Sykes had a good friend in Alice Smith, whom she met by way of Telecare. Mrs. Smith informed me that Mrs. Sykes had a nephew Keith McDonald. She dearly loved both him and his wife Becky, as well as their sons, Kevin and Brian. Mr. McDonald lives in Lady Lake FL.

Church: Emmanuel Baptist, Barrie.

GPH: 12/06/1984—B40–29/04/1985 (left to share an apt.) and 27/06/ 1995—A16

T

TAIT, Dorothy *Emery*

21/08/1914–

B. in Hamilton. Her parents were William and Maude Emery and her family included two brothers, Don and Roy.

She lived in Hamilton until her marriage to Douglas T. in 1934. They lived in Fergus (1934–1945), in London (1945–1953), then moved to the Barrie area. They spent their winters in Florida.

Mrs. Tait's hobby was watercolour painting and her favourite subject was flowers. She also enjoyed visiting with elderly folks, including her parents, who moved to Barrie in the 1950s. The Taits have a daughter Joan (m. Hodges).

Mrs. T. hosted a May Court Club picnic for GPH residents at her home, "The Highlands," at Shanty Bay in 1972! There is an *Examiner* photo of her with Gertie HARRIS in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: 21/11/1997—M64

THACKER, Mary *Inglis* THORNHILL

15/09/1894–14/09/1991

B. in Elora ON.

Her father met her mother at a creek at Fergus: he had seen her and wanted to meet her so he went down to the creek when she was there—he showed Mary the very spot.

Mary studied nursing in Rochester, NY but returned to ON because of her mother's poor health. Mary met her first husband Ed Thornhill when she was nursing in Mt. Forest, where he was a plumber. He died when daughter Marion was 8. Mrs. T. nursed in the flu epidemic of 1918.

Married a second time at age 70 (?), after 30 years of widowhood but this man—whose name was Ralph Thacker—died suddenly seven months later.

Marion married Jim Lennox and they have two daughters: Ann (m. Brian Hutchins on 25/08/1990) of Barrie and Kim (m. Tom Raimer) of Vancouver. I performed Ann's wedding in the chapel at Horseshoe Valley, with both of her grandmothers present, the other being Mary LENNOX.

Mrs. Thacker kept her driver's license until she was about 85 and continued to be active up until the time she died.

The *Examiner*, on Mar. 1, 1984, published a humorous photo of Mary feeding Administrator David Johnson spaghetti in a contest at the Winter Carnival that year. Another photo in the *Examiner*, dated Feb. 20, 1986, shows Mrs. Thacker with volunteer Joyce Ackerman and Joan Walker, Director of Activities. The accompanying article is entitled "Home's Volunteers Get a Salute." See GPH Scrapbook 1. Finally, On Sept. 18, 1989 the *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Thacker and nurse Kay Doughty on the occasion of Mary's 95th birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Church: Knox Presbyterian, Guelph.

GPH: 21/11/1983—B34

THIFFAULT, Mrs. Ethel *Yon*

19/07/1895–19/11/1979

B. in Waubaushene where, as a young girl, she played the organ in the Roman Catholic Church.

She married Albert T. and they owned and operated a Bakery Shop in Penetang.

Children: Patricia (m. Morris) of Alcona Beach; Margaret (m. Bell) of Wasaga Beach; Shirley (m. Chew) of Oro Station; Francis Thiffault of Midland; Robert Thiffault of Elmvale. There are 20 grandchildren and 13 gt.-grandchildren.

Church: St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Barrie.

GPH: 09/1972

THOMPSON, Adelaide Anna *Bartlett*

24/12/1895–14/09/1980

B. in Cleveland OH. Her parents, Clara and Charlie, had both come from Germany in their early teens.

She married Percy ("Perry") Emerson T. in Cleveland. Mr. Thompson was Canadian but had gone there to live with an uncle, a dentist.

Mrs. T. was a kindergarten teacher. Their three children were born in Cleveland: June (m. Witherspoon; d. 01/05/1999), who stayed in the U.S.A. and lived in Ames, Iowa; Carol (m. Melvin Wallis—son of Percy WALLIS), of Barrie; Jack Charles (m. Beth McGee).

In 1931 the Thompsons came to Canada and lived across from Little Cedar Lake, north of Lakefield. He worked as a bookkeeper and together they had a bed and

breakfast; later they added overnight cabins and their facility became a motel. In 1931 Jack was just a toddler and came with his parents. The girls, however, stayed in Cleveland and lived with their grandparents.

When Mr. T. enlisted during WWII, Mrs. Thompson and Jack moved into Peterborough where she worked in the General Motors wartime factory.

Mr. Thompson died in Florida. Mrs. T. stayed on a few years before coming to Barrie to live with Carol. She came to GPH with the S.E. Programme and then moved in after a year.

Mrs. T. loved the art and craft classes and there is a ceramic Christmas tree that she made which can be found in the Main Lounge each Christmastime. Joan Walker not only recalled the Christmas tree—which in the off-season is stored in a box with Mrs. Thompson's name on it, but also that Mrs. T. loved the colour blue. Her suite was appointed in blue and she liked to dress in blue!

The *Examiner* published a photo on Jan. 31, 1979, of Mrs. T. participating in a flower arranging course at GPH. Also in the picture are Lena WEBB, Vina MCKAY, and Effie Priest. The instructor was Jackie Collins. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1979).

Mrs. Thompson contributed the following saying to the *Spotlight*, Apr.–May, 1980: "May the grass grow long on the way to hell for the want of use!"

Church: United.

Interment: Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

GPH: 1977—B36/A35

THOMPSON, Bruce

20/03/1883–28/12/1977

The story of Mr. Thompson's life was provided by his son Robert, who lives in Barrie. It is as follows.

> B. in Simcoe, Ontario, March 20, 1883, Mr. Thompson moved to Barrie at an early age. His father, John Thompson, was born in Ireland and his mother Betsy (Waddle) was born in Scotland. They emigrated to Canada, coming to Simcoe, Ontario, and moved to Barrie by wagon in the late 1800s.
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> As a teenager and young man Mr. Thompson joined the Dymont Racing Horse Stables of Barrie as a jockey. One of his most notable experiences as a jockey was winning the Duke of Wellington Cup aboard the horse Kalso at old Woodbine Raceway, Toronto in 1902. He was racing horses in Oakland U.S.A. when the big earthquake struck San Francisco in the 1900s [Apr. 18, 1906].
>
> Mr. Thompson was an avid athlete, competing for the YMCA in competitions as a runner, jumper and pole vaulter. He played hockey and ball for both the CNR and Barrie teams, winning several trophies.
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> In 1910 Mr. Thompson joined the old Grand Trunk Railroad as a brakeman. He stayed with the railroad when it became the CNR (Canadian National Railway) until he retired in 1953 as a Conductor of his own freight train. He always had fish stories about Northern Ontario and fishing from the back steps of the freight train caboose. He said, "We always had fresh fish because there was nothing on either side of the tracks but water and an abundance of fish. You just had to throw your line in and a fish was waiting every time. It was so good that sometimes you didn't even have to bait your hook."
>
> After retirement, Mr. Thompson worked as a night watchman for Ontario Hydro and the IOOF Home in Barrie. He was a member of the Masonic Order and received his 50 year pin. He was a committed Lawn Bowler for the Allandale

Lawn Bowling Club and won many trophies and bonspiels. He sang in the church choir at St. Georges Anglican Church, Allandale. He loved gardening and sitting in the garage, where he always had a bottle of "nectar" for medicinal purposes.

When Bruce Thompson became a resident of GPH in 1975 he still retained his "little bottle of medicinal nectar" and spark for life. He said to his family several times that he thought when GPH had a party and punch bowl, that he would like to "spike" the punch for some of the old girls and liven them up! We were able to head him off. Mr. Thompson passed away peacefully in 1977, watching his favourite TV program, "Wonder Woman."

Harry Bruce Thompson had five brothers and three sisters, who moved mainly out West; his parents also moved West.

He was predeceased by his wife Louise (Bates) of Barrie and is survived by daughter Helen Louise (m. Forsyth) of Apdey and son Robert Bruce T. of Barrie; also by four grandchildren: Stephanie, of Angus;
Leanne, of Houston TX; Jeffrey of Peterborough and Steven, of Bracebridge.

Mr. Thompson concludes the biography of his father with the words "He had a full life."

The Spotlight 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) notes that Mr. T. is a new resident. It records that he was born in Barrie and had been active in athletics. He worked for the railroad from 1910–1948 (sic: change to 1953). There is an *Examiner* photo of Mr. T. in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).

GPH: 02 or 03/1975

THOMPSON, Edith Marion *Gilmore* ESSON

18/08/1901–01/02/1994

B. in Toronto; an only child.

Her parents divorced when she was three but she had a good step-father. She herself had two marriages: in 1925 she married Wilfrid L. Esson —they were married 41 yrs.; a second marriage, to Eric F. Thompson had a duration of five or six yrs.

Mrs. T. had three children: Joan, in Ottawa; Paul, in Toronto; Donald, in Collingwood. She enjoyed life at GPH and said "I'll stay until I die, at least I hope so."

She worshiped with St. Thomas Anglican Church on Huron St., Toronto, until her marriage in 1925 but once said she grew up at St. Leonard's Church in N. Toronto.

Mrs. T. was very devout about her religious faith and said that she would have entered a religious order if her mother hadn't been ill and needed her.

With her second marriage she lived in Montreal QC and Shanty Bay ON. Edith was an avid bridge player. At GPH she mentioned that in retirement she had lots of time to think about religious questions like the injustices of life, heaven and hell, where all the religions came from …

Mrs. recalled that she had been raised "high" Anglican. As a child she was taught that, if grace was not said at a meal, she should make the sign of the cross with her tongue in her mouth.

An interment service was held for Mrs. Thompson at St. Thomas Church Cemetery, Shanty Bay, in the spring of 1994.

GPH: 14/11/1983—M69

TOMEY, Maud *Blanchard*

22/11/1897–19/03/1991

B. in Essa Twp., one of 8 children—three survive: Winston, Ken, Harold (1991)—and lived on a farm near that of Charlie Flynn: she recalled that Eliza Jane Flynn rinsed her clothes seven times!

Mrs. T. was of Huguenot descent; her family was from Normandy. Her father's family fled to Ireland and from there came to Canada, settling at Heathcote, ON.

She attended Normal School in London and taught near her home, beginning in 1917. In 1925 she moved to St. Catharines to teach and lived there until coming to GPH.

Mrs. T. was principal of St. Paul's Ward Elementary School.

Mrs. T.'s uncle was Dr. Eberhart of Meaford: his wife was a Patton, her mother's sister. Dr. Eberhart "delivered" me into this world.

Mrs. T. was a dedicated Christian: her Anglican prayer book was always close at hand, though she was a member of the United Church from the time of her marriage. Her husband taught at the Collegiate in St. Catharines; they were married in 1946.

The Tomeys started the John Howard Society branch in St. Catharines in the late 1940s. At GPH she read *Deseridata* , a 16th century tractate which she found in Boston.

Mrs. T. wrote a social studies textbook, *Beyond the Horizon*, published in the mid-30s.

She one time cited the following: "One need only fear death if he has not done good for humanity."—German writer, ca. 1870.

GPH: 11/10/1990—O80

••? TORTINGTON, Mr. Claude

13/04/1886–1974?

There is a 1974 *Examiner* photo of Mr. T. casting a ballot in a municipal election in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). A 1960s membership list for the Barrie Church of Christ lists him as a member and gives his address as 39 Worsley St.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

••? TORTINGTON, Mrs.

10/??–??

Mr. and Mrs. T. are noted in an *Examiner* list of guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in the summer of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

TUCK, Mrs. Mary *Fleming*

18/03/1900–??/12/1976

B. in Scotland but lived most of her life around Barrie. The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Tuck on June 25, 1976 at a tea to salute volunteers at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1976). *The Spotlight* 4, 6 (Apr. 1975) records a visit by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alan Fleming of Stayner.

Church: Presbyterian Church, Ivy.

GPH: by 12/1974

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

VAUSE, Sarah *Schell*

06/07/1908–

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

W

•• WAGER, Walter

??–??

Jean Bercovici recalled Mr. Wager as an early resident.

GPH: 1968 or 1969

WAGG, Leone *Lazenby*

12/08/1917–09/06/1997

From Stouffville; she grew up in the Memorial Christian Church there, an old "Christian Connection" congregation. Her gd.-parents Lazenby were from the Bloomington congregation.

Mrs. W. had two sons and one daughter; one of each lives in Barrie, the third is in Etobicoke. Her husband worked at CLM, a factory, in Toronto; he died in 1970.

She worked for 18 yrs. at Parkview Home, Stouffville.

GPH: 12/06/1996—A26

WAGNER, Pearl *Biderman*

19/08/1903–18/10/1994

B. at Port Colbourne.

She went to Buffalo to train as a nurse but returned to be with her ill mother. Then she worked in a grocery story—Carroll Bros.—and became manager.

Married in 1931 a banker who was moved to St. Catharines, Welland, Delhi—for 13 yrs., Tillsonburg.

They holidayed in TX, on the Gulf, and bought a house at Marathon Key FL, where he fished and collected rocks.

She watched the TV programme "Herald of Truth"—a programme of the Churches of Christ—on CKVR for years.

Mrs. W. had three children: two boys—Ron and Glen, both retired from Wagner Pulp Industries, who live in Barrie; an (adopted) daughter lives at London.

She was confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was a member of the United Church in Midhurst.

Mrs. W. supported the Foster Parents Plan.

GPH: 16/11/1989—M68

WALKER, Mrs. Dorothy

31/05/1896–21/06/1978

Birthday noted in *Spotlight* 7, 5 (May 1978). Joan Walker's mother-in-law.

GPH: by 05/1978

WALKER, Frederic Curtis

02/08/1885–04/09/1976

B. in Beamsville ON, the eldest son of Robert and Ellen Walker.

Jean Bercovici ("Mrs. B.") was the Head Supervisor at GPH when it opened. She is a niece of Mr. Walker and recalls him in this way:

He was a successful salesman in the haberdasher business, especially in the

> excellent firm of Baumgartner's in Detroit, Michigan, where he had many regular customers due to his good taste and delightful personality.
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> He came to live at Grove Park in 1969, after the death of his wife Viola, where he could enjoy the company and visits of his sister Charlotte Jackson, whose daughter Jean …
>
> Fred Walker was a pleasure to be with wherever he was included, with a delicious sense of humour and a ready laugh and a fund of anecdotes. He loved singing and in early church days frequently "led the singing" for the congregation.
>
> His only son Robert was educated in the United States and retired recently to live in Florida.

The Spotlight 1, 10 (Aug. 1972) notes that on July 6 Mr. Walker had as guests his sister, Mrs. Jackson of Barrie, and cousin Mr. George Walker and his wife of Burlington. The Sept. *Spotlight* noted that Mr. Walker's son, Bob, had visited that month from Stamford, CN.

There is a newspaper photo of Mr. W. as he appeared in a Fashion Show at GPH in 1974. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). *The Spotlight* 2, 8 (June 1973) notes that Mr. W. was a clothier and haberdasher. *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that on Tues., Nov. 19th, the Sunshine Group from First Baptist Church had visited GPH and put on a variety programme. At the end the audience joined in some familiar hymns; then Mr. Walker "sang his favourite solo, 'Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?' and was loudly applauded."

Mr. Walker was a life-long member of the Church of Christ.

GPH: 1969

••? WALKER, Mrs. Mary

31/08/????–1973?

Mrs. Walker's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a garden party in Shanty Bay in 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). According to Rittenhouse list #1, Mrs. Walker lived in suite A14.

GPH: by 07/1972

WALLACE, Ellen ("Nell") *MacDermott*

19/06/1900–18/04/1987

B. in England. She came to Canada at age 6 mos. with her parents, to Port Credit.

She was married on Easter Sunday 1920; husband Jack died in 1974. Raised three boys—son John lives in Ottawa.

Mr. W. enlisted in the Wars. One month before the end of WWII son Ted was killed at age 19; Jack Jr. was seriously wounded. Mr. W. was stationed afterwards at Camp Borden.

Dr. Murdoch recalled that after their family's move to Barrie in 1949 Nell was the first person to visit, with a plate of cookies.

Mrs. Wallace was the 1984 Silver Cross Mother for Remembrance Day in Barrie. Her photo appeared in the *Examiner* in that connection, with a brief account of her life. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

GPH: 01/12/1983—B36

WALLIS, Percy
27/10/1893–09/03/1983
B. in England.
He worked with horses; emigrated to Canada and at the age of 15 or 16 got a job in the stables at Casa Loma in Toronto. His wife Elizabeth was also born in England, a twin whose mother died in bearing them. Mr. Wallis' working career was spent with the railway. They lived in Toronto, where they raised two sons: Percy (m. Katie) has a son and daughter and lives in Toronto; Melvin (m. Carol Thompson—daughter of Adelaide THOMPSON) (d. 1991) had two daughters, one of whom lives at Trapper Creek in Alaska.
When Mr. Wallis came to live at GPH he was consumed with grief over the death of his wife.
Church: Anglican.
GPH: 26/09/1978—A35/C52

WALLS, Olive Blanche *Furlong*
29/05/1893–16/06/1983
B. in Elmvale and lived her school years there. Her father, James Robert Furlong, ran the Palace Hotel until his early death in his mid-30s. Then her mother, Fannie Alberta F. (née Spring) operated it as a boarding house to provide for Olive and three younger siblings: Mossie (m. Eric Stewart; Collingwood); Ruby (m. Lorne Campbell; Barrie); Reginald. They are all deceased.
Mrs. W. was a Bell Telephone operator at Base Borden during WWI. She married T. Norman Walls in Barrie in June 1922. (He was a second cousin of Ken Walls who owned and ran the Barrie *Examiner* for many years.) They moved to Toronto. One child was born, Berta Gwendolyn in 1924. Mrs. W. lived there until her husband's death in 1978, when she moved to GPH.
Mrs. Walls' daughter (m. Fred Marchant) lives in Barrie.
The *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. W. at a Valentine's party, Feb. 14, 1980. Also in the photo is Adelaide THOMPSON. There is another photo of Mable YOUNG at the same party. The text explains that Mable and her husband Owen were in the S.E. Programme. See GPH Scrapbook 1.
Church: United.
GPH: 04/03/1979—A22

WALT, Mrs. Hazel
05/08/1893–19/04/1985
Sister: Jean Money.
GPH: 10/02/1978—A/C59

WARD, Mrs. Agnes
??–??
Mrs. Ward's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a tea at the TAITS' in the fall of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972).
GPH: ??

WARD, Rosamond Aileen ("Vona") *Ness*
04/03/1908–17/11/1995*
B. in Barrie; an only child.
Her mother was Rosamond Ball, of the Coldwater area, who had a sister in Thessalon (m. Dr. Lawrence Bailey) whom they used to visit in the summers.
Mrs. W. knew Eylenne LANDREVILLE as a child and schoolmate.
Her uncle was one of the CRAIGS of Barrie—he was Jack and his wife was

a Ness—and she lived with them for a time. She was in the first class at Central Collegiate and wanted to go on to further studies (chemistry?) but it was 1928/9 and there was no money to do so.

