



# FACES *of* SCUGOG

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# Introduction

The profiles on the following pages, of Scugog Township residents and business persons, are just a small number of the men and women who helped shape the community over the past 175 years

There are many other individuals worthy of inclusion, but many of them are not included due to lack of adequate family information.

As with all research, it is inevitable that there will be conflicting facts and information pertaining to dates, names and locations, due to the discrepancies in historical and personal documents.

We have endeavoured to be as accurate as possible by researching newspaper stories, obituaries and obtaining personal information from families.

If there are errors, we would be happy to hear about them and if the new information can be confirmed, corrections will be made if the publications is reprinted in the future.

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## Section One



### Benjamin F. Ackerman

#### Harness and Leather Good Manufacturer

Benjamin Franklin Ackerman lived in Port Perry for less than 20 years, but from his humble beginnings there, he went on to become the largest manufacturer in of harness and leather goods in Canada.

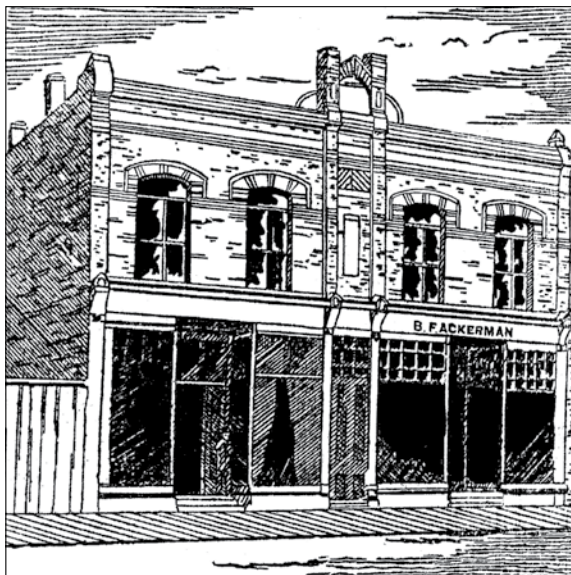
Benjamin's parents, Garret and Jemmima Ackerman, were United Empire Loyalists who came to Canada from New York State, settling in Morrisburg Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario. Benjamin was born in 1850 a their family home.

The Ackerman family moved to Norwood when Benjamin was 13 years of age and here he began working in his father cooperage factor. When he was 20 years of age he began working as a saddler with his brother Isaac Newton Ackerman. In 1879 Benjamin struck out on his own and opened a harness and leather manufacturing business moved his business in Port Perry.

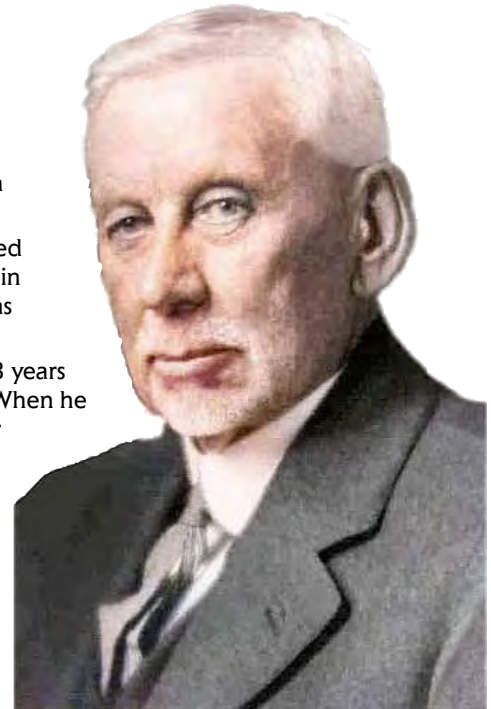
While living in Port Perry, he met and married Francis Lumsden, whom he married on February 16, 1881 in Peterborough, near her family home.

In 1884, he lost his building great fire, but started construction of a new building on Queen St. later that year. Construction of the 40'x60' Ackerman Block was completed in 1886, but he was back in business just months after the fire.

By 1886 B.F. Ackerman had become the largest and most prosperous manufacturer of harness and other leather products,



Sketch of the B.F. Ackerman Block in 1886.



Benjamin Franklin Ackerman

including trunks and saddles between Toronto and Peterborough. In addition to his Port Perry shop, he expanded his operation into Cartwright Township to accommodation of patrons residing east of Lake Scugog.

Mr. Ackerman sold his business in 1893 to harness manufacturer William A. Beatty, but retained ownership of the building for another few years. He moved to Peterborough about 1899 where he built a four-storey factory building. In 1911, he expanded his business building an even larger commercial warehouse in Regina, and became the largest manufacturer of harness in Canada.

Benjamin F. Ackerman died on Tuesday, September 19, 1933 and was interred at Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ontario. His wife, Frances Charlotte (Lumsden) Ackerman passed away on October 16, 1935 and buried along side her husband.



David J. Adams



*D.J. Adams insurance office in Port Perry.*

## David J. Adams

### Insurance and Loan Business

David Jewell Adams was born in Columbus, Ont., Upper Canada on November 9, 1843 a son for his parents, Joseph and Mary Ann.

In the 1860s David, together with his elder brother, John, opened an extensive land, brokerage and insurance business in Prince Albert.

After the arrival of the train in 1872, they joined the exodus of 1872 and moved their business to Port Perry., operating under the name "John & David J. Adams", money lenders and fire insurance agents.

David Douglas was married to Annie Sarah Howard, about 1870, and they had four children, John, Florence, Herbert L. Adams. While living in a handsome home on the hill at the northwest side of Queen and Cochrane Street.

In the early 1880s, David's brother John retired from the partnership to spend more time at his "Ambleside" farm on Scugog Island. David continued the business, steadily increasing his clientele and acquiring a reputation with the companies he represented as a man of sound judgement as a valuator and an authority on land titles.

David also took a great interest in agriculture and, horticulture and devoted considerable attention to horses. He was described as being enterprising and public spirited and gave freely, of both time and money in order to advance the best interests of his town; always declining public honours.

David Jewell Adams was 66 years old when he passed away on June 15, 1910. Following his death, the business s was continued by his son, David D. Adams.



*The home of David J. Adams, located on Cochrane Street, Port Perry.*



**David Douglas Adams**

## David D. Adams

### Insurance and Loan Business

David Douglas Adams was a man of far more than ordinary ability, and at a young age went on to become a respected and thorough businessman. He was educated at Trinity Church School at Port Hope and after graduating came home to join his fathers business

His extensive experience, before becoming a partner in the family firm of David J. & Douglas Adams, thoroughly prepared him to fill the bill to perfection, in regard to carrying on such a long established business. He took over the business after the death of his father, David J. Adams in 1910 and was building it into the largest insurance and loaning business in the district.

In addition to his business interest, he had great interest in both livestock and farming and had a winning record at exhibitions. Just days before his death, Mr. Adams had planned on erecting a large silo and was planning to undertake farming on an extensive scale.

He was a public spirited man, assisting to forward all enterprises than were beneficial to the town, making him a worthy and desirable citizen. He was a dedicated member of the Fidelity Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of

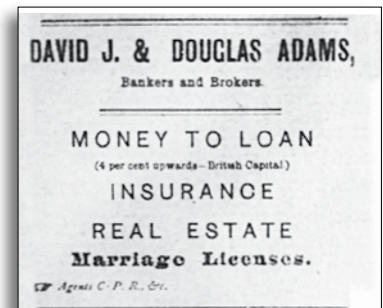
which he had been Master. Also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 135, Uxbridge; St. John the Almoner Perceptory, Whitby; and Rameses Temple Shrine, Toronto.

He was the loving husband Edna Alberta, (daughter of A.J. Davis), whom he married only 14 months earlier on June 24, 1911. In addition to his widow, he was survived by one brother, H.L. Adams, a sister Mrs. H.G. Hutcheson and his mother Anne Adams.

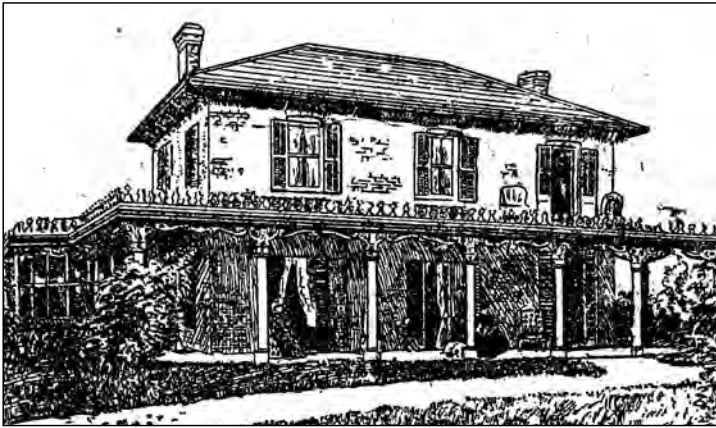
David Adams was 33 years of age when he passed away on August 15, 1912, following a month's illness from appendicitis. The day before he informed Dr. Mellow that he would just get is business affairs in shape before going into the hospital to have the appendix removed. The operation, performed by Dr. Robert Archer and assisted by Drs. Mellow, Berry and Colville was successful, but Mr. Adams sank into death due to complications 16 days after the operation.

The entire community was saddened by his death, and business was suspended in town the day of his funeral in respect for the young man who was one of Port Perry's most promising young businessman.

The Brethren of the Fidelity Lodge took charge of the funeral and a service was held from his family residence on Cochrane St., with a large crowd attending as he was laid to rest in Prince Albert.



*Inerior of living room of the David J. Adams home in Port Perry.*



*Ambleside, residence of John Adams, Scugog Island.*



**John Adams**

## John Adams

### Cattle Importer and Breeder

John Adams was born at Columbus May 18, 1833, the son of Joseph and Mary Adams. As a young man he possessed superior abilities and took advantage of all opportunities afford him.

John acquired a good education, and early in life entered into the mercantile business for a number of years. He became connected with some of the leading financial institutions in Toronto, where he accumulated considerable wealth, being successful in speculating.

During the 1860s he went into partnership with his brother Douglas D. Adams, forming an extensive land, brokerage and insurance business in Prince Albert. In 1872 they moved their business to Port Perry, and opened "John & David J. Adams", money lenders and fire insurance agents in that town until he retired in the 1880s.

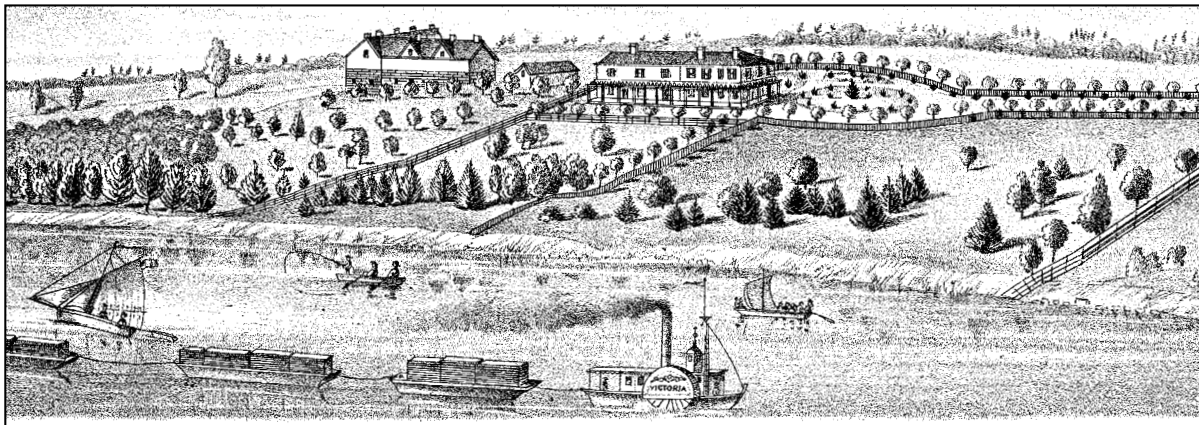
About 1872 he purchased one of the finest properties in Ontario County, "Ambleside," a 300 acre farm located on the west shore of Scugog Island. The beautiful property became a destination from many excursion parties and church picnics in the late 1800s.

John Adams, 40, married Margaret P. Milne, 26, on November 11, 1874 at Wentworth, near Hamilton, and during their life together they raised two children, Edith and John.

He was one of the most extensive importers and breeders of valuable heavy horses, cattle and swine, and was identified with area agricultural institutions. As one of the leading sock breeders in the country he was frequently visited by breeders from all parts of Canada and the United States.

He was a faithful supporter and generous contributor of his beloved Zion, the Church of England.

John Adams passed away on Scugog Island on Thursday, May 1, 1902 in the 68th year of his life, leaving his widow Margaret and two children. His wife, Margaret passed away on September 27, 1929.



*Sketch from 1877 showing 'Ambleside' the farm and home of John Adams on Scugog Island.*



# Norman P. Aldred

## Sales Representative

Well known and highly respected resident of Port Perry, Mr. Norman Percy Aldred passed away Saturday, April 20, 1974 at Community Memorial Hospital in his 84th year.

Mr. Aldred was one of those unusual personalities who at any time had no problem in displaying natural friendliness to people he met, whether a stranger or acquaintance. He was always ready with a charming smile and a genuine and spontaneous "hello", on the street, in local stores or offices.

He was born on Scugog Island, September 2, 1890 and was raised on his father's farm on Concession 10. He received his early education on the Island and in Port Perry, but moved to Toronto at 20 years of age.



**Norman P. Aldred**

In 1917 Mr. Aldred joined the Royal Flying Corps and went overseas in 1918 as a pilot. When he returned from the First World War he married Gertrude Lucille Prentice on March 12, 1919, and the couple had four children.

Mr. Aldred joined Proctor & Gamble Ltd. in 1923 and worked out of Cincinnati, first and later on in Minneapolis. He returned to Toronto in 1933, but a year later he and his family settled in Prince Albert. In 1936 he and finally moved to the present home at 258 Cochrane Street, Port Perry.

Until his first retirement in 1955, Mr. Aldred travelled all over Ontario for a Toronto drug company. However he did continue to work part time for other drug companies following his retirement.

During this time he also had time to help keep an eye on his son Joel's farm on Scugog Island. In 1963 he was appointed Clerk of the Third Division Court. He held this position until he resigned last year.

Mr. Aldred did not participate actively in municipal, provincial or federal politics, despite the fact he was a staunch Progressive Conservative. However he did participate in many local organizations and gave much of his time working and promoting for the benefit of the community.

He was a life-long member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419, Port Perry; past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, worked diligently for the Canadian Heart Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mr. Aldred left behind his loving wife Lucille, his son Joel of Scugog Island, Norman of Oregon, Kathryn (Mrs. Nettelfield) Toronto. Funeral service was held at the chapel of McDermott-Panabaker on April 23 with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



*Norman P. Aldred's home on Cochrane Street.*



Joel Aldred 1950s

## Joel W. Aldred

### Communications and Entertainment

Joel Walkden Aldred was born in Toronto Western hospital on June 18, 1920, the son of Norman Percy Aldred and his wife Lucille (Prentice) of Port Perry. A longtime resident of Scugog Island, Aldred was a distinguished man who leaves behind a giant footprint, from being a businessman, Radio and Television Personality to an influential history maker in Broadcast Communications.

Joel was also a decorated Bomber Pilot during the Second World War, serving as Squadron Leader and acting Wing Commander and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Famous for his voice, Aldred had an International Broadcasting career that lasted for over 50 years. He started as a Radio Announcer with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1945. He went on to build a successful solo broadcasting career with his photographic memory and handsome good looks. His career took off when television came into households.

In the 1950s, Aldred became one of the highest paid and most in-demand advertising broadcasters in Hollywood, performing live on-air commercials for the Chevrolet Division of General Motors and other major sponsors on the Perry Como Show, Bob Hope Show and the Dinah Shore Show.

By the 1960s, he was travelling to New York and Hollywood weekly from his Scugog Island Farm. Aldred's passion for Broadcast Communications helped shape the face of Television Broadcasting in Canada today.

In 1960, Aldred formed a Business Corporation, Aldred-Rogers Broadcasting, with the late Ted Rogers and they, with other investors, launched CFTO Television, which eventually became the CTV Television Network. As the first President at CFTO, Aldred was instrumental in modernizing television in Canada, bringing in the first colour TV broadcasting equipment.

With all of his many accomplishments in Broadcasting, one of Aldred's proudest achievements was his national Canadian video "I am a Canadian", which was produced for Expo '67 and re-released in 1992.

As a longtime Conservative in politics, Aldred developed close relationships with two former Prime Ministers: Louis St. Laurent and John Diefenbaker and helped influence policy as an advisor. Aldred travelled extensively throughout the world as an Aide to Prime Minister Diefenbaker. They developed a strong personal friendship and Aldred was one of the Executors of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's will, helping to establish the Diefenbaker Museum.

Joel purchased his father's beautiful, large home at 258 Cochrane Street in 1973, at which time he built a large addition on the west side. He lived there until 1981, when the house was sold. He was also a successful farmer, with a farm on Scugog Island.

He purchased the Scugog Island store and operated it under the name Aldred's Corners which became a social gathering spot for Island residents. He was also a great supporter of Port Perry, and during his years served as chairman of the building and fundraising committee for the new Community Memorial Hospital.

Joel Walkden Aldred, 91, died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in Port Perry. He was predeceased by his wife Anne, brothers William and Norman. A service for Joel was held at the Wagg Funeral Home, Port Perry, on Tuesday, October 25th, followed by interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



Joel W. Aldred

# William N. Aldred

## Architect and Builder

With the demise of William Aldred, on Saturday, December 9, 1922, Scugog Island lost its veteran architect and builder, for there are few buildings on the Island, that were not constructed by him. The workmanship pertaining to their construction has proved first-class, and they stand as monuments to his untiring enterprise and energy.

Mr. Aldred had the distinguished honour of being the first white infant to see the light of day on Scugog Island. He was born about February 1845 in the Township of Clark, and was rowed across the lake in a scow by his parents, Elizabeth Selina (Holmes) and father Joel Aldred. Ironically, the family landed on the shore of the farm now occupied by his son Jonathan.

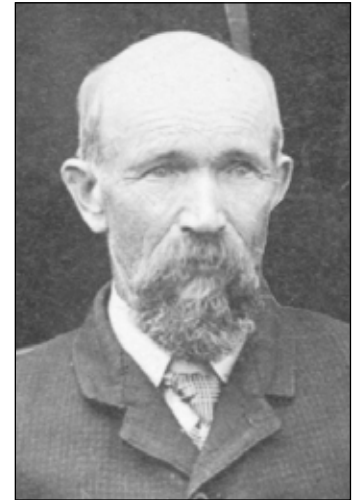
Early in life, in addition to farming, he embarked in his life's calling, that of a building contractor, and by unceasing energy and constant application soon acquired a competency.

In faith he was an exemplary member of the Methodist Church and in politics a staunch Conservative. He was gentle and affable and his upright character secured for him the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

He was public spirited and served the municipality, to good purpose. He served for six years on Scugog Island council and was elected Reeve in 1903 and 1904. As a citizen he supported every public innovation and improvement likely to benefit his adopted island.

William was married to Elizabeth Howard on August 3, 1867 and the couple had 10 children in 23 years. Elizabeth predeceased him by 16 years, on November 6, 1906.

William Aldred passed away at York, Ontario at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. E. Morrish after an illness of three weeks. He was in his 78th year. A funeral took place at his late residence, with interment in the family plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.



William Aldred

# Albert W. Allin

## Blacksmith & Carriage Builder

Albert William Allin was born in Utica on January 6, 1858, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Allin.

As a young man, he learned his trade as a blacksmith and carriage maker, and quickly established himself as a successful craftsman. On May 16, 1883 he married Anna Louisa Claughton and they had one daughter, Nellie Allen. The couple were six days away from their 60th anniversary, before his death.

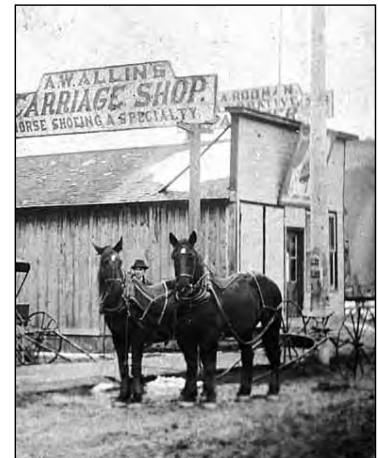
For short time the Allins lived in Oshawa, then moved back to Port Perry in 1885 into a very handsome residence on Perry Street. Mr. Allin set up business for himself on Perry Street under the name of A.W. Allin's Carriage Shop. Here he plied his trade in blacksmithing, horse shoeing and building buggies and cutters.

His buildings consisted of a commodious blacksmith shop with wood-working shop in the rear and a large showroom for carriages. He was a skilled workman, dealing in general trade as well as specialising in horseshoeing. In October 1908, Mr. Allin retired after devoting 20 years to his business. He sold both his building and premises to A. G. Dowson, a skilled local mechanic.

Mr. Allin was a veteran of the War of 1914-1918; a faithful member of the Methodist and later the United Church, where he was a elder, class leader and a Sunday School teacher.

He was a member of Port Perry council for a number of years, treasurer of Old England Lodge S.O.E. and served as M.W. of the A.O.U.W. Mr. Allin owned a very handsome residence on Perry Street.

Mr. Allin passed away on May 10, 1943 at 85 years of age. He left behind his wife Anne Louise (Claughton). A short funeral service was held at the residence of the deceased and was followed by a service in Port Perry United Church. His wife Annie Lousie was 85 years old when she died on March 31, 1948. She was buried beside her husband at Pine Grove Cemetery.



Albert W. Allin's Carriage Shop.



**John & Mary Allison**

## John W. Allison

### Retail Merchant

John Wesley Allison was born on June 9, 1825, at Adolphustown, Lennox County, Canada West, second son for his parents Joseph and Mary Allison.

He was married to Margaret Ferguson on May 22, 1850, just four years before he arrived in Reach Township where he opened a general store in the village of Borelia, where with one short interruption, he remained doing his business for about 12 years. Following the death of his first wife, he remarried on December 14, 1865 to Margaret Sinclair

In 1872, see the new business centre was to be in Port Perry, he moved down the hill into the village, where he erected a new home and a store. Here he established a successful business before his untimely death six months later.

John Allison was highly respected in the community, having at one time obtained almost ever office in the village. He held the position of J.P. for 12 years, served as president of the North Ontario Mechanics'

Institute; Superintendent of Education for Each, Scugog and West Whitby, and was a Captain in the Reach Volunteer Infantry Company.

In January 1867 he was elected as a member of Reach Township council and the following year ran for the office of the township Reeve, but was defeated by Joshua Wright.

John W. Allison was only 50 years old when he died, the result of an injury received two years earlier, on July 21, 1873, in Port Perry, Ontario. He was returned to his birth town, Adolphustown, where he was buried. His wife Mary died in October 1913, in Port Perry.