Mrs. W.'s mother died in childbirth when she was 4; her gd.-mother died when she was 9; her father remarried when she was 15: he married Eva Horner, a nurse. With this she got *her own room* and, a year later, a baby sister, Lois, to whom she was like a second mother.

In Toronto she met her husband Claude, whose family was from the Bancroft area—they married in 1940.

Mrs. W. had four children between 11 and 17—the youngest, Gary, had died at age 2—when "Wardie" died in 1959 at age 56. She went to work with North York Hydro. It was "a hard go" raising the children by herself. Her four children: Russ (m. Mary Lou), of King City; Richard (m. Connie), who has been in California for more than 30 yrs.; Lynda (m. Graham Newton), of Barrie; Marilyn, of Saskatoon.

After her retirement she went out West and lived with Lynda and Graham. Then they all returned to Toronto, where Mrs. W. had an apartment before moving into Seneca Towers in Willowdale. In 1994 she came to Barrie and lived at Barrie Manor; then moved into GPH.

Mrs. W. was christened at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Barrie at age 6 mos. and was active there when she grew up—for example, she sang in the choir. "Wardie" was a Baptist.

In Toronto the children went to St. James Bond United Church on Avenue Rd. She was a person of very strong will, and had a great sense of determination.

GPH: 01/02/1994—B60

WARNICA, Burton B.

05/09/1895–28/03/1985

Please see the next entry.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Burt and Helen W. as Winter Carnival King and Queen on Feb. 28, 1980. Another photo that appeared on Mar. 27, 1980, records Burt being honoured as the oldest living President of the Barrie Fair and Agricultural Society. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Church: St. Andrews Presbyterian.

The *Spotlight*, Aug.-Sept., 1980 contained the following account of a part of Mr. Warnica's life.

> "Burt Warnica: Famous Cattleman"
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> Burton Barnabas Warnica was the third generation in a family of cattle breeders. His grandfather John L. Warnica bought number 7 in the first shipment of Herefords to Canada from England in about 1855. Burt and Helen's son Murray continued the family tradition to the fourth generation until the whole herd was sold.
>
> Burt became interested in hornless cattle in the 1940s. About one in 60,000 cattle are born naturally without horns. Hornless cattle are called "polled cattle" or "polles." If two original polles are bred, the polled factor will be dominant in the offspring. Because the biggest cattle loss during shipping and at the stock yards is caused by bruising from horns, [son] Murray felt there would be a big demand for polles and decided to breed them. Burt and his wife Helen took a trip across Canada and the U.S. and visited the best polled herds. They returned home, took very good care of their horned Herefords that winter and sold them all the

following spring. Burt and son Murray then revisited the best U.S. herds and bought 110 head of polled Herefords, mostly 2 year old bred heifers. Cattle imported from the U.S. cannot be re-exported. But the calves born from these heifers were considered Canadian and could be exported.

Britain had imported some polles from the U.S. in about 1946. In 1950, when Burt Warnica was on the Canadian Hereford Board, President of the Ontario Cattle Producers, and Vice-President of the Canadian Cattle Producers, Britian placed an embargo on cattle from the U.S. because of a disease in sheep. The biggest packing firm in London, England, sent their representatie to Canada and he bought 24 two year olds from the Warnicas—some of the calves from the original 110!

After that things boomed. Burt was overseas 26 times and sold a total of 379 head to England and Ireland and the U.S. At that time polles were worth five times as much as horned Herefords. Even today they are still worth double the price of a horned animal.

Mr. Warnica tells us that originally there was a great deal of resentment against the Canadian hornless Herefords in England. But because of the demand the English had to start breeding them as well. The British packing firm sent someone to pick out the cattle to buy from the Warnicas just once. After that they knew how good the cattle were and just sent orders.

An interesting sidelight to this story is the excellent accommodation provided for both cattle and people on the cattle freighters. The Warnica Herefords were very good sailors—only one of the 379 got "a little off-colour" during the sea voyage but recovered quickly after reaching land.

GPH: 09/04/1979—B32

WARNICA, Helen *Ross*

22/02/1903–30/05/1995

B. a mile east of Guthrie, the second of the three children of Thomas R. and Nellie Duncan.

On the Ross family of Oro Twp. see *Kith 'N Kin*, pp. 324–328: Mrs. W.'s family tree appears on p. 328. There is a photo of her father, siblings and gd.-parents, and another of four uncles who were medical doctors on the same page.

Mrs. W. remembered the aboriginal people who lived for the winter in the bush back of "Gasoline Alley" ("Tarpaper alley")—they came from the Rama Reserve. These people made baskets from bark and would go from door-to-door selling them; they would ask the children to sing for them. Mrs. W. was about 10 yrs. old at the time.

The Ross family is from Layhill, near Inverness, Scotland.

At the age of 20 she taught a 10-yr. old Orville ARNOLD.

She married Burt W.: she met him at the skating rink in Barrie on New Year's 1922. The meeting was arranged by his sisters.

Burt got into "polled" Hereford cattle and exported these: one of her best memories was of taking a cattleboat to Europe with such cattle. From Britain they travelled to Holland, Germany and Denmark. Another time they did a 5-wk. tour of the Alps. She visited the spot in East Leech near Oxford, where John Keble reportedly wrote the song "Sun of My Soul."

Mrs. W.'s favourite author was Dickens and, of his works, *Pickwick Papers*.

Her husband's grandfather was married three times and it was because of this that she was connected to Sadie CARR and Isabel JACKS.

Mrs. W. had an amazing memory for local history and its people. She knew the story of Jessie LOVE'S family, the McQuaigs of Islay. Several times I drove Mrs. W. out to the Painswick/Tollendale area where she and Burt lived. She would comment on the trees along Tollendale Rd. which Burt's father had planted.

Burt and Mrs. W. had a son, Murray (m. Margaret), of Thornton and daughters Belle (m. Reynolds) and Lillian (m. Brown); she was predeceased by both (cancer) of her daughters in 1988.

Mrs. W. was an prolific member of the "Recollections Group" at GPH and contributed various stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : in vol. 1—"Lover's Creek"; "The Flickers"; "Carrie's Visit"; "Our Attic"; vol. 2—"Alexander Ross, the Fur Trader"; "Our Farm Childhood"; "The Farm Flocks"; "Eight School Years"; "A Trip to Nebraska"; in vol. 3—"Bro'er Fox and Bro'er Rabbit"; "The Ross Aunts"; "'Ferdie's Barn is on Fire'"; "The Trinket Box"; "Six Families of the 1880's"; "Walter Moberly: 'The Man Who Was Never at Home'"; "Lost on Kempenfelt Bay"; "My Three Gardens"; "Olives"; "Uncle Vic and Charles Dickens";"The Honours"; "The '*Calgaria* '."

The *Spotlight*, May-June 1988, printed a story of hers, "Acquiring New Tastes," in which she describes her first experience of eating grapefruit, in about 1915. She tells how her uncle Vic brought some from Hamilton on one of his visits. She goes on:

> He insisted on preparing it for breakfast the next day. he cut around the peel with a paring knife, removed the centre core, separated the sections,
> sprinkled on some sugar and set it all aside, refusing to give us a tiny taste, not even a lick of the spoon. Next morning, bah! What a let down. What a joke, we decided. They were awful. A year or two later Laura and I were attending Collegiate and living with an uncle and aunt. One day aunt Tina served mixed fruit for dessert of oranges, grapefruit and bananas. Laura came to me later and whispered, "Could you eat your dessert? There was something spoiled in it." It was her first taste of grapefruit and I knew how she felt.

She also contributed a recollection, "Burt and Rosabell [his first purebred Hereford]" to the *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1989; "Skunk," to the *Spotlight*, May–June 1990; "Hired Men," to the *Spotlight*, Nov.-Dec. 1990. The last story is about a farmhand named Roy, and a funny incident in which her children were helping the cat catch sparrows in the hen pen. In the issue for Jan.-Feb. 1992 we find a Valentine's poem entitled "A Valentine for a Sweetheart."

The *Examiner*, Mar. 27, 1990, published a photo of Mrs. Warnica with a brief article that she wrote: "Thoughts on life in a 'home': Enough memories to fill a book." In it she mentions how, after they moved into GPH in Apr. 1979, she and her husband returned to their house every day and moved their flowers—even their favourite rose bushes—to the rose bed at GPH. See Eleanor's album.

She was truly a remarkable person.

Mrs. Warnica lived for some 17 yrs. at GPH.

Interment is at St. Paul's, Innisfil.

GPH: 09/04/1979—B32

WATSON, Mrs. Pauline

05/01/1906–20/01/1984

There is a newspaper photo of Mrs. W. with Elizabeth GAULEY in a 1974 Easter parade at GPH: see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974). An *Examiner* photo, published on Jan. 21,

1977, shows Mrs. W. with David Johnson—GPH Administrator, Ellen Heikkila—Director of Nursing, and Lorne Power—President of the Rotary Club, with a $2000 Jacuzzi whirlpool bath donated to GPH by the Club. Mr. Power is *in* the Jacuzzi. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1977).

An *Examiner* photo from 1978 shows Mrs. W. in an Easter bonnet. In it she is helped by Valerie Snelgrove, who played the Easter bunny. See GPH Scrapbook 1 (1978).

Church: Presbyterian.

GPH: 15/01/1976—C45/C61/C51

••? WEBB, Mrs. Lena

11/05/1886–11/03/1980

There is an *Examiner* photo dated Apr. 24, 1974, and a second photo of her working on a "pinch pot" at a ceramics class in GPH Scrapbook 1 (1974); yet another *Examiner* photo notation, identifying her as "Mrs. David Webb," mentions that she was formerly of Victoria Harbour. The last photo appeared June 18, 1975 and is also in Scrapbook 1 (1975).

Daughter: Gladys (m. Ed Wismer). *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mrs. Webb enjoyed Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Wismer, and family of Sunnidale Road. The *Spotlight* 5, 3 (Apr. 1976) notes that "Mr. Lorne Webb of Garden City, Mich., and Mrs. Nina McLeod of Livonia, Mich., visited their mother, Mrs. Webb Sr., during her recent illness."

GPH: by 03/1972—C56

• WEBB, Rose Mary *Chessman*

21/07/1898–08/07/1973

The obituary in the *Examiner*, July 9, states that she was the wife of Charles S. Webb. They had lived at 212 Toronto St., Barrie. Their children are listed as: Joan (m. Del Cole), Barrie; Rose (m. Edmund McGee), Amherstburg, ON (1973), then in various places in the U.S.A., finally in Florida.

Joan Cole provided the following information about her mother.

Mrs. Webb and her husband emigrated from the London area of England after WWI, in the spring of 1922. She had five sisters and a brother, all of whom stayed in England.

Mr. Webb (b. 1896) had a brother who had preceded them to Montreal. He too was a butcher and Mr. Webb—who had apprenticed with his father from the age of eight—found employment with him; he had six or seven butcher shops before the Depression. Mr. Webb then worked with Canada Packers, then as a supervisor of butchers for Dominion Stores, which entailed the move to Toronto, to Windsor, Amherstburg, to Barrie.

Mrs. Webb had been hospitalized for some time at Sunnybrook Hospital after having a stroke. Del and Joan Cole were neighbours of Wesley and Beverly Jones on Rose St.—the Coles lived at 98; the Jones family at 100—when plans were being made to build GPH. So it was that Mrs. Webb came by ambulance as one of the first residents of the Home. Further, Mrs. Webb's house at 212 Toronto St. was unoccupied. Through the Coles, Clarence and Reta Rittenhouse took up residence there when they moved to Barrie from Midland.

GPH: 09/1968

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

WEST, Edna

05/04/1906–16/11/1997

B. in Barrie; one of three girls: her sisters were Anniversary ("Annave") and Freda. None of the three married.

Miss W.'s family lived at 23? Lount St.; her father was a market gardiner. Her mother's name was Hill.

In the 1920s the family moved to a house—now demolished—on Kempenfelt Dr. Miss W. was a housekeeper for her mother who was in poor health so that she "never held a job," as she put it. Nevertheless she was active in the life of the community in a number of ways: she was a charter member of the Craft and Quilt Fair and of the Barrie Art Club; she was involved with what became the Barrie Community Concert; after WWII she was a member of the Soptimist Club, a group which continued into the 1980s.

She was an excellent dressmaker and host. Miss W. also painted, in oils. She enjoyed a trip to Europe and another to the Arctic.

Miss W.'s parents were members of Collier St. United Church. Miss W. sang in the choir there for many years and taught Sunday School and for her activities at Collier received a Certificate of appreciation.

From Collier St. she knew GPH residents of her era, such as Myra ST. JOHN and Jean PARKER; Collier friend Vera Baldwin attended her memorial service. Lucretia Rowe was also a good friend.

GPH: 03/03/1989—A9

WHEELER, Mrs. Blanche J. *Grahm*
18/11/1885–03/09/1980

The *Examiner* published a photo and story about Mrs. W. in 1976, when she was 91. It says that she had been a court seamstress to the court of Edward VII: "As a 17-year-old girl Mrs. Wheeler was one of about 20 seamstresses working under one head dressmaker who designed and made clothes for the queen's attendants."

Mrs. W. was the daughter of Peter and Rosa Grahm, in Crail, about 30 miles south of Paris. She married Jack W., a tailor, in 1909, and emigrated to Toronto soon afterwards. He went to work for Murray Kay Dressmakers, then opened Wheeler and Company, which they operated for 45 years.

The Wheelers had two children: Jack (deceased, the article says) and Blanche (m. Frank Wainwright) of Midhurst.

Mr. W. died in 1968; Mrs. W. moved to Barrie after the death of her son.

The Spotlight 3, 8 (June 1974) printed a brief biography of Mrs. Wheeler that adds a few details to what appeared in the *Examiner* article, namely that the date of her arrival in Canada was 1912 and that the location of their tailoring business was Pape Ave. It continues:

> In 1914 Mrs. Wheeler became pregnant and she wanted to go to France to have her baby at her home near her parents. The First World War broke out, so she gave birth to her daughter, Blanche, to the sound of the guns of Normandy. Throughout her married life she crossed the Atlantic Ocean ten times by ship and flew once.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) printed a number of reminiscences of Christmas past. The one by Mrs. Wheeler is as follows.

> My memories of Christmas are probably quite different from others in the Home. I lived as a small girl in France and customs there are quite different from Canadian traditions: Christmas day is a Christian festival and is spent in church and New Year's day is the day for celebration.
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> Because my parents were Scottish, I lived in a Scottish community, so some of the old traditions were kept. Concern for people less fortunate than ourselves was encouraged. Each Thursday was a school holiday and that day we went to church as young girls to sew clothing fo the poor.
>
> The Thursday before Christmas a party was held in the church. All the children receivedgifts—some the gifts which we had made; others received small tokens as rewards for their year's work.
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> My most vivid memory of those parties was the delight reflected on the faces of the children less fortunate than ourselves, as they viewed the Christmas tree and were called forward to receive their gifts.
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> The greatest gift I received was the joy of giving!
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> Church: Anglican.
> GPH: 1974—A16

WHITE, James Arthur
15/06/1902–16/02/1978

There is an *Examiner* photo of Mr. W. taking a tour of Maple Grove School in 1972: see GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). *The Spotlight* 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) notes that Mr. White spent time that Christmas with his son John in Milton.

The Spotlight 4, 5 (Mar. 1975) notes that Mr. W., along with William EDWARDS, Blanche WHEELER, and Jessie LOVE attended the Second Annual Senior Citizens Invitational Euchre Tournament at the Simcoe County Building in Midhurst.

Church: Baptist.

GPH: by 06/1972

WHITE, Phyllis

04/03/1904–06/01/1989*

B. in Euphrasia Twp. where, Richard White her grandfather was the second European settler; daughter of Phillip and Sarah McColeman.

She had two brothers: Dan and Richard ("Dick"); one sister, Jean (m. Byers). Dan and Arley White lived just a couple of blocks from my parents' house for most of my childhood in Meaford. Their daughter Marion is married to Blake Gieg, who was the minister of the Barrie Church of Christ from 1972 to 1975.

From 1906 she recalled worship at the Frog's Hollow, i.e. Euphrasia—later Griersville Church of Christ, where a number of men did the preaching, including Arthur Whitfield, John Cann and occasionally her father. The church had moved from Ephraim Parker's farm because some felt he regarded it as "his" church.

Ms. W. was an elementary school teacher: she taught Don Harron (alias Charlie Farqharson) at York in grade 3 or 4: she recalled that he had nice parents and was an average student! One of the highlights of her life was a year spent in Glasgow, 1965, the year she retired.

Favourite hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd" (Crimond).

Phyllis lived in Toronto on Eglinton Ave., east of Mt. Pleasant, when we both worshiped with the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ. Occasionally I was with A.J. ("Fred") and Dorothy Trusler when they picked her up or dropped her off at her apartment building to go to or come from church. Fred was also from Meaford and they had known each other for a very long time.

Obituary: *Gospel Herald* 54, 3 (Mar. 1989) 16.

Interment: Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

GPH: 07/01/1987—B32/O74

WHITELL, Ernest V.

14/02/1911–29/12/1993

B. in Stockton-on-Tees in northern England to a Coal Merchant's Clerk, Ernest and Sarah Whitell. He had three older sisters, Mary, Evelyn and Bertha. Adversity struck the family with first the death of his mother and, by age eight, his father as well. The family was separated and Mr. W. found himself in a Dr. Barnardo Home.

When he was twelve years old, he came to Canada as part of a programme designed to provide labour on farms in Ontario. He was fortunate in his placement and made his home for many years with John and Nettie Raney at Wilfred ON. Later he worked for several years at Dunrobin Farms, near Beaverton.

(Mr. W. would have preferred to go to Australia, he said, but they were sending children to Canada at the time he left. One of his sisters visited Canada and in 1976 he returned to England to see his sisters.)

In Dec. 6, 1941, Mr. W. married Annie Chambers. They moved into the "hired man's" house on the Billy McArthur farm on Concession 1 of Mara Twp. They later moved into the farm house and eventually purchased that farm, the Ralph Thompson

farm across the road and two ranch properties closer to Highway 12 on the same Concession.

As he told it, Mr. Whitell's working life was spent farming; he had the same address for 46 years! He started farming with $1500. The farmhouse walls were 6" boards piled on top of one another. He liked farming: it was all he knew, he said.

After 32 years of farming, they sold the farms and built a bungalow across from the farm house. After Mrs. Whitell's death in 1976, he continued to live in the new house. A photo of this house hung on a wall in his suite at GPH. From this house they had a view of the lake.

In 1978 Ernie had a hip replacement which, after a year, he recognized was not successful due to infection; then a knee replacement. Nevertheless he looked after himself. However, declining health eventually brought him to GPH.

For 34 yrs. Ernie was a United Church elder in Brechin.

One daughter, Barbara (m. Ray Mercer) lives in Barrie and has been a volunteer at GPH; his son Norman (m. Sharon) lives at Brechin.

At GPH Ernie was on Residents' Council, played music for the sound system, and enjoyed talking about sports (hockey and baseball). He used to receive two copies of *The* [United Church]*Observer* and passed one of them on to me. Mr. W. was a fine human being, caring, good at conversation, and he made had real impact on those who knew him at GPH. He was a quiet man. I was surprised to find the following poem of his printed in the *Spotlight*, Sept.-Oct.
1991:

A Tribute to the Nurses at Grove Park Home

Most every day close by the door,
The nurses feed me pills galore.
They are white and green and some that glow
And some that make the water flow.