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**J. W. ALLISON**

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*Any that favor him with a call can easily be convinced.*

Borelia, Nov. 22, 1860. 49-11

## Charles H. Allison

### Pharmacist

Charles Henry Allison, or 'Charlie', as his fellow citizens called him, was born in July 1872, to his parents John W. and Mary Sinclair Allison. He was educated in Port Perry, where he served an apprenticeship to pharmacy in local drug stores. After graduating from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1893, he returned to his family home to live and to follow his career.



**Charles Henry Allison**

At the young age of 23 years, he purchased the active drug and stationery business of T.C. Nichols which was located on the south side of Queen St. The business had been established 40 years earlier by his uncle, the late C. Allison. Charles was 34 when he married 20 year old Emma Frances Cane of Newmarket, on October 4, 1905 in the County of York.

In addition to his dispensing of drugs and sundries, he also was a qualified optician, and performed tests for eye sight. The building in which his store operated, and all its contents were lost in a devastating fire in September 1901.

Mr. Allison was public spirited man, and served on town council a number of years. He was a fine musician and a member of the local band.

In March, 1907, Mr. Allison sold his drug and stationery business to E.B. Flint of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Allison and his wife Emma moved to British Columbia. In 1919 When the local Hudson's Bay Company closed their business there, Charles Allison purchased it to operate his drug store, a bookstore, and an ice cream parlour.

Charles passed away on August 30, 1954 in Quesnel, British Columbia. He was 82 years old at the time of his death.

## Stephen E. Allison

### Pharmacist

Stephen E. Allison was born at Adolphustown, Prince Edward County on July 29, 1843, the son of Joseph B. and Mary Allison, who were United Empire Loyalists. Mr. Allison came to Port Perry in 1868 and for many years he was a druggist here. He married Margaret Kirkland (Sinclair) on June 8, 1870 in their house were born four children, Ward, Mary Elizabeth, Kate and Mrs. W.E. Groves.

Mr. Allison was a genial man, every fond of his home, which he and his wife lived in for 55 years. He loved to talk of old times, and in matters of local history he was an authority. In 1884 and again in 1891, Mr. Allison was the victim of fires which razed downtown Port Perry, losing thousands of dollars from the destruction.

When telephone service arrived in Port Perry, in 1884, S.E. Allison became the telephone agent for the next three years. He set up the only Port Perry telephone in his drug store on Queen St. It was more than a year before other telephones were installed and a switchboard was put in to provide for the inter-connection of these sets.

In the annals of the Methodist Church, he is named as one of the prime movers in the erection of the present structure United Church, at the corner of Queen and Simcoe Streets.

Mr. Allison died on Sunday, January 6, 1929 at his home in Port Perry, in his 86th year. The funeral service was attended largely by old friends and neighbours. He was survived by his wife, Margaret, and three children.



Port Perry, July 20, 1875

## DR. Robert C. Allin

### Physician, Anaesthesiologist

Robert "Bob" Clare Allin was born into a farming family on September 15, 1940, at Bowmanville. He is the son of Clare Edgar and Alice Vera (Power) Allin, who operated a successful dairy and fruit farm in Darlington Township.

As a young man, Bob attended Providence Public School and High School near Bowmanville. After completing high school he attended the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, graduating in 1965.

Graduating from medical school, Bob interned at Toronto Western Hospital before accepting a residency at UBC, in Vancouver, British Columbia. It wasn't long before he returned to Ontario, joining a medical group in Brooklin, where he opened a family practice for two years.

Robert met his future wife, Leslie Joan (Watchorn), of Australia, while working at Western Hospital. They were married on February 16, 1968 in Kingston, Tasmania, Australia, and during their life together raised two children, Meredith Anita and Suzanne Clare.

Bob partnered with two colleagues, Drs. Bill Cohoon and Ralph Price in 1969, building and opening a new medical clinic in Port Perry under the name, Medical Associates. He practiced medicine at this clinic from his entire career, from 1969 to 2017, when he finally retired. It was at Medical Associates he expanded his family practice, and diversified his career, returning to school to become an anaesthesiologist. He was also appointed Coroner for the Province of Ontario, a post he held for 44 years.

Aside from his busy medical practice, Bob's other interest was community service. He was a charter member of the Port Perry Rotary Club of which he is a lifetime member. He also served as a director of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, and Chief of Staff of Community Memorial Hospital, which became Lakeridge Health, Port Perry after the name was changed in the 1990s.

For all his time spent serving the residents of Scugog Township and surrounding areas, Bob was honoured, being presented with the "Longest Serving Physician Award" from Lakeridge Health Corporation in 2010. He was also named Scugog Township's "Citizen of the Year" in 2004.



Dr. Robert C. Allin.



**Dr. David Archer**

## Dr. David Archer

### Physician

Dr. David Archer, one of the senior members of the Ontario County Medical Association, died at Oshawa General Hospital following an illness of some four weeks. His passing removed one of the veterans of the profession in Ontario County, whose practice dates back to the horse and buggy days.

Born in Cartwright Township on August 4, 1857, David Archer, son of Mr. Robert and Elizabeth Archer, attended Bowmanville High School, Hamilton Model School and then started his career as a teacher of mathematics at Smith's Falls High School.

He later entered the study of medicine at Victoria College and after graduation went to England, Scotland and Ireland where he took post graduate work.

Returning home, he opened practice of medicine in Port Perry. David was 27 years old when he married Anna M. Dyer, 22, daughter of Daniel and Mary Dyer of Darlington, Ontario on November 19, 1884. Census records show Dr. Archer was widowed by 1901, but remarried to Caroline (Carrie) Archer some time after that date.

Dr. David and his brother Dr. Robert were instrumental in having the first telephone system installed in the village and district. About 1896, the public-spirited Archers installed their own telephone system so they could be reached more quickly for medical emergencies. The wires were strung on small poles, on fences and in trees, and were in constant need of repair.

The switchboard was in the doctors' clinic, and relay stations were, for the most part located in the general stores of the communities the telephone serviced.

Dr. D. Archer practiced medicine in Port Perry and area for 37 years before moving to Oshawa in 1928. While in Port Perry he was instrumental in having a telephone system installed in the village and district.

He was a member of the medical staff of the Oshawa General Hospital and held in high regard by the medical fraternity there. At a banquet of the Ontario County Medical Association in February 1938, Dr. Archer was presented with a life membership.

Dr. Archer left a lasting legacy and was admired for his self sacrificing and devotion to the relief of suffering.

It was written that "the entire community is poorer because he has passed". He was always kindly and considerate to everyone.

Dr. Archer died at Oshawa on Wednesday, September 20, 1939. Funeral service was held at the family residence, and a large number of sorrowful followed the procession for interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



*Dr. Archer's home at 230 Queen St., Port Perry.*

**DR. D. ARCHER,**

**M.** D. C. M., of Victoria University; M. B. o Toronto University; Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ont.; Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; late Resident Pupil of the Rotundo Hospital, Dublin, for women.

Finding it almost impossible to do justice to either my patrons or myself, owing to my very extensive and rapidly increasing practice, I have taken as partner my brother, Dr. R. Archer, M.D., C.M., who comes highly recommended as an extensive and thoroughly successful practitioner.

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE—3 doors west of Willard Block; OFFICE HOURS 9 to 11 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m. and evenings.

## Dr. Robert Archer

### Physician and Surgeon

For more than three decades, “Dr. Bob” as he was affectionately called, laboured in Port Perry and neighbouring communities, bringing health and life to thousands who in pain and fear called for his help.

Robert Archer was born in Cartwright Township in 1893. He was one of five sons and three daughters for Robert Sr., and Elizabeth (Hedges) Archer.

Dr. Robert Archer was an accomplished surgeon, who after his post graduate work in New York and at the Mayo Clinic, practiced medicine in North Dakota. His prominence and talent as a surgeon was recognized, but he rejected offers to move to areas more specialized.

He was a leading figure in the medical profession in this vicinity and earned a fine reputation. He should have taken his work in a more leisurely fashion several years ago, but he could not give up. His life was literally for the health of others.

Dr. Archer was 25 when he married Amelia Herod, 21, at Wentworth, Ontario, on February 4, 1890. They had two children.

Dr. Robert Archer moved to Port Perry to join his brother Dr. David Archer at the Archer Medical Clinic on Queen St. in 1897. He and his wife Amelia purchased a beautiful home on John Street, originally built by Joseph Bigelow for his only daughter.

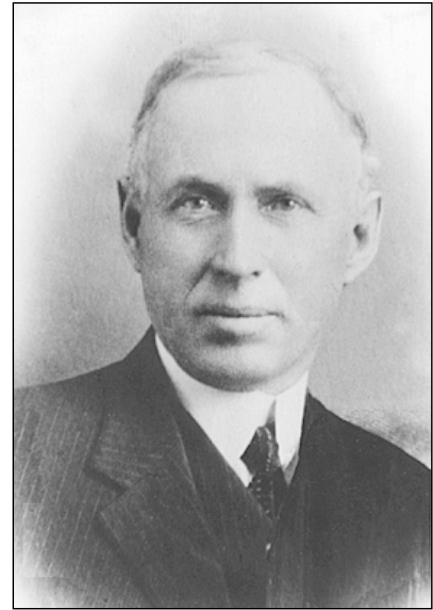
During his years in Port Perry “Dr. Bob” became the first person in the village to own a motor vehicle, a 1907 Ford, and he was also first to have a telephone installed in his home.

In 30 years the country doctor came to know and to feel for his patients as personal friends.

Dr. Robert Archer was 65 when he passed away at his home in Port Perry on July 23, 1927, from a stroke.

An impressive tribute ceremony was held at the park beside the Town Hall and a large crowd attended the open air service. Following the funeral he was interred in the family plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Dr. Archer was survived by one daughter, Minnie (Mrs. Herbert Baker), one son, Harold, and his brother Dr. David Archer. His wife Amelia Archer predeceased him in December 1915



Dr. Robert Archer



Dr. Robert Archer in his 1907 Ford.



Dr. Robert Archer's home at 41 John St., Port Perry.

## Harold R. Archer

### Garage and Car Dealership

Harold Robert Archer was born July 10, 1893 in Milton, Cavalier County, North Dakota, one of two children for Dr. Robert and Amelia Archer. Dr. Archer moved his family to Port Perry a short time after his son was born, setting up a medical practice in the town. Young Harold attended public and high school in Port Perry.

He married Emma Gladys Vernon on June 2, 1916, in York, Ontario. They had two children during their marriage, Elizabeth and Robert.

Harold opened a hardware business in Port Perry, profiling furnace and plumbing services. In February 1923 he purchased the Carnegie Hardware business and amalgamated the two stores in the Carnegie Hardware location. About a year later he sold the store back to the Carnegie family.

His next venture was into the automotive business opening Archer Motors as a Pontiac dealer in January 1926, at 239 Queen St., beside the former Port Perry Star building. Two years later he moved to the former Willard Block, on the southeast corner of Queen and Perry St., where he became the franchise dealer for Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC and Buick vehicles.

He enlarged his service department in 1934 and again in 1945, remodeling the building with large modern show windows and nicely equipped interior. His son Robert, joined the firm in 1945.

In 1951 he marked his 25th year as a GM dealer, and was the oldest Pontiac dealer in years of service in Canada. The following year, Mr. Archer opens a White Rose service station at the corner of Perry and Mary St., and he retired due to ill health in 1956, and transferred the business to his son.

Mr. Archer was involved in community life, serving on the local council for a number of terms; as president of the Business Men's Association, and was on the committee to build the new arena on Water Street. He was also an avid boater, competing successfully in many regattas.

Harold Archer passed away at Oshawa General Hospital on Monday June 1, 1987, in his 94th year. He was the dear father of Elizabeth "Beth" (Martin) and Robert Archer, both of Port Perry. A funeral service was held at Armstrong Funeral Home, Oshawa. His wife, Emma, predeceased him on March 3, 1984, at the age of 92.



Harold R. Archer



Harold and Robert Archer, about 1956.



Dr. Robert Archer transferred this home at 41 John Street to his son Harold in 1920.



Archer Motors, Queen Street, Port Perry.



# Paul Arculus

## Teacher, Historian

Having been born in England, the land of history, it's not surprising later in life Paul Arculus became one of Port Perry's most important and knowledgeable historians.

Paul was born in Sheffield, England on June 10, 1935 and attended both public and high school in his birth country. After immigrating to Canada in 1948, he attended Scarborough Collegiate and Agincourt Collegiate, near Toronto, from which he graduated. With teaching his goal, he then attended Toronto Teachers' College, and continued his education receiving a B.A. at McMaster University, B.Ed at University of Toronto, M.A. and M.Sc.Ed at Niagara University in New York.

He began his teaching career in Scarborough before moving on to Peel, Welland, and finally settling down in Port Perry.

It was while teaching school in Peel he met his future bride, Isabel Richardson, whom he married at Churchville, Ontario in 1962. They had three children, Bruce, Scott and Douglas.

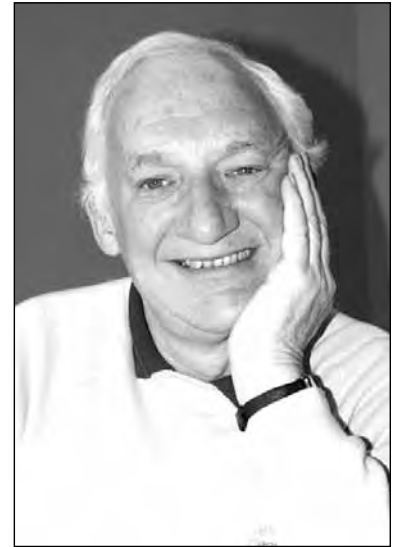
The Arculus family moved to Port Perry in 1970 when Paul accepted a teaching position at Port Perry High School. Twenty-one years later, in July 1991 he retired from teaching and put his endless energy into volunteering and researching community history.

He was a founding member of the Borelians Theatre Group, Scugog Ratepayers Association, a member of the Scugog Heritage Committee and has spent 30 years on the Lake Scugog Historical Society, of which he is currently president.

Paul has written historical series for both the *Port Perry Star* and *Focus on Scugog*, and written more than a dozen books and periodicals chronicling local history since his retirement. In addition, he has hosted great numbers of Cemetery Walks in Prince Albert, Greenbank and Carwright cemeteries, and been guest speaker for numerous groups throughout Durham Region, speaking on both Canadian and local history.

His interests, aside from history, include track and field and barbershop singing.

Paul Arculus has been recognized for his contributions to his community a number of times, including receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award and been named to the Scugog Mayor's Honour Roll.



Paul Arculus



Paul Arculus on a walking tour of Pine Grove Cemetery in 2008.

# Vernon “Vern” Asselstine

## Businessman, Politician

Vernon Gerald Asselstine was born in Moscow, Ontario, a small farming community about 40 miles northwest of Kingston, Ontario. A few years later the family moved to Alberta and the promised richness of homesteading. They moved back after a few years to Napanee where he continued farming.

Vern met his future wife, Vera Chaplin, though his sister, and it wasn't long after they met that the romance blossomed. In 1939 wedding bells tolled for the happy couple and they began their family, which eventually numbered seven children.

The couple took over Verna's family farm and expanded, but later sold the farm when Vernon was offered a job in Batawa. He ventured into blue print reading and welding and finally in 1941 secured a job at General Motors as a welder. They moved to Oshawa in 1941 and Vern worked at GM for the next 33 years, with a leave of absence for World War II.

In 1952 the Asselstines moved to Blackstock where Vera and Vernon bought a 97 acre farm. As his sons became interested in snowmobiles, Vernon decided to pursue the interest by starting a small snowmobile shop on the farm in Blackstock. This small venture became Asselstines Yamaha, one of the largest dealers in Ontario.

He maintained his full time position at General Motors while building the family business to include all types of recreational vehicles. When he retired in 1986 he sold his farm, except for 10 acres, where his recreation vehicle business was located. His son Floyd, who had worked at the company, took over ownership.

He became interested in local politics and was elected councillor for Cartwright Township in 1967, a post he won several times. He then served on the new Scugog Township council for two terms, before retiring from politics.

Vernon headed up the Port Perry Hospital Board as well as the Children's Aid Society for many years.

In 2006, Vera and Vernon moved into a home Port Perry and later into Port Perry Villa. They moved into an assisted living complex in Scarborough in 2016.

Vernon Asselstine, beloved husband of Vera (Chaplin) for more than 78 years, passed away peacefully at 100 years of age on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, in Scarborough.

Vera Asselstine passed away peacefully less than a year after her husband died, at age 99 on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in Scarborough.



**Vernon Asselstine**



*Vern and Vera Asselstine, 2014.*

## Section Two

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### James C. Baird Newspaper Editor

For almost 20 years, James Baird was associated with the Ontario Observer newspaper of Prince Albert. The Observer was the first newspaper to begin publishing in the northern regions of Ontario Cty.

James Baird was born January 9, 1824 in Glasgow, Scotland, one of four children for Janet (Ewin) and John Baird. He arrived in Reach Township in the late 1850s and quickly got involved in the community. By 1861 he had been elected to the position of superintendent of schools for Reach.

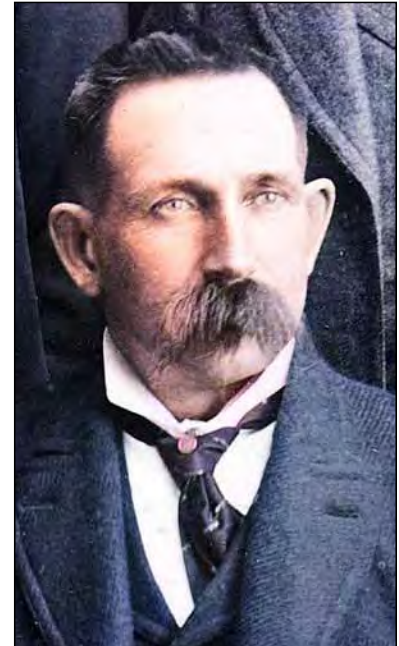
It was about this same time he met Mary Ann (Graham) whom he married on October 13, 1863. She was the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Crawford) Graham of Oshawa, Ontario.

In August 1866 he was named the editor of the newspaper and became partners with its owner, Henry Parsons.

James was an outspoken critic of actions and politics, and an advocate of anything that would benefit the progress of the community. After 18 years as editor, in October 1884, his partnership with Henry Parsons as proprietors and publishers of the North Ontario Observer was dissolved, with the business being taken over by Mr. Parsons.

Aside from his publishing career, he became involved in the community, serving as president of the Reach and Scugog School Teachers' Association and superintendent during the 1860s. He was also a charter member and president of the Prince Albert Public Hall Joint Stock Company.

James Baird died, the result of a stroke, on January 11, 1898 at 74 years of age. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.



James Baird



## John F. Ballard

### Lumber Merchant

Starting out with only a small truck when he was 22 years old, John Ballard grew his start-up business into one of Port Perry's most successful lumber supply companies over the next three decades.

John Frederick Ballard was born on the farm of his parents, Fred and Margaret Ballard, in Utica on March 13, 1924. As a youngster he worked on he family farm while attending Utica Public School and Port Perry High School. John left before he finished high school, taking a job at a Loblaws grocery store in Oshawa.

While attending a dance in Brooklin, Ontario he met Reta Joy Hood, whom he married on June 1, 1946 in Port Perry. The Ballards had five children, Ralph, Rick, Lea-Anne, and twins Donna and Denna.

After securing a loan from his uncle in 1946, John purchased a truck and started up his small business. He used the vehicle to haul loads of sash pine lumber from northern parts of Ontario to sell to companies in Toronto.

Gradually he expanded his product line and about two years later, 1948, he purchased a piece of property on Casimir St., Port Perry from which to operated his business and stored his lumber. The property had a 100 sq. ft. office/showroom from which John and Joy worked side-by-side. By 1954, the business expanded to include retail lumber sales and a few years later, a construction branch. John's son Ralph joined the business in 1967.

Eventually the business outgrew it's location and plans began to build a large new facility on a five acre parcel of land, at the eastern boundary of town on Hwy. 7A, near Lake Scugog.

Construction got underway on the 15,000 sq. ft. building in the fall of 1972, and a year later, on October 25, 1973 the Ballards proudly held a grand opening in the large new showroom of Ballard Lumber Home Building Centre.

After more than 30 years serving the community, John and Joy Ballard sold their business to Peterborough Lumber in 1978.

John was a quiet, mild-mannered man with a big heart and was generous to his family and community. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Port Perry United Church and the local curling club. An avid baseball fan, he also sponsored fastball teams for many years, as well as hockey teams.

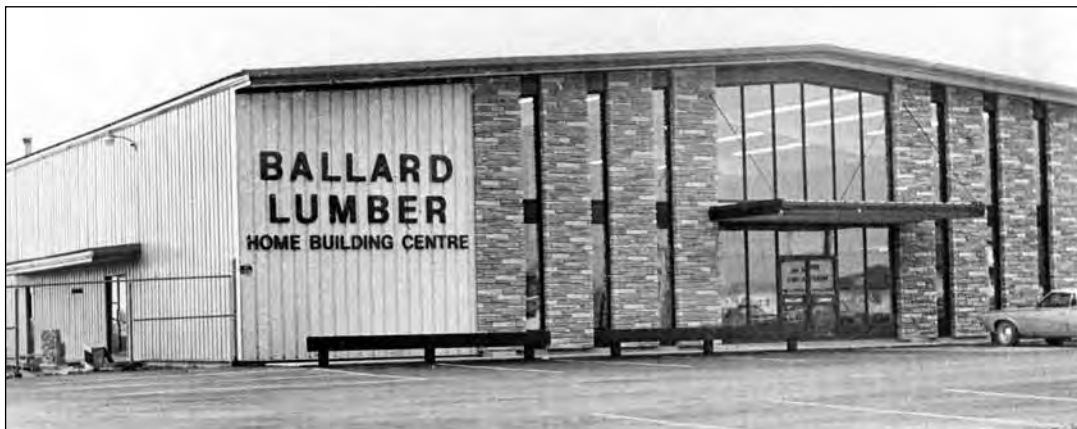
John Frederick Ballard passed away on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Port Perry, at age 84, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.



John Ballard



*Ballard's Lumber & Supplies, Casimir Street, 1968.*



*Ballard Lumber Home Building Centre, Hwy. 7A (Scugog Street) in 1973.*

# William W. Barr

## Merchant

William Walter Barr was born in “the beach” district of Toronto’s east end on February 29, 1932, a leap year baby for his parents Edith (Belshaw) and James Barr.

It was here he was raised along with his three brothers and one sister and attended Balmy Beach and Williamson Rd. Public Schools. This followed by one year at Eastern Commerce High School before leaving school.

After an early career delivering groceries and selling newspapers for the Toronto Star, Telegram and Globe, when he finished school he took a position with the T. Eaton Company as a messenger boy. He worked his way up the ladder to a managerial position before becoming an overseas buyer of sporting goods for the company.

Bill met his wife Shirley Ann (Ross) at Bellfair United Church when he was only 16 years old and the young couple married in the same church on June 27, 1953. During their life together they raised five children, twins Robert and Earl, Diane, Keith and Brian.

They moved into a home just south of Seagrave about 1958 where they took an active part in the local United Church and lived for more than 30 years.

In 1975, Bill with his son Robert, opened the Stedman’s store in Port Perry Plaza, ending his commute from Seagrave to Toronto every morning. During the 17 years he and his son operated the local store, they purchased both the Uxbridge and Stouffville Stedman stores. Then in 1989, at 58 years of age, he decided to retire, leaving the business in Robert’s capable hands.

Bill and Shirley moved to Simcoe St., Port Perry in 1990, where he set up a workshop in his garage and continued building and selling his birdhouses. He became best known, as “Birdhouse Willy,” spending the next 30 years building and selling birdhouses and gourds from his home in Port Perry. In all, Birdhouse Willy spent 58 years building houses of all shapes and sizes for his little feathered friends.



**Bill “Birdhouse Willy” Barr**



**William Walter Barr**

Bill was also a dedicated community supporter, serving for many years as a director and president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce. He was also a long-time member, 55 years, of the Port Perry Oddfellows organization of which he served as Noble Grand. He initiated and organized weekly concerts in the lakefront gazebo, and Scottish Tattoos for the township for more than 10 years.

Bill’s compassion for those with disabilities led to become a director and vice-president of the Central Seven Association, the Scugog Food Bank, and was a generous supporter of those with disabilities. He and his wife Shirley dedicated their lives to supporting young adults afflicted with AIDS, in both Canada and their winter home near Key West, Florida.

For his unselfish service to the community he was presented with the Ontario Governor General’s award and was honoured by being named to the Township of Scugog “Mayor’s Honour Roll”.

William Walter Barr passed away peacefully at home, with his family by his side, on Monday, March 19, 2018 after a brief illness. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

# William Bateman

## Farmer

William Bateman was born on February 7, 1836 in Ontario, the second oldest of 11 children for his parents George and Jane (Penrose) Bateman. When they immigrated to Canada is unknown, but William was living, and working on the family farm in Mariposa in 1861.

He was 24 year old when he married Nancy Varnum, on July 4, 1861, in Darlington, Ontario. About the mid-1860s they moved to Scugog Island where their second son was born in 1871.

William was an enterprising farmer for many years, but he also had a keen interest in the advancement of progress in his new community. In 1868 he was elected to represent the people on the council and position he held for a number of years. He was elected Reeve of Scugog in 1883 and held the post for four years. In 1894 he was appointed Commissioner of the Scugog Bridge by Ontario County council.

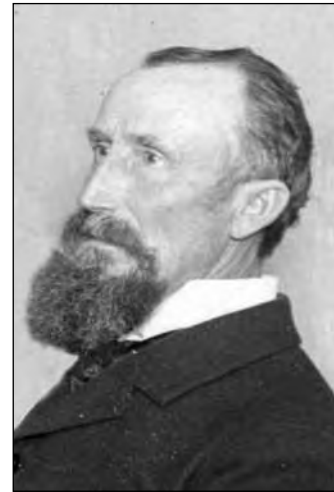
He represented the wealthy and prosperous little island in a highly satisfactory manner to all concerned. In the County Council his reports as chairman of committees were regarded almost faultless.

He was one of Scugog's leading and most enterprising farmers, and occupied for a number of the most prominent positions in the gift of the people. The church too, had his manly and generous protection and support, and while his moral support was of much importance, his financial aid was always forthcoming when required.

William Bateman, while in residence in Port Perry, occupied a highly important position in the community; he identified himself with and was an active promoter of every movement, commercial educational and religious, having a tendency to foster and advance the best interests of the town and its surroundings. He strived to see Port Perry become one of the best, most prosperous centres in the Province, socially intellectually, educationally and commercially.

As Justice of the Peace his decisions, although strictly in accordance with the law, the penalties he imposed were invariably tempered with mercy.

William Bateman died in Toronto on Monday, February 3, 1908, at 72 years of age. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery. His wife, Nancy (Varnum) passed away June 28, 1903. Left to mourn their loss were two sons, Dr. R. Martin Bateman and Mr. William H. Bateman.



William Bateman



William Bateman's Scugog Island home.



Port Perry municipal council 1899 - From left, John Brown, Jim Forman, Robert McKnight, Edward Purdy, Samuel Jeffrey, Frank Yarnold, Tom rundle and William Bateman.

## J. Walter Beath

### Farmer, Regional Chairman

James Walter Beath was born on February 14, 1919 in Simcoe County. He was one of three sons of Morley and Hilda Beath, farmers who made a living in the rural area between Barrie and Orillia. In 1930 the family moved to East Whitby near Columbus and took over 200 acres, which belonged to one of Walter's cousins.

After a short period of military training, at the age of 22, Walter married his sweetheart Erline Grace Hayes, from Columbus, and they raised to children, Wayne and Grant.

Farming was his first love and he, along with his partner, Erline, worked to improve it. As a young man he became a member of the 4H Club. He joined the Ontario County Crop Association for 25 years, serving as president in 1965. He also served 25 years as a director and president of the Oshawa Fair Board, and even found time to become president of the Ontario Beef Association.

During the 1950s Walter was elected to the East Whitby Township Council. In 1959 he was elected Warden of Ontario County, the top job in the county. But his most cherished honour came in 1973 when he was appointed the first Chairman of the newly formed Region of Durham. He won three consecutive terms, serving as chairmanned for nine years. Walter stepped down and retired in 1980.

After his retirement Walter served four years as a Regional Police Commissioner, took part in the campaign to raise \$26 million for the Oshawa Hospital, and four years as a member of the Ontario County School Board.

After moving into Port Perry in 2005, Walter he spent his time going for long walks into the downtown, where he met and talked with anyone who wanted to listen to his many stories.

For his commitment to his community, he was honored with a number of awards, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Bi-Centennial Certificate of Merit. But his most cherished honour is the Centennial Award for Agriculture, after being chosen from among 400 nominees.

James Walter Beath passed away on November 17, 2011 at Port Perry, Ontario. His wife predeceased him on April 24, 2008. They were both interred at Groveside Municipal Cemetery, Whitby, Ontario



Walter Beath, 1976

## Austin "Chuck" Bathie

### Chiropractor

Austin Charles Bathie, better known as "Chuck" was born in Trail, British Columbia on April 7, 1920. He was one of three children, for his father Harry and Florence Bathie. He attended elementary and high school in B.C., quitting school, after his father died. He was 15 years old when he went to work for a B.C. newspaper.

Chuck enlisted when World War II broke out, but after returning he enrolled in the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. It was here he met Helen Marie Peel, whom he married on June 18, 1949. Chuck and Helen were both graduates of the first graduating class of the Chiropractic College. They raised three daughters, Rhonda, Reva, and Robina, before separating in 1973.



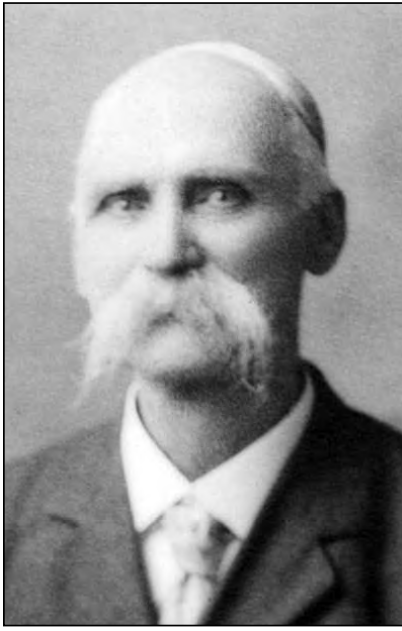
Austin 'Chuck' Bathie

Chuck opened his first chiropractic office at the west end of town at 647 Scugog St., and later moved to 26 Water Street. For more than 15 years he lived in the Palmer House, on Old Simcoe Rd., the house believed to have been the home of Daniel David Palmer, the world's first chiropractor. It was later discovered his home was in another part of town.

During his 50 years of chiropractic practice in Port Perry, Dr. Charles Bathie was elected president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association in 1959 and held the post for two terms.

Chuck also got involved in his community. He became the first president of the newly formed curling club in 1958, was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 60 years, and a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge and the Oshawa Shriner's Club, of which he was president in 1969.

Dr. Austin Charles Bathie passed away on August 10, 2006 in Port Perry at the age of 86 years.



**William A. Beatty**

## **William A. Beatty**

### **Harness Manufacturer**

William Acheson Beatty was born in Westminster Township, near London, on October 10, 1845, the youngest of three children of Henry and Mary (Acheson) Beatty.

After the death of his father, the Beatty family moved and settled into Prince Albert. William attended elementary school in the village, and also at the old school at Borelia.

At an early age he was apprenticed to the harness trade with the late Thomas Courtice, with whom he worked for a number of years.

In the early 1880s Mr. Beatty and the late James Bongard formed a partnership and carried on a harness shop in the building on the north side of Queen St., then occupied by the Observer Office.

A few years later they moved to the B.F. Ackerman building, where they carried on business until 1910, when Mr. Beatty became sole owner of the harness manufacturing business. Mr. Beatty was a Port Perry businessman for more than 55 years at the time of his death.

Mr. Beatty was active in sports in his younger days, cricket being his special hobby. His memory extended to the very early days when Port Perry was nothing but a mill village. In those days the Indians used to parade the streets in their blankets.

Mr. Beatty's old home in Prince Albert was open house to the young people of the locality, with many a Sunday evening spent in hymn singing. He was keenly interested in Sunday School as a young man, being a teacher of a class of boys for many years.

He was a Mason of long standing, being a Past Master of Fidelity Lodge. In 1890 Bro. W.A. Beatty, was installed as president of Lodge 14, Sons of Canada Benevolent Association.

On Friday, October 19, 1934, Port Perry's oldest businessman, William A. Acheson, 90, passed away. The funeral service was held at the United Church, with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery. He was buried with Masonic Honours.



*William Beatty's Harness Shop on Queen St., Port Perry.*





Cecil E. Beare

## Cecil E. Beare

### Care Dealer

Cecil Esmond Beare was born in Manchester, Ontario on April 10, 1885, one of five children raised by Thomas and Jessie Ann (Malcolm) Beare.

He was married to Gertrude McCauley of Brantford on October 16, 1912 and they raised two sons, Storey and William, while living in Hamilton.

Cecil and Gertrude and their family moved to Port Perry in May 1919, at which time he became a partner with his brother Earl in a McLaughlin-Chevrolet dealership, which was located at 268 Queen Street at the corner of John Street. The original garage had been constructed by M.T. Beare and Earl Beare in 1915.

Cecil operated the garage for more than 30 years before Cecil passed away in 1950. Cecil E. Beare died at Brantford on Saturday, September 16, 1950. His body was returned to Port Perry where he was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Beare Motors, Port Perry - 1933.



Beare Motors, Port Perry - 1939.

## William "Bill" Beare

### Automotive Dealership Owner

William (Bill) Thomas Beare was born in Port Perry, Ontario in 1921, one of two sons for Cecil and Gertrude (McCauley) Beare. He was raised and educated at Port Perry public and high school, and when he was about 18 years old began working for his father.

Bill joined the Royal Air Force as a radar technician and served in England. It was here where he was posted, at Lands End, England, that he met his future wife Betty (Wellstood) Beare, who worked with the WAF. Bill and Betty were married in Helsten, County of Cornwall England on June 6, 1945. They had three sons William, Richard and Paul.

His father Cecil operated a garage and automotive dealership, Beare Motors, on Queen St., which he began in 1919. Initially they sold Chevrolet and McLaughlin cars, but in 1932 took on the Dodge/DeSoto dealership. In 1937 Bill joined his father in the business.

After his father died September 1950, Bill, along with his brother Storey, took over the family business and in 1960 the brothers dropped Chrysler and became an authorized Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership. The dealership was sold in 1981, after more than 60 years in the family.

In addition to his business career, Bill was also involved in the community. He was a member of the Port Perry United Church, served on the local school board, and a past president of the Port Perry Curling Club. Bill was also a charter member of the newly formed Rotary Club in 1981 and was chairman of the building committee when the Rotary Club constructed a new gazebo in Palmer Park.

William Beare passed away on March 6, 2000. His wife, Betty, died December 22, 1999. Both Bill and Betty were interred at Pine Grove Cemetery.



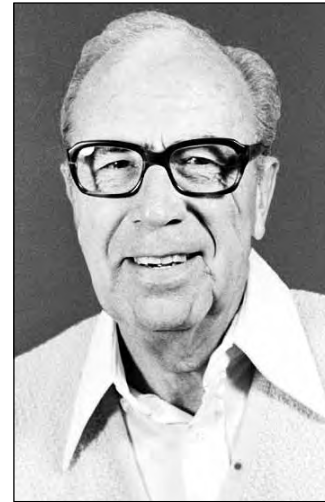
William "Bill" Beare

## E. Storey Beare

### Pharmacist, Car Dealer

Esmond Storey Beare was born on July 22, 1913, in Brantford, Ontario, and was the first of two sons for Cecil and Gertrude (McCauley) Beare. He attended both elementary and high school in Port Perry and following his graduation in 1932, he spent a few years as an apprentice at Lawrence Pharmacy, before attending the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

After graduating in 1937 he worked at a pharmacy in Toronto for three before becoming a sales representative for a Perth, Ont. Pharmaceutical company.



Storey Beare

He married Jean Doris Murray on September 2, 1939, in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry.

His father, Cecil, operated a garage and automotive dealership, Beare Motors, on Queen Street which he operated for more than 30 years. His brother Bill joined the firm in 1937, and Storey joined the firm following the death of his father in September 1957. The two brothers took over the dealership and in 1957 Storey and Bill were presented with a Long Service Award from Chrysler Corp. who they have represented since 1932.

Three years later, in 1960, they dropped Chrysler and became an authorized Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership. The dealership was sold in 1981, after more than 60 years in the family. Storey retired from business in 1986.

Storey became very involved in the Port Perry community, and when the inaugural meeting to form the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce was held in 1956, he was elected president. He was re-elected the following year. He served on the board of Community Memorial Hospital and helped recruit new doctors to the community in 1968.

Storey was also a dedicated member of the Port Perry Lions Club, and over the years held the positions of President, Zone Chairman, Deputy-District Governor and Governor of District A3.

Esmond Storey Beare died on July 20, 1990 at the Port Perry hospital, at the age of 77. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Storey and Bill Beare at the 60th anniversary of Beare Motores in October 1979.



Beare Motors, Queen Street, Port Perry - 1955

# Joseph Bigelow

## Entrepreneur and Businessman

Port Perry's most ambitious and influential businessman during the developing years of the village, was Joseph Bigelow. In fact, it could be argued he was the singular, most influential man in the entire history of the community.

Bigelow was identified financially and other wise with every important improvement in the Port Perry and Scugog district during his active years.

He became the first postmaster in the village from 1852 to 1869. In the late 1850s he took over a woollen factory and planing mill, operating it until it was expropriated for the railway in 1870. In 1862 a branch of the Royal Canadian Bank opened in Port Perry, with Mr. Bigelow as manager. He held the position for six years, until he retired to give more attention to his other business interests.

In April 1869, he opened one of the most impressive commercial blocks in the County, the Royal Arcade. Following this he turned his attention to promoting and building the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway, of which he became its chief instigator.

In 1872, Joseph Bigelow became the first Reeve of the newly incorporated village of Port Perry. He held the office for three terms, under which time the village thrived under his leadership and drive. It was during his term as Reeve, that two of the town's most important structures were built, the new Town Hall and the Union Public and High School.

In May 1877, he began construction of his magnificent residence on Cochrane Street, overlooking Lake Scugog. It was here he and his family resided until his death, at 89-years of age, in April 1917.

Mr. Bigelow became a Justice of the Peace in 1877 and in 1881 ran as a Reform candidate for the Ontario Legislature, but failed to be elected by three votes.



Joseph Bigelow

On the business front, Mr. Bigelow was a 20-year partner with Thomas Paxton in a flour-milling business located on Water St., and also a partner in the Paxton, Tate Foundry on Perry St, and operated the Big Red Apple Elevator, on Lilla St.

In 1890, one of his most important projects was completed, in the building of the causeway, or connecting bridge between Cartwright, Scugog Island and Port Perry.

Mr. Bigelow was married to Elizabeth Paxton in 1854. He passed away at his family residence on Cochrane St. on Sunday, January 28, 1917, leaving his wife and three children, Charles, Thomas and Mrs. W.H. McCaw.

**Bigelow's Royal Arcade!**

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Of New and Stylish Millinery Goods, Hats and Trimmings a Specialty and very Cheap. A large Stock of Ladies' Mantles, Parasols, Dress Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Prints, Shirtings, Flannels, Cloths, Towels, Tickings, Ready-made Clothing, &c. A large Stock of Gent's New and Fashionable Hats. Ladies', Gent's and Children's Boots and Shoes. A full Stock of General Groceries, Crockery and Glassware. \$5000 worth of Bankrupt Stock Goods to be Cleared Out at Wholesale Prices.

The highest Market Prices allowed for all kinds of Farm Produce.

JOSEPH BIGELOW.

PORT PERRY, May 12, 1866

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 In Sawed Lumber, Sawed Shingles, Flour Barrel  
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 A LARGE STOCK ON HANDS AT ALL TIMES!  
 Also Proprietor of Port Perry Sash and Door Factory.  
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Joseph Bigelow advertisement for lumber and shingles, August 1866.



**Jonathon Blong**

## Jonathon B. Blong

### Investor, Builder

Jonathon Blong was born on March 12, 1850 in Toronto, the youngest son of Henry and Eldred (Easton) Blong.

He married Sophia Lydia Gates on July 1, 1873 in Chester, Nova Scotia. They had three children during their marriage, Henry, Lilly E., and Robert Charles.

He came to Port Perry about the year 1882, and immediately took a keen interest in the town. An accident in early life deprived him of the use of one of his legs, and made it difficult for him to enter business in the ordinary way – but he invested money wisely in the purchase and selling of properties.

During his years in business, he purchased the large Royal Arcade building from Joseph Bigelow and converted half of it into one of the finest, hotels in the province, calling it the Brunswick House. Following destruction of the building by fire in 1883 and 1884, he constructed the Blong Block, described as the most pretentious and extensive business structure in Port Perry. It was a two-storey, red brick building, elaborately decorated with

white brick facings and a frontage of over 100 feet on Queen St. The building still stands to this day.

After a fire had destroyed the home of the late Dr. J.H. Sangster in 1893, Mr. Blong purchased the property, known as Beechenhurst, and erected the comfortable home. He became very much attached to the property, but with his health failing, he reluctantly sold it and moved to Toronto about 1908, where he lived with his family until his death.

Jonathon Blong has spent most of his life in Port Perry and after moving often expressed the wish that he was still enjoying the attractions of his hometown. He was extremely fond of nature and nothing gave him greater pleasure than the hunting trips through the Kawartha Lakes.

Jonathon Blong was 60 years old when he died on Saturday evening, March 20, 1915, at his residence, 65 Woodlawn Avenue, West, Toronto, leaving his beloved wife Sophia and son Jonathon Henry to mourn his loss.



*Jonathon Blong's Beechenhurst home about 1914.*



*The "Blong Block" built by Jonathon Blong in 1884.*



**John Bowerman**

## John B. Bowerman

### Boat Builder, Ship Captain

One of the most interesting men in Port Perry was the late John Bowerman. He was born near Brooklin, on May 31, 1850, and spent much of his youth in the area, attending Dryden's school near Whitby.

John Bowerman's parents, Willet D. and Margaret Bowerman were engaged in the woollen mill business at Brooklin and it was there John Bowerman learned his trade. About 1874 he moved to Port Perry and opened a Carding Mill.

He married Louisa E. Kempsey on February 3, 1877 and two children were born of this marriage, Charles, and Carrie, who died in infancy. In 1887 Louise Bowerman died.

Three years later, on April 26, 1890 a second marriage was contracted, the lady being Maggie (MacGregor) of Scugog Island. From this marriage five children were born - George, Tom, Ivan, Cora and Vera.

In 1883, because of his love for water, Capt. Bowerman, as he became known, made up his mind to build a steamboat. The result was the steamship Mary Louise. In 1884 the great fire destroyed the town and the Mary Louise did a great part in hauling brick and other building material for

the rebuilding of the town. Later the boat was sold to Jos. Parkins of Lindsay, where it was used as a towboat.

His next boat was the Empress, which was brought to Port Perry by Joseph Ball, of Caesarea. After awhile the boat was superseded by the Cora, which Capt. Bowerman built in 1902. He also owned a good sized gasoline boat, which was later sold and broke up in Lake Ontario. He spent most of his time on Lake Scugog, and was thoroughly familiar with all the waterways in the district.

Capt. Bowerman died at his home in Port Perry on Wednesday, April 26, 1933, in his 84th year. He was interred in Pine Grove Cemetery. His wife, Margaret, pre-deceased him on Tuesday, April 15, 1930, in her 64th year.



*The Bowerman family; John and Louise with their son Charles.*



*Capt. Bowerman's "Cora" named after his daughter.*



*Cora Bowerman*

# William Brock

## Merchant

William Brock was among the leading merchants of Port Perry during the late 1800s. In his death, Port Perry lost one of its staunchest and most respected businessmen.

William Brock was born on April 16, 1843 in the village of Newcastle, the son of Mary and William Brock. When he was still a young man the family moved to Port Perry.

He entered the mercantile business in Prince Albert at the age of 20, as a clerk under the management of Mr. Wrightman. He next entered the service of Currie & Ross where he remained as clerk until their dissolution and removal to Port Perry.

When Aaron Ross opened a new mercantile business in Port Perry, William became head clerk. He remained until he started in business for himself in 1881 in a store where the post office is now situated (1906), and five years later moved to his present site.

Mr. Brock was married to Sarah (Barber) on December 6, 1871 at Caradoc Twp., Middlesex County, Ontario. They had six children, and lived in a nice home at the corner of Ella and Elgin Street in Port Perry.

Mr. Brock was an enterprising, honourable and energetic businessman, occupying a prominent place in the ranks of our most reliable business men. He was most industrious and preserving in business, hence successful results invariably crowned his efforts and investments. He was acknowledged to be one of the best and closest buyers in the commercial arena.

He was public spirited and supported with energy any object that was likely to prove beneficial to the town. Due to his strict attention to business he did not take time for public affairs of the community. While always anxious for the welfare of the town, his first and chief concern was for his home, his church, his business and for these he spent his life.

He was an active member of the Methodist Church, and in all walks of life he discharged his duties in a way which won for him sincere respect. He was always ready with a helping hand when there was a call from the needy and no man more readily responded to calls of his church both with time and money.

William Brock, 72, died on March 25, 1915. Illness had caused him to lay aside the active duties of life over a year ago. Left to mourn him at the time of his death was his widow Sarah, two daughters, Anna Elmira and Mary Ella, and three sons: Harry Edmond, Frederick William and Harold Barber.