With needles too they are very good,
But I would avoid them if I could.
They are good and kind in every way,
They help me through another day.

The *Examiner* published a photo of Mr. Whitell on Dec. 11, 1987. Sharing the camera lens with him are May Court Club members Phyllis Roach—dressed as an elf, and Hazel Tash—Santa. See GPH Scrapbook 1. There is also a fine photo of Ernie, published with a story on national unity. It appeared in the *Examiner* on Jan. 11, 1991. Eileen LANDREVILLE, Vi BROWN, Helen WARNICA, and Bob EVANS were also interviewed. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Barbara Mercer teaches (1998) at Maple Grove Public School, where our children Michael (Grade 3) and Jason (Grade 1), and Laura (Junior KG) attend.

GPH: 07/12/1987—O78

WHITWORTH, Nina *Rathwell*

19/02/1905–28/06/1995

B. in Toronto of Irish-German descent; she had three sisters and one brother.

Mrs. W. worked for Bell Telephone from 1919–1928, i.e., until her marriage.

Her husband, Bill, was Staff Superintendent with the Toronto Police Force. They lived in Etobicoke until his death in 1980 after 52 yrs. of marriage.

In 1982 she came to live at Utopia with her only daughter, Marilyn and husband,

Gordon Drewett.

Mrs. W. enjoyed travelling in Canada and the USA; for seven winters she was in FL with her daughter. She liked to play cards—euchre. Her family belonged to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints.

GPH: 13/09/1993—O89

WICE, Mrs. Rose

21/07/1897–1974?

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Oct. 1972) welcomed Mrs. Wice to GPH.

GPH: 09 or 10/1972

WICE, Miss Jean

08/10/1889–1974?

The Spotlight 1, 12 (Nov. 1972) introduced several new residents and said of Miss Wice:

> Miss Jean Wice lived on a farm about two miles from Stroud, working in the home and at the chores. After her brother retired they both moved to their grandfather's home in Stroud where as young children they had enjoyed the thrill of sliding down the bannister! She is an easy going person with a keen sense of humour.

The same issue of *The Spotlight* mentions that Miss Wice's cousin, Miss Essie Collins, has been visiting from Lethbridge, AB. She had been an Instructor in Shorthand in the Business College in Calgary, but had received her training in Toronto. It also mentions that Miss Collins has a sister in a nursing home in Lethbridge and a brother in Saskatchewan.

GPH: fall 1972

WICK, Mrs. Helen

11/11/1903–27/12/1976?

GPH: ??

WIDDIFIELD, Alice Ruth

26/11/1897–15/11/1983

The Spotlight 3, 12 (Oct. 1974) welcomed Mrs. Widdifield and Mrs. V. SCOTT, whom, it says, were sharing Suite 36 on "B" Wing; issue 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) noted that Mrs. W. was going to be in Newmarket with her nephew, Merlyn Widdifield, and his family for Christmas. The *Spotlight* 5, 1 (Jan. 1976)—read "Touching Shoulders" at the Christmas Concert in 1975; the *Spotlight* 6, 5 (May 1977) notes that Mrs. W. won a prize at the Birthday Party and Easter Parade on Apr. 5th.

Church: Newmarket Church of Christ

GPH: 07/10/1974—A15/C49

WIELAND, Verna Jane *Lomas*

02/06/1902–13/05/1992

B. in the Orangeville–Shelburne area to a Christian family that included eight children. Attended the Methodist and Brethren churches near Shelburne.

On June 17, 1930 she married Clarence Wieland and moved to Oakville. He was a "tree surgeon" and then with WWII entered the army as a mechanic.

Three children: Mervin (m. Ruby; d. 25/05/1993); Roy (d. 30/081997); Shirley

Mr. W. died in 1961 at age 58 and Mrs. W. moved to Toronto, living at Yonge and College Sts. She worshiped at the People's Church for 25 yrs., then returned to Barrie to be close to family.

At First Baptist Church in Barrie she met Mina BELL and they became close friends; this friendship continued at GPH.

She was a determined person and this spirit continued long after her body was unable to go on. Daughter-in-law Ruby was "just like a daughter."

Interment: Oakville Public Cemetery

GPH: 24/01/1984—B36

WIGGINS, Edna *Halbert*

30/07/1911–29/02/1988

B. Shelburne; one of six children. Went to Toronto Normal School to become a teacher. Married in 1935 and farmed for five years before returning to teaching.

Mr. Wiggins died in 1966; they had no children.

She spent most of her married life south of Barrie. In 1952 the Wiggins moved to Barrie and lived on Mary St.

Mrs. W. was a sister of Florence *Halbert* DINSMORE; first cousin to Stanley HALBERT and Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS: Stanley and Estelle were brother and sister.

Active at Collier St. United Church. Nephews and nieces recall spending time in the summer at Little Lake Park, Midland, where Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins parked their trailer—boys one week, girls the next!

GPH: 08/09/1983—B30

WIGGINS, Estelle *Halbert*

28/06/1907–29/05/1998

B. near Newton Robinson—the home of hockey player Bob Pulford, according to John WILLIAMSON. She was one of six children.

Her mother was a McKelvey so she is related to the Mrs. McKelvey of the funeral home on Burton Ave./Yonge St. (Actually Mrs. W. is related in two ways to Mrs. McKelvey: Mrs. W.'s aunt was married to the gd.-father of Mrs. McKelvey!)

Married Howard Wiggins. They farmed at #27 and the 8th Line, where one turns to go to Beeton. His parents bought that farm for $22,000 in 1928. It was sold in turn by the Wiggins' son Lawrence in the 1950s to a developer from Toronto.

Both Lawrence and Mrs. W.'s other son, Austin, live in Barrie—i.e. in 1989. In 1998 Lawrence is living near Magnetewan.

Mr. W. retired at age 55 and the Wiggins had a house at 55 Sunnidale Rd., as well as a cottage at Gravenhurst on Gull Lake. For 28 years they went to Florida in the winter: to St. Petersburg, where Mr. W. died suddenly in the middle of the night in 1974 at age 75.

Mrs. W. was a Liberal by politics.

Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS was Mrs. W.'s cousin *and* sister-in-law: the two Halberts, cousins, married Wiggins brothers!

A 1985 newspaper article, with their photos, in GPH Scrapbook 1 recounts the Christmas memories of Mrs. Wiggins and Walter FULLER. In the article, Mrs. W. shares memories of Christmas in 1918, the year of the great flu epidemic. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Her photo also appeared in the *Examiner* on July 1, 1995 on the occasion of her birthday. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 29/04/1985—M67

WILDMAN, Vera *Clute*

10/05/1905–23/08/1989

The Clute family had a store at Wyevale.

In 1931 she married Victor W. He gave her a red rose every year on their anniversary.

Marriage brought her into one of Barrie's prominent families: her mother-in-law, Dr. Jennie Gray Wildman, was a doctor and her father-in-law, James Frank W., was a noted Bible teacher at Collier St. United Church.

Three children: Edward of Barrie; Elizabeth (m. Perry Cockburn), in Guelph; Fran Tieleman of Virginia.

Mrs. W. was well-known in Barrie as a teacher at Codrington Street School: many students who were later community leaders passed through her classroom. She loved puppetry and created many puppets and dolls. She was also known for her kindness: at GPH she lived in a room donated by her and the Wildman family.

Mrs. W. fought against memory loss by practicing in the lounge with the doors closed.

The *Examiner* published a fine photo of Mrs. Wildman, with Margaret BALL—then at the I.O.O.F. Home, and Maude WOOD, on Dec. 24, 1983, in connection with a story about Christmas memories. See GPH Scrapbook 1.

Mrs. Wildman's daughter Elizabeth recalls that her mother had a real zest for life and touched the hearts of many people of all age groups. Elizabeth has also informed me that she has written a book about her father entitled *A Single Red Rose* and is finishing another about her mother.

She was a member of the United Church of Canada from its formation in 1925 until her death. In Barrie she worshiped at Collier St. United and at Grace United.

GPH: 11/11/1983—M74

WILGAR, Evelyn *Tovell*

28/11/1908–12/08/1997

Father was Dr. Isaac Tovell, cousin to Irene EVANS' mother, Lottie Ida Tovell; paternal gd.-father was a Methodist minister at Walmer Rd. and Bloor St.—now Trinity United Church, Toronto.

She attended Havergal College; met Warren at a party—her first "mixed"—organized by a friend whose brother was a friend of Warren.

The Wilgars to Barrie in the Depression, shortly after their marriage.

Children James and Pat were both born here.

At GPH the Wilgars had adjoining suites. One of these they used as a sitting room, with their own furniture. That was quite novel.

GPH: 01/03/1992—A9/C47

WILGAR, J.C. Warren

23/06/1907–13/10/1993

B. in Toronto; three sisters—Adelaide (m. E.J. Bradshaw), Viola (m. Stanley Kerr), Dorothy (m. W.E. Bell); and one brother, Allan B. At the time of his death Adelaide and Viola lived in Toronto; Dorothy and his brother predeceased him.

He went to University of Toronto Schools where he excelled in athletics. Had his "first drink" with his father at age 18: he had spoken to his father about this matter when he was fourteen!

Mr. W. worked for B/A Gas and went out West; then he spent 50 years with Canada Life—when he retired he was their oldest employee.

In 1982 he and Mrs. W. and Barrie friends Heeber Smith, a lawyer, and his wife

were struck by a car in Orlando, FL, and severely injured. Mr. W., who had a keen sense of humour, was unconcious for 10 days and, as he said, "more unconscious than usual."

Son Jim (m. Barbara) is V-P of Athletics at Wilfred Laurier University; daughter Pat (m. Ronald Cromie) works for Magna International in Markham.

Mr. W. had striking white hair and goatee; he was a handsome man.

GPH: 01/03/1992—A11

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Irene

01/03/1918–19/11/1985

The *Spotlight*, May-June 1985, offered congratulations to Norman Bartlett and Irene WILLIAMS, who placed third in a county-wide cribbage tournament that Apr. 3. The tournament was sponsored by the Recreation Department of Simcoe County and the local chapter of The United Senior Citizens of Ontario.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: 21/01/1981—B30/A10

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.

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 attended that school for one year at a later date and at the same time as my childhood friends Tom, Nancy, and Mark Trusler were students there.

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.

The Williamsons 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."

GPH: 17/03/1998

WILSON, Norma E. *Lee*

08/08/1899–25/07/1979

The Spotlight, 1, 4 (Feb. 1971) reported that Mrs. Wilson had spent two weeks in Midland with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Day.

Mrs. Wilson's name appears in an *Examiner* list of GPH guests at a tea hosted by the TAITS in the fall of 1972—GPH Scrapbook 1 (1972). For Canada Day—then Dominion Day—Mrs. Wilson provided the following note under "Why I'm Proud to be a Canadian" in *The Spotlight* 2, 9 (July 1973):

> My father came with his parents to Canada in 1893. My grandfather, Lee, was one of the first public school teachers in Muskoka. My husband enlisted in the first Great War and my older boy, Donald Wilson, enlisted in the 2nd Great War

at 17 years of age. My Uncle Ralph Lee was captain of the Sagarno Steamship of the Muskoka Lakes for thirty years.

Children: William, of Barrie; Audrey (m. William Wright), of Thornton.

The Spotlight 4, 1 (Nov. 1974) noted a visit by Mrs. Wilson's son, Donald, of Grimsby.

The Spotlight 4, 2 (Dec. 1974) provided a number of reminiscences of Christmas past. The following was Mrs. Wilson's.

> We lived on a farm outside the town of Penatanguishene, so named because the word means (in Indian) "Hills of the white rolling sands," named after the sandy beach at Pinery Point, on the shore of Georgian Bay.
>
> Christmas was not what it is today. I distinctly remember getting up to receive a public school geography, a stocking containing an orange, some cream candies, some different kinds of nuts and a little paper box with a simple bottle of cheap perfume. For that I was so happy and thankful. I felt I couldn't do enough to repay Santa Claus! How different are the gifts today's children receive.

The Spotlight 6, 4 (Apr. 1977) noted a recent visit by Mrs. Wilson's sister-in-law, Meredith Wilson of Collingwood.

Church: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Barrie.

GPH: 03/1972

••? WINKLER, Mrs. P.

??–??

Rittenhouse list #1 records that Mrs. Winkler lived in suite A19.

GPH: before Rittenhouse list #1

WINSLOW, Mrs. Mary

02/04/1903–??

Son: E. Paul Winslow, Midlothian, VA.

Church: Anglican.

GPH: 19/12/1983—M83–01/1984 (discharged to RVH)

•• WISDOM, Jennie Isobel Marian *Brunton*

27/08/1885–06/08/1974

B. at 88 Cumberland St., Barrie. She had a brother, Hartley, who died in infancy.

She married John Duncan W. on Oct. 13, 1909 at the family residence. They themselves lived at 86 Cumberland St. and had two daughters, Eva Adeline (m. Kelcey) and Marian Isobel.

Mr. W. operated the J.D. Wisdom grocery store on Essa Rd. (It was situated in front of the Salvation Army Thrift Store, there now.) Mrs. Wisdom was very active in Burton Ave. United Church. She was a "people person" and enjoyed entertaining family and friends; she also liked playing cards.

Ron Kelcey, Mrs. Wisdom's grandson, who provided this information, noted that his grandmother had two friends who also lived at GPH: Mrs. Emily FLEETHAM and Mrs. Florrie JONES. She was also a friend of Muriel GREEN, and Muriel has kept in touch with her daughter Adeline.

GPH: "probably during the late 60s"

WOOD, Maude *Priddy*

30/09/1906–28/02/1993

B. in England.

Maude came to Canada with Dr. Barnardo's Homes, as did her husband: he came to Edgar, she to Jarrett, to the Maclean family.

In 1932 she and her husband, Frank D. Wood, settled at Dalston where they knew Margaret BALL and her family: her husband was minister of the United Church there.

Maude worked at GPH in the kitchen in its early days—for some 11 years.

Three children: Keith—a wellknown local car salesman; Bill of Orillia; and Joyce Jones of Ottawa.

Keith recalled that his mother was "a great mom in every respect": once she bundled up a child, hitched up the horses and drove 10 miles to the doctor.

In her later years she was a member at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

She and Mr. W. had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary when he died. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

At GPH Mrs. W. was a colourful, friendly resident who enjoyed fun and teasing: she told me one time she wished she could throw some water out the window at some staff! Everyone knew Maude.

It was Maude who got our congregation to come to sing at GPH with residents at Christmas and Easter, something we still do.

Mrs. Wood contributed to *Tales of Yesteryear*, vol. 1: "Hospital Visitors"; "Daisy's Calf."

The *Examiner*, June 10, 1986, published a photo of Mrs. Wood with Maureen Cocksedge and Florence Klein of Comfort Clothing. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Two years later, on June 19, 1988, the *Banner-Advance* published a photo of Mrs. Wood with Mabel YOUNG dressed up for Western Day at GPH. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

The *Spotlight*, Jan.-Feb. 1991, printed at Valentine's poem that Maude wrote that year:

> To my Valentine:
> Love and friendship go together,
> But my love for you goes on
> Forever.

Interment: Dalston United Cemetery.

GPH: 06/12/1983—B40/A28

WOODROW, Laura Edna *Luck*

22/07/1903–31/07/1995*

B. in Oro Twp. into a farm family; one of four children of Thomas J. (d. 1948) and Elizabeth Coates (d. 1956); siblings were Earl (d. 1975); Clara (m. Cavanagh) (d. 1987); Elva (m. Sinclair) of Barrie.

Mrs. W. went to school with Hilda SHELSWELL at S.S. No. 8, Oro.

In June 1924 she married Archibald W. and they farmed on "the hill lots of Oro," i.e. on the 8th Conc. of Oro, until 1951. Their marriage is recorded in the section on the Woodrow family in *Kith 'N Kin*, p. 407.

Then they moved to Newton Robinson to farm until 1956. There one of the families they met was the HALBERT family.

In 1956 they came to Barrie and lived at 99 Nelson St. For a time Mr. W. operated the East End Service/Gas Station. He died in 1973 but Mrs. W. continued to live at that address until 1990 when she moved to GPH.

Mrs. W. worked hard during her life. There was no electricity for many years:

she used a wash board, wringer washer, and heated water on the wood stove; ironed with flat irons heated on the stove. There was no indoor plumbing; water was pumped by hand from a well and cistern, heated on the stove top or in the stove reservoir. She baked for potato-picking bees, threshing gangs and so on.

Mrs. W. had five children born between 1926 and 1942: three daughters, two sons—Marion (m. Roy Pilkey); Ivan (m. Aileen Walker); Orville (1m. Lynette Walker; 2m. Jacqueline Desjardins Lavictoire); Edna (m. Manley Hawke); Shirley (m. Audus ["George"] Wright).

For hobbies she enjoyed quilting, rug hooking; gardening; playing the organ.

In Mrs. Woodrow's early days she attended Central Presbyterian Church in Oro; after her marriage she went to Willis Presbyterian Church in Jarratt; at Newton Robinson they worshiped at the United Church; in Barrie at St. Andrews and then Westminster Presbyterian Church.

At the time of her death Mrs. W. had 12 grandchildren; 18 gt.-grandchildren; one gt.-gt.-grandchild, Kyle Snodden.

Photo: in the *Examiner*, July 8, 1995, just before she turned 92. See GPH Scrapbook 2.

Interment: Knox Cemetery.

GPH: 09/10/1990—A13

WOODS, Mrs. Isabella

05/05/1908–1976?

GPH: after Rittenhouse list #1

WYE, Harriet F. *Simpson*

27/07/1906–24/12/1986

Mrs. Wye had eleven siblings. She was married in Aug. 1924 and had five children. Her daughter, Helen (m. Rowe) recalls:

> While raising all of us with our dad away most of the time (lumber scaler), my mom was choir leader and organist (pump organ!) at the little United Church in the tiny village of Dunchurch, Ontario. And she would always find time to 'practice' the local youngsters for school concerts, Sunday School concerts, etc., *and* make costumes for us from whatever material turned up.

Mrs. Rowe says that her mother made almost every bit of clothing that she and her children wore—including winter coats, and lovely wedding dresses for her sister and her.

Member: Burton Ave. United Church and then Grace United Church.

GPH: 28/03/1983—B36

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YOUNG, Agnes *Banks*

05/07/1914–

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.
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> 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.
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> In June 1998 Agnes took a cruise to Alaska with Anne and Roy.
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> GPH: 15/08/1997—A1

YOUNG, Mabel *Parkin*

25/01/1902–12/03/1998

B. the eldest child of James Parkin and Bessie Leader; she had three brothers: Bill (d. 04/03/1998!), Jim, and Ted.

Her father was a tool and die maker and the family moved to Cleveland, OH, for work and then back to Hamilton.

Mrs. Y. married in Hamilton and they lived there until she was 28. Then the Depression came: that ended her husband's job—he was a machinist—and they moved to Listowel until a job there ended. Then they moved to Montreal—Mr. Y. first, and then close to the location of a new textile plant at St. Johns, 22 miles south of Montreal. (The company was C.J. Grenier.) The Youngs stayed there through his retirement in 1969 until 1972 when Mrs. Y., who had also taken a job there in the office, also retired.