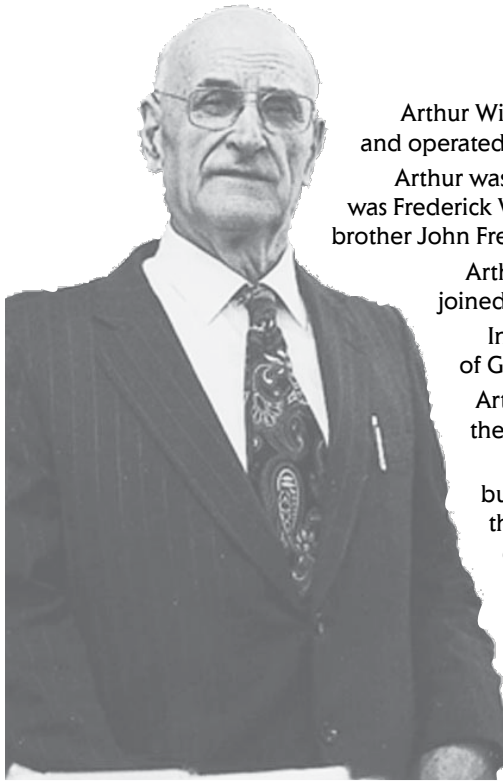
Funeral took place at the Methodist Church, Port Perry.



William Brock



William Brock store on Queen St. about 1900.



**Arthur W. Brock**

## Arthur W. Brock

### Store Keeper

Arthur William Brock was the third generation of the Brock family to own and operated the family business in downtown Port Perry, F.W. Brock & Son.

Arthur was born on September 6, 1905, in Port Perry, Ontario. His father was Frederick William and his mother, Hannah Sophia (Parr). Arthur had a twin brother John Frederick.

Arthur was educated at Port Perry elementary and high schools and joined his father in business as a young man.

In 1930, at age 25, he married Jessie Marguerite Jackson, daughter of George Wesley and Zula May (Tonkin) Jackson of Port Perry.

Arthur was an avid outdoorsman, and served as vice-president of the Lake Scugog Fish and Game Association.

Over the next 25 years, Arthur and his father expanded the business into many different lines. To the clothing and shoe lines, they added groceries, wallpaper and linoleum. In the 1950s they dropped the groceries.

After Arthur's father passed away in 1955. Arthur changed the name to A.W. Brock Department Store. Over the next 30 years Arthur kept up with the changes in trends. He introduced footwear, toys, yard goods, wool and knitting and sewing supplies, blinds, drapery and drapery hardware to keep up with the demands of his customers.

Towards the end of his career, Arthur's wife Marguerite, son Bill and daughter in-law Claudette, all joined in to help their aging father.

A crowd of 200 business people, friends, relatives and former employees honoured Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brock on the occasion of the Brock's 100th Anniversary in business in May 1981.

Arthur Brock, 83, passed away in December 1988. Like his father before him, he had spent almost 60 years working in the family business.



*Marguerite and Arthur Brock, April 1981 at the 100th anniversary of Brock's Department Store.*



Frederick Brock

## Frederick W. Brock

### Store Keeper

Frederick William Brock, a native of Port Perry, operated a clothing and general store in town for more than half a century before he died 1955.

Born in Port Perry on April 4, 1876, Frederick William Brock was the son of William and Sarah (Barber) Brock. The native of Port Perry took over the family business in 1915, following his father's death and operated it for almost 65 years. W. Brock's store had been started in 1860.

Frederick was joined in partnership with their son Arthur and the name was changed to F.W. Brock and Son.

Frederick married Hannah Sophia Parr, 25, a teacher from Blackstock on August 2, 1904. She was the daughter of William and Sophia (McLaughlin) Parr, who owned a store in Blackstock.

Throughout his life, Frederick was an active supporter of Port Perry United Church. He was also interested in education and served for about six years on the local board of education.

His other main interests were hunting and fishing and he spent most of his spare times outside pursuing these interests.

Frederick W. Brock died on September 2, 1955 and was interred a Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. He was survived by his wife Hannah and his two sons, Arthur William and John.

## Douglas J. Brown

### Pharmacist

Douglas John Brown's home was Bowmanville when he was a young man growing up, despite being born in Toronto. Doug was born December 18, 1966, at Mount Sinai Hospital, a son for Merrill Douglas and Margaret June (Lillycrop) Brown, one of three children in the family.

He attended both elementary and high school in Bowmanville before heading off to the University of Toronto in 1985 to become a pharmacist.

Douglas completed his degree in pharmacy and his internship at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in 1990, and finishing his formal training as a staff pharmacist with Sunnybrook. After leaving the hospital, he accepted a pharmacy manager position with an independent Community Pharmacy in Chelmsford, Ontario.

In 1991 Doug joined a group practice in London, Ontario where he discovered his passion for community pharmacy. Three years later he moved to Port Perry where became manager of new Big V Pharmacy store on the main street. Shopper's Drug Mart purchased the Big V drug store change in 1996 and Doug acquired the Shopper's franchise.

In 2015, Doug decided to create his own independent drug store, opening Pharmacy Associates of Port Perry on Water Street later the same year. The smaller pharmacy gave Doug the ability to provide more personal care and attention to his customers. The change to independent practice proved rewarding for Doug and he was named 2017 OPA Pharmacist of the Year.

In addition to his pharmacy duties, Doug returned to the University of Toronto assisting with educating young health professionals, as well as the University of Waterloo. He has also worked closely with physicians and other health professionals on various projects.

After settling into Port Perry, he met is future wife Kristy Lynne (Dalton) while attending a class at Scugog Fitness. They were married in the backyard of his home Scugog Island, September 6, 2003. Doug and Kristy have three children, Emily Grace Madison, Natalie Kristine and Elyse Rachel.

Douglas loves to get involved in his community and is well known for his role for supporting local health care. He has served as a board member and president of the Port Perry Hospital Foundation; a member of Community Living Durham North's Rights Committee; co-chair of the Lighting The Way Campaign for the hospital foundation and involved in a number of other endeavours in his community.



Douglas Brown





**John H. Brown**

## **John H. Brown**

### **Town Treasurer**

One of the most valuable citizens of Port Perry in the early growth of the village, was John Hamilton Brown, who for more than half a century occupied positions of responsibility and trust within the community.

Born in England in 1838, John Brown was just a young lad when he arrived in Canada, in 1848, with his family from Plymouth, England. During the 1860s they resided at Prince Albert, and the ambitious young John later built a new home in Manchester. He married Isabella Louise Currie, daughter of Mark and Agnes Currie, Prince Albert, on September 24, 1867.

While living in Manchester he partnered with Samuel Christian to operate a general store called Brown & Christian. In addition to his business efforts, he also held the position of treasurer for Reach Township, of which he was appointed in 1873.

With the arrival of the railway in Port Perry, he dissolved his partnership with Christian and moved to Port Perry in 1876. Here he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, William Currie.

The two men operated a general store called Brown and Currie near the corner of Queen and Perry St. This partnership was dissolved in 1883 and Mr. Brown conducted the business himself until he lost his entire stock and building in the disastrous fire of 1884 which destroyed the entire town.

Blessed with an abundance of energy, Mr. Brown carried on the business of his store, even after being appointed treasurer of the Village of Port Perry in May 1881. He served in this capacity for 36 years before retiring in February 1917. It was said that few men have been so closely associated with the varying fortunes of Port Perry as was John H. Brown.

Even with his heavy load as a merchant and treasurer, he found time to volunteer his time and talents to other duties. He was a recording steward of the Methodist Church for 30 years, served as secretary of the Agricultural Society, held the position of secretary-treasurer of the local school board and was a member of the I.O.O.F. and A.O.U.W. Societies.

He and his wife Isabella live in an beautiful brick home on the southeast corner of Queen and Ella Streets. Mr. Brown died at the home of his son-in-law, in Vancouver B.C., on Monday, March 25, 1918, in his 81st year. He was predeceased by his wife Isabella Louise on April 29, 1895.

## **John C. Browne**

### **Implement Agent**

John C. Browne was born about 1850, on Lot 5, Conc. 1, Reach Township, the son of Alex Browne, who in was one of the earliest settlers of the township. When about 16 years of age, J.C. Browne left the homestead and went to work on the farm of Mr. Howden, staying for a few years, then moving to Port Perry in 1883.

About this time the Whitby/Manilla Railway was being constructed and Mr. Browne became foreman of the construction gang on a part of the line.

The following year he began business as an implement agent with his office and shop in the building beside the grain elevator, at the foot of Queen St. Mr. Browne represented the Massey-Harris Co., and repaired all other makes of farm implements used in the community. He retired as a Massey-Harris dealer in November 1917, after 35 years in business.

His chief interests outside his actual business were found in the Agricultural Society. He was a very active director and served as Treasurer of the Society from the time it was organized. He was also keenly involved in the Masonic Lodge, the organization which became the centre of his social life.

J.C. Browne passed away on March 12, 1931 at 81 years of age. He was married to Elizabeth J. (Graham), of Scugog Island (a sister of Thomas Graham). His wife predeceased him many years earlier. Two children survive, Orr C. Browne and Mrs. S.R. Stephens.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Presbyterian Church. Fidelity Lodge, A.F. & A.M conducted the Masonic ceremonies beside the grave at Pine Grove Cemetery.



**John C. Browne**

# Stewart Bruce

## Agriculturist

Stewart Bruce occupied a prominent place in the foremost ranks of our country's present and future hope. He took leading part in every movement likely to benefit the community.

Stewart Bruce was born in Ireland in September 1837, a son for Robert and Jane Bruce. The Bruce family emigrated from Ireland and settled in Cartwright in 1858.

At that time there was no secondary school in Cartwright. In order to present better educational opportunities for their children, the Bruce family moved to Prince Albert. From here the children eventually walked daily to Port Perry in order to attend the High School.

When he was 24 years old, Stewart married Isabella Morrow of Peterborough on November 25, 1862.

Agricultural pursuits were his choice and he identified himself with every scheme tending to benefit the agriculturist. He was a strong supporter of agriculture societies and one of the originators and promoters of the Central Fair Association that gave Port Perry such prominence for its great fairs.

He stood deservedly high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen and served in the municipal council for a number of years. He moved his hardware business from Cannington to Port Perry in 1893, which was later taken over by his son Robert J. Bruce.

Stewart Bruce was 75 years of age when he died on March 20, 1912, at 75 years of age. His funeral took place at the family residence at 404 Queen St., at the corner of Ella St., with a procession to Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

In death he left behind his wife Isabel, of many years, and four sons, Albert, Dr. Herbert A., Mr. Robert J. and Rupert G. Bruce. His daughter Minni Victoria passed away in 1908, and his wife Isabella, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 1913 in her 70th year.



Stewart Bruce



*The Stewart Bruce family home on Queen Street, Port Perry.*



**Robert J. Bruce**

## **Robert J. Bruce**

### **Hardware Merchant**

Robert James Bruce was a native of Cartwright Township, being born July 28, 1866 in Blackstock, Ontario.

His first business experience took place in Cannington where worked in his father's hardware store. He continued to work with his father, after they moved to Port Perry in 1893, and opened a hardware store beside the Sebert House hotel, at the corner of Queen and Water Streets. He later took over the business and in 1897 he erected a two storey building at 175 Queen St. just east of the Bank of Commerce building.

On October 24, 1894, Robert married Alice Maude Carnegie, daughter of prominent Port Perry businessman James Carnegie and his wife Louise. The couple had two children during their marriage.

Mr. Bruce carried on a general hardware business, including the selling of stoves, furnaces, binder twine, wallpaper and tinware, and the business was in every way a very prosperous one. His store enjoyed a large country and town trade in eavestroughing and in metallic roofing and ceiling supplies, and he sold paint supplies.

Mr. Bruce served on the Port Perry council for two years and was on the board when the municipal water and light systems were inaugurated. He also served on the water and light commission. He

was a prominent Mason, Workman, Oddfellow and Independent Forester.

Robert and his wife Alice lived in a comfortable home on Mary Street. In June 1906 he sold his extensive hardware business to Mr. Arthur J. Carnegie.

Robert J. Bruce died on unexpectedly in his sleep on August 11, 1930 in Blackstock, Ontario. He was 71 years old at the time of his death. His wife Louise died on December 20, 1966 in Toronto at the age of 92.



*R.J. Bruce Hardware store, Port Perry*



**Dr. Herbert A. Bruce**

## **Dr. Herbert A. Bruce** **Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**

Herbert Alexander Bruce was born September 28, 1868, on the family farm two miles south west of Blackstock, the son of Stewart and Isabella (Morrow) Bruce.

In 1873 when he was five years old, his parents moved to a farm which they bought east of Prince Albert, on the southern edge of Port Perry. This allowed the Bruce children to have access to the only high school in the area, Port Perry High School. Herbert Bruce graduated from Port Perry High School in May 1884 at the age of 15, but being too young to enter medical school, he became an apprentice to Stephen E. Allison, a Port Perry druggist.

He graduated from the Toronto School of Medicine in 1892 and began his practice in medicine. His practice became so large, he founded a private hospital near the corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne Sts., and named it the Wellesley Hospital. He operated the hospital until his retirement in 1948, when he made a gift of it to the people of Toronto, as a public hospital.

During World War I, Dr. Bruce became the Inspector General of the Canadian Medical Forces and was appointed the Consulting Surgeon to the British Armies in France.

In 1919 he married Angella Hall, and the couple had one son, Herbert Maxwell, who was born in February 1920.

After the war, Dr. Bruce resumed his duties as head of his Wellesley Hospital and in October 1932 was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario. In 1940, when he was 70 years old, he was elected as the Member of Parliament for the riding of Parkdale, Toronto. He made his mark on Ottawa in his first speech by calling for the resignation of then Prime Minister, Mackenzie King.

During his years as one of the top physicians and politicians in Ontario, Dr. Bruce never forgot his Port Perry roots. He made frequent visits back to his hometown, and took part in the Centenary Celebration of Cartwright in 1934, and took part in the dedication of the new Memorial Library in Port Perry in 1937.

Dr. Herbert A. Bruce passed away at his home on Douglas Drive, in Rosedale, Toronto on Sunday June 23, 1963 at the age of 94 years.



**Dr. Herbert A. Bruce,**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.**

## Arthur G. Brunton Chicken and Egg Breeder

Arthur Gordon Brunton was born in Ottawa in 1910, the son of Gertrude (Stanley) and Harold F. Brunton. He was a 24 year old bookkeeper working and living in Toronto when he met Edith Mark of the same city. They married on September 26, 1936 and had one daughter, Wendy and two son, Timothy and David.

Arthur and his family moved to Port Perry in 1946 purchasing a farm on the 6th concession of Reach Township, just west of the town. Here on the farm he established his commercial chicken hatchery, which he had started while in Toronto.

Using the barn as a hatchery he raised prize winning Rhode Island "Reds" and through many years of hard work he achieved world fame, including "Red Lady" who in 1944-45 produced 346 eggs in 365 days. until they achieved world fame

In 1950 Art was honored by the Pakistan government in presence of 500 dignitaries at the Pakistan embassy, Ottawa, in recognition of his generous gesture in sending to the newly Pakistan Ministry of Agriculture, without charge, five dozen hatching eggs for a world record egg-producing strain of his Rhode Island Reds.

In 1952, fire destroyed his hatchery building, but undeterred he constructed and opened a new hatchery building closer to town, at the corner of Hwy. 7A and the 6th concession. He also built a small building adjacent to the hatchery, which served "ready to eat chicken" to the public. The following year, Art retired from business and moved from his farm home into a house about half a block east of the new hatchery. The hatchery building and opened as a Brewer's Retail store in June 1958.

In addition to his busy farming operation, Art took part in many community activities and events. He was a long-time member of the Port Perry Lions Club, and in 1957 was elected Deputy-District Governor of Zone 10. He was also instrumental in raising funds during the mid-1950s for the construction of a new arena on Water Street, Port Perry.

Arthur Gordon Brunton died in Port Perry, Ontario on December 21, 1994 at the age of 84 years.



Arthur "Art" Brunton



Art Brunton's first hatchery building in Port Perry



Brunton Farms "Ready To Eat" chicken outlet.



The Brunton Farms Hatchery after opening in October 1952.

## Stanley R. Brunton

### Pharmacist

Stanley Raymond Bruton was born on January 20 1909 in Collingwood, Ontario, one of five children for Raymond Edwin and Lillian Maud (Partridge) Bruton.

Stan later lived in Toronto and Hamilton but at an early age his family moved to Orono, where he received his early education at Kendal and Orono and sever his apprenticeship in pharmacy at Gilfillan's Drug Store in Orono.

He attended Ontario College of Pharmacy, at the University of Toronto, and in 1939 was described as "rather quiet, but a darn nice guy, who liked skating, badminton and the odd game of pool." Stan graduated as a pharmacist later that year and began working in a drug store in that city.

After several years, in May 1946, he purchased Morrison's Drug Store at 200 Queen Street, Port Perry changing the name to Bruton's

Drug Store. He operated from that location for the next 28 years, before retiring in March 1974 and selling the successful business to Jim and Margaret Lawrence of Bowmanville.

Stan and his wife Rebecca raised two children, Lynda and Robert, while living in Port Perry and after Stan retired they resided in the town for the remainder of their lives.

Stan was a member of the Anglican Church and Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 428. He was for many years a member of the Port Perry Lions Club, including a term as president of that organization. He was also a member of the Port Perry Curling Club and very interested in sports, especially hockey and baseball.

Stanley R. Brunton passed away suddenly in hospital at Kingston, Ontario on May 21, 1989, and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



**Stanley R. Brunton**



*Stanley Brunton, right, with new owner of Bruton's IDA, Jim Lawrence in 1974.*

## S. Herbert Brooks

### Farmer

Samuel Herbert Brooks was born December 28, 1902 in Ontario, one of two sons and two daughters for William E. and Minnie Maud (Dennison) Brooks.

Herbert Brooks operated a large farm on his beautiful property, overlooking Lake Scugog on the northern edge of town. He also owned a feed store in downtown Port Perry, which he operated for years.

He was married to Sadie Irene Hortop in Ontario and they lived on the Port Perry.

Herb Brooks was very involved in his community serving as a councillor on the Port Perry council for a number of years. But he was most passionate about the town's medical facilities and in 1950 became a member of a committee to building new hospital. In 1952 he was elected chairman of the new hospital board, a position he held for four years before resigning.

Herb Books passed away at the hospital he loved on February 11, 1985

In 1988 his wife, Sadie, sold his farm for a large housing development which became Canterbury Common.



**Herbert "Herb" Brooks**

# Leonard Burnett

## Local Politician

Leonard Burnett was born in 1847 in Driffield, Yorkshire, England and immigrated with his family to Canada about 1866, settling near Pickering. His parents were Thomas and Hannah (Dickinson) Burnett.

His father died shortly after reaching Canada, so the young Burnett was forced to fend for himself with his own resources, and later that experience was used to help boys in a similar position.

The young farmer moved to Reach Township where he lived with his wife Sarah Jane Dryden, whom he married in 1870. They were parents to three children, Mary Eliza, Leanora and Nellie. Sarah was 50 years of age when she died of heart failure on March 11, 1896.

Mr. Burnett heavily involved with the marked progress of Ontario County. For many years, he and Peter Christie (always good friends) were the recognized leaders of the Grits and Tories of the township, each giving splendid service as school trustees, as councillors, etc.

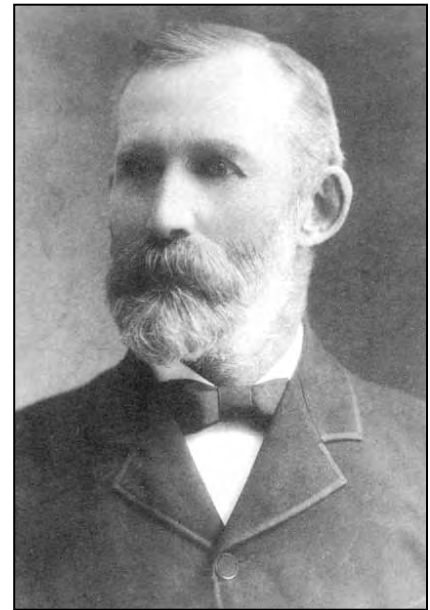
He first entered public life in 1877 when he was elected to council in Reach Township and served as a councillor for many years. In 1894 he was honoured by being elected Reeve of the township. He was also elected Honourary President of Port Perry's Great Syndicate Fair when it was formed in 1900.

In 1896 under the Laurier Government, Mr. Burnett became M.P. for South Ontario, but did not seek re-election in 1900 when William Ross succeeded him. Peter Christie in turn was elected to the post in 1904. About this time, Mr. Burnett represented the Canadian Emigration Dept. at York, England and until 1912 had much to do with the greatest British immigration Canada has known.

On April 1, 1921, when was 74 years old Leonard Burnett married a 47 year-old spinster, Linda Putman at her home in Ottawa, Ontario. The couple moved to 5 Delaware Ave., Toronto. A life-long Baptist, he was long a main-stay in the cause at Port Perry and in Toronto.

Leonard Burnett passed away on August 21, 1932 while in his 88th year. His funeral was attended by a large gathering at his Toronto home, with dignitaries, friends and political contemporaries present.

He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery on August 24, 1932. The memory of Leonard Burnett will always be cherished.



Leonard Burnett

# Judge Zaccheus Burnham

## Lawyer, Judge

Zaccheus Burnham was born in the County of Northumberland on March 31, 1819. His parents were John Burnham of New Hampshire and his mother Hannah (Harris) Burnham, was from New York.

He received his literary education at the Cobourg Grammar School; studied law with his elder brother in Peterborough and finished legal studies in Toronto.

He began practicing law in Whitby in 1843 and by 1852 had been appointed junior judge for the counties of Peel, York and Ontario. In 1854 with Ontario County was formed he was appointed County Judge, a position he held for 42 years until his death.

In October 1848 he married Sarah Borlase (Warren) and they had one son, John Warren Burnham.

Judge Burnham's wife, Sarah, died in 1856. Fourteen years later, in June 1870, he married Sarah's sister, Helena, with whom he had two children, Arthur Warren and Clarence Hurd Burnham.

Judge Burnham died at his residence on Sunday, November 15, 1896, aged 79 years. The news of his death spread through the town and county with deep and widespread regret. Flags were flown at halfmast from the Courthouse and other public building.

His funeral was an event of Ontario County importance. It was conducted in the quiet manner in which the deceased judge had lived, but the pioneer public men from every part of the county were there.

Judge Zaccheus Burnham was buried in Union Cemetery, Oshawa, Ontario.



Judge Zaccheus Burnham

# John W. Burnham

## Postmaster, Court Clerk

John Warren Burnham was born in Whitby in 1849, the eldest son of Judge Zacheus Burnham. He was educated at Upper Canada College and Trinity College, where he received his degree. At the time of the Fenian Raids, he was a member of the Upper Canada Rifles.

He was Clerk of the Division Court when he moved to Port Perry at 22 years of age, and he held this office until the time of his death, a period of 58 years.

About ten years after his arrival, in January 1881, he was appointed postmaster for the village of Port Perry, following the resignation of Henry Gordon. Mr. Burnham served in his position of postmaster for a total of 45 years, and in all that time never missed a day from duty through illness, and rarely if ever, away from business for any other reason.

Mr. Burnham was one of the most highly respected citizens of Port Perry. In his two important offices he learned to know the people of the neighbourhood thoroughly, and his long tenure of office showed how much his ability and integrity were appreciated. He was a man of simple and regular habits, fond of his daily walk, and his interests centred around his home and family.

Mr. Burnham was married to Marion Hart in 1875, and the couple raised six children at their palatial Perry Street home. J.W. Burnham passed away in Port Perry on Sunday, September 23, 1928 in his 80th year. His wife Marion died on Sunday, March 3, 1940, at 90 years of age.