Daughter Marilyn (m. Kornyk) lives in Barrie; a son, Donald, lived in Vancouver (d. 10/97).

Mrs. Y. was the source of a lot of fun for a lot of people at GPH. She had a good

sense of humour and was always involved in any activity that was going on.

In her very old age she became a companion of Christina GILLIES: the two of them could frequently be seen "at the clock," sitting on a love seat, one or the other of them asleep on the other's shoulder!

One time I had a discussion with Mrs. Young, Gladys DYER, and "Kenny" MICHAL concerning what elderly people think about. Mrs. Michal said she thought about the question, "Are you ever forgiven for something you've done wrong?" Mrs. Dyer responded to this with the comment, "Yes, forgiveness comes in prayer." Mrs. Young and Mrs. Michael said that they didn't think about the hereafter very much, if at all. As for the importance of the church, Mabel said that church was no more important then—though she did not mean it was less important—than when she first believed. Mrs. Dyer added that it's not a question of which church one belongs to but how we lead our lives." (1989) I thought this discussion was illuminating for dispelling the notion that people necessarily become more religious in old age.

In St. Johns, P.Q., Mrs. Y. was a member of St. James Anglican Church. In Barrie she was a member at Trinity Anglican Church.

Her funeral was conducted by her nephew, Rev. Paul Parkin—son of her brother Jim—who is minister of the United Church in Meaford.

Marilyn recalls that her mother often talked about "the old people" at GPH who, she said, ought to get out and walk more! She did not see herself as "old" until the very end of her life.

The *Spotlight*, Feb.–Mar., 1980, noted that Mabel and Owen Young were new members of the S.E. Programme.

Mabel participated in the Recollections Group at GPH and contributed stories to *Tales of Yesteryear* : vol. 1—"Summertime, 1989"; vol. 2—"Kindergarten Memories"; "Sunday School Memories."

The *Barrie Banner*, June 15, 1984, published a photo of Mabel with "Mr. Parker Grove" at a GPH Variety Show. Mr. Parker Grove is one of the incarnations of Diane Ferrier, who works in the S.E. Programme, and who has contributed so much musicial accompaniment and humour on so many occasions at GPH.

In the spring of 1988, on Mar. 21, the *Examiner* published a photo of Mrs. Young with Sophia Conlon, a GPH volunteer from St. Giles' Anglican Church, at a tea on honour of volunteers. See GPH Scrapbook 1. Again, on Mar. 22, 1990, Mrs. Young appeared in an *Examiner* photo with Audrey MacMillan of the May Court Club. See GPH Scrapbook 2. There is a fine (undated) *Examiner* photo of Mrs. Young with Kay JOHNSON, published in connection with a recipe book: see GPH Scrapbook 2.

GPH: 20/01/1984—B38

Vacation Care residents

GRANT, Mrs. Doris

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Mrs. Grant was a participant in the S.E. Programme.

GPH: 11/01/1987–25/01/1987—M77

TOYE, Doris Abigail *Spragg*

24/03/1904–10/02/1996*

B. London, England. She had one sister who died at age 13.

Mrs. T. worked at a number of things after her schooling, including work for the New Zealand government: during WWI this saw her making kits for New Zealand soldiers who were returned to England after being wounded. In WWII she worked for the Royal Society of Arts, as a secretary.

In 1930 she married Lesley T. They had two children: Sheila (m. Rothwell)—who lives in Barrie, and Rodney (m. Clair)—who lives in Bancroft, ON.

Perhaps the Toyes' most exciting enterprise was to buy a guest house on the Clyde River. They had holidayed there themselves and when the next year the place was for sale they bought it. This was about 1959 when Doris was approaching 60. She enjoyed this and showed me and other friends snapshots of that location.

In 1957 Sheila and her husband Kevin came to Canada, to Toronto, and then for 21 years to Montreal; then, after retirement, to Barrie. In 1980 Lesley and Doris came too, settling on Strabane Ave. Then Mr. T. died; Doris stayed on for a while in the house and then went to live with Sheila and Kevin.

Doris liked gardening, cooking ("pigs in blankets") and, especially, people. Through the S.E. Programme at GPH she met a collection of people with whom she shared a lot of good-natured humour.

Her family told me that one of her personal traits which was the source of various funny stories was her penchant for lateness: in England she once missed getting back on a bus during a stop on a "Mystery Tour"—whose destination of course she did not know—and had to take the train back home!

The *Examiner* published a great photo of Doris with Bob EVANS on Mar. 6, 1989. The caption is "Summer is Here." See GPH Scrapbook 2. On July 13 of the next year another *Examiner* photo shows her in an award-winning "flower basket hat," complete with real cherries. The occasion was a senior's hat contest at Centennial Beach.

GPH: 02/10/1987–16/10/1987

WILLIAMSON, Yorke

06/12/1914–

Mr. Williamson was a participant in the S.E. Programme for some time and many of us got to know him.

GPH: 11/09/1987–15/09/1987

III. Trivia

Ah, yes! A mountain of little-known connections exists among the residents who live and have lived at GPH. Putting these things together will not likely lead to a board game with very many people who could play it. Nevertheless, I offer here a collection of interesting details for the enjoyment of readers and as a test of memory for those of us who have known the residents whose names appear here.

1. How many celebrities/VIPs can you name that GPH residents have known? Here are some:

William Davis, Premier of Ontario: Barbara HUTCHESON was his secretary.
Isadore Duncan, dancer: Leota HORNER was a friend of hers.
Henry Ford: Richard ARMSTRONG saw him on the site when Richard was helping to build the Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI.
Great Big Sea, a late 1990s recording group from Newfoundland: Eda DAY'S grandson, Robert Hallett, is a founding member.
Don Harron (*alias* Charlie Farquharson): Phyllis WHITE was one of his teachers.
King Edward VII: Blanche WHEELER was a seamstress for his court attendants.
Mayor Janice Laking: Wilbur LAKING was her father-in-law; Jessie LOVE was her aunt; Henry MCCUAIG was her uncle.
Kady MacDonald, who won a Governor General's Award in the category of Children's Illustration in 1998, is Ruth CURRIE'S niece.
Brian Mulroney: Dorothy CORBIÈRE's children grew up with him in Baie Comeau.
The Queen mother: Arthur ROOTS and Jessie LOVE met her on a visit to Canada. Barbara HUTCHESON had tea at Buckingham Palace.
John Robarts, Premier of Ontario: Barbara HUTCHESON was his secretary.
Ian Smith, Prime Minister of Rhodesia: he was married to a cousin of Ella MURDOCH.
Sir Wilfred Laurier: Arthur ROOTS' wife sailed to Canada on the same boat as Sir Wilfred Laurier, about 1906.

2. How many residents came to Canada with Dr. Barnardo Homes for Children? At least four:

Walter FULLER

Elsie MONTEITH
Ernest WHITELL
Maude WOOD

3. Quite a number of married couples have lived at GPH. How many do you recall?

Mr. and Mable ALDERMAN
Percy and Lillie BLOUGH
Edward and Noleata CRANE
Bob and Irene EVANS
Walter and Eileen FULLER
Harry and Amy GIFFEN
Ed and Janetta JAMES
Arthur and Emily JACKSON
Clarence and Jean KNUPP
Bill and Kitty LITTLE
Harry and Mary LUCK
John and Chrissie MARTIN
Ernie and Elizabeth MEADOWS
Bob and Lorna PEARSON
Ed and Kim SUTTON
Claud TORTINGTON and Mrs. TORTINGTON
Burt and Helen WARNICA
Warren and Evelyn WILGAR

4. An institution has been around for a while when it begins to serve a second generation. Here is a list of second generation residents of GPH.

Sally AHERN, daughter of Mary HUETHER
Ralph BOWDEN, son of Harold BOWDEN
Robert BRYSON, son of Florence BRYSON
Viola HANDY, daughter of Teresa DRURY
Gladys HARVEY, daughter of Arthur ROOTS
Wilbur LAKING, son of Ethel May LAKING
Eleanor ROBINSON, M.D., daughter of Janet ROBINSON

5. Which siblings of the following list of siblings who lived at GPH at the same time lived here *most recently* ?

Margaret CUMMING and Andrew CUMMING
Mrs. May BANKS and Mrs. Elizabeth GAULEY
Ivy *Windle* DICK and Lily *Windle* MEINKE
Leda *Parnell* GIFFEN and Mary ("Mamie") *Parnell* SPRING
Lois *Todd* STURGEON and Agnes *Todd* KNEESHAW
Helen *Ross* WARNICA and Mary *Ross* STEELE
Stanley *Halbert* and Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS

6. This is easier. You only have to guess the siblings who lived here—they were not here at the same time.

Elsie DEACOFF and Laura *Deacoff* HAMILTON

Winnifred *Darke* FRENCH and Myra *Darke* ST. JOHN
Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS and Florence *Halbert* DINSMORE
Elizabeth *Schell* BOWMAN and Sarah *Schell* VAUSE
Hilda *Crawford* SHELSWELL and Wilf *Crawford*
Henry MCCUAIG and Jessie *McCuaig* LOVE

7. This might be more difficult than the two preceding questions. Can you name any residents who had family other than siblings at GPH?

Leda GIFFEN and her brother-in-law, Harry GIFFEN, and his wife Amy; Leda and her cousin Vera WILDMAN.
Florrie JONES and Jennie WISDOM were cousins.
Clarence KNUPP, Mary MCMASTER, and Beth KENNY were cousins.
Elsie SLATER and her sister-in-law Mary SLATER.
Ed SUTTON and his sister-in-law Barbara SUTTON.
See next item also.

8. Most complicated set of family relationships among residents? Give up? Try to figure this out:

Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS and Florence *Halbert* DINSMORE were sisters; Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS and Stanley HALBERT were Edna and Florence's cousins. The husbands of Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS and Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS were brothers. Stanley and Lila HALBERT, Edna *Halbert* WIGGINS, Estelle *Halbert* WIGGINS, and Florence *Halbert* DINSMORE all lived at GPH about the same time!

You might also check the name KNUPP in this volume. I have not determined all the family relationships involved there.

9. Residents who are/were parents or family of GPH staff ... You should get one of these at least.

Mary Jane ACONLEY'S gt. niece Pat Norton is the Head of housekeeping.
Harold CONNALLY, father of Hope Bowman, R.N.
Zelma COX'S daughter Edith Hook nursed at GPH in the late 1980s.
Louisa DEVRIES is the mother of Carla Craddock.
Susan GEORGE, mother of Helen Rivard.
Rosa LEPSCHI, mother-in-law of Margaret Lepschi.
Peter LAPLANTE, brother-in-law of Phyllis Davis, R.N.

10. Residents who had or have children married to each other ...

Roy HICKLING'S son Doug is married to Allan BEACH'S daughter Nancy.
Zelma COX'S son Arthur is married to Clara MAYES' daughter Marion.
Ella FORD'S son William ("Bill") is married to Emma GALBRAITH'S daughter Blanche.
Mrs. HAMILTON'S son Elmore is married to Mrs. LUCAS'S daughter.
Albert MAW'S son Bert is married to Alice LOUGHEED'S daughter Betty.
Adelaide THOMPSON'S daughter Carol was married to Percy WALLIS'S son Melvin until his death in the early 1990s.
Vona WARD'S daughter Linda is married to Florence NEWTON'S son Graham.

11. Can you name any resident who lived at GPH twice? Here are four.

Roland IRWIN
Ernie and Beth MEADOWS
Marion SYKES

12. If you lived or worked at GPH during the last ten years you knew all three of the following individuals who worked here and were later residents.

Joyce MCELROY
Verna WEGMAN
Maude WOOD

13. Social organizations represented among residents? This is a start.

Eastern Star: Ruby COOPER; Isabel BISHOP; Florrie JONES; Lila JONES.
Kinettes: Mary MOLL

14. Canada Day/Dominion Day birthdays, that is, July 1st.

Sidney FLEMING (1892)
Mrs. Ella FORD (1891)
Mrs. Madeline MUCKLESTON (1897)
Georgina STEELE (1912)

15. Christmas birthdays? Here are two:

J. Kathrine CAMERON (1905)
Ralph COLPITTS (1886)

16. New Year's birthdays?

Adrian KROSE (1913)

17. Residents who sailed on the *Empress of Ireland*. Not as famous as the *Titanic* but equally tragic. Two GPH residents sailed on the *Empress* before it sank.

Doris PARSONS, her mother and siblings
Kim SUTTON and her mother Mabel Tiernan, Oct. 1912

18. Residents whose birthdays were on the same day and who lived at GPH at the same time. Here are four cases.

Margaret KNUPP and Frank SANDERS (23/06/1882)
Nelda MORROW and Ellen POPE (14/09/1894)
Rolly IRWIN and Burt WARNICA (05/09/1895)
Ina GILLIES and Edna WEST (05/04/1906)

19. Valentine's Day birthdays?

Bertha FLANAGAN (1914)

Ernest WHITELL (1911)

20. February 29th birthdays are rare. We have had one resident who was born on Feb. 29:

Edna RIVERS (1904)

21. Hallowe'en wedding? What did the bride wear? You can ask Agnes, I don't know.

Agnes YOUNG

22. GPH has had quite a number of veterans. Here is a list of them.

Norman BARTLETT
Wes BISHOP
Robert BRYSON
Cyril CAUNTER
Bill KELMAN
Leo LANDREVILLE
Dr. Bill LITTLE
Harry LUCK
Marge LONG
Phyllis MURRAY
Frank SAUNDERS
Kim SUTTON

Remembrance Day poem

They shall not grow old as we
that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
As the going down of the sun and
in the morning
We will remember them.

Lawrence Binyon (1869–1943),
from the *Spotlight*, Nov.-Dec. 1988.

23. How many Winter Carnival Kings and Queens can you remember? This tradition continued until 1995.

1977 Arthur ROOTS and Louisa FAWN
1978 Isaac CARRUTHERS and Margaret CUMMING
1979 Reg STREET and Jessie LOVE
1980 Burt and Helen WARNICA
1981 Steve REYNOLDS and Sadie CARR
1982 Ernie and Beth MEADOWS
1983 Walter and Eileen FULLER
1984 Norman BARTLETT and Elsie MONTEITH
1985 Norman BARTLETT and Mabel YOUNG
1986 Harold CONNALLY and Mildred MCQUADE

1987 Allan BEACH and Dolly MCREYNOLDS
1988 Ernest WHITELL and Kay JOHNSON
1989 Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON and Harry MILNE
1990 Bob and Irene EVANS
1991 Frances and Noleata CRANE
1992 Beulah BRINKWORTH and Tom SMITH
1993 Elizabeth PROCTOR and Herman BRIGLEY
1994 Sally COOPER and Wilf CRAWFORD
1995 Beulah BRINKWORTH and Anton PEDERSEN

24. When did the Family Picnic begin?

1976. *The Spotlight* 6, 7 (July 1977) notes that the second Family Picnic will be held Sun. Aug. 14, 3–5 P.M.

25. Which GPH resident was once the youngest female bank teller in Canada? How old was she?

Flo BURROWS; 15 1/2.

26. Name the GPH residents who lived in Haileybury at the time of the great fire in 1922.

Joan CRAIG; Flo BURROWS. Alex BOWMAN'S uncle, Ed Wicklum, also lived there at the time.

27. Which GPH resident was York University's oldest graduate when he received a Master's Degree at the age of 83?

Cyril CAUNTER

29. On Dec. 31, 1998, which resident had lived at GPH for the longest time?

Flo BURROWS moved into GPH on Dec. 22, 1980. If you are wondering who is the next resident to live at GPH the longest as of the end of 1998, that would be Kay JOHNSON, who moved to GPH on Mar. 21, 1984. And the next?—Wendy BOUIUS, May 1, 1985.

30. Which GPH resident was the last surviving resident of the 19th century?

Betty SULLIVAN was born on Oct. 24, 1899.

31. What is the first birthdate recorded among GPH residents?

Alice ACONLEY was born on Sept. 23, 1873.

32. How many members of "the ninety club" can you name for the end of 1998?

Betty SULLIVAN	24/10/1899
Elsie SLATER	04/12/1900
Lillian BELL	18/10/1901

Madelyn FLETCHER	19/12/1901
Mary ANDERSON	13/01/1902
Emily JACKSON	26/02/1902
Lottie BONNEY	18/04/1902
Flo BURROWS	31/12/1902
Cora MCNABB	06/09/1903
Agnes KNEESHAW	17/01/1904
Jean PARKER	07/08/1905
Wendy BOUIUS	03/01/1906
G. DELAFRANIER	06/10/1906
Barbara SUTTON	14/07/1907
Jean BULMER	27/08/1907
Vi BAYCROFT	19/09/1907
Raymond LEDREW	05/01/1908
Reta HALPENNY	11/02/1908
Mark JOHNSON	28/03/1908
Sarah VAUSE	06/07/1908

The number is 20, that is 18.6% of the residents of GPH on Dec. 31, 1998 were 90 years of age or older.

33. Who is the most elderly person to live at GPH?

Miss Margaret CUMMING died 20 days short of 107. Mrs. Lila JONES died two weeks short of 105.

34. Which GPH resident was the first Senior Citizen of the Month in the Simcoe Co. newsmagazine *Life Begins at … 50+* ?

Jim FLIGG.

IV. Prayers for Times of Passage

We began having memorial services at GPH in the late 1980s. This has proved to be an important time for saying good-bye for both residents and staff. Family members often join us for these services which are usually on Wednesday mornings in the sanctuary of the churchbuilding. They consist of readings of Scripture, a brief biographical sketch of the individual, a meditation of some kind, and a prayer. For each occasion I have written a prayer and as I read through all my notes in preparing this book it occurred to me that these prayers might be of interest, not only as a reflection of an element of our common life together at GPH but also as expressions of spiritual truths which others might use to give voice to heartfelt emotions. I have selected the following examples. As one will notice, all the prayers are Christian in orientation and that reflects the faith of the residents of GPH over its first thirty years.

I have placed the names of those for whom the prayers were used in footnotes so that readers can more easily use the prayers apart from their original time and place.

Dear God in heaven,
today in sadness we return to you the lives of _____[4]
—receive their spirits.
Today we have a sense of completion: we see lives that were lived out well, in triumph, in commitment, in faith.
—Lift our spirits with these memories.
Today we seek your guidance for days that lie ahead, in a world diminished on the one hand, enriched, we see, on the other.
Please be our guide.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father,
we thank you for the life of _____,[5]
for so many memories that will keep coming back to us for years to come.
We received her life and talents,
as well as her sense of humour, as your gift to us.
Help us to accept that legacy as an incentive to be kind to and appreciative of one another.