John W. Burnham



John Burnham's home on Perry Street, Port Perry.



John Warren Burnham

# Harris Burnham

## Education

Harris Burnham was born near Port Hope, Ontario in 1821, a son for John Burnham and his wife Hannah "Annatje" (Harris). As a young man he farmed, becoming a produce merchant.

He married Marian (Sisson) Burnham March 11, 1854, and the couple raised five children, William, John, Grace and Robert and Zacheus.

During the early 1860s the Burnham family moved to Reach Township where he became a grain buyer.

Harris Burnham took an active part in his new community and served as a trustee for the Port Perry Grammar and Common School. In 1866 he was appointed to the building committee to construct a new Church of England in Port Perry.

In 1871, Ontario County appointed him as the returning officer for the first election after the Village of Port Perry was incorporated. It was he who declared Joseph Bigelow, the first Reeve of the new village in January 1872.

Harris Burnham was 69 when he passed away on August 16, 1890. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

His wife Marian (Mary), died in Port Perry on Friday, October 11, 1918 at 83 years of age.



## Section Three



### James A. Carnegie Flour Mill Owner

James Andrew Carnegie was born in Scotland, June 2, 1843 and travelled to Canada when he was a young man 22 years of age. He was the only one of the family to follow in this father's footsteps as a miller, although he came from a milling family.

His first business enterprise was in Reach Township where he conducted a flour mill west of Manchester. Selling this he went to Raglan where he owned and operated flour and saw mills and a farm of 50 acres. He remained at Raglan for 11 years, during which time he gained his first experience in municipal affairs in the township council.

James married to Louise Fincham, at the old St. Andrews Church, Toronto, on March 21, 1871. They had nine children in 14 years: James, Abraham, Arthur John, Love, Annie, Charles Fincham, David Carnegie, William Carnegie, Eva Naoimi and Harry Carnegie.

In April 1868, Mr. Carnegie, having sold his property in Raglan, came to Port Perry and purchased the Trounce flour mills from the Ontario Bank. He carried on this business for almost 20 years. His flouring mills and planing mills were totally destroyed by a fire in June 1902, but undeterred he began to rebuild immediately and was in full operation only six months later. In 1907 he sold the entire business to David and Arthur J. Carnegie.

He was well known through the County, having taken an active part in public affairs. He served for a number of years on Port Perry council, and was Reeve for three terms. He was elected Warden of Ontario County in 1899. He was elected unanimously to the House of Assembly for the Liberals of South Ontario in 1907.

Good judgement and industry assured to Mr. Carnegie the success he achieved in his business ventures and the lumber mills in Port Perry will always be associated with his name. In 1891 he purchased the Union Flouring Mills and successfully operated it until June 1902 when it was destroyed by fire. Instead of re-building right away, Carnegie put up a semi-portable saw mill in the yard. Later that year he rebuilt and was in operation in less than a year and operated it until 1907 when he sold it to his sons.

To secure a reliable supply of lumber for the mill, Carnegie acquired cutting rights to forest lands north of Lake Scugog, in the Durham County cutting limits. Logs were rafted to the mill, drawn by Carnegie Milling Company steamer tug, "Stranger", which James had acquired from George Crandell. At that time, these were the last two steamers operating on Lake Scugog. With their demise, the age of steam ceased to exist as a part of industry on the lake.



*James Carnegie's Union Mill at the lakefront.*



**James Carnegie**

A tragic accident happened when James Carnegie's eldest son of James, 20, canoe tipped and he drowned while paddling out to meet the steamer Stranger.

After retirement from business, Mr. Carnegie took up lawn bowling for his recreation. He was Honorary President of the Central Law Bowling League. In 1913 he purchased a lot just west of the lawn bowling green on Queen St., and built a handsome brick house.

Mr. James Carnegie, was a resident of Port Perry for over 30 years died at his home on Tuesday, October 4, 1921, in his 79th year. His wife Louisa, and his children.

His funeral took place on Thursday and deceased was buried with full Masonic honours at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Louisa died on December 13, 1930, in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 83.

## W. Brian Callery

### Financial Planner

With energy to spare and a yearning to spin a good story, William Brian Callery has made his way through life successfully, both personally and in business. A self confessed “farm boy,” he was born into to farming family near Belleville on April 28, 1949, one of 11 children for Michael Henry and Anne Victoria (Brownson) Callery.

Brian attended Quinte Secondary School in Belleville and the University of Western Ontario. While still attending university in 1973, he purchased a lot and built a house on Rosa Street, Port Perry, which became his first home in the town.

After graduating he entered the life insurance, estate and financial planning business in Oshawa. It was in Oshawa that he met his future wife JoAnne Elaine (Durkee). They were married on August 28, 1982, seven years after their first date.

In 1990 Brian created an agency/brokerage firm as an extension of his business, of which he has been principal owner ever since. His company, the Callery Group has offices in Whitby and Port Perry.

In addition to his busy financial business, Brian and JoAnne have also found time to raise a family to two daughters in their beautiful Victorian home on Cochrane Street, Port Perry. JoAnne, not to be outdone, has owned her own small business in the town for more than 20 years.

It was his parents who taught him that giving back to your community can be one of life’s most rewarding gifts. He is an staunch supporter of Port Perry and Scugog Township through volunteering and participation. He served on the Kinsmen Club as a member and president for 15 years, a member of the Port Perry Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus. He also served on committees for a Scugog recreation study, hospital foundation and arena fundraising drives, was selected Scugog Business Person of the Year in 2008.

Passionate about his hometown, he admits he can sometimes be a “pain in the butt” when it comes to politics and responsibility, but he’s proud of being able to have raised his family in such a great community.



**Brian Callery**

## Dr. Edwin R. Campbell

### Physician, Automotive Pioneer



**Edwin Campbell**

Dr. Edwin Ruthven Campbell is a pioneer in the automotive industry and although his connection with Port Perry was brief, it was the birth place of his extraordinary and exciting life.

Edwin Campbell was born in Saintfield, on February 12, 1866, the son of Donald and Christina (McArthur) Campbell. The following year the family moved to Port Perry, where Edwin attended Port Perry High School and became close friends with Herbert Bruce and Sam McLaughlin, son of a carriage maker.

Edwin and Herbert went on to medical school together in Toronto. After graduating Edwin settled in Michigan, where he met W.C. (Billy) Durant a carriage maker. He married Durant’s daughter Margery on April 18, 1906, in Flint Michigan.

Durant bought out the Buick Motor Company and persuaded Edwin to give up his medical practice to work as his assistant and together they created General Motors. Edwin contacted Sam McLaughlin and convinced him to become involved in 1907 in producing automobiles using his Buick engines and chassis. This was the McLaughlin Buick.

After a rapid expansion of GM in Michigan, which involved the acquisition of Olds, Cadillac, Oakland (Pontiac) and numerous parts suppliers, Durant and Campbell overextended their finances, and bankers took control of GM in 1910. Undaunted, Edwin, along with Louis Chevrolet, established the Chevrolet Motor Company. By 1915 Billy and Edwin had built the Chevrolet company into a huge enterprise. It was so successful that they were able to use Chevrolet shares to regain control of GM and installed Durant as president.

Campbell and Durant again lost control of GM in 1920, so Durant turned his interests to the stock market and by the mid 1920s had become the voice of Wall Street. Edwin, with Durant as his mentor, became immensely wealthy. In 1921 Durant established the Durant Motor Car Company.

After their move to New York City, Edwin and Margery socialized with the Rockefellers, the Roosevelts, the Du Ponts, Charlie Chaplin, Charles Lindberg and Diamond Jim Brady. Margery and Edwin divorced in 1919, and Edwin became a land speculator in California later selling it to Standard Oil. He never remarried.

Edwin was 63 when he died of a heart condition on July 11, 1929 at while travelling on the S.S. Majestic to England. His body was returned and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in New York.

# William “Bill” Carneie

## Real Estate Developer

William (Bill) James Carnegie was born in 1911 in Port Perry, Ontario, one of four children for his parents Arthur (Art) John Carnegie and his wife, Mabel Irene (McCaw).

Bill was married to Laura Ethel Magill in 1936, and they had two children, Jim and Carol, during their marriage. Laura was born July 15, 1912 in Manvers, Ontario.

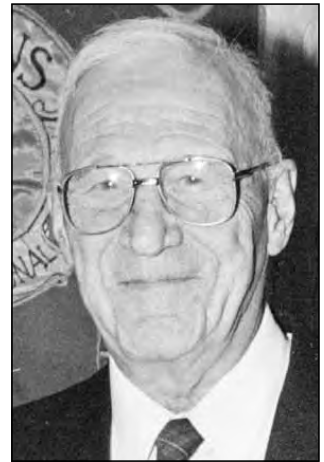
Bill Carnegie was a Charter Member of the Port Perry Lions Club when it formed in 1938, and was presented with a special medal at the 50th Anniversary of the club’s charter.

In 1956, Bill, his father Art, and three cousins purchased a farm on the north end of Scugog Island, which became known as Carnegie Beach. They sub-divided the lakeshore lots and built cottages for sale. Bill dabbled in Real Estate until he retired.

In August 1980, Bill and Laura sold the historic home they had lived in for 50? years. The home was built on Cochrane Street in 1877 by his grandfather, Joseph Bigelow and was considered one of the finest Italianate homes in Ontario County.

After selling the home, the original contents were sold by auction. Bill and Laura moved into a condominium in Oshawa, where they lived out the remainder of their lives.

Bill Carnegie was 89 years old when he died on May 24, 2000, at his home. His wife Laura passed away on December 15, 2005, when she was 93 years old. A service was held at Armstrong Funeral Home, Oshawa, with burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Bill Carnegie

# Samuel A. Cawker

## Teacher, Vice Principal

From student to teacher, Samuel Arthur Cawker in Reach Township spent a good portion of his life involved in Scugog’s education system.

Samuel was born on October 18, 1905, a son for Samuel J. and Leona Bell (Boynton) Cawker.

Samuel A. Cawker was raised in Port Perry and attended the yellow brick Public School on Conc. 8, Reach Township; Port Perry Public School and Port Perry High School before leaving for Toronto’s Normal School to become a teacher.

He took his first job at S.S. #7, a one-room school just south of Caesarea. There were 48 students at the school, which taught Grade 1 to Grade 8. His starting salary was \$1,000.

Sam Cawker left teaching for a few years to work with his brothers in the Toronto hardware business. He moved back to Port Perry when he accepted a teaching position at the elementary

school, staying on until he retired as vice-principal in 1968.

Looking back on his many years as an educator, Mr. Cawker said the most satisfying aspect of the job was seeing a child work hard to “make it through”, especially those children who may have had difficult times at home.

He was proud to attend the 1989 opening of a new public elementary school in Port Perry, named S.A. Cawker Public School, in his honour in 1989.

Samuel Arthur Cawker died peacefully in his home at Scugog Point on Monday, November 2, 1992. He was in his 88th year, and was interred at Nestleton United Cemetery, Nestleton, Ontario. His wife, Mabel Gladys (Armstrong) passed away five years later on March 6, 1997.



Samuel Arthur Cawker

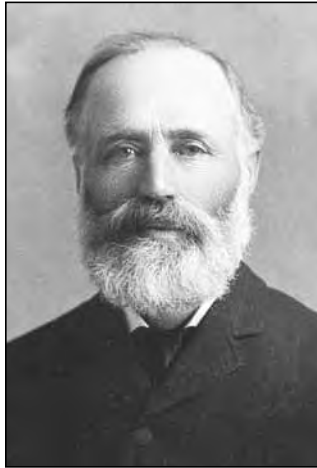


Samuel and Mabel Cawker 1991.

# Samuel T. Cawker

## Meat Merchant

Samuel Thomas Cawker was born in Devonshire, England, in 1843, the son of John and Elizabeth Cawker. He came to Canada with his parents when he was just seven years old, and the family settled in Bowmanville, establishing a butcher business.



Samuel Thomas Cawker

He opened a butcher shop in Borelia in 1861 and later moved to Port Perry in 1869 and opened the butcher business, becoming one of the town's first businessmen. During the 1880s he operated his meat stall from the Market Building and would close for part of the year to run a beef cart, with first-class meat, door to door in the town.

Following the fire of 1884, Samuel's son's John and Alymer joined him in business, operating successfully until 1918, when S.T. Cawker retired to his home in Borelia, and the business was sold to Ralph Fitchett of Manchester.

Mr. Cawker was a keen student of markets and kept thoroughly posted upon all public matters. A man of thoroughly dependable character, he stuck by his principles, often to his own financial loss.

He was of a retiring nature, and did not fill any public office; but as a kindly neighbour and good citizen and will long be remembered by his many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Cawker was married to Mary Hannah Thorndyke, on March 7, 1866, in Bowmanville, from which eight children were born: Lillia J., Samuel John, Bertha Frances, William Weston, Florence Nora, Alymer Bolton, George Oscar and Chas. Henry.

S.T. Cawker, who was a highly respected citizen, passed away at Port Perry on Thursday, December 15, 1938. He had retained his faculties until the day of his death. His wife, Mary passed away on May 25, 1934 at the age of 84 years. She had lived in Port Perry for 64 years.



Samuel T. Cawker



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March 5, 1902.



# A. Albert Cawker

## Butcher Shop Owner & Rancher

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Albert Cawker worked at the Cawker Bros. Meat Market for the best part of his life.

Aylmer 'Albert' Cawker was born on May 24, 1914, in Port Perry, Ontario, a son for his parents, Aylmer Bolton and Iona Beatrice A. (Orchard) Cawker.

Albert was educated at schools in Port Perry, before moving to Toronto where he worked for Canada Packers. It was while he lived in Toronto he married his high school sweetheart Vivien Elaine Wallace in Port Perry on August 30, 1941.

Albert and Vivien lived in a beautiful home on six acres of farm and orchard at the Port Perry Townline on the corner of Highway 7A and 6th Concession, Port Perry. Here they raised three children during their marriage, Joel Albert, Daniel Roy and Bonnie Enid Elaine as well as several generations of horses enjoyed by their children during their formative years.

Albert also maintained the two Cawker family ranches north of Port Perry used for raising sheep, grazing cattle and growing hay. Both properties were sold in the 1970s, the smaller on the 8th Concession to be transformed into Parkinson's Strawberry farm and the larger on Simcoe Street North to be developed into "Cawker Estates" with many luxury homes next to Beaver Meadows and Lake Scugog.

Albert joined his father, A.B. Cawker, in the family butcher business about 1946, and after his father retired, he took over ownership of the business. Albert operated Cawker's Butcher Shop successfully, from its location on the south side of Queen Street, until he closed the shop and retired in 1978.

Albert Cawker was a successful businessman and this was recognized by him being elected president of the Port Perry Businessmen's Association in 1953. He also served on the Board of Education, serving a number of terms as a trustee.

After retiring the Cawkers moved to Bobcaygeon. Aylmer 'Albert' Cawker died on November 19, 1989, in the hospital at Lindsay, Ontario at the age of 75. His wife, Vivien died on November 17, 1992, in Lindsay, Ontario, at the age of 73.



**Albert Cawker**



*Albert Cawker family home on the corner of Hwy. 7A and the 6th Concession.*



*Owners and staff lined up on the day of business at Cawker Bros. on September 1, 1973. From left, Larry Andrews, Bob Grills, Jack "John" Cawker, Lisa Cawker, Daniel Cawker, Eunice Parrinder, Vivien Cawker, Albert Cawker, Beth Grills and Kathy Sonley*

# Alexander G. Christie

## University Professor

Alexander Graham Christie was born near Manchester, Ont. in 1880, the son of Peter & Mary Christie. He attended both Manchester Public School and Port Perry High School, before completing his education at the University of Toronto.

After his association with the University of Toronto, Cornell University, and the University of Wisconsin, A. G. Christie joined the staff of the new Mechanical Engineering Department of The Johns Hopkins University as Associate Professor in 1914. He began teaching evening classes in 1916 and directed the evening program until 1953.



**Professor A.G. Christie**

Promoted to Professor in 1920, Christie was appointed Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department in 1921.

Professor Christie officially retired in 1948 but continued teaching until 1956. During his association with The Johns Hopkins University, Professor Christie was involved in many outside professional activities.

In April 1953 Dr. Christie's life was featured in the Johns Hopkins publication "The Vector." Dr. Christie is professor emeritus of John Hopkins School of Engineering.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for over fifty years and its president in 1939. He held honorary memberships in the Institute of Mechanical Engineers of Great Britain and the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Apart from the University, Professor Christie is most remembered for his professional services as a consulting engineer for countless firms in the United States and Canada, most notably Westinghouse and Allis-Chalmers. He was an internationally recognized expert on steam power plants.

Professor Christie was awarded honorary degrees by the Stevens Institute of Technology, Lehigh University and The Johns Hopkins University.

He received the George Westinghouse Gold Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Lamme Medal from the American Society for Engineering Education. "Executive positions and good salaries go to those who do

well the jobs they like least" is a quote Professor Christie liked to recall.

Professor A. G. Christie was a very successful engineer because he did all jobs well. His achievements and honours attest to this.

Dr. Alexander Graham Christie, passed away at the Community Hospital, Port Perry on Saturday, October 24, 1964. Dr. A.G. Christie, was husband of Flora Brown Christie, father of Peter Graham Christie of Baltimore, Catherine Graham Christie of Port Perry. Brother of Grant Christie of Port Perry.

He is also survived by three grand daughters, in his 84th years. Dr. Christie was resting at the home of his daughter, Catherine Christie, for private funeral service on Monday, October 26, 1964, at 2 p.m. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

# Duncan Christie.

## Agricultural

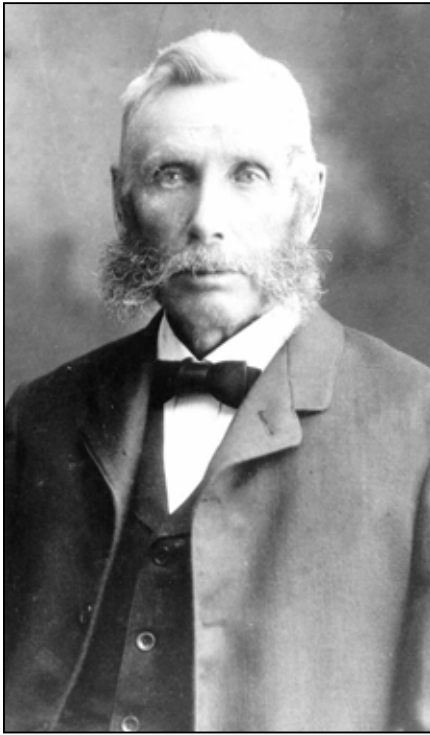
Duncan Christie was born in 1824 in Killin, Perthshire, Scotland, to Janet McAlpin and John Christie. His wife, Christina Claughton was born on December 25, 1832, in Yorkshire, England. The Christie family immigrated to Canada about 1853 and settled near Utica, Ontario, where they raised two sons and three daughters.

Duncan Christie occupied a prominent place in the foremost ranks of our country's future. He took a forward and leading part in every movement likely to benefit the community.

Agricultural pursuits were his choice and he was one of the chief promoters and originators of the Agricultural Society, acting as its secretary for many years. He was regarded as a valuable member of community and held some of the most important positions in the municipality. In the church and school he proved of much importance.

After a residence of 30 years in the locality, he leaves it vastly better than he found it and his thrift and industry have secured for his family a generous portion of this world's goods.

He was 58 when passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 1883, and was buried at Breadalbane Cemetery, Utica, Ontario. Christina died on March 16, 1915, in Ontario at 82 years, and was buried beside her husband.



**John Christie, Sr.**

## **John Christie, Sr.**

### **Pioneer Farmer**

John Christie was born on February 21, 1798 in Perthshire, Scotland. His father was Duncan and his mother Christian.

He married Janet McAlpin and they had one son, John, born in 1835 in Scotland. Janet passed away in 1835 in Scotland.

In 1840 he emigrated to Canada, purchasing a farm of 200 acres at Utica, and there he settled and remained there until his death.

It was through his efforts, that the Utica Presbyterian Church was built, after he wrote to the Marquis of Breadalbane in Scotland of the want of churches in Canada. The Earl sent a subscription of £20 sterling and with this and the contributions of lumber, shingles and timber the church was built in 1849.

He married Elizabeth McDonald on April 18, 1845, in Ontario, Canada. They had seven children. He lived a most exemplary life, honourable and upright in all his dealings. A kind and devoted husband, a loving father and estimable friend. He was one of the noble pioneers to whom the country is so much indebted for all that maker her good and prosperous.

John Christie, Sr., one of Reach Twp. early settlers, and most respected citizens, died on February 24, 1881, at his farm at Utica having lived a long life of 83 years. A large gathering from the township joined the funeral cortege from the family residence to the Presbyterian Church, Utica, which was filled for the service.

Following the service he was buried in the cemetery at Utica, Ontario. His wife Elizabeth passed way on August 27, 1872, at the age of 66. They had been married 43 years.

## **John Christie, Jr.**

### **Reach Township Clerk**

John Christie, Jr. was born on March 15, 1834, in Killin, Perthshire, Scotland, the son of Janet and John Christie. He was five years-old when he emigrated to Canada with his family in 1840, settling and clearing the land and working on the family farm in Utica, Ontario.

He was married to Sarah Claughton, on January 24, 1860, in Whitby, Ontario, and soon after purchasing a property in Utica. They had eight children, Jane, John Joseph, Ann Sarah, Zella may, Nathaniel Merwin, Mary E., Liza and Eunice.

He took a great interest in his community serving as Reach Township Clerk from 1861-1885, treasurer for the North Ontario Agricultural Society, and was president of the Manchester Division Sons of Temperance in 1875.

Mr. Christie's unbounded hospitality and entertaining retained for him the esteem and respect of all. He was always active and healthy, until about two years ago cancer made its appearance.

John Christie, Jr. died on September 16, 1905, in Ontario in his 71st year. a large circle of friends and acquaintances lament his loss, and those who knew him best, respected him the most. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Sarah, two sons and six daughters.

His wife, Sarah, died on March 29, 1915, in Utica, Ontario, at 75 years, and was interred beside her husband at Utica.



**John Christie Jr.**



## Peter Christie, Sr. Scotch Settlement Pioneer

Peter Christie was one of those noble pioneers to whom everyone referred to with pride and respect. He was born in 1799, and raised to manhood at Killin, Perthshire, Scotland. He was one of six children for Donald M. and Jean (McIntyre) Christie. He left his native land in 1831 with his brother Donald to come to Canada, where he settled in Reach Township, between Utica and Manchester which became known as the Scotch Settlement.

Peter and his wife Jane had three sons, Peter, Hugh, James, and five daughters, Jane, Lucy, Catherine, Margaret and Mary, between 1828 and 1853. His wife Jane was only 54 when she passed away on September 11, 1857.

It says much to the character and bearing of deceased that after a residence of 51 years in the locality he should have friends in all who knew him, and not an enemy. He had secured and maintained the respect and goodwill of all. After a residency of some 26 years in the country, he lost the gentle and amiable partner of his life, his companion and solace.

Peter Christie passed away at his home on Saturday, August 26, 1882, at the age of 82 years. He left four sons and six daughters to mourn his loss. His funeral was attended by a very large number of friends and relatives, and he was laid to rest at the Presbyterian burial ground, Utica.

## Peter Christie, Jr. Farmer

Reach Township lost one of its pioneers in the death of Peter Christie, who had been in failing health for some time. Lovingly spoken of as "Peter" by all who knew him, there was no more esteemed citizen in the County.

Peter Christie was the son of John and Jean (McLaren) Christie, who came to Canada in 1845 and settled on the 6th concession or Reach. He was born October 30, 1846 in a log cabin on the 7th Conc. Later the family moved to a farm west of Epsom, where at the local school he received his early education.

A well-to-do farmer, Mr. Christie owned several farms, but resided in his residence on Dundreenan Farm, south of the village of Manchester.

Mr. Christie's public service was varied, covered many years and was much appreciated because of his good judgement and unflinching kindness. In 1876 he entered Reach Council and was identified with public affairs for 30 years, holding every office of the people. As a young man he entered the municipal council, where he served as reeve for eight years, from 1879-1883 and again from 1897-1899, and was honoured by election to the office of Warden in 1881. In 1904 he was the Conservative standard bearer in South Ontario and represented that riding for four years in the Federal Parliament.

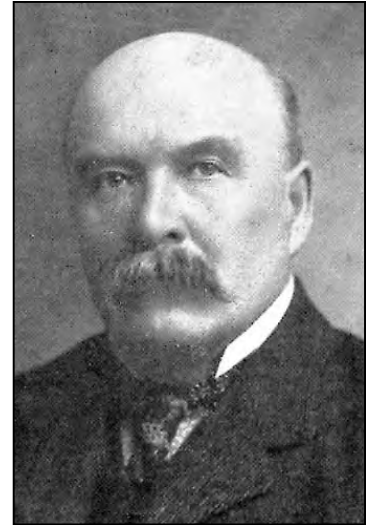
He was a director of the Maple Leaf Insurance Co. from 1895 to 1931. Two prominent Agricultural Association honoured him by electing him as their President. - The Guelph Winter Fair and the Clydesdale Breeders' Association. He was also a member of the Stallion Enrolment Board.

It was in the field of agriculture that Mr. Christie's most effective service was rendered. His knowledge of farming and livestock was recognized in many ways, and his farm became noted as the home of thoroughbred stock.

His loyal support was always given the Breadalbane Presbyterian Church at Utica. His father, John Christie, was largely responsible for the building of that church.

In 1879 Peter Christie married Mary Honor (Graham), who predeceased him on Saturday, January 12, 1924. He is survived by three sons, Grant and Fred at home, and Prof. Graham Christie of the Agricultural Department of John Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Peter Christie passed away at his home on Dundreenan Farm, Manchester, on Tuesday, December 12, 1933, in his 88th year.



Peter Christie



Peter Christie, 1881

## Grant H.G. Christie

### Farmer, Politician

One of Manchester and Reach Township's most highly respected residents, John Heuroid Grant Christie, died in his 92nd year at Community Memorial Hospital.

Grant Christie was born on November 23, 1884. He was the son of Peter Christie Jr. and his wife Mary. Grant was educated at Manchester and high school in Port Perry.

He married Lillian Lenora Louise Farrow on January 15, 1920. They had four children during their marriage.

Grant Christie was a farmer, but had a keen interest in local and provincial politics. He was a staunch support of the conservative party, although never ran for provincial or federal office.

In 1926 he was honoured to be elected president of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society.

After leaving farming, for ten years was clerk-treasurer of the Township of Reach. During the 1930s he served as Reeve of the township for three consecutive terms. In 1934 he was honoured by being elected Warden of the County of Ontario.

Grant Christie passed away on April 7, 1976 and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. He was survived by his sons, Fred, Donald, John and Mac, all of Manchester. His wife, Lillian Farrow, predeceased him.



Grant Christie

## Yvonne Christie

### Educator

A long-time member of the Scugog community, Yvonne Christie, passed away on February 18, 1995, leaving behind a legacy of community commitment.

Yvonne came to Scugog in the 1950s and began teaching at both Port Perry High School and Cartwright High School. Her interest in education resulted in her becoming a member of the board of the Ontario County Board of Education in 1972. She held this position until 1975, when she became Chair of the education board for five terms.

After leaving the board of education, she entered municipal politics, being elected in a councillor in 1985. After seven years on council, she became Scugog's Regional Council, a position she held until the time of her death.

In addition to her political interests, she was a dedicated community supporter. She served as a director and president of the Scugog Historical Society and the Central Seven Community Living Association. She was a hard working member for the Royal Canadian Legion, and took part in many local events.

Yvonne Christie will be remembered as a compassionate woman, but was very strong and would fight for what she believed in.

After suffering a stroke in early 1995, she appeared to be making progress, but she passed away in her sleep after a great day with her best friend.

Yvonne Christie, 62, died peacefully at Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Saturday, February 18, 1995. She was predeceased by her husband John and is survived by her son Peter, and sister Marjorie.

A memorial service was held in the Wagg Funeral Home.



Yvonne Christie

# Samuel H. Christian

## Merchant

Samuel Hill Christian was born in Ontario about 1844 and lived in Manchester, Ontario. He was married to Kate Currie, daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Cronk) Currie on May 18, 1869 at Prince Albert, Ontario.

Mr. Christian throughout the 1860s and 1870s was a leading community figure, noted for his public spirit. He was a leader in mercantile pursuits, at Manchester, the business centre of the township of Reach at this time.

He was also extensively engaged in the purchase of grain, and his expertise was often called on to judge the commodity anywhere it was to be found. His popularity as a buyer made him famous across the county. His success as a business man and grain buyer was phenomenal up to the time of the great slump in the price of barley during the 1880s.

He is said to have been possessed with far more than ordinary ability, and he was public spirited and generous to a fault. His popularity was almost unbounded and any attempts to enter into public life were rewarded with election. He served as Reach Township Reeve in 1886.

Mr. Christian was a loving and devoted husband, and indulgent father and a true friend.

Samuel Hill Christian passed away in Toronto on Friday, October 25, 1907 in his 64th year. His remains were interred at Pine Grove Cemetery. He has one surviving son Arthur Christian, of Whitby.

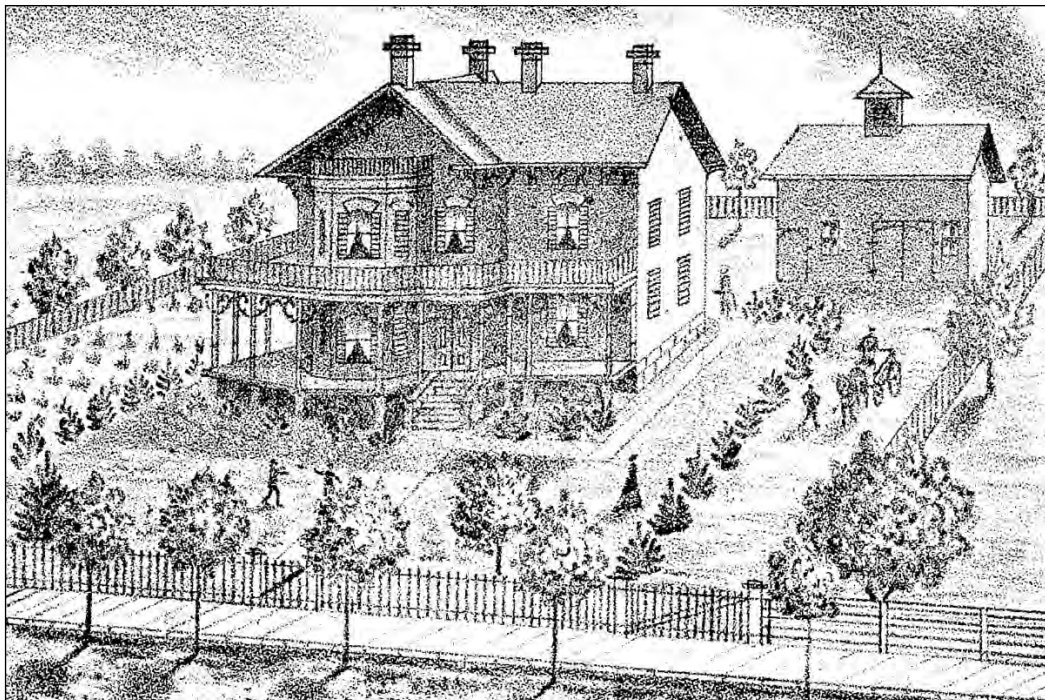
Mr. Christian's wife Kate, was only 37 years old when she died from convulsions, on January 17, 1884.



Samuel H. Christian



Samuel H. Christian's store Manchester, Ontario.



The Manchester home of Samuel H. Christian, 1877.

## Dr. George H. Clemens

### Physician

George H. Clemens, is a native of Waterloo County, Ont., where he was born on March 20, 1857. His father was Oliver Clemens and his mother Elizabeth.

George Clemens was educated at the Galt Collegiate Institute, and afterwards graduated at Victoria University, Cobourg. He studied his profession at the Toronto School of Medicine, from which he received his diploma in 1880, in which year he began to practice his profession in Berlin.

He married Emma Celia Van Camp on August 31, 1881, in Kitchener, Ontario and they had one son, Lewis Waldemar Clemens.

In January 1883 Dr. G.H. Clemens and his family moved to Port Perry where he became successor to J.D. Anderson. His office was located over Corrigan's store. The doctor moved again in April 1885, this time locating his office and residence opposite the Town Hall, at the corner of Queen and Lilla St. (Simcoe).

On Saturday morning August 24, 1895, about four o'clock in the morning, Dr. Clemens was awoken by smoke, only to discover that his fine house was on fire. The flames spread with such rapidity that he had barely time to escape and soon the whole structure, together with its valuable contents, were nothing but a heap of debris.

Loss was \$11,000, but he was only insured for \$6,000 on the house, and \$3,000 on the contents. It is likely the doctor will rebuild at once. Mrs. Lillie Clemens and her son, Louie, were away at Niagara at the time of the fire.

It was speculated the doctor would rebuild at once, although an article in the newspaper later that year said he would not start until the following spring. Dr. Clemens never did rebuild the house but in January 1896, due to failing health, Dr. Clemens took in a partner, Dr. E.L. Proctor.

In December 1896 his good friend J.W. Meharry hosted a gathering of 75 guests at a party given as a farewell to the popular doctor and his wife.

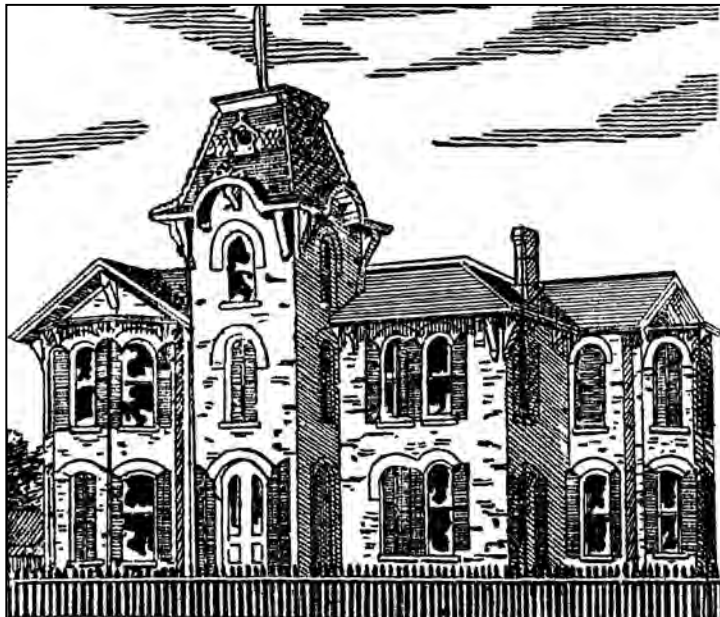
Before leaving Port Perry, Dr. Clemens sold the vacant property to his partner. Dr. Proctor took over ownership in January 1897, rebuilt a new home and office on the site and practiced medicine there until 1908, when he moved to Whitby to continue his practice.

Dr. George Clemens died on September 23, 1917, in Toronto, Ontario, at the age of 60.

His wife, Emma, died on December 9, 1913, at the age of 57.



Dr. George Clemens



Dr. Clemens beautiful brick home, and office at the corner of Queen and Simcoe Street was destroyed by fire in August, 1895.

# William M. Cochrane

## Attorney At Law

William Maurice Cochrane was a very progressive and influential attorney, who helped form the direction of sections of Port Perry during the early 1870s.

Born in Whitby, Ontario in 1844, William Cochrane was one of ten children raised by his parents, Samuel and Deborah (Powell).

He was only 22, years old when he married Adelaide (Addie) Gallagher, 19, on November 21, 1866, in Wentworth, Ontario. They had eighty children, of which seven born in Port Perry. After graduating with a law degree, in the mid-1860s, the young lawyer moved his family to Port Perry.

In the December 1866 William joined forces with Joseph Bigelow and Charles Paxton to purchase a 50 acres of land bounded by Lilla, Rosa, Queen and Paxton Streets.

William Cochrane persuaded the group to create more lots by replacing Maria Street with two streets. The new streets were named Bigelow Street and Cochrane Street. Paxton Street was also named at that time.

During his residence in Port Perry, he served as an officer for the Brethren of the Prince Albert Lodge of A.F. and A.M., a Trustee for the Port Perry Grammar and Common School, President of the Prince Albert Cricket Club, and Clerk for the Village Port Perry from 1874-1880.

Though actively involved in the village, less than 20 years after moving to Port Perry, William Cochrane left the town. By 1884 he was living in Moorhead, Minnesota, USA, and he moved back to Canada and was living in Yale, British Columbia in the early 1890s.

William M. Cochrane was 56 years old when died on October 16, 1900, in Vernon, British Columbia. His wife Addie, died on September 20, 1920, in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of 71. Both were buried in the Vernon Cemetery in British Columbia.



William M. Cochrane



Jack Cook

# Jack Cook, Sr.

## Scugog Fire Chief

Jack Cook was a life-time resident of Port Perry. Born on August 22, 1926, the only son for Ray and Alice (Williams) Cook. The family included Jack and six sisters.

After finishing school, he enlisted in the Canadian army, training at Camp Borden and in Toronto, but the war ended before he saw service overseas.

When the war ended, he returned to Port Perry where he apprenticed as a mechanic at his uncle Murray Williams Ford-Mercury dealership. Years later, he continued as a mechanic with Bob Archer Motors.

Jack was married to Mabel (Ferneley) on May 26, 1945 and the couple raised five children. Mabel and Jack enjoyed bowling and dancing and could often be seen floating around the hall at the Port Perry Legion or bowling a Centennial Lanes.

Jack Cook, proudly served as a volunteer fireman for more than 35 years, was chosen to be the first Fire Chief of the amalgamated Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Fire Department in October 1970. He was awarded a service medal for his years on the department, in 1992, and retired in October 1992 after 35 years in the

department, 22 of them as fire chief.

As a veteran of World War II, Jack became a member of the Port Perry Legion, Branch 419, serving many years on the executive and as President of the Legion.

Jack passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Port Perry Place Nursing Home, at age 88. He left behind his dearly love Mabel, and children Marie, Leanne, Robert, and Lynn. His son, Jack Cook Jr. predeceased him. A service to celebrate his life was held in the chapel on Wednesday, August 5, with interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



**Dr. William Cohoon**

## Dr. William J. Cohoon

### Physician, Surgeon

Had William Cohoon’s grandfather and family been successful in purchasing tickets on the S.S. Titanic in 1912, there would never have been a Cohoon family in Canada.

But they were unable to get tickets – so it was six years later when Bill’s Irish father, William James boarded a ship to come to Canada. His mother Edith Margaret Isabella Stewart arrived in Canada in 1920 and they met years later near Toronto and were married in 1926.

William was the youngest of four children, two boys and two girls, born on October 9, 1939 at Long Branch in the west end of Toronto, where his parents farmed, and owned a small market garden. He attended public and high school in Port Credit, before the family moved to Georgetown in 1955, where he finished high school.

After completing high school, he attended McMaster University and the University of Toronto where he graduated as a medical degree in 1965. He then interned at the Toronto Western Hospital in the cardiovascular fellowship program.

It was at Western he met his future wife, Whitney Laird, who was a teacher of surgical technique and a research assistant. They were engaged on Valentine’s Day, 1967 and married on June 23, 1967.

During his second year at Western, Bill learned from Dr. Ralph Price about great opportunity in Port Perry who had just constructed a new hospital and were offering financial support to recruit young doctors to move to the community. Local resident and businessman Ted Griffen was a major supporter of this community drive, and took Bill and Whitney for a sight seeing flight over Port Perry and Lake Scugog. It was during this flight he told the young doctor he would not land the plane until he committed to come to town.

Bill and Whitney moved to Port Perry in September 1968, opening his first office as a family doctor in the front room of the home they purchased on North Street. It was here they began both his medical practice and their family, being blessed with five children over the next six years.

He and his colleague, Dr. Ralph Price, turned sod for a new medical facility and their Medical Associates building officially opened in January 1969, across Paxton Street from the new Community Memorial Hospital.

Having been raised on a farm, in 1975 Bill and Whitney purchased a farm property on Whitfield Road, just north of Port Perry, returning him to his farming roots. It was here they built their new home, which they continue to live.

In addition to his busy life as a physician, surgeon and farmer, Bill also took a keen interest in politics and his community. He served as a director and president of the Chamber of Commerce; was a long-time member and past president of the Port Perry Agricultural Society; served on the Community Memorial Hospital Board as the Chief of Staff, and after retiring from active practice, he became a member of the Durham Region Hospital Board. For his dedication and contributions to the community, he was named to the Mayor’s Honour Roll in 2008 and also selected as the Scugog’s Citizen of the Year.

After more than 30 years as a Port Perry physician and surgeon, Dr. Bill Cohoon retired in September 2002, to enjoy more time working on the farm. His great satisfaction, outside his professional career, comes from his wife Whitney, and their five children and 18 grandchildren.

Dr. William J. Cohoon died after a lengthy illness on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Port Perry, at age 80



*Dr. Bill Cohoon and his wife Whitney, 1968, in their new home on North Street, Port Perry.*

## Roy H. Cornish

### Teacher - Principal

Roy Hooey Cornish was born on July 16, 1906 in Orono, Ontario and attended Bowmanville High School before graduating from the Peterborough Normal School as a teacher.

A son of William George and Willimena (Mina) Cornish, Roy married Margaret Elaura Mae (Allin) in Orono on August 3, 1935. Both Roy and his new wife were teachers at the time of their marriage.

Roy came to Port Perry in 1931 to begin teaching, and spent the next 40 years teaching. He spent the first five years in rural schools before teaching at Port Perry Public School for one year. He was named principal the following year and served in that capacity for the next 34 years. Upon his retirement in June 1966, the school was renamed, R.H. Cornish Public School in his honour.

In addition to his love for education, he was a member of the Port Perry United Church, Masonic Lodge and the Port Perry Lions Club. He also served as a director and president of the local Tennis Club, and was an avid member of the Port Perry Curling Club.

Roy H. Cornish passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 1981 at Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry. Mr. Cornish was survived by his wife Margaret, son William (Bill) and his wife Norma. A Masonic Service was held in the McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home, and the funeral service was held at the United Church. Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery.



Roy H. Cornish

## Dr. Jack Cottrell

### Dentist

Dr. Jack Cottrell arrived in Port Perry and opened a dental office in 1975. It was the start of a long and distinguished career in dentistry for both the community and the world.

Born in Toronto in 1948, Jack was the only son of Vernon and Thelma (Knoblauch) Cottrell, who also raised one daughter, Ruth Carol. After compelling elementary and high school in Scarborough, Jack attended the University of Toronto, graduating as a dentist in 1975.

He co-founded a dental practice with Dr. Jim Hardy in Port Perry, but continued to commute to Toronto, working at an inner city clinic once a week. He also volunteered in his own community at the nursing home.

Dr. Jack, as he became known, was a compassionate and caring man, with a large smile and magnetic personality. He was admired and loved by his patients, family and friends.

Less than five years after arriving in Port Perry, this energetic man was named chairman of the building committee for a new Scugog Memorial Library. In 1982 he was elected as a councillor for Scugog Township, serving one three-year term. Jack also was as a director of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, Scugog Big Brothers Association, and was chairman of Town Hall 1873.

He was extremely hard working and generous with his time. In addition to his commitment to the Port Perry community, he immersed himself into his field of dentistry in both the national and international levels. Over a period of 30 years he served in almost every capacity in several dental organizations.



Dr. Jack Cottrell

Jack was a director and president of the Ontario Dental and Canadian Dental Associations and became a delegate and treasurer for the World Dental Federation. He also volunteered his services and time on numerous dental missions to Central America and was instrumental in building a two-chair dental facility at the Mission of Hope in Haiti following an earthquake in 2010, which killed more than 230,000 people.

For his dedication to his profession, Dr. Cottrell received many award and fellowships during his career. Among them was the Ontario Dental Association Honourary Membership, and the University of Toronto Award of Distinction. He also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

While his career was of great importance to him, Jack was dedicated to his family. His four children, from previous marriages, Kelly-Ann, John, Jason and Justin, attended their father's wedding to Michelle Laguna, in California on November 23, 2001.

The Cottrells live in Port Perry on Island View Court.

# Thomas Courtice

## Harness Manufacturer

Thomas Courtice was born in 1829 in Buckland Brewer, Devon, England. He married Annie Cory, also of Devon, England, and the immigrated to Canada in 1852. Annie and Thomas had three sons and three daughters, with their first child being born at Prince Albert in 1857.

Mr. Courtice started in the leather and saddlery business in 1854 at Prince Albert, and in 1860 joined forces with John Rolph in the manufacturing of harness products. With the arrival of the railway in Port Perry, Mr. Courtice moved to his new building near the corner of Queen and Perry St. in 1874, to open his new harness shop. Unfortunately, like so many other businesses, the Courtice Block was destroyed in the fire of 1884.

Mr. Courtice's business was a success from the start, catering to needs that were widespread in the community. In 1887, he formed a partnership with Samuel Jeffrey, and they successfully carried on with their business, Courtice and Jeffrey Harness Shop, until his death.

In 1869 he served as treasurer of the Prince Albert Public Hall Joint Stock Co., and while a resident of Port Perry served on the town council. He was also a devoted Christian, who served as the Sabbath School Superintendent and for a time was the local preacher while in Prince Albert.

Thomas Courtice, one of the community's best loved and esteemed residents, passed away in Port Perry on Friday, March 1, 1901, at the age of 71 years. In respect for this pioneer resident, the businesses of Port Perry closed for the afternoon of his funeral as he was laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Left to mourn him was his wife, Annie (Cory), 79, who died on February 8, 1913 in Port Perry.



*Thomas Courtice store on Queen Street, Port Perry 1875.*

# George A. Cope

## Communications

George Cope was born on July 28, 1961 Scarborough, Ontario but his parents, Lang and Daisy Cope, moved to Port Perry about 1998 to open a fabric shop, Daisy's Fabrics.