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[4]Mary HARTT, Mabel YOUNG, Mae DRURY, Charlotte MACKENZIE, Mary LENNOX
[5]Phyllis WHITE

Comfort ____, ____, ____, ____.
Receive the spirit of our very dear friend
and grant her mercy and peace.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God,
we thank you for the gift of life;
we are grateful that you are a protector in illness, as in health.
We ask that you receive our friend and acquaintance to your bosom,
where, indeed, she lived during her life.
Grant her spirit peace.
Amen.[6]

Lord of light,
Lord, in whom there is no night,
we seek you.
Receive the life of _____;[7] give her peace.
In the face of our own mortality,
renew our hope in you as the Lord of life.
Help us to live in your presence this day,
as one small step toward life in your presence always.
Strengthen us to be able to say "good-bye" when that is necessary.
Encourage us in faith, hope, and love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
who sees the sparrow fall;
who can count the hairs of our heads—
we thank you for telling us you care.
Give rest and peace to our friend _____;[8]
receive her spirit.
Give her life with you;
give her life here as her priorities and qualities live on in her family and in those she taught and in those who knew her.
We commit our own selves to your care.
Help us, each one, in our own struggles.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
we thank you for the gifts of laughter, inquisitiveness, friendship, and congeniality

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[6]For Francis HUBBERT
[7]Dorothy LENNOX
[8]Vera WILDMAN

that we have seen in the life of _____;[9]
receive them to yourself.
We thank you for the example of lives lived well,
the lives of people like _____, who rise above hardship,
and maintain an optimism and excitement about life:
give us such traits as these.
Favour us with the assurance of your presence both now and in eternity.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father,
we thank you for a life so very well lived:
for _____'s[10] commitment to "instilling into the minds of the young some of the knowledge with which her own was crammed";
for her deep love of family and friends;
for laughter;
for good and bad times shared—
we commit her to your care,
and her family to your blessing.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
who knows all, sees all, and loves all—
we thank you now for a life so well lived;
for so many good times shared,
and for your presence during the not-so-good times.
We thank you for what we received from _____[11] as children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren:
for love, stability, guidance, laughter, acceptance;
and for what we were able to give in return.
Father,
those of us who are older recognize that living includes dying:
help those who are younger to accept this fact
and to incorporate the experience of ____'s death into their own lives.
Father,
you have promised to receive your people:
in this time we are letting one of your faithful return to you
and know that you will welcome her.
You have also promised to comfort the sad—
we thank you for being with us in grief;
and for making us in such a way that we can carry each other in our hearts.
Receive us too, Father,
for it is on the merit of your son's death that we come.
In his name we pray, Amen.

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[9]Mary CHITTICK
[10]Laurena SNIDER ROBERTSON
[11]Mary SCOTT

"Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has stilled the restless wave"—
we commend to your care two friends, _____ and _____.[12]
We thank you for the contributions they made to their families
and to the places where they lived.
Be with their families,
who have lost mothers and grandmothers.
Enable us, their friends, to live with the grace they possessed,
and grant that we might experience your eternal word
as our comfort and strength.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
you who loved the earth before you fashioned it,
and cared for each of us before we were born—
we're sad because of the death of our friend.[13]
It was good to know him and experience his friendship;
comfort his son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren;
comfort his table-mates, _____ and _____.
Give him rest from troubles;
unite him in death with those he loved;
help us to let go of him
so that you may receive his spirit.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
we're grateful that there are many good people in this world,
and that we've been privileged to know some of them.
Among these, we remind you of your servant _____,[14]
a gentle spirit, devout,
caring, filled with love for her family.
We pray that you will take care of her in death even as you did in life;
grant peace to her spirit;
give a sure recollection of her life to her family.
We thank you for her life and example:
we will not forget her!
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father,
Lord of life, long or short—
it's been a blessing to our lives to know _____:[15]
kind, patient, considerate, loving.

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[12]Grace DONALDSON and Sarah SASS

[13]Tom SMITH. Mr. Smith's table-mates were Wilbur LAKING and Herman BRIGLEY.

[14]Verna LONG

[15]Emma JONES. Her daughter's name is Margaret.

We're amazed at such a long life, lived so well.
Receive our friend to yourself;
be near to _____, who will miss her mom so much.
Encourage in us the notion of what life can be like,
even in the oldest of old age.
Grant that we too might live with grace and peace.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
who has special regard for
the meek,the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness—
receive the spirit of one who looked to you throughout her life.[16]
As you were with her in life, receive her in death;
unite her with those who loved her and died before her:
her parents, brothers and sisters, husband, son,
those from the _____ church where she heard your name.
Comfort her daughters,
grant those of us who knew her a clear recollection of her friendship.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord,
receive your servant _____,[17]
whose life took her far from home;
who cared for her family and friends;
whose talents found a place in the church;
who lived to a very great age.
Unite her with those she loved,
who are already in your presence.
May her influence and name be remembered amongst her family
in _____ and _____,
who meant so much to her.
Receive us into your care.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,
you who are the giver of all peace—
give peace to our friend's spirit,
which has returned to you.
Thank you for the gift of knowing this kind and caring man:
husband, father, grandfather,
for knowing how he "overcame" in his life.
In these moments we reflect on our own lives,
upon the turns that they have taken.

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[16]Betty LOCKHART. Her church was at Brentwood.

[17]Jessie HUNTER. Her family is in Scotland and New Zealand.

We are grateful that you can be our hope,
even as you sustained our friend _____.[18]
For that promise we thank you.
Bless his family in his absence.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord and father of humankind—
today we think of _____.[19]
We have set aside these moments of quiet
so that we can each say our "good-bye,"
each say our prayer in this holy place.
We solicit your comfort for her family:
siblings, children, grandchildren.
We recall our relationship to her before you
and we place that relationship now in your care.
Let us go on now,
enriched, grateful.
Be present with those who care for us at GPH,
especially nursing caregivers: restore their spirits.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father in heaven,
you who created the world,
who made men and women to love and worship you—
we thank you for the life of _____,[20]
with whom we lived, laughed, ate;
who shared with us his life
and who enriched our journey.
Please receive his spirit,
as a husband, father, brother-in-law.
Comfort his family with the consolation of his long life,
his faithfulness,
his enjoyment of life.
Be with us all on the journey.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,
divine parent, sustainer, friend,
at this turning point, this good-bye,
we turn to you—
in thanks, for the gift of life and relationships;
in sadness, because we, like _____,[21] are mortal and one day will face an

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[18]Walter FULLER
[19]Bertha FLANAGAN
[20]Robert EVANS
[21]Orville ARNOLD

end to this earthly life;
in peace, because to know you is to know peace,
even in the midst of trial, disappointment, and loss;
in hope, because through Jesus the way has been opened for us to be with you both now and eternally.
Receive the spirit of our departed friend,
comfort his family with good memories.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God,
you who are the protector of "the widow, the orphan, and the stranger"—
today we return to you the life of _____,[22]
who endured many disadvantages in this life,
but who was very much a part of life at GPH,
and who enjoyed life here for a long time.
We thank you for what she taught us
just by being herself.
Unite her in death with her mother and siblings,
and receive her spirit in peace.
Help us all to remember that each of us is disadvantaged in some way,
so we need to help one another.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord and father of humankind,
to whom all of us look in one way or another—
this day we thank you for the life of _____,[23]
who loved Jesus,
even as he loved her.
Grant her a reunion with her parents and siblings,
the recovery of her dignity,
and a hearing of the songs of Zion.
We who knew her count our lives enriched:
the world was a better place because of her life.
Help each one of us to make the world a better place this day,
as we call to mind _____'s life.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God,
who has framed the worlds by your word,
who has taught us the meaning of love through the incarnation of your Son—
today we return to your care _____,[24]

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[22]Gertrude HARRIS

[23]Ella MURDOCK. I always called her "Aunt Ella" because her niece, Mamie EWEN'S daughter, Dorothy McDowell, was frequently at GPH and called her that.

[24]Doris BEAVER

who, early in her life, heard your word,
and lived according to its teachings.
Daughter, sister, aunt, wife, step-mother;
friend—
we recognize today the circle of life of which we are all a part,
and which makes us all a part of one another.
Grant to us your *shalom*, your peace.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God,
you give and you receive again to yourself.
Today, as family and friends,
we remember _____[25] in your presence—
daughter, wife, mother, grandmother—
we reflect on all that she was during her life
and on our relationship to her.
Dear God,
we remember too that you are a God who knows about suffering
and loss,
and we call upon your experience of these things
as you are present for _____'s family in these days.
Grant us each your peace,
In Jesus' name, Amen.

[25]Laura Thompson PARKERn bn

v. Photographs

The selection of photos includes several that have hung on the walls of residents' suites or rooms and which I have found quite riveting. First among these must stand the photo of the six "Gibson girls," which I returned to again and again when it hung in Mrs. CURRIE'S room at GPH. Then I mention Jack and Chrissie MARTIN'S wedding photo which, for me, stood out among a display of various wedding pictures of residents and staff in the front entrance of GPH when they lived there. Finally, I mention the photo of Mildred MICKS, with her "Marcel" hairstyle. To these others have been added that reflect the people who have lived or do live at GPH.

The explanations provided for the photos are intended to provide more information than a simple caption could.

Almost all the photos were scanned for printing by Rhonda Long, Graphics Design specialist at Kwik-Kopy in Barrie, who is a granddaughter of Hazel KELL. The one exception is the photo of the Empress of Ireland, which is reproduced directly from the newspaper photograph.

1. This aerial photo of GPH was taken in the summer of 1986. Cook St. runs along the east side of the home and intersects with Grove St. E., running west from the intersection. The photo shows the construction of Oak Wing at the upper left of GPH and, at the other end, the churchbuilding before renovations there, completed in the spring of 1997. The pilot was Ernie Heikkila, husband of Ellen Heikkila, Director of Nursing at the time.

2-3. These photos show ice harvesting on Kempenfelt Bay, ca. 1890. In the second of the two photos, blocks of ice are moving along a conveyer towards a storage building. Mildred MCQUADE told me of this phenomenon before I saw three photos about this local business hanging in the Red Lobster restaurant on Bayfield St.—the second of the two photos here, and two others. I have drawn the date from the captions on those three photos. The two reproduced here are courtesy of the Simcoe County Archives, located at the Simcoe County Museum.

4. The Allandale train station. Courtesy of the Simcoe County Archives.

5. Alice Kate PRINCE was an early resident of GPH. Her son Fred provided this photo. He lives in Barrie.

6. Roy HICKLING. Photo by Steingard. Mr. Steingard's wife, Carol, nursed at GPH.

7. Rollie IRWIN. Photo by Diane Rozon Posnanovic, who worked at GPH with the S.E. Programme in the mid-80s.

8. Lexei COTTENDEN. Photo by Diane Rozon Posnanovic. I was at Sunnidale Park with our children when I saw Diane there with her daughter and we talked about this project. She told me she had some photos ... When Diane dropped off this photo and the next, I showed her the photo of Rollie Irwin and she said, "Oh, I took that!"

9. Reg STREET. Photo by Diane Rozon Posnanovic.

10. The Gibson girls. Mrs. Ruth CURRIE'S daughter, Heather Elliott, provided the following information about this photo:

> These six Gibson girls were born and brought up in Brantford, Ont. My mother, Ruth Currie, moved to Barrie in 1942, when my father John G. Currie Q.C. bought a Law practice there.
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> Their names are (beginning top left, to right): Marjory (Smith), Kathleen (Willoughby), Ruth; [bottom, left to right] Jean (Dempster), Florence (MacDonald), Dorothy (Mackenzie).
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> The picture was taken in 1914 shortly after their mother died of pneumonia, which is why some are wearing touches of black (sash and hairribbon). They were probably wearing only white or lavender for mourning. Their faces reflect sadness, I think.
>
> My grandfather David Gibson had five sisters and no brothers, then was left to bring up his six daughters with the help of his one maiden sister, and he did remarkably well. They all lived productive lives.

11. Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON. This photo was taken by Garry Peddle at the Bayview Ave. Church of Christ in Toronto in 1987.

12. Jack and Chrissie MARTIN on their wedding day, June 1940.

13. *The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters*. See Raymond LEDREW and the index. This book appeared already in 1912, the year the Titanic sank. That is impressive, even in our day of "quick" books.

14. This sketch of the GPH bus, driven by Diane Ferrier, appeared in the GPH *Spotlight*, Apr.-May 1982. It was drawn by Greg Godfrey, Diane's brother.

15. The Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ, Toronto, 1909. Several GPH residents of the 1980s and 1990s worshiped with this immigrant congregation early in the century. They include Arthur and Emily JACKSON, Elsie SLATER, Agnes YOUNG, Minnie BOWMAN, Gladys HARVEY, and Ainslie CAMERON, after her marriage to Colin. This church ceased to meet in the late 1960s. Identification of individuals is difficult, but appears to include: Will Summerfield, at the extreme right, and his wife Annie *Fletcher* Summerfield, who is the woman with the large hat, almost in the very centre of the photo, just behind the front row of boys, and directly in front of the open door. She was Emily and Elsie's aunt.

The man to the left of Mrs. Summerfield may be Colin Cameron, grandfather of Ainslie's husband Colin. The younger woman behind and between Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Summerfield may be Doris Summerfield, a cousin of Elsie and Emily. The fifth man from the left in the back row may be Amos Summerfield; the man fourth from the left

may be a Cameron; the man fourth from the right in the back row may be Ainslie's father-in-law, yes, also called Colin. The woman fourth from the right, second to the left of the woman with the baby, may be Mrs. McQuinny, whose husband was church secretary at one time. The McQuinnys eventually went to Hillcrest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as did Gladys HARVEY.

Thanks to Arthur and Emily Jackson and to Colin Cameron for suggesting likely identifications; to Eugene Perry, for providing the photo that originally appeared with an article written by Jerry Rushford, "A Forgotten Chapter in Toronto Church History," *Gospel Herald* 63, 7 (July 1998) 8–9; and to Don Halls who did an initial scanned image of the picture. The photo belongs to Mr. Rushford of Pepperdine University, Malibu CA, and I am indebted to him for permission to use it.

16. Allan BEACH on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

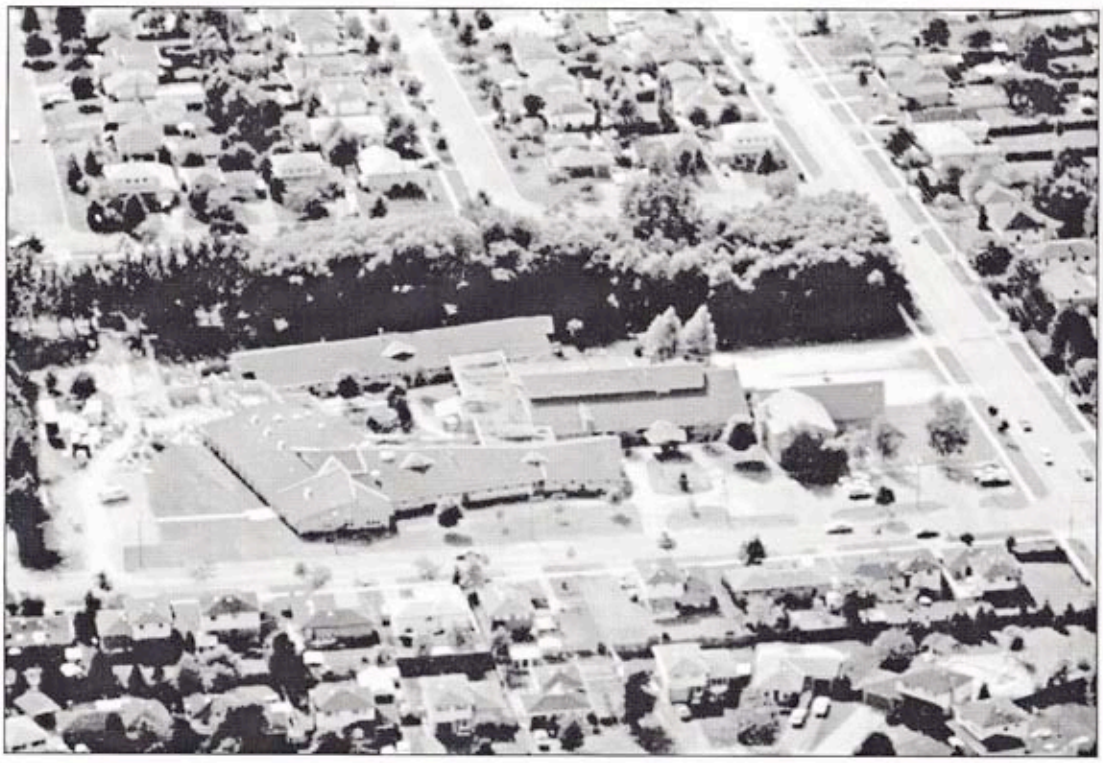
17. Mildred MICKS at the age of 18 or 19. The photo was taken in Toronto on Queen St., near Yonge St. She had just had her hair given a "Marcel" hairstyle.

18. Cyril CAUNTER. A note on the photo states that it was taken at No. 111 (fighter squadron), Duxford [England], 1924. Mr. Caunter is in the centre; the name of the man on the left is Eccles and the name of the man on the right is Wiltshire.

19. The Empress of Ireland. Doris PARSONS and Kim SUTTON both sailed on the Empress in 1912. The complete headline in *The Globe* for Sat., May 30, 1914 reads "Empress Carries Almost 1,000 Passengers to the Bottom of the St. Lawrence River." The actual number of those who perished was 1,014. During 1999 the *Globe and Mail* reproduced significant front pages from earlier in the century. The May 30, 1914 front page was reproduced on Sat. May 29, 1999, p. D8. There are various web sites devoted to the Empress of Ireland. A good place to begin is http://www.total.net:8080/~kinder/index.html The Empress was built in 1906 and was on its 96th vogage when it sank.

20. Arthur and Emily JACKSON. This photo was taken by their long-time friend Bob Baylis, nephew of Minnie BOWMAN.

1 Grove Park Home, aerial photo

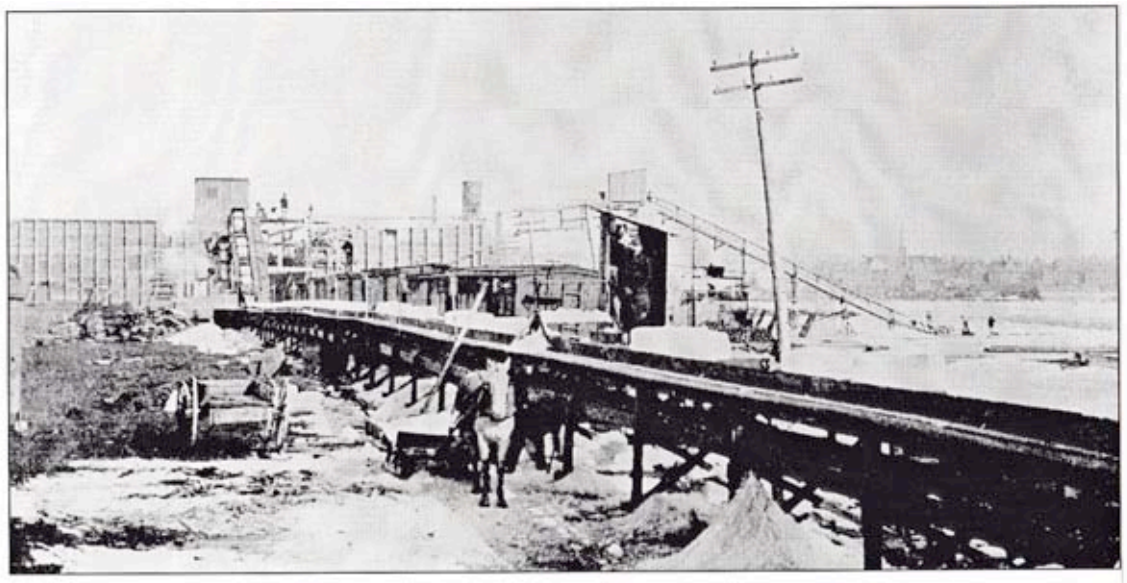


Aerial view of Grove Park Home 1986

2 ice harvesting

Ice harvesting on Kempenfelt Bay ca. 1890

3 ice harvesting



Ice harvesting on Kempenfelt Bay ca. 1890

4 Allandale train station

The Allandale Train Station

5 Alice Kate PRINCE

Alice Kate Prince, an early resident of GPH

6 Roy HICKLING

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7 Rollie IRWIN

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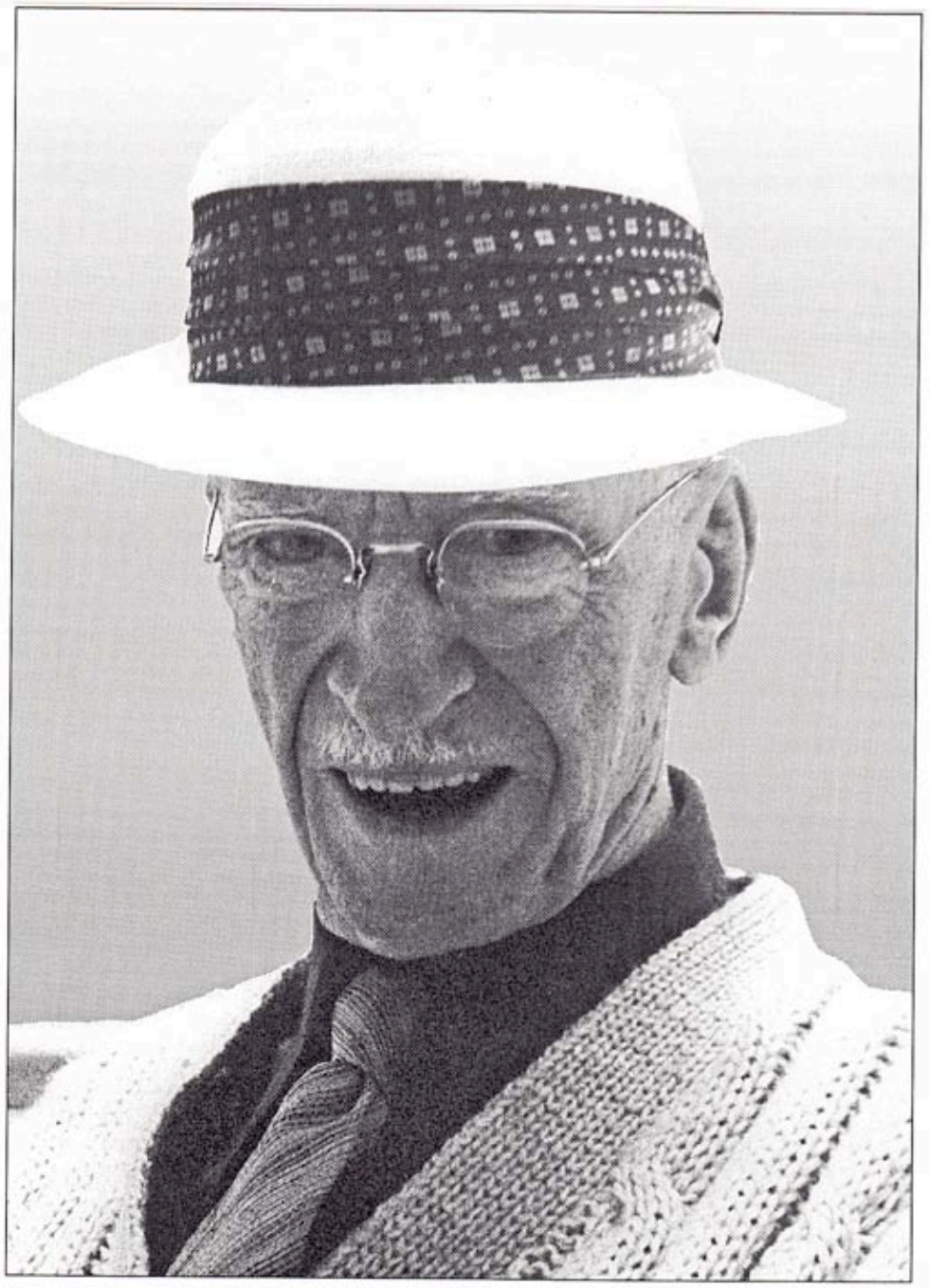

Reg Street

10 Ruth CURRIE

The Gibson sisters
Marjory, Kathleen, Ruth
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11 Dr. Eleanor ROBINSON

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12 Jack and Chrissie MARTIN

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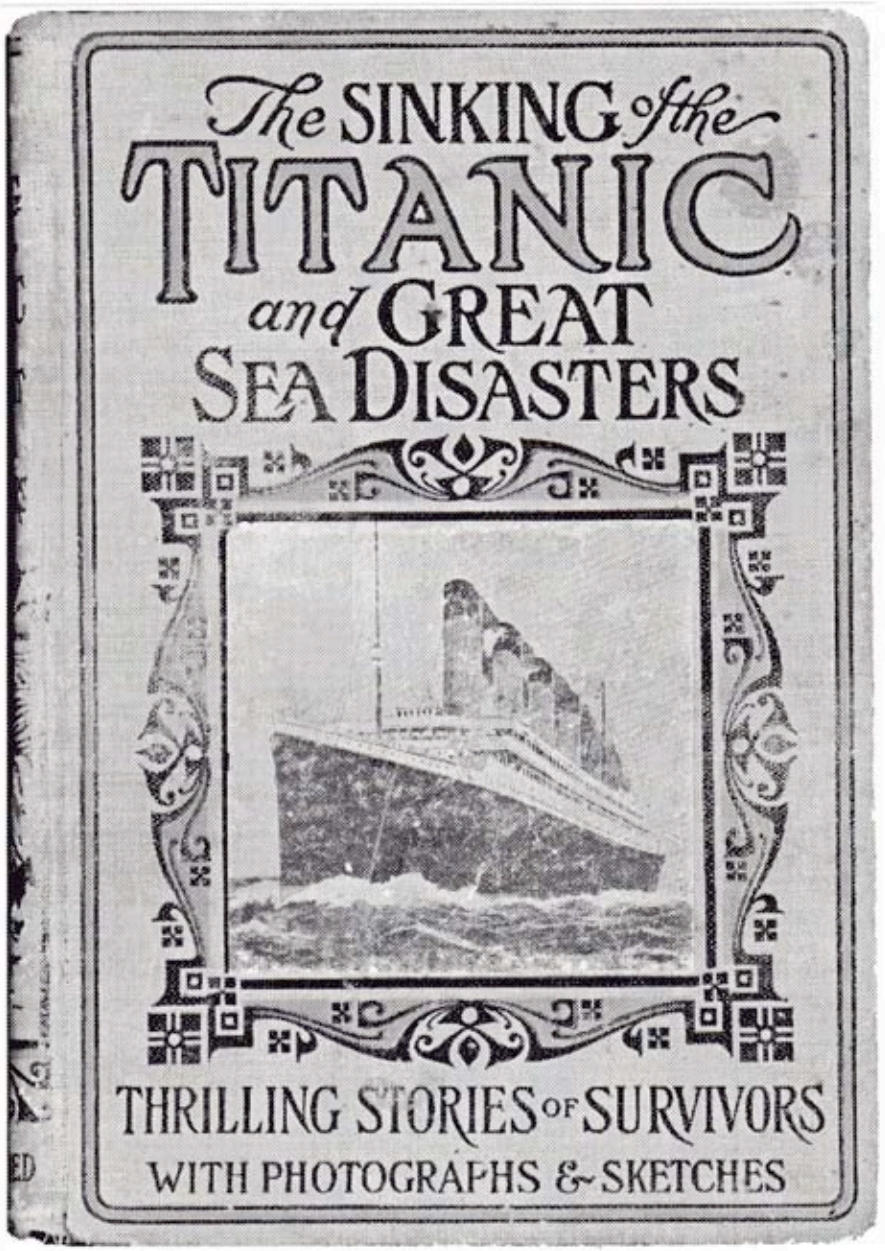
13 Titanic



The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters

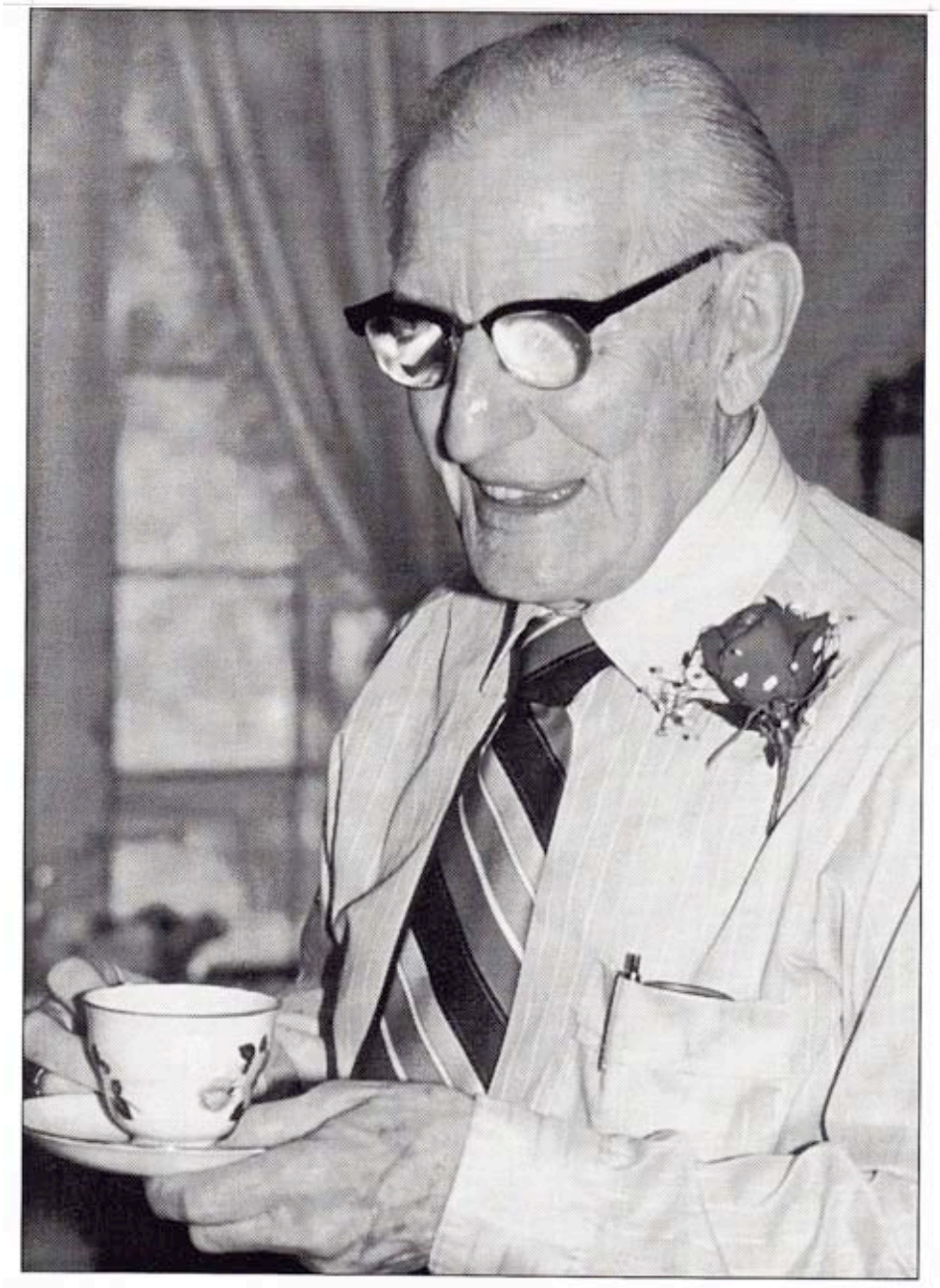
14 GPH Bus

Senior Encounter Programme. The GPH Bus.

15 Maplewood Ave. (Toronto) Church of Christ

Maplewood Ave. Church of Christ, Toronto. 1909.

16 Allan BEACH

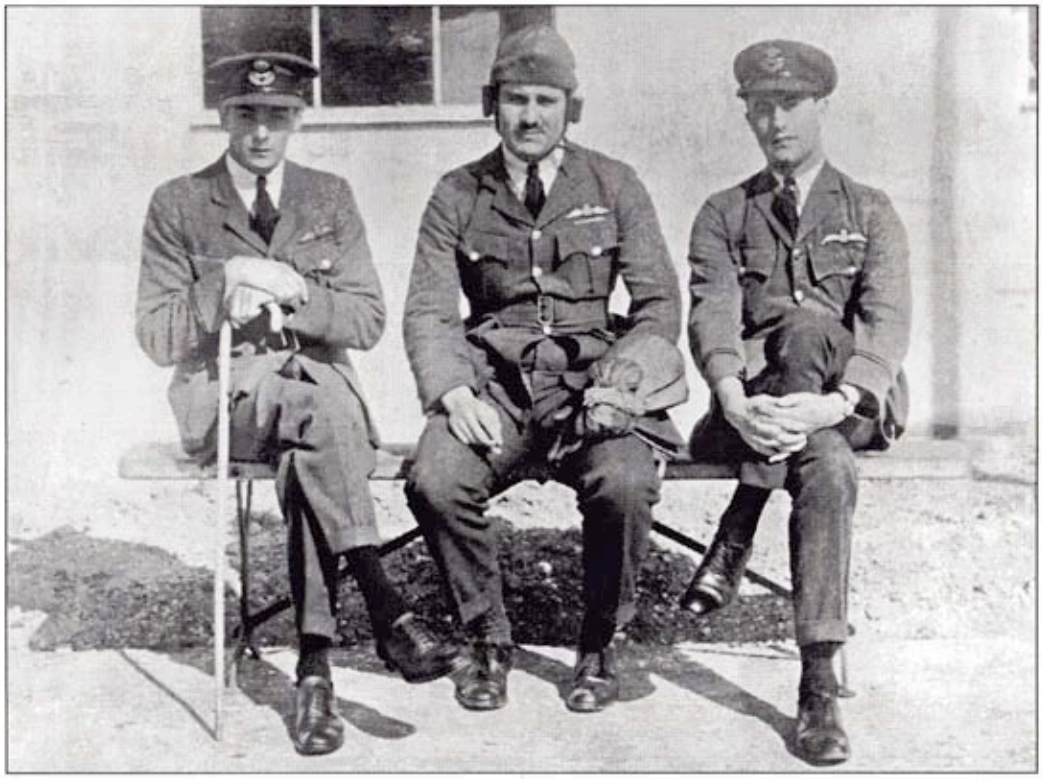


Allan Beach at 80.

17 Mildred MICKS

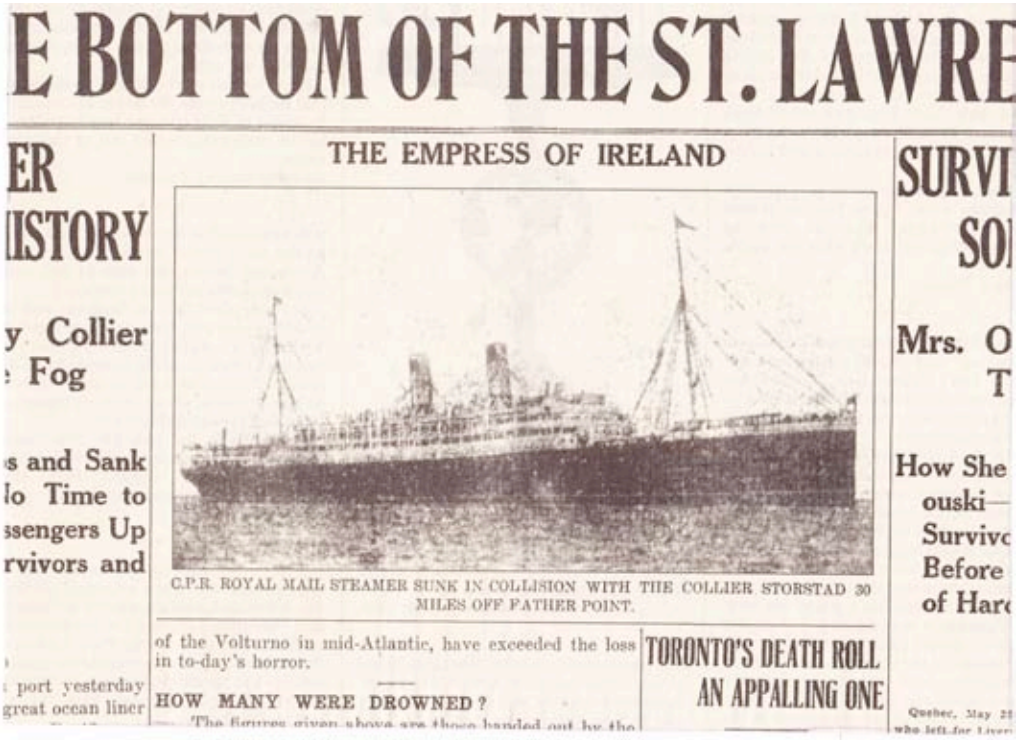
Mildred *Wright* Micks

18 Cyril CAUNTER



Cyril Caunter, centre. No. 111 (fighter squadron). Duxford, 1924.

19 Empress of Ireland



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The Empress of Ireland, which sank on May 29, 1914.

20 Arthur and Emily JACKSON

Arthur and Emily Jackson, 1999.

Appendixes

1. Residents 1968–1969

The following individuals moved into GPH when it opened (•) or soon thereafter (••). All of them lived at GPH prior to Rittenhouse list #1. The names here total 65 and since it is unlikely that there were many deaths or moves from GPH in the first three years that the Home was open, the individuals here likely constitute most of the original residents (68).

•• ACONLEY, Miss Alice Jane
• ALDERMAN, Mrs.
• ALDERMAN, Mr.
• AYLETT, Ada
••? BEARDSALL, Pearl
••? BIDWELL, Miss Lillie
•• CAMPBELL, Jane Florence
••? CARSON, Mrs. Jessie
••? CLEMENTS, Mrs. Katherine
•• COCHRANE, Mrs.