George attended Port Perry High School where he excelled in both studies and sports. His career at PPHS was marked with many highlights including being the starting center of the PPHS Senior Boys' basketball team's on its journey to the All Ontario Championships. He was also president of the Student Council and won the Most Outstanding Athlete of the year award in his final year at PPHS

After graduating from Port Perry High School, George enrolled in the University of Western Ontario. By this time, having developed his basketball skills in Port Perry, he became the starting centre on the University of Western Ontario's basketball team.

George graduated in 1984, from UWO "Ivy Business School" with an honours degree in Business Administration. He began working in the electronics industry, and later established Clearnet Communications, an early cellular company.

When George sold Clearnet to Telus Mobility, in 2000 he became the CEO of Telus. The company thrived under his leadership and he was pursued by other communication giants.

In 2006 George was hired as President and Chief Operating Officer of Bell Canada, one of Canada's largest corporations. His success in that role has made him the subject of national media attention.

George also serves on the board of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment which owns the Toronto Maple Leafs ice hockey team and the Toronto Raptors basketball team. In 2015 George was named Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year. He regularly appears in the lists of Canada's most successful executives.

George and his wife Tami, live in Lawrence Park in Toronto with their three children.



**George A. Cope**



# Benjamin Crandell

## First White Child in Reach

Benjamin Crandell was the first white child born in the Township of Reach in 1825, the son of Reuben and Catherine Crandell.

Benjamin Crandell had a checkered life when he was a young man and spent time in the Penitentiary.

At 18 years of age, on January 26, 1844, he was sentenced to a six-year term in the Toronto Gaol. He was pardoned even though he still had two and a half years to serve in his sentence. His pardon was a result of an appeal by his parents, and others in Reach Township, they claiming he was only 16 years old when he was sentenced.

His beloved wife was Annie (Cook) Crandell, was born 1829, and died on November 11, 1912 at 82 years of age. They had one son, Wallace Reuben.

It was Benjamin who sold the village of Port Perry the lot on which to build the new Town Hall in 1873, for \$1,000. Benjamin Crandell passed away on July 6, 1886 and was buried in the family plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.

# Caleb Crandell

## Land Owner

Caleb Crandell was the fourth son of the late Reuben and Catherine (Moore) Crandell, the first white settlers in the township of Reach. He was born on July 14, 1830 in Borelia, near Port Perry, one of 10 children the Crandell's raised.

In 1873 he building an impressive two-storey yellow brick home at the corner of Hwy. 7A and Old Simcoe Road, in an area of town originally known as Borelia.

One of Port Perry's oldest residents, at the time of his death. At one time he was the most extensive property holder in the town. Throughout the late 1870s he began to sell-off a large number of valuable building lots in Port Perry. The lots were all part of the original 200 acres purchased by his father, including the piece at the corner of Queen and Lilla St. (Simcoe St.), on which the municipality constructed a Town Hall in 1873.

Caleb Crandell was elected to the first council for the new Village of Port Perry in 1872, and served for many years on the village council. He was always an enterprising and respected citizen of the town and was one of the Charter Members of Warriner Lodge, No. 74, Independent Order of Oddfellows.

While a bachelor for most of his life, at the age of 60 years, he married 30 year-old Sarah Jane Moore of Port Perry, on March 4, 1896 at York, (Toronto) Ontario. The couple had no children. They lived in an impressive two-storey house in Borelia.

Caleb Crandell passed away on January 8, 1907 and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert with all the honours of the Oddfellows Lodge. He left behind his widow Sarah Jane, who lived in Port Perry the remainder of her life. She passed away on May 5, 1937.

# Catherine Crandell

## Pioneer Mother

Catherine (Moore) Crandell is believed to have been born May 7, 1799 in Pennsylvania. She met her husband Reuben in Haldimand, Ontario and the two were married November 20, 1819 in Haldimand Township, Northumberland County.

In May of 1821, the couple, along with baby Stephen Elmore, made their way from Columbus (English Corners) to Prince Albert.

Reuben and Catherine were the first white settlers in Reach Township and they cleared enough land to build a simple log cabin. For a number of years, they were the only settlers in the area, but they persevered. Despite living a tough, lonely life, Catherine raised a family while her husband cleared the land.

For 12 years she worked along side her husband helping, as well as taking care of their children and looking after household duties. Despite the hardships of pioneer life, Catherine gave birth to 12 children. Their children were: Lucy Ann, Reuben Jr., Benjamin, George, Caleb, Stephen Elmore, Janet, Clarke, Ruth, Mary Adelaide, Eber and Janet.

About 1832, Catherine along with the children, followed Reuben north-east of Prince Albert to Borelia, where they settled into a new home. Their daughter Lucy Ann was the first white child to be born in Reach Township. Reuben Jr., was the first white male born in the township.

Catherine Crandell was 71 years old when she passed away in Port Perry on July 31, 1870. She was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

## George Crandell

### Steamship Builder

George Crandell was born in Reach Township in 1828, the second son of Reuben and Catherine Crandell, the first white family to settle in the township.

By the time he was 18 years old, he began showing interest in boats, and in 1845 helped his father build the Firefly, a crude packet which was propelled by oars and sails. This experience whet his appetite for shipping and when he heard of plans to build a large steamship, the Woodman, at Port Perry, he was hired to help in its construction, and later became a member of its crew when it was launched in 1850.

George Crandell was married to Henrietta (Hopper) while still living in Port Perry, and they raised five children, Gertrude, Arthur, G.A., Marjorie and Hilda. In 1866 he moved his family to Lindsay, which had become a more strategic centre for shipping than Port Perry, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

By 1869 the ambitious young Crandell had built four steamships and was owner of the largest and busiest fleet of ship in the Central Lakes. His crowning achievement came in 1891 with the launching of the Crandella, the largest passenger carrying steamship in the Kawarthas.

Capt. Crandell was described as one of the most rugged and active persons the area had every known. His passion was steam boating, and he indulged in it with so much enthusiasm, he was credited for much of the development of navigation in the area.

He was considered one of the most forceful, persistent and picturesque figures in Lindsay's municipal history, serving over 30 years on the local council. He loved his adopted town and each winter, when not busy with his steamships, he constructed homes. During his lifetime in the town, he built close to 100 houses.

Towards the close of the 1901, Capt. George Crandell retired, almost 50 years after the his maiden voyage on the Woodman. Including his early days aboard sail and oar powered vessels, he had spent 57 years of service on Lake Scugog and the Kawarthas.

George Crandell died on Friday, January 21, 1904, while out shovelling snow in front of his home. He was 76 years of age. The entire town mourned his passing as he was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay.



George Crandell



George Crandell, left, with his crew on board the Crandella.



George Crandell's "Crandella" steamship.

# Reuben Crandell

## First Settler in Reach Township

Reuben Crandell was born in Saratoga County, New York State, on October 24, 1799. He lost his father when only four-years-old. At nine years of age, he moved with his mother and stepfather to Canada, settling near the Bay of Quinte.

Mr. Crandell married Catherine Moore in 1820, while living in Haldimand County, and their first child, Elmore, was born a year later, the same year he set out with his young family and a team of oxen to blaze his way to the recently established township of Reach.

He made his way Lake Scugog and settled on 200 acres of land he chose to farm near Manchester, in Reach Township. Only seven months after their arrival, Catherine gave birth to Lucy Ann, the first white child born in the township. Benjamin Crandell was the first white male child to be born in the log cabin, a year later.

Over the next 15 years, the ringing of Crandell's axe was a constant sound, as he cleared some 105 acres of his original purchase, before selling to Alexander and Frederick Graham, of Scotland. In 1832, he purchased another 200 acres, at \$1 per acre, north east of his original homestead.

Once again Crandell set to work clearing the land at his new location and built a home for his growing family. The original home, which was also used as a hotel, was destroyed by fire in 1843. He built another home, on the north side of Queen St., near the 6th concession, and there he lived with his family until his death.

The village which arose around the immediate settlement of Mr. Crandell's land, near the corner of Queen St. and Old Simcoe Road, for many years bore the name of Crandell's Corners, but around 1870 it was changed to Borelia.

Reuben Crandell, aged 77 years, died on October 8, 1874. He had 12 children in total, seven sons and five daughters, all of whom, with the exception of one daughter, survived him. His wife, Catherine, 71, predeceased him on August 20, 1870.

A funeral was held for Reach Township's first white settler on Sunday, October 11 with a large procession marching from the late residence of the deceased to the Church of Ascension, Port Perry.



*Reuben Crandell's cabin at Manchester.*

# Reuben Crandell, Jr.

## Hotel Operator

Reuben Crandell, Jr. was born on July 27, 1832, in Port Perry, Ontario. He was a son for Reuben Sr. and his mother, Catherine., United Empire Loyalists who moved to Reach Twp. in 1821. Reuben Jr. was one of 12 children in the Crandell family.

Reuben Jr. married Thurza Rattenbury, of Devon, England, on August 22, 1857, in Port Perry. Reuben and Thurza had nine children during their marriage.

Reuben was engaged at an early period in shipping on Lake Scugog. Assisted by his son George, he built a crude packet called the Firefly; it was propelled by oars and sails." He ran a hotel at Borelia and was listed as a "gentleman" in an 1869 directory.

But beneath this apparent respectability, Reuben Crandell appears to have been the head of a crime family. At least five of his children were indicted for various crimes, some were certainly associated with the infamous "Markham Gang," a crime ring which operated in York County during the 1840. Two of his sons spent five years apiece in Kingston penitentiary.

Reuben Crandell himself stood trial with his sons Elmore and Benjamin at Whitby on November 16, 1855 for a murder which had occurred 14 years earlier. Although they were acquitted, it seems quite likely the sons, at least, were actually involved.

He was clever at writing his experiences in verse and entertained his friend with his poems on many occasion. Reuben Crandell Jr. died in Port Perry on Saturday, October 7, 1922, at 90 years of age. He had been married for 65 years when he died. His wife, Thurza, was 88 years old when she died on November 30, 1922, in Oak Park, Illinois, USA.

As a mark of respect for the decease, the town bell was tolled at the time of his funeral. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.

## **Wesley Crozier**

### **Scugog Tax Collector**

The Township of Scugog sustained a severe loss on April 21, 1937 when one of its foremost citizen, Wesley Crozier passed away in his 76th year.

Mr. Crozier was born September 25, 1861, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crozier. His early years were spent in the Township of Cartwright. In 1891 the family moved to Scugog where they have since resided.

Mr. Crozier entered into municipal affairs filling most capable positions of councillor and Reeve. Subsequently he became tax-collector, an office he held for 30 years. He had always shown concern for the moral and social condition of the municipality he served, and many lives were enriched by his unselfish friendship. In 1903 he married Emma Milner, who survives to mourn her late husband.

A large gathering assembled for his funeral at the family residence, to pay their last tribute of esteem to one who has played a most important part in the welfare of the community in which he lived. Floral tributes from the Fidelity Lodge, A.F.&A.M., Port Perry of which the deceased was a member. He was laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery.

## **Earel S. Cuddie**

### **Municipal Administrator**

Earl Stewart Cuddie was born on July 16, 1940 at Ottawa, Ontario, a son for Stewart and Veronica (Tapp) Cuddie. It was in Ottawa that he received his elementary and high school education.

After finishing his primary education, he enrolled in a number of extension courses, leading to a career in municipal administration. He held a number of positions in his early career, working in Kitchener-Waterloo as an assessment clerk and Whitby, Ontario as an assessor, before accepting the position of Clerk for the Village of Lakefield, which he held for eight years.

With almost 20 years of municipal experience under his belt, he moved to Port Perry where he took over the position of clerk-administrator for the Township of Scugog in August 1979. He held this position for 21 years before retiring in October 2000. For his contributions to the community, the township honoured him by naming one of its new subdivision streets, "Earl Cuddie Blvd."

Earl is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, boating and snowmobiling. He was also involved outside his work, serving as secretary-treasurer of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for a number of years.

Earl is married to Jean Ravensdale (Kenneway), and they live in Port Perry.



**Earl S. Cuddie**

## **William M. Currie**

### **Power Plant Operator**

William Mark Currie was born in November 1850 in Oshawa. When he was a young boy, he moved to Prince Albert with his parents Mark and Agnes (Dickie) Currie.

He worked for the Dominion Bank as a young man, with placements in Oshawa, Whitby and Orillia.

In 1877 he entered into a partnership with the late John H. Brown in the drygoods business, operating it successfully until 1886 when the partnership was dissolved.

William Mark was 29 years old when he married to 22 years-old Chistina V. McGill, on December 2, 1879 in Oshawa, Ontario. They had three children during his marriage.

His next venture came about 1890, in connection with the Port Perry electric light plant which he owned and provided electric lights for the town. He sold his electric light business about 1905 to the community..

One of the town's early settlers, he was actively identified with Port Perry for a great many years. Politically he was a staunch Liberal, and a Presbyterian by faith. He also served on town council

William Mark Currie passed away at the Port Perry Hospital on April 18, 1924 in his 74th year. His wife, Christina Victoria (McGill) predeceased him July 7, 1900. He was survived by his only son William Currie, of Hamilton. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.

## George Currie Grain Merchant

George Currie was born in Scarborough Township on August 21, 1821, the sixth child of John and Hannah (Lockey) Currie, of Scotland. In 1844, at 23-years of age, he moved to Prince Albert from Oshawa to open a grain buying business. At the same time, he and his brother Mark opened a general merchandising business selling drygoods, liquors, wines and children's wear in the village.

Mr. Currie was married to Sarah Ann (Cronk) on December 3, 1845, and they raised a family of six children: John, Catherine, Luther, Sarah, Hannah and George Jr. All children were born in Prince Albert between 1846 and 1862.

Throughout the 1850s, the Curries became one of the principal grain purchasing businesses in the area, and it was during this time that George tried out his hand at politics. In 1857 he was elected Reeve of Reach Township. He later held the position of Treasurer of the Township for a number of years, before moving to Port Perry.

The Currie brothers dissolved their partnership as General Merchants in September 1861 with George continuing the business. During the 1860s, he formed another partnership with Aaron Ross becoming one of the largest grain companies in the county, as well as respected clothing, hardware and grocery merchants.

During the early 1870s, business began to trickle out of Prince Albert and George Currie, realizing that the tide of business was on the move, purchased a property on the north-east corner of Queen & Perry St. In 1872, he constructed an attractive two-storey brick building into which he moved his new business.

During the summer of 1873 he built an impressive new home at the south-west corner of Queen and Ella St. This was also the same year that he began construction of his most notable building, the large grain elevator located near the railway station at Port Perry's lakefront.

Mr. Currie tried his hand at provincial politics in July 1876, running as a candidate for North Ontario County, but losing his bid to W.H. Gibbs of Whitby.

George Currie sold his interests in Currie's Elevator to Aaron Ross towards the end of the 1870s, and retired from business. Sometime later, George and Sarah Currie moved to Montana with their youngest son George Jr., where they purchased and lived on a ranch until the death of Mrs. Currie on May 9, 1891. Mr. Currie returned to Toronto as some point to spend the remainder of his life at the home of his daughter and son-in-law.

The Currie's daughter, Sarah, was married to noted lawyer Norman F. Paterson, who had practiced in Port Perry for about 18 years, as well as held the position of village Clerk.

George Currie was 81 years of age when he passed away in Toronto, on Saturday, October 4, 1902, at the residence of Sarah and N.F. Paterson.



George Currie



George & Mark Currie ad, May 1869.



George Currie's new block on Queen St., Port Perry 1872.



George Currie's grain elevator near the lakefront.

## Mark Currie

### Mercantile Owner

Mark Currie was born in the Township of Scarborough on September 30, 1823, the son of John and Hannah Currie. The family left Scotland in 1818, settling in New York for about one year before moving northward to Canada. They settled in Toronto, then known as Little York, but after the death of his father in 1830, the family moved to Whitby.

Mark Currie entered into the carriage building in Oshawa and operated a successful and respected enterprise for about ten years. He retired and moved to Prince Albert, where he entered into the mercantile business with his brother George. In September 1861, the brothers dissolved their partnership, with Mark taking the business into his own hands, and later becoming a partner with his son-in-law Mr. J.H. Brown.

When he was about 50 years old, Mr. Currie retired from business and moved to Port Perry, where he built a fine new residence in 1873. In Port Perry he became an active member of town council for a number of years, served on the Board of Education and became chief engineer of the Fire Brigade.

Mark Currie passed away in Port Perry on February 23, 1882, at 58 years of age. He was a loving husband, affectionate father and a useful member of society. He left behind his wife Agnes (Dickie), son William and one daughter. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery.

## Josuha W. Curts.

### Butter and Egg Warehouse Owner

Joshua Washington Curts was born in West York (Toronto), about 1847 and spent his early years on the farm. At 17 years of age, on January 4, 1865, he married Frances Collier (Lewis). The couple operated a grocery store in Toronto, before moving to Whitby.

Mr. Curts came to Port Perry in 1875 as an employee of the Port Perry & Port Whitby Railway, first as baggage handler and freight checker, and later he became the railway's agent. About 1889 he went into the produce business with C.R. Henderson. He erected two refrigerated warehouses capable of holding up to 25,000 dozen eggs. The largest of these burned with its contents in November 1892.

The business did prosper for a number of years, as Mr. Curts had two teams on the road gathering eggs and butter. In later years he busied himself with his farm located at the West end of the Scugog Bridge.

In addition to the two warehouses erected, he put up two fine brick houses, one at the west side of the Scugog Bridge, and the other on the corner of Water and Mary St.

Mr. Curts was actively interested in public affairs, holding positions on council and was elected Reeve in 1895. He also served as a member of the Board of Education. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raid and while in Toronto was a member of the Queen's Own Rifles.

After filing successfully for a divorce in Ohio in early 1901, Joshua married Melinda May Abbot in Niagara Falls, New York. The couple were arrested in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day that year, being charged with bigamy, in marrying while his first wife was still alive. Both were found not guilty of the charges.

Mr. Curts died in Port Perry at the age of 74 years on Thursday, February 17, 1921. His wife, two sisters and a half brother survived him. Melinda Curts passed away in Port Perry on Friday, March 31, 1933, at 67 years of age.



Joshua W. Curts



Curts & Henderson building on Queen Street.

## Section Four

# D

## John W. Davis

### Cabinet Maker

John W. Davis was born about 1822 in New Jersey, USA. He was about 17 years-old when he married Elizabeth Slanton on April 14, 1839 in Pendleton, West Virginia.

The couple immigrated to Canada about 1846, settling in Reach Township. Here they raised a family of three children, Isaac J., Joshua M. and Albert J. Davis.

John W. Davis came to Port Perry in 1846, when there were not more than 12-14 houses in the settlement. In 1847 He went into partnership with John Nott in Borelia, manufacturing furniture until the railway arrived in Port Perry in 1872, then set up shop in town at the corner of Queen and Perry Street.

Here they conducted their cabinet making and undertaking business for the next 35 years, except for a short time following the great fire of 1884. Within six days after the destruction of his first factory, he began to rebuild. His new warehouse was an impressive two-storey, 24'x60' red brick building on the same corner. In August 1897 he advertised his 50 Years In Business in both furniture and undertaking.

John Davis was a valued member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428 A., and in 1895 received a Past Master's jewel in recognitions of his services to the organization.

John W. Davis was 76 years old when he died, and one of the town's oldest citizens. He passed away during the first week of November 1898. He had been in the furniture and undertaking business for more than 50 years. He left behind two sons, Joshua of Spokane Falls, and Albert J. Davis is a druggist in Port Perry.

### The Port Perry Ware-Rooms!

IN returning thanks to his numerous customers for their patronage during the past nineteen years, the subscriber solicits a continuance of the same.

MY STOCK CONSISTS OF

**Bureaus, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Cradles,**  
*Lounges, Sofas, Sideboards, Secretaries, Book Cases, and several Sets of Bedroom Furniture, and two Organs—one with six stops, and one with two.*

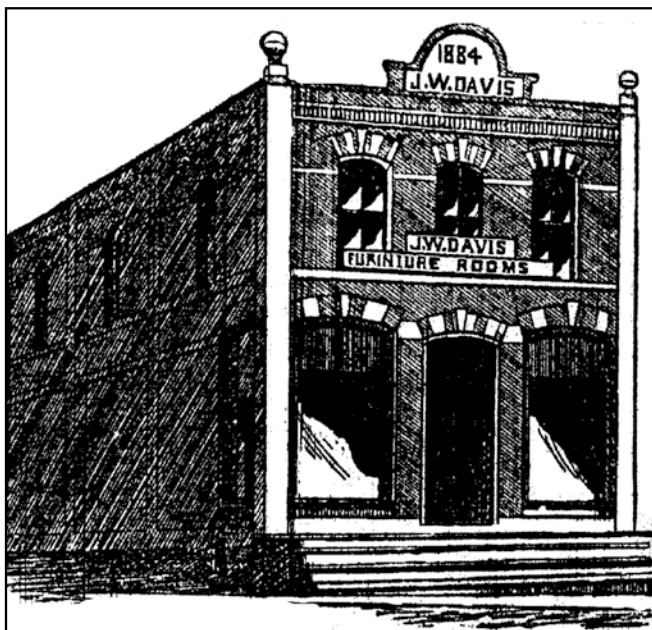
They will answer for Church or Parlor purposes, and will be sold Cheap for Cash or approved credit.

### UNDERTAKING

Done on the shortest notice. Coffins always on hand. Hearses at reasonable rates.

Port Perry, Aug. 6, 1866. 1-tf

J. W. DAVIS.



J. W. Davis showroom about 1885.

## 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

J. W. DAVIS

Takes this opportunity of thanking his many friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the past fifty years, also wishes to inform them that he is still in business at the same old stand and kindly solicits a continuance of your patronage. I feel certain I can please one and all both in Furniture and Undertaking of which I have a complete stock of all the latest and best styles with prices to suit the times.

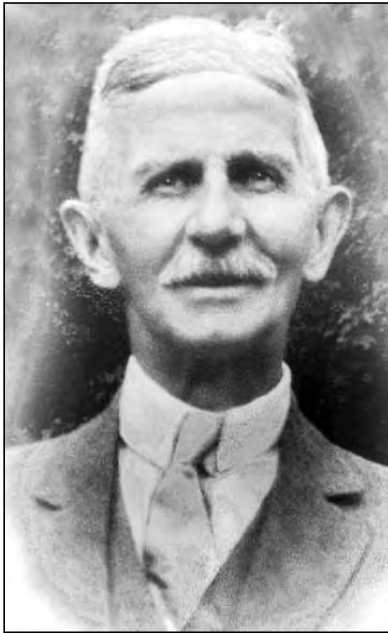
Call and be convinced.

Furniture cheaper than ever.  
Undertaking a specialty.

J. W. DAVIS,

Queen Street Emporium.

J.W. Davis newspaper ad 1897



**Albert J. Davis**

## Albert J. Davis

### Drug Store Owner

Mr. A.J. Davis was born in Port Perry on October 6, 1864 and was educated at both public and high school in the village. As a young man he gained experience in drug store methods and ethics, working for local drug stores. In 1890 he graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy and returned and purchased the drug store business of Colin C. McGlashan.

His store was located in the Blong Block until 1901 when Mr. Davis moved to new premises at the corner of Queen and Perry St. His store was always well stocked with drugs and medicines, and he carried a large stock of school books, stationery, cigars, tobaccos and post cards.

Mr. Davis large store enabled him to make room for the telegraph instruments and equipment for the Great Western Telegraph Co., for which he was agent for 28 years. He also served as ticket agent for the C.P.R. During his 50 years of business life he was recognized as an obliging and dependable merchant., and an honour to his profession.

Mr. Davis served his fellow citizens in the town council for two years and as a member of the Masonic and A.O.U.W. orders. Years ago he was leader of the choir in the Methodist Church. He lived in a comfortable home located on the south side of Queen St., near the store.

In April 1930, Mr. Davis retired after almost 50 years serving the community, selling his business to Mr. Andy M. Lawrence of Oshawa.

He passed away only two years later, on April 10, 1932 at 74 years of age, leaving his wife, Annie E. (Hiscox) to mourn his loss.

In the death of A.J. Davis, Port Perry has lost an excellent citizen. He was a charter member of Fidelity Lodge, A.F.&A.M. and its first Past Master and was buried with Masonic honours.



*Interior of Albert J. Davis Drug Store about 1925.*



## R. George Davey

### Printer

Richard George Davey was born May 26, 1886 in Port Perry, one of two children for William John and Harriet Ada (Hodgson) Davey.

When he was 21 years-old, and working as a sales clerk, George proposed to Clara Mae Perkins, a 29 year-old spinster and they were married on December 28, 1907 in Port Perry. They had three children, John Howard, Charles Frederick and Dorothy.

In 1911 George Davey purchased the stock of Oke & McGregor and went into the grocery business, operating it successfully until November 1913, when he sold the business.

Next he took a job working for Samuel Farmer, publisher of the Port Perry Star in 1914. He worked at the local newspaper until 1958 when he retired.

In all the years Mr. Davey lived in the town, he made a considerable contribution to community life. He served on the local school board and as a town councillor for a number of years. He served as a member of and secretary for the Masonic Lodge and was also very active in the Sons of England Lodge for 25 years. He was also keenly involved in the local Citizen's Band.

George passed away September 4, 1965 at 79 years of age. His wife Clara, 82, predeceased him on December 10, 1960. George and Clara were both interred in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



George R. Davey

## Daniel Dayton

### Early Settler of Prince Albert

When Daniel Dayton was born on February 14, 1769, in New Milford, Connecticut, USA, his father, Caleb, was 34 and his mother, Sarah, was 30. He had five brothers and five sisters.

About 1824, Daniel Dayton and his family emigrated to Canada from the United States, and settled in Reach Township. The new settlement became known as Dayton's Corners for some years before the name of the young village was changed to Prince Albert. When the young Queen Victoria married her German cousin, Albert, in 1840, many communities celebrated by holding banquets and elaborate celebrations. The people at Dayton's Corners celebrated by renaming their settlement Prince Albert in honour of the queen's consort.

Daniel Dayton built his original house to the east of the village and moved in with his wife Jerusa and his family. Another early settler, Abner Hurd built to the west of Reuben Crandell's home. The two new homes layed the early foundations of this small pioneer community.

Before the winter of 1828 the Dayton and Herd had erected a school house for their children. It was made of logs, and stood just west of sparse settlement on the knoll of a hill.

When Daniel's son Reuben died at the front in February 1828, the first burial ground was established in Prince Albert and young Reuben Dayton was interred in the cemetery, located near the corner of Old Simcoe Road and King Street.

Daniel Dayton, died in 1829 in Ontario at the age of 60.



**Fred and Mervin DeNure 1967.**

## Frederick "Fred" DeNure

### Bus Line Operator

Frederick DeNure was born on October 22, 1902 at Simcoe, Ontario, one of six children raised by Calvin Reginald DeNure and Margaret Archer DeNure.

He was married to Delta Eva Holmes, and the couple had one child, a boy Mervin Frederick DeNure born on March 22, 1927. Delta passed away in Port Perry, Ontario on November 27, 1943 when she was 38 years old.

Fred DeNure began driving buses about 1930 for an Oshawa company, but the ambitious young man opened his own bus line service in Port Perry in 1942. He started out with a single bus providing service between Port Perry and Oshawa. By 1943 he had three buses, but with a shortage of bus drivers, due to World War II, his 17 year-old son Mervin began driving for him under a specially issued license.

He expanded DeNure Bus Lines in 1945 with a route between Port Perry and Peterborough, but sold this run to Colonial Coach Lines two years later. Next he purchased a bus franchise from Uxbridge to Oshawa, and in March 1966 he sold his public transportation system to Burley Bus Lines of Cobourg, Ontario.



*Fred DeNure's Bus Line coach about 1958.*

Fred kept his franchise to operate school buses, he and his son grew the company to eight school buses operating for high schools in Port Perry, Uxbridge and Oshawa. He also operated chartered buses to many events in the area.

Fred DeNure Bus Lines operated from a large property with sheds in downtown Port Perry which stretch from Mary Street to Casimir St. In June 1967 the DeNures celebrated 25 years of providing public transportation from Port Perry for the area.

Fred DeNure passed away on July 31, 1979 at the Port Perry Hospital. He was interred at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Orillia, Ontario

## Joshua T. Dobson

### Farmer, Politician

Joshua Thomas Dobson was born May 11, 1865 in Reach Township, a son for Joshua & Charlotte Dobson. When he was 21 years old he married Elizabeth Ann (Gibbs) Dobson in Port Hope, Ontario on February 25, 1885.

A farmer for his entire live, J.T. as he was commonly known, was also interested in politics and in January 1912 was elected a councillor Reach Township. Two years later, he was elected to the position of Deputy Reeve and in 1915 was acclaimed as Reeve of the township, a position he held for two terms.

At the end of his second term, in December 1916 he retired from politics and went back to the farm full time. About 12 years after leaving politics the Dobson's moved from their Manchester home to Prince Albert, where he had served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years.

J. Thomas Dobson was 71 years old when he passed away at his home in Prince Albert on Thursday, February 13, 1936. A service was held at his late home and at Pine Grove Cemetery where the Warriner Lodge I.O.O.F. assisted. Left to mourn his loss are his wife Elizabeth and his five sons and two daughters.



**J. Thomas Dobson**

## William F. Dobson

### Clerk Township of Reach

William Francis Dobson was born on the Reach Township farm of his parents, Joshua and Charlotte (Thompson) Dobson on February 14, 1869, and spent his entire life living there.

When he was 22 years old, he married Ada A. (Caldwell). The marriage took place on November 10, 1891 in Prince Albert. The couple had no children.

As a young man he took a business course at Albert College, Belleville, which served him well. He accepted a job as Clerk of Reach township and spent the next 31 years in that position before retiring.

During his term as clerk, he made contact with many people, all of whom respected him. He was always ready to share his knowledge and to lend a helping hand in time of need. In earlier years he was very active in church and social life.

He was a Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, A.F.&A.M and a member of the Lions Club of Port Perry.

After retiring from active life in 1938 he and his wife lived quietly at their home in Manchester. On Monday, October 7, 1946 he passed away at his home.

William Dobson, 78, was mourned by family and friends, far and near. A funeral service was held at his late residence with member of the Masonic Order attending. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



William T. Dobson

## E. Merlin Dowson

### Grocery Store Owner

Ernest Merlin Dowson was born into a Scugog Island farming family on March 22, 1913, a son for Frank and Elizabeth Pearl (Davey) Dowson. He was educated at both elementary and high school in Port Perry. Merlin married Dora Irene Reesor about 1940 before he shipped off to the war.

He was 14 years old when he began his career in the grocery business in 1927, employed in the Red & White grocery department of Arthur Brock's store.

A few years after he returned from World War II, in 1949, Mr. Brock sold Merlin the Red & White franchise opened Dowson's Red & White grocery store. At a time when there was seven stores selling groceries in town.

Merlin's 1,200 sq. ft. store was located on Queen Street, just east of Brock's, and his wife Dora worked along side him during the early days, but later stayed home raising their three children, Kenneth, Nancy and Shirley.

When Merlin decided to step back from active duties during the mid-1960s, his son Ken and son-in-law Don Gibson took over. Ken had been working part-time in the store from a very young age.

In 1975, the Dowson family made the difficult decision to move from the downtown to the new Port Perry Plaza at the west end of the causeway. They moved into a 9,000 sq. ft. store, which was expanded to 13,000 sq. ft. about four years later. Dowson's Value Mart was sold in September 1995.

In his younger years, Merlin was quite involved in the community. He served as clerk on Scugog Island in 1935, was elected as a councillor on Port Perry council for a number of years, and took over duties as Reeve, following Reeve Harry Peel's heart attack in 1956.

He was a veteran of the Royal Regiment of Canada during World War II, and a Past Noble Grand of I.O.O.F. Warriner Lodge 75, Port Perry.

Ernest Merlin Dowson passed away on his birthday on March 22, 1993, exactly 80 years to the day, from his birth. He died at Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife, Dora Irene Reesor died on April 30, 2012.



Merlin Dowson



Dowson's Red & White store 1961.



**Ken Dowson**

## Kenneth M. Dowson

### Grocery Merchant

Ken Dowson literally grew up in his family's Red & White grocery store, and at a young age began working part-time for his father while going to school

Kenneth Merlin Dowson was born at the Port Perry Hospital on John Street, on November 14, 1942, the only son for his parents, E. Merlin and Dora Irene (Reesor) Dowson, who also raised two daughters, Shirley and Nancy.

Ken received his education attending both public school and high school in Port Perry. After graduating with his Grade 12 certificate, he went to work for Dunlop Tire in Whitby for two years, but returned when he was about 20 years old to join his father in the food business. Dowson's Red & White was a small 1,200 foot store, located on Queen Street, beside Brock's Department Store.

When Merlin retired in the 1960s the store was taken over his son Ken and his son-in-law Don Gibson. They continued to operated the store from that location until November 1975 when they relocated into a 9,000 sq. ft. store in the Port Perry Plaza. About four years later it was expanded to 13,000 sq. ft. and became known as Dowson's Valu-Mart.

They continued to operate the store until October 1995 when the family business was sold.

Ken met Maureen Beverly McMaster in the summer of 1963 at a Scugog Island cottage, and three years later, on May 14, 1966 they were married at the Simcoe St. United Church in Oshawa. They lived above the grocery store on Queen St. for a couple of years and started their family of four children, Tracy, Kimberley, Cary and Angela.

Ken took a keen interest in his home town, joining and working for several organizations. He is a 56 year member of Warriner Lodge #75, of which he has served as Noble Grand and District Deputy Grand Master. He was a long-time member of the Port Perry/Scugog Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 1973 for two years. He was also instrumental in the organizing of a popular summer festival called "Western Weekend", and helped initiate a Santa Claus Parade for the community.

Ken enjoys sports and coached minor softball, and played in a local hockey league.

After living in a couple of homes within Port Perry, Ken and Maureen now reside in Blackstock, and enjoy themselves at their cottage on Scugog Island.



*Ken Dowson and Don Gibson at the front of Dowson's Red and White store in 1962, about the time they took over ownership.*



*Ken Dowson, left, with his mother Dora and father Merlin Dowson in 1974.*

# Richard E. Drew

## Hairdresser

Richard Edward Drew arrived in Port Perry in 1968, opened a hair salon and began a new life with his wife and children.

Richard was born on May 23, 1942 in Birmingham, England, a son for Raymond and Lena Drew. The family immigrated to Canada in 1962, settling in Scarborough, Ontario.

Having learned his trade in England, he worked in a hair salon in Scarborough for a time before opening his own business. After getting married to Roberta Beamish on May 13, 1967, the couple moved to Port Perry where he opened Richard's Beauty Studio on the south side of Queen Street.

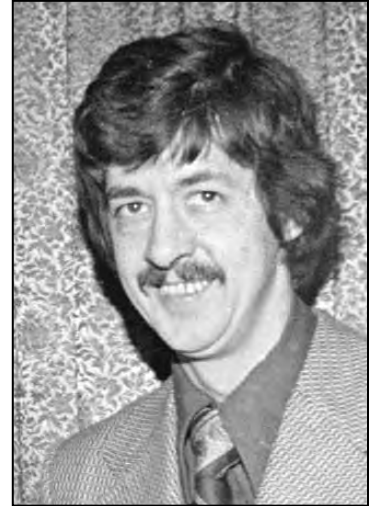
Both Richard and Bobbie took a keen interest in their new community and volunteered their time and energy to a number of organizations.

He was a director with the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and co-chair of a new venture called Western Weekend. He served as a director and chair the Scugog Hydro Commission, as well as board member of Town Hall 1873, Scugog Memorial Library, Durham Regional Health Council and many other committees.

Richard was elected as a Scugog Councillor in 1976 and served for three years. He was elected Port Perry Citizen of the Year in 1978.

Richard Drew was still active in community events when he died peacefully on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Lakeridge Health Centre, in Port Perry, at age 66

A Service to celebrate his life was held in the Port Perry United Church.



Richard Drew



Roberta "Bobbie" Drew

# Roberta "Bobbie" Drew

## Politician, Volunteer

From the time Roberta "Bobbie" Drew and her husband Richard came to Port Perry about 1976, she has been a staunch supporter and worker for betterment of the community.

Born in Scarborough on July 24, 1947, she was a daughter of Robert and Rene Beamish. She attended Birchcliffe Public School and R.H. King Collegiate and it was while working part-time after school at a local hair salon she met her future husband Richard Drew.

Bobbie and Rick were married May 13, 1967 in Scarborough and they raised three children, daughter Korin and sons Brett and Landon.

The fell in love with Port Perry after a visit in 1968 and moved to town where Rick opened a beauty salon on Queen St., while Bobbie cared for their children at home.

Her involvement in the community began almost immediately volunteering at the local public school and YMCA and eventually the local Chamber of Commerce where she served as secretary-treasurer for a number of years.

Next she was elected as a school trustee with the Durham District Board of Education and served on the board for 12 years, from 1988 to 2000. After encouragement from friends, in 2003 she moved into municipal politics and was elected to council for Scugog Township. Seven years later became the Regional Council representative with Durham Region.

During her years as a representative on both local and regional residents, she has served on dozens of committees including the Police Services Board.

In addition to her 30 years in municipal politics, Bobbie still found time to work tirelessly for the United Church, perform with the Scugog Choral Society.

Roberta (Bobbie) Drew served as Regional Councillor for two terms before being elected as Mayor for the Township of Scugog in the fall of 2018.

# James Dryden

## Farmer, Politician

James Dryden was born at Sunderland, England on February 22, 1806, and while an infant moved with his parents to the County of Durham, United Kingdom.

After emigrating from England about 1820, the Dryden family settled in Whitby Township, establishing a farm of two hundred acres in 1832.

In 1828 he married Abiel Groat, of Brooklin, and they had one daughter, Mary Ann Abiel died three years later at the tender age of 21 years. James married two more times during his life. First to Elizabeth Marsh on March 17, 1838. He had five children with Elizabeth: John, George, Sarah Jane, Ann Elizabeth, James Jr., before she died as a young mother at 30 years of age. His third marriage was to Mary Stephenson on March 12, 1852. Mary was 30 when she died June 8, 1861.

During his life, James Dryden became a Justice of the Peace, served as a member of the Home District Council, and a director of the Ontario Bank at Bowmanville. He later became a Director of the Port Whitby-Lake Scugog Simcoe and Huron Railway and President of the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway when it was built in 1870-1871. Mr. Dryden also held the positions of councillor and deputy reeve of Whitby Township before being elected Reeve for two years in 1856.

About 1869, Dryden purchased a large piece of land at the north end of Cochrane Street, Port Perry from his friend Joseph Bigelow. It wasn't until 1881, that he began work on constructing a magnificent Italianate home of yellow brick, and featuring a three-storey tower, a porch trimmed with elaborate gingerbread and dozens of large arched windows.

Before the home was completed, James Dryden, 75, passed away at the residence of his son John, at Maple Shade Farm, Whitby, on July 31, 1881. He was buried at the Dryden Baptist Cemetery, Brooklin, Ontario.



James Dryden

# John Dryden

## Farmer, Politician

As a politician, John Dryden was notable for his longevity, representing Ontario South for 26 years, 15 of them as minister of agriculture.

John Dryden was born on June 5, 1840 on Maple Shade Farm, a successful 200 acre property near the village of Winchester (Brooklin) at the north east corner of Thickson Road and the 7th Concession.

He was the son of James and Elizabeth (Marsh) Dryden. He married Mary Lydia Holman, the daughter of a New York publisher in 1867 and they had three sons, two who died in infancy, and five daughters.

John Dryden served as Deputy Reeve of Whitby Township from 1865 to 1868 and as Reeve in 1869-1870. In 1879 he was elected Liberal Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Ontario South and served as Ontario's Minister of Agriculture from 1890 to 1905. As well, he was prominent in business as president of the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway and a director of the Ontario Bank.

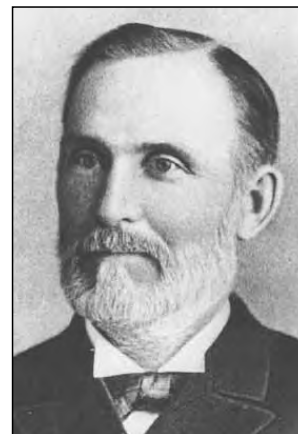
Still, he loved farming and later took over management of Maple Shade Farm after the death of his father, James, on July 31, 1881.

At the time of his death, John's father was in the process of building an elegant new home on Cochrane Street, Port Perry, but he did not live long enough to see it completed. The house was completed by his estate and was purchased in 1884 by his brother George Dryden. Three years later George sold the home to John Dryden, who was serving as the M.P.P. for North Ontario County.

While living in Port Perry, Dryden became active in local affairs, becoming part of a group incorporating the Paxton-Tate Company, to carry on production of saw-mill machinery and agricultural implements. His uncle, George Paxton operated the foundry.

John lived in the Port Perry home for almost 15 years before selling it in 1902, returning to the family's Brooklin area, Maple Shade Farm. In 1905, Dryden moved from Brooklin to Toronto, establishing his residence near McMaster University. He remained active in its affairs until his final illness.

John Dryden, 69, was a staunch Baptist, and when he died on July 29, 1900 he was buried at Dryden Baptist Cemetery, Columbus, Ontario.



John Dryden

## **Dr. Matthew B. Dymond**

### **Physician and Politician**

Dr. Matthew Bulloch Dymond, a former Ontario Minister of Health and member of the provincial legislature died at Port Perry Community Nursing Home on February 21, 1996 at 89 years of age.

Son of the late John Richard Dymond and Anna Mary Bowie, he was born in Scotland on September 24, 1906 and emigrated to Canada when he was 15 years of age. He travelled to Canada alone on a ship and joined his sister in Peterborough, where he worked in a grocery store while attending Peterborough Collegiate and took night classes at a local YMCA.

Matthew B. Dymond was married to Phyllis Jeanne (Clifton) in 1930, and the couple had two daughters, Beverley (Livesay) and Nancy Dymond. After marrying, he worked part-time while studying medicine at Queen's University in Kingston.

He received his Doctor of Medicine, from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1941 and he did post-graduate work in Kingston and Toronto before joining the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. During the Second World War, Dr. Dymond joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and served 3.5 years as a battlefield surgeon in England, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

In 1946, after the war, he set up general practice in Port Perry, taking advantage of an opportunity provided to him when a doctor in Port Perry was retiring. The retiring doctor offered to loan him the money to get started. He lived most of the rest of his life in a beautiful home on Cochrane Street.

Dr. Dymond started his political career as a Councillor in Port Perry, in 1948, and he later served on the high school board. Dr. Dymond was elected to the provincial legislature as a Progressive Conservative MPP for Ontario riding in 1965, and served that riding until 1967 when his riding was changed by redistribution.

He was appointed Minister of Reform Institutions and Ontario's first Minister of Transportation before becoming Minister of Health in 1958. He served in that capacity for 11 years, retiring in 1969. As Minister of Health, Dr. Dymond supervised the implementation of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

Following his retirement as Minister of Health in 1969, Dr. Dymond remained a Member of Provincial Parliament until 1975. He then returned to his Port Perry medical practice to continue his studies of cancer and aging and for the next three years served as chair of the Ontario Science Centre.

Dr. Dymond was survived by his wife, the former Phyllis Jeanne Clifton; daughters Beverley Livesay of Peterborough and Nancy Dymond of Toronto, and grandchildren Laurie, Andrea and Catharine Livesay, all of Peterborough.

A service was held for Dr. Dymond was at the Low and Low Funeral Home, Port Perry



**Dr. Matthew B. Dymond**



**Matthew and Jeanne Dymond, 1977.**

## Section Five

# E

## G. Gary Edgar

### Teacher

George Gary Edgar was born on the Scugog Island Reserve of the Mississaugas First Nation on May 31, 1941. Gary's parents were Doris (McCue) and George Victor Edgar, who had four children, two boys and two girls

Gary attended the one-room "Foot School" on the Island before going on to Port Perry High School, and Queen's University. He was heavily influenced by his mother, and Uncle Edwin, who encouraged him to read and go to school. At school he got involved in sports, playing any sport available to him, from gymnastics to hockey and baseball. This led to him winning the Tom Longboat award, which honours Aboriginal athletes from each province across Canada.



Gary Edgar

Gary met Alice Marie (Read) while attending high school in Port Perry and they were married on July 4, 1959 at the Scugog Island Church. They raised two children, Lisa and Phil.

His success in high school led him to become a teacher, his first placement at a school in Brooklin, Ontario. From there he taught academics and physical education at a number of schools before becoming a physical education consultant for Durham Region School Board. He returned to teaching, which he missed, before retiring from teaching in 1990.

Returning to Scugog Island, he worked for the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation as Economic Development Officer and was elected Chief of the First Nation from 1993 to 1997.

During his term as Chief, he negotiated hunting and fishing rights, and processes towards self-government, creating local employment strategies. He played a lead role in the development of the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino and was their manager of Public Relations.

Gary also led the creation of the Baagwating Community Association which oversaw the distribution of charitable funds to the community and co-founded the First Nation Literacy project which connects Durham District School Board students with First Nations students in remote northern communities.

Heavily involved in his community, Gary served on the Durham College Board of Governors; the Scugog Physician Recruitment Committee; the North Durham Health Council, and was a co-chair of

the Great Blue Heron Charity Golf Classic.

For his involvement, he has been recognized many times, receiving the Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the First Nation Canadian Gaming Award for Lifetime Achievement, and is an Honorary Doctor of Laws – University of Ontario Institute of Technology.



*The Great Blue Heron Casino on Scugog Island, 1997.*



# Russel C. Eadie

## Impersonator and Actor

Russell Craig Eadie was born in Toronto on January 10, 1948 but, in his youth, after his parents divorced, he spent some time in Port Perry living with relatives and attending school.

As a teenager, he became an admirer of Hollywood film star Mae West and organized a fan club in her honour. He went to Hollywood to meet the actress and with her encouragement began to establish his own career as a female impersonator using the name "Craig Russell" in 1970.



Craig Russell

Less than a year later, he had become a regular performer in Toronto gay clubs