••? CORY, Mrs. Selina
• COXALL, Caroline
••? DEO, Mr.
••? DUNBAR, Mrs. Isabel
• FALCONER, Mrs. Julia Annie
• FAWN, Mrs. Louisa
••? FERRIER, Mrs. Ada
•• FLEETHAM, Emily
• FRONCE, Miss Isabelle
••? GRAY, Mrs. Violet

•?GREGORY, Mrs.
• HARRIS, Gertrude (“Gertie”)
••? HENDERSON, Mrs. Alice
••? HOLLINSWORTH, Mrs. Ethel
•• HUETHER, Mary Doris
••? KIRKPATRICK, Mrs. Mary Ann
••? KISSOCK, Andrew
•? KNIGHT, Fred Allen
• KNUPP, Edna
• KNUPP, Margaret

• LUNDY, Mrs. Bertha
••? LUNDY, Mrs. Edna Jessie
••? LUNN, Mrs. Agnes
• MACKENZIE, Gertrude (“Gertie”)
•? MARTIN, Mrs. Bella
•? MALDEVER, Mrs.
••? MALTARP, Mrs. Amelia
•? MARTIN, Mrs. Bella
• MCIVER or MACIVER, Mrs.
• MCMASTER, William

••? MCPHERSON, Mrs. Rose
• MERRICK, Ethel
••? MURRAY, Mrs. Jane
• ORCHARD, Mr. Joseph
• ORCHARD, Mrs.
••? PARKER, Charles
••? PEARCE, Mrs. Jessie
• PRINCE, Mrs. Alice
• RICHARDSON, Eva M.
• RICHARDSON, Lorne

•• ROBINSON, Janet
••? SIMPSON, Miss Margaret
••? SINCLAIR, Mrs. Mary
•• SMITH, Barbara
• SMITH, Mrs. Mary
•? SNIDER, Mildred
•? STAFFORD, Mrs. Alice
••? TORTINGTON, Mr. Claude
••? TORTINGTON, Mrs.
•• WAGER, Walter

••? WALKER, Mrs. Mary
••? WEBB, Mrs. Lena
• WEBB, Rose Mary
••? WINKLER, Mrs. P.
•• WISDOM, Jennie

2. Residents 1971–1972

Rittenhouse list #1

The original list is in alphabetical order. It is reproduced here according to suite number. The list dates from the period between Nov. 1971 and Feb. 1972.

A Wing

1 Miss Isabelle FRONCE
2 Mrs. Norma WILSON
3 Mrs. Isabel DUNBAR
4 Mrs. Louisa FAWN

5 Mrs. Emily FLEETHAM
6 Mrs. Mable ALDERMAN
7 Mrs. Cora DEVINS
8 Mrs. Jane MURRAY
9 Mrs. Mary RUMBLE
10 Mrs. Eldora BALDWIN
11 Mrs. Bella MARTIN
12 Mrs. Selina CORY
13 Mrs. Mathilda GYSEL
14 Mrs. Mary WALKER
15 Mrs. Jane CAMPBELL
16 Mrs. Jessie PEARCE
17 Mrs. Violet GRAY
18 Mrs. Ethel MERRICK
19 Mrs. P. WINKLER
20 Mrs. Annie FALCONER
21 Mrs. Lena WEBB
22 Mrs. Florence ROBINSON
23 Mrs. Alice PRINCE
24 Mrs. Eva ORROCK
25 Mrs. Elizabeth MARSHALL
26 Miss Minnie ARMSTRONG
27 Mrs. Theresa BANKS
28 Mrs. A. Freda BAINES
29 Mrs. Mildred SNIDER
31 Miss Gertrude HARRIS
33 Mrs. Ida CALDWELL
35 Mrs. Edna LUNDY

B Wing

30 Mrs. Lila BALL
30 Mrs. Etta RODGERS
32 Mrs. Eva RICHARDSON
32 Mr. Lorne RICHARDSON
34 Mr. C. TORTINGTON
34 Mrs. C. TORTINGTON
36 Miss Edna KNUPP
36 Mrs. Marg KNUPP
38 Mrs. Edith LUNDY
38 Mrs. Agnes LUNN
40 Mrs. K. CLEMENTS
40 Mrs. C.A. COXALL
50 Miss Alice ACONLEY
60 Mr. Fred WALKER

C Wing

“a” Mrs. Mary SINCLAIR
“c” Mrs. Ada FERRIER
37 Mr. Wm. STEELE
39 Mr. J. ORCHARD
41 Mrs. (sic: Mr.) Glen SLESSOR

42 Mrs. Amalie (sic: Amelia) MALTARP
43 Mr. A. MAW
44 Mrs. Mary KIRKPATRICK
45 Mrs. Alice HENDERSON
46 Mrs. Jessie CARSON
47 Mr. Charles PARKER
48 Mrs. Alice STAFFORD
49 Mr. Andrew KISSOCK
51 Mr. J.A. WHITE
52 Mrs. Jennie WISDOM
53 Mr. O.H. ANDERSON
54 Mrs. Ethel HOLLINSWORTH
55 Mrs. Rose MCPHERSON
56 Mrs. Edith MCCORMACK
57 Mrs. Rose WEBB
59 Miss Margaret SIMPSON
61 Mrs. Bertha LUNDY

Total: 68

Men: 9
Were married: at least 5
Never married: —O.H. Anderson?; A. Kissock?; Charles Parker?; G. Slessor
Women: 59
Were married: 53
Never married: 6
Married couples: 2—Lorne and Eva Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Tortington

3. Residents for Dec. 1974, with room numbers

Verna ARNOLD WEGMAN worked at GPH in the early 1970s and has a typescript list of residents, with room numbers. This sheet of paper—8 1/2" x 14" and used across its length—bears the title “Floor Plan of Residents of Grove Park Home, Inc.” The list has been changed in both blue and red ink, which probably reflects the moves that people made within the Home and the arrival of new residents. The date “Dec 1974” has been written next to the title. The sheet also bears the name “Verna Arnold.” The four corners of the sheet of paper have ruban tape stains, so it must have been taped to a wall at some time.

The original names in typescript appear to the left; corrections follow an arrow (>).

A Wing

1 Mr. S. FLEMING
2 Mr. H. MCQUAIG > BOWDEN
3 Glen SLESSOR
4 Mrs. L. FAWN > COOPER > PASHLER > Mrs. WILSON
5 Mr. A. KISSOCK > BOWMAN
6 Mr. R. COLPITTS
7 Mr. W. SMITH

8 Mr. W. EDWARDS
9 Mr. W. STEELE
10 Mrs. M. MCKEE
11 Mrs. B. MARTIN
12 Mrs. E. RICHARDSON > Miss KNUPP
13 Mr. H. PATTERSON > STAINTON > SHUTE
14 Mr. F. SAUNDERS
15 Mr. W. BISHOP
16 Mrs. O. MCMILLAN > WHELLER
17 Mrs. L. COPE
18 Mrs. E. MERRICK
19 Mrs. L. WEBB
20 Miss M. JUSTICE > Mrs. SCOTT
21 Mrs. J. LOVE
22 Mrs. E. HYDE > WIDDIFIELD
23 Mrs. A. PRINCE > Mr. BOWDEN > Mrs. STAINTON
24 Mrs. M. TUCK
25 Miss I. FRONCE
26 Mrs. E. GAULEY
27 Mrs. T. BANKS
28 Mrs. MCFALL
29 Mr. ROOTS
31 Miss G. HARRIS
33 Miss F. HUBBERT
35 Mrs. Edna LUNDY

B Wing

30 Mrs. BOWMAN > ROWELL; Mrs. MARTINDALE
32 Mrs. E. LAWRENCE > WHELLER > CAMERON; Mrs. STAINTON > BLOUGH
34 Mrs. SEAWRIGHT; Mrs. POPE
36 Mrs. M. KNUPP > Mrs. WIDDIFIELD; Miss E. KNUPP > SCOTT
Finally, Mr. and Mrs. CORBELL
38 Miss M. ARMSTRONG; Mrs. E. SCARROW
40 Mrs. T. DRURY > MAW; Mrs. I RAEBURN

C Wing

37 Mrs. N. WILSON > RICHARDSON
39 Mrs. KERR
41 Mrs. L. CALDWELL
42 Mrs. SPROULE
43 Mr. A. MAW
44 Miss CUMMING
45 Mrs. I. CALDWELL
46 Mrs. C. MCKONKEY > Mrs. PRINCE
47 Mrs. F. ROBINSON
48 Mrs. A. FALCONER > Miss JUSTICE
49 Mr. W. HAVERCROFT > Mrs. DRURY
50 Mrs. M. SNIDER
51 Mr. J. WHITE
52 Mrs. J. CAMPBELL
53 Mrs. E. MARSHALL

54 Mrs. E. THIFFAULT
55 Mrs. R. MCPHERSON > Mrs. MCMILLAN
56 Mrs. Jane MURRAY
57 Mr. E. BASE
59 Mrs. M. ASTRIDGE
61 Mrs. E. LAKING > L. FAWN

60 Mr. F. WALKER

[Sick bay]

A Mrs. J. WISDOM > Mrs. ASTBURY
B Mrs. K. CLEMENTS
C Mrs. ROTBURY > Mr. PASHLER > Mrs. KNUPP > Mr. MCQUAIG—these names are all hand-written

4. Residents for Sept. 1986

This list was given to me by Joan Walker in Sept. 1986. The noting of church affiliations was intended to help me in the work of chaplaincy; now it provides some indication of the constituency that GPH was serving at that time. It should be stated that the list as given to me noted "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss," with the resident's first initial and surname. I have provided the first names by which individuals were known.

It may well be that such a list as this is not quite accurate with respect to church affiliation since residents may have felt they should "fill in something" where church affiliation was sought. Nonetheless, the list at least indicates where people thought they belonged and therefore is useful.

Aspen Wing

1	Clayton GOSNEY	Anglican
2	Harold CONNALLY	Anglican
3	Dolly MCREYNOLDS	Nil
4	Edna RIVERS	Church of Christ
5	Charlotte BURTCH	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
6	Sadie CARR	Anglican
7	Lily LORD	United
8	Mary THACKER	Presbyterian
9	Alice LOUGHEED	United
10	Norman BARTLETT	Anglican
11	Peggy COTTHAM	United
12	Edna KNUPP	Anglican
13	Lila SMALL	United
14	Walter FULLER	Anglican
15	Tillie MACEY	United
16	Rosa LEPSCHI	Roman Catholic
17	Lila JONES	Presbyterian
18	Mina BELL	Baptist
19	Verna WIELAND	Baptist
20	Isabel JACKS	United

21	Jessie HUNTER	Church of Christ
22	Lexie COTTENDEN	United
23	Mabel YOUNG	Anglican
24	Kay JOHNSON	Anglican/Church of Christ
25	Leo LANDREVILLE	Roman Catholic
26	Mary BURNS	Roman Catholic
27	Leta GIFFEN	United
28	Maude WOOD	Baptist
29	Vina MCKAY	United
31	Gertrude HARRIS	United
33	Gladys DYER	United
35	Elsie MONTEITH	United

Birch Wing

30	Mamie EWEN	Presbyterian
	Emma JONES	Anglican
32	Dorothy CORBIÈRE	Roman Catholic
	Grace DONALDSON	Anglican
34	Mary MCDONALD	United
	Dorothy FARQUHARSON	United
36	Nell WALLACE	Roman Catholic
	Ethel COWAN	Presbyterian
38	Lil MORRISON	United
40	Verna LONG	Anglican
	Dorothy PARSONS	United

Cedar Wing

37	Isaac CARRUTHERS	Presbyterian
39	Helen BINNS	United
41	Harriet WYE	United
42	Dorothy LENNOX	Anglican
43	Ina DOBSON	Presbyterian
44	Lottie PARKER	United
45	Edith ETHERINGTON	Baptist
46	Edna WIGGINS	United
47	Ethel RAWN	Presbyterian
48	Flo BURROWS	Anglican
49	Jane SIMPSON	Anglican
50	Mary NESBITT	Angican
51	Jessie MILNE	United
52	Jessie LOVE	Church of Christ
53	Regina DOBSON	United
54	Wendy BOUIUS	Pentecostal
55	Nelda MORROW	United
56	Robert SINCLAIR	United
57	Ivy COWAN	Anglican
58	Frances HUBBERT	Anglican
59	Kathleen COCKBURN	United
60	Mildred RICHARDSON	United
61	Helen LATIMER	United
62	Deidre NICHOL	Anglican

Maple Wing

63	Evelyn GIRARD	United
64	Mathilde BRUCKER	Lutheran
65	Muriel FOBERT	Pentecostal
66	Elsie KIRKPATRICK	Anglican
67	Estelle WIGGINS	United
68	Mary SCOTT	United
69	Edith THOMPSON	Anglican
70	Emily SMITH	United
71	Mildred MCQUADE	United
72	Helen WARNICA	Presbyterian
73	Laurena ROBERTSON	Presbyterian
74	Vera WILDMAN	United
75	Julia HEAL	None
77	Sybil STEELE	Presbyterian
79	Frances MILLER	Church of Christ
81	Barbara PHILLIPS	United
83	Velma MACDONALD	Anglican
85	Sherle BOTTRILL	United

Sick Bay

SB 1	Edith MILLER	United

Total number of residents: 86

Women: 79
Were married: 71
Never married: 8—G. Harris; F. Hubbert; J. Hunter; E. Knupp; F. Miller; M. McQuade; E. Rivers; J. Simpson

Men: 7
Were married: 7

Married couples: none

Summary of church affiliations:

United Church of Canada	36
Anglican	20
Presbyterian	10
Roman Catholic	5
Church of Christ	5
Baptist	4
Pentecostal	2
Nil	2
Lutheran	1
Reorganized Latter Day	1

5. Residents of GPH, Aug. 10, 1998

As in the case of the list from 1986, residents are listed as "Mr." "Mrs.," or "Ms.," or "Miss," with initial and family name. I have taken the liberty of providing their given name or the name by which they are known.

Aspen Wing

1 Helen OBERER
2 Yvette HOBSON
3 Hazel JEFFELS
4 Elizabeth PROCTOR
5 Flo FRENCH
6 Eileen LANDREVILLE
7 Ethel DARKE
8 Mark JOHNSON
9 Evelyn GIFFEN
10 Vi BAYCROFT
11 Marjorie BROADHEAD
12 Agnes YOUNG
13 Emily BROOK
14 Jean PARKER
15 Geraldine DELAFRANIER
16 Gordon BESWETHERICK
17 Mary SCHOLES
18 Emily JACKSON
19 Phyllis MURRAY
20 Arthur JACKSON
21 Ruth BLEVINS
22 Regina MELADY
23 Eve NOLTIE
24 Kay JOHNSON
25 Mary MOLL
26 Adelaide DOUBT
27 Myra ST. JOHN
28 Theresa BROWN
29 Cora MCNABB
31 Howard DEANE
33 Margit OKROS
35 Eileen BELL

Birch Wing

30 Harry LUCK
Mary LUCK
32 Elsie SLATER
34 Raymond LEDREW
Flo LEDREW
36 Agnes KNEESHAW
38 Verna NERPIN
Barbara SUTTON
40 Eileen CASEY
60 Verna WEGMAN

Cedar Wing

37 Mary MCNAUGHT
39 Peter LAPLANTE
41 Madelyn FLETCHER
42 Eda DAY
43 Betty SULLIVAN
44 Clarisse LANGDON
45 Rosa LEPSCHI
46 Lyla KELLY
47 Beth KENNY
48 Flo BURROWS
49 Jack MITCHELL
50 Ralph BOWDEN
51 Lottie BONNEY
52 Ainslie CAMERON
53 Mary SIENKIEWICZ
54 Wendy BOUIUS
55 Nora WATSON
56 Viola HANDY
57 Barbara HUTCHESON
58
59 Louisa DEVRIES
61 Beth MEADOWS

Maple Wing
63 Muriel GREEN
64 Dorothy TAIT
65 Stella MUIR
66 Ann BLACK
67 Flo NEWTON
68 Ruby COOPER
69 Carman READ
70 Sally AHERN
71 Mildred MICKS
72 Mary ANDERSON
73 May BOYLE
75 Jean BULMER
77 Beulah BRINKWORTH
79 Marg LONG
81 John WILLIAMSON
83 Joan CRAIG
85 Margaret BOWIE
87 Mary MCMASTER

Oak Wing
74 Bob BRYSON
76 Nellie POOLE
78 Becky OTTERBEIN
80 Gladys HARVEY
82 Elsie COTTON
89 Lillian BELL
91 Rita DICKIE

93 Lorna PEARSON
95 Reta HALPENNY
97 Sarah VAUSE
99 Alex BOWMAN
101 Fred ARCHER

Total: 93

Women: 83
Were married: 82
Never married: 1—S. Muir
Men: 10
Were married: 9
Never married: 1—G. Beswetherick

Married couples: 2—Raymond and Flo LeDrew; Harry and Mary Luck

6. Residents of GPH, Chronologically by date of birth

I have marked residents who were born on the same day by putting the day of their birth in bold face. For example, Margaret KNUPP and Frank SANDERS were born on the same day. They lived at GPH at the same time, as did Nelda MORROW and Ellen POPE; Agnes BUCHANAN and Nellie GAFFNEY; Rollie IRWIN and Burt WARNICA; Ina GILLIES and Edna WEST.

ACONLEY, Alice	23/09/1873
CUMMING, Margaret	30/10/1875
MCDONALD, Charlie	1876
ORROCK, Eva	13/04/1876
STAFFORD, Alice	21/05/1877
FLEETHAM, Emily	08/10/1877
CAMPBELL, Jane	22/11/1878
ROBINSON, Florence	24/05/1879
MERRICK, Ethel	20/02/1880
FALCONER, Julia	20/09/1880
DRURY, Eva	25/09/1880
KNIGHT, Fred	08/11/1880
HAVERCROFT, Walter	26/09/1881
LUNDY, Bertha	12/02/1882
LAKING, Ethel	15/06/1882
KNUPP, Margaret	**23**/06/1882
SANDERS, Frank	**23**/06/1882
MARTIN, Bella	29/07/1882
MCQUAIG, Henry	04/11/1882
CALDWELL, Julia	08/01/1883
THOMPSON, Bruce	20/03/1883
PRINCE, Alice	27/03/1883
PRESTON, Myrtle	23/12/1883
MCMASTER, William	1884
SMITH, Elizabeth	07/02/1884
25 STEELE, William	16/07/1884
FAWN, Louisa	11/08/1884
KNUPP, Irene	24/08/1884
DUNBAR, Isabel	27/09/1884
COXALL, Caroline	30/10/1884
LUNDY, Edith	09/01/1885
HYDE, Emma	20/05/1885
COCHRANE, Mrs.	13/07/1885
WALKER, Fred	02/08/1885
WINSLOW, Mary	27/08/1885
SINCLAIR, Mary	05/10/1885
WHEELER, Blanche	18/11/1885
ROOTS, Arthur	13/12/1885
MAW, Albert	07/02/1886
COPE, Leila	01/04/1886
TORTINGTON, Claude	13/04/1886
WEBB, Lena	11/05/1886
MURRAY, Jane	18/05/1886
KERR, Nell	06/06/1886
SMITH, W. Wray	10/06/1886
JAMES, Janetta	22/07/1886
BOWMAN, Elizabeth	07/08/1886
PUGH, Louise	03/09/1886
MARSHALL, Elizabeth	08/09/1886
MAW, Lizzie	15/09/1886

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SHUTE, Victor 18/09/1886
SEAL, Alice 18/11/1886
GAULEY, Elizabeth 21/12/1886
COLPITTS, Ralph 25/12/1886
HALL, Maude 01/01/1887
MCPHERSON, Rose 16/10/1887
MCKEE, Margaret 03/12/1887
FRENCH, Owen 14/04/1888
BLOUGH, Percy 09/12/1888
MCKENZIE, Gertrude 16/12/1888
CUMMING, Andrew 23/12/1888
CORY, Selina 08/03/1889
LUNDY, Edna 29/03/1889
KILPATRICK, Mary 03/05/1889
OGILVY, Mary 29/05/1889
ARMSTRONG, Minnie 13/06/1889
PASHLER, Walter 28/08/1889
SCOTT, Vera 05/10/1889
WICE, Jean 08/10/1889
GIFFEN, Harry 10/11/1889
MCKONKEY, Charlotte 04/12/1889
SINCLAIR, Bob 28/01/1890
CARRUTHERS, Isaac 08/04/1890
ALDERMAN, Mable 11/04/1890
75 SCOTT, Reba 07/05/1890
DOBSON, Ina 22/06/1890
RICHARDSON, Eva 21/07/1890
KNUPP, George 07/08/1890
MILLER, Alex 20/10/1890
RAEBURN, Isabelle 08/01/1891
ADDISON, Elizabeth 22/01/1891
PEARSON, Harold 31/01/1891
ROWELL, Edith 01/02/1891
JONES, Florrie 25/03/1891
SCARROW, Edith 10/04/1891
SCOTT, Jean 13/04/1891
STEPHENSON, Amelia 14/05/1891
STREET, Reg 21/06/1891
CLEMENTS, Katherine 30/06/1891
FORD, Ella 01/07/1891
SPRING, Mary 13/07/1891
HOPKINS, Catherine 09/09/1891
CONN, Annie 22/10/1891
GREER, Mathew 10/11/1891
JONES, Emma 17/11/1891
GALBRAITH, Emma 22/11/1891
JAMES, Ed 19/12/1891
CAMERON, Anne 21/12/1891
LOVE, Jessie 29/12/1891
BISHOP, Wesley 08/01/1892
DOBSON, Irene 13/02/1892
100 BAINES, Freda 26/02/1892
COTTENDEN, Lexie 05/04/1892
BIDWELL, Lillie 21/05/1892
FLEMING, Sidney 01/07/1892
MILNE, Jessie 23/08/1892
HICKLING, Roy 03/09/1892
JONES, Lila 01/01/1892
CARR, Sadie 27/10/1892
MCREYNOLDS, Dolly 14/12/1892
BOWDEN, Harold 09/01/1893
EMMS, Maude 23/03/1893
WALLS, Olive 29/05/1893
REDFERN, Florrie 21/06/1893
CALDWELL, Laurine 02/07/1893
WALT, Hazel 05/08/1893
BLOUGH, Lillie 28/08/1893
WALLIS, Percy 27/10/1893
BARON, Betsy 03/11/1893
ALLISON, Helen 10/11/1893
COWAN, Ethel 16/11/1893
SPARHAM, Darlo 27/12/1893
BRENNAN, Laura 13/02/1894
COWARD, Susan 11/03/1894
ROGERS, Ethel (“Peg”) 12/03/1894
125 KELL, Pearl 22/03/1894
JAMIESON, Hattie 13/06/1894
GIFFEN, Amy 15/06/1894
FRENCH, Jennie 26/06/1894
DAVIE, Marion 17/08/1894
MORROW, Nelda **14**/09/1894
POPE, Ellen **14**/09/1894
THACKER, Mary 15/09/1894
NESBITT, Mary 28/09/1894
DYMENT, Grace 17/10/1894
BUCHANAN, Agnes **25**/11/1894
GAFFNEY, Nellie **25**/11/1894
BALDWIN, Eldora 08/01/1895
MALTARP, Amelia 28/01/1895
DEVINS, Cora 11/04/1895
BEARDSALL, Pearl 17/06/1895
THIFFAULT, Ethel 19/07/1895
ASTBURY, Margaret 26/07/1895
LATIMER, Helen 03/08/1895
BURNS, Mary 10/08/1895
CULROSS, Helen 14/08/1895
IRWIN, Rollie **05**/09/1895
WARNICA, Burt **05**/09/1895
LITTLE, Bill **14**/09/1895
NOBLE, Ida **14**/09/1895
150 SMALL, Lila 20/11/1895
PHILLIPS, Barbara 03/12/1895
THOMPSON, Adelaide 24/12/1895
MARTINDALE, Selina 04/01/1896

EDWARDS, William 28/02/1896
NICHOL, Dearwyne 03/03/1896
MAYES, Clara 07/04/1896
HEAL, Julia 01/05/1896
WALKER, Dorothy 31/05/1896
WEBB, Rose 21/07/1896
PARKER, Lottie 05/08/1896
ELGIE, Ida 13/08/1896
MILLER, Edith 07/09/1896
MILLWARD, Irene 21/09/1896
MCMULLEN, Joy 15/10/1896
DYSON, Gwendolyn 04/11/1896
EWEN, Mamie 09/12/1896
HOWARD, Winnifred 15/12/1896
BANKS, Theresa 19/12/1896
BOWMAN, Minnie 01/02/1897
STAINTON, Lois 28/06/1897
MUCKLESTON, M. 01/07/1897
JUSTICE, Mildred **09**/07/1897
MICHAEL, Anna **09**/07/1897
175 ASTRIDGE, Beatrice 13/07/1897
WICE, Rose 21/07/1897
PECK, Mrs. 26/07/1897
DONNELLY, Ada 18/08/1897
MACISAAC, Beatrice 06/09/1897
JACKS, Isabel 22/09/1897
TOMEY, Maud 22/11/1897
WIDDIFIELD, Ruth 26/11/1897
MOWFORTH, Adeline 09/01/1898
COX, Zelma 09/02/1898
SIMMS, Jean 13/02/1898
GOSNEY, Clayton 29/03/1898
MCFALL, Mary 28/04/1898
SMITH, Emily 26/05/1898
MACEY, Tillie 29/06/1898
BONNELL, Bertha 10/07/1898
JOHNSON, Esther 01/09/1898
MOORE, Minnie 24/10/1898
HAYES, Annie 24/11/1898
FOBERT, Muriel 30/11/1898
CORBIÈRE, Dorothy 10/12/1898
LITTLE, Kitty 07/01/1899
KING, Lillian 10/02/1899
CAUNTER, Cyril 22/03/1899
HUNTER, Jessie 10/04/1899
LENNOX, Dorothy 04/05/1899
200 LENNOX, Mary 28/05/1899
HALBERT, Stanley 18/06/1899
CORBETT, Chester 02/07/1899
DOBSON, Regina 03/07/1899
BRENNAN, Jean 10/07/1899
FLIGG, Jim **27**/07/1899
RAWN, Ethel **27**/07/1899
MCMILLAN, Olga 05/08/1899
WILSON, Norma 08/08/1899
SULLIVAN, Betty 24/10/1899
LOUGHEED, Alice 10/12/1899
DEACOFF, Elsie 16/12/1899
HUBBERT, Frances 09/01/1900
COOPER, Sally 31/01/1900
TUCK, Mary 18/03/1900
DORA, Edith 27/03/1900
MACLENNAN, John 30/05/1900
WALLACE, Nell 19/06/1900
MILNE, Harry 17/08/1900
PARSONS, Doris 25/08/1900
GARDNER, Ross 31/08/1900
KISSOCK, Andrew 10/09/1900
SLATER, Elsie 04/12/1900
SHANNON, Hazel 04/02/1901
STEELE, Mary 10/02/1901
225 RICHARDSON, Mildred 02/03/1901
MORRISON, Lily 08/03/1901
ARMSTRONG, Richard 31/03/1901
KELL, Hazel 08/04/1901
MURDOCH, Ella 25/05/1901
MCDONALD, Mary 21/06/1901
GIFFEN, Leda 02/08/1901
BRYSON, Florence 03/08/1901
MONTEITH, Elsie 15/08/1901
THOMPSON, Edith 18/08/1901
MCKENZIE, Ethel 07/09/1901
SIMPSON, Jane 18/09/1901
BRUCKER, Mathilde 06/10/1901
COCKBURN, Kathleen 16/10/1901
BELL, Lillian 18/10/1901
BINNS, Helen 22/10/1901
COWAN, Ivy 01/11/1901
KNUPP, William 10/11/1901
DYER, Gladys 18/11/1901
SHELSWELL, Hilda 21/11/1901
FLETCHER, Madelyn 19/12/1901
MARSDEN Jack 24/12/1901
O'CONNER, Charles 11/01/1902
ANDERSON, Mary 13/01/1902
YOUNG, Mabel 25/01/1902
250 CLARK, Martha 28/01/1902
JACKSON, Emily 26/02/1902
CONNALLY, Harold 16/03/1902
BONNEY, Lottie 18/04/1902
SPROULE, Myrtle 21/04/1902
MEADOWS, Ernie 22/04/1902
SAUNDERS, Aileen 22/05/1902
STEELE, Sybil 31/05/1902

WIELAND, Verna 02/06/1902
WHITE, James 15/06/1902
ROBERTSON, Laurena 12/08/1902
FRENCH, Winnifred 18/08/1902
EDGERTON, Mary 17/09/1902
EDWARDS, Fred 21/10/1902
STURGEON, Lois 20/11/1902
CORBETT, Ella 04/12/1902
BURROWS, Flo 31/12/1902
WARNICA, Helen 22/02/1903
DICK, Ivy 13/03/1903
WINSLOW, Mary 02/04/1903
MEADOWS, Beth 12/04/1903
PINDER, Cyril ("Bill") 19/04/1903
MCQUAY, Dorothy 26/06/1903
SMITH, Tom 11/07/1903
275 KIRKPATRICK, Elsie **22**/07/1903
WOODROW, Laura **22**/07/1903
WAGNER, Pearl 21/08/1903
MCNABB, Cora 06/09/1903
LOCKHART, Bea 13/10/1903
WICK, Helen 11/11/1903
LAWRENCE, Ina 09/01/1904
KNEESHAW, Agnes 17/01/1904
RIVERS, Edna 29/02/1904
WHITE, Phyllis 04/03/1904
SYKES, Marion 06/03/1904
FLYNN, Agnes 01/04/1904
LONG, Verna 02/04/1904
MCDONALD, Velma 15/04/1904
CURRIE, Jack 21/06/1904
NORRIS, Mae 30/06/1904
NEPEAN, Elsie 01/08/1904
MARTIN, Jack 15/08/1904
HARTT, Mary 10/09/1904
CRAIG, Joan 31/12/1904
WHITWORTH, Nina 19/02/1905
FULLER, Walter 25/03/1905
SCOTT, Mary 26/06/1905
BATCHELDER, Grace 05/07/1905
BRIGLEY, Herman 08/05/1905
300 WILDMAN, Vera 10/05/1905
FENNO, Phylis 24/06/1905
SNIDER, Mildred 19/07/1905
PARKER, Jean 07/08/1905
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PAINE, Elma	18/07/1913
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HART, Mary	24/08/1913
DAY, Eda	30/11/1913
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BARTLETT, Norman	20/06/1916
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BOWDEN, Ralph	13/07/1916

AHERN, Sally	27/07/1916
GIFFEN, Evelyn	10/09/1916
KELMAN, Bill	02/01/1917
GRASETT, Henrietta	24/06/1917
WAGG, Leone	12/08/1917
NOLTIE, Eve	14/08/1917
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OBERER, Helen	29/10/1917
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COMEAU, Cliff	14/06/1918
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EASTON, Cam	30/09/1918
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KNUPP, Edna	04/11/1918
BELL, Eileen	11/12/1918
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CASEY, Eileen	27/07/1919
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KENNY, Beth	22/11/1919
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WILLIAMSON, John	03/11/1920
NORRIS, Gwen	20/03/1921
DEVRIES, Louisa	28/05/1923
LONG, Marg	19/05/1924
BRYSON, Bob	25/05/1924
MCELROY, Joyce	25/08/1925
READ, Carman	03/03/1926
SIENKIEWICZ, Maria	12/08/1927
MITCHELL, Jack	04/10/1929
SLESSOR, Glen	08/12/1929
HOBSON, Yvette	08/11/1932
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ANDERSON, Mr. O.H.

BALL, Lila	06/10/????
CARSON, Jessie	
CASTON, Jean	
CHITTICK, Mary	NA
CONSTABLE, Mrs.	19/01/????
DEO, Mr.	
FERRIER, Ada	02/03/????
GRAY, Violet	
GREGORY, Mrs.	
GYSEL, Mathilda	09/12/????
HAMILTON, ??	
HENDERSON, Alice	??/10/????
HOLLINSWORTH, Ethel	
JARMAN, Mrs.	
KION, Norman	
KION, Mrs.	
LAWRENCE, Mrs.	
LUCAS, Mrs.	
LUNN, Agnes	
MALDEVER, Mrs.	
MCCORMACK, Edith	16/05/????
MCQUAIG, Susan	
MCIVER or MACIVER, Mrs.	
ORCHARD, Mr. J.	
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ORCHARD, Mrs.	
PARKER, Charles	28/09/????
PEARCE, Jessie	
PUCKETT, Mrs.	
REESOR, Mrs. Joan	
RICHARDSON, Lorne	16/07/????
ROBINSON, Janet	
RODGERS, Mrs. Etta	??/10/????
RUMBLE, Mary	16/03/????
SIMPSON, Miss Margaret	
SMITH, Mrs. Mary	
TORTINGTON, Mrs.	??/10/????
WAGER, Walter	
WALKER, Mrs. Mary	31/08/????
WARD, Mrs. Agnes	
WINKLER, Mrs. P.	
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1873	1
1875	1
1876	2
1877	2
1878	1
1879	1
1880	4
1881	1
1882	6
1883	4
1884	6
1885	8

1887	3	1911	16
1888	4	1912	9
1889	10	1913	11
1890	8	1914	9
1891	19	1915	4
1892	12	1916	6
1893	12	1917	8
1894	15	1918	8
1895	16	1919	4
1896	16	1920	2
1897	13	1921	1
1898	13	1922	0
1899	17	1923	1
1900	11	1924	2
1901	24	1925	1
1902	20	1926	1
1903	13	1927	1
1904	13	1928	0
1905	18	1929	1
1906	23	1930	0
1907	13	1931	0
1908	22	1932	1
1909	22	1933	1
1910	20		

GPH opened in 1968. Many people who had been born in the 1870s and early 1880s were no longer alive, so there have been few residents at GPH who were born before the mid-1880s. At the other end, there have been few residents who were born after 1920: that population is only in its late 70s now, and we would not expect many of these people to be taking up residence at GPH. We might note the dramatic drop from 1914 to 1915. That is probably due to the declining birth rate after the beginning of WWI.

The majority of residents of GPH, as of 1998, were born between 1890 and 1910: 341 out of 541—whose birth date is known—were born during those years. That works out to almost 63%.

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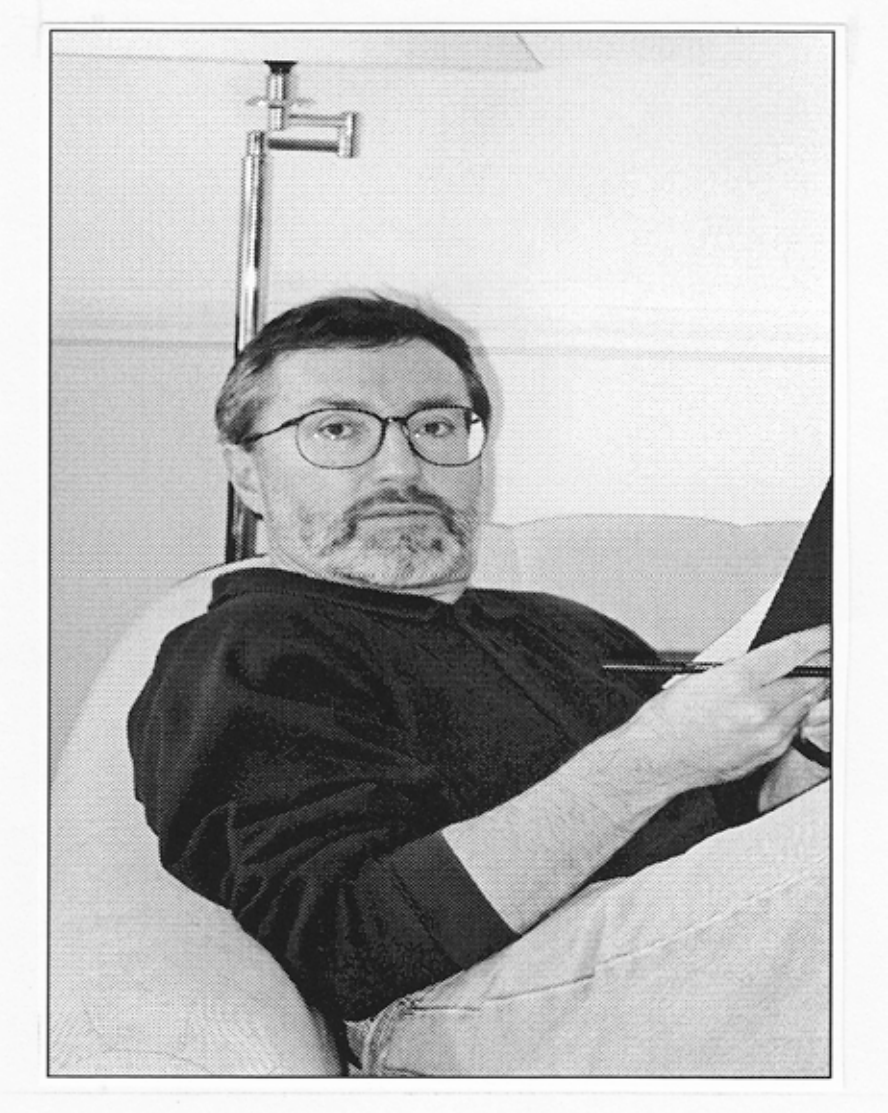

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B. in Meaford ON, son of Ralph and Doris (Hindle) Cox; one sister, Barbara (m. Garry Cornfield) farms at Rocklyn, between Meaford and Markdale.

Post-secondary school education was at Great Lakes Christian College; Abilene Christian University; Knox College, Toronto; Union Theological Seminary in Virginia; Harvard University; Yerevan State University, Armenia; the University of Toronto (Ph.D. 1979). Taught in the Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, University of Toronto (1979–80); Department of Religion, Brandon University (1980–84); part-time for McMaster University (1986–87); Wilfred Laurier University, in its extension programme in Barrie (1988, 1989, 1993); Adjunct Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, since 1994.

Since 1985 minister of the Barrie Church of Christ and chaplain at Grove Park Home. Married Elaine Webster in 1989. Elaine nurses at RVH. They have three children: Michael, Jason and Laura. Hobbies include collecting records of the 1950s and 1960s.

Corrections 2007

In 2007 the following corrections were made to *Connections*.

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. Folliott); 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.

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.

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.*

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.*

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.

Corrections 2011

Minor corrections were made before *Connections* was transferred to CD and electronic format. *Connections* was done with an earlier version of MS Word. The change to MS Word for Mac 2008 brought about certain changes, most importantly a change in pagination, that was resolved by changing the font size of the text to Times 11 rather than Times 12. The result is that this copy of *Connections* is almost precisely identical to the original: everything is on the same page as the original, with the possible exception of a line here and there. The index remains intact.

For some reason, in the original index, p. xv appeared as p. li; p. xvi as p. lii; p. xvii as p. liii; and p. xviii as p. liv. This aberration has been corrected in the 2011 copy. Finally, photos have all been given a vertical orientation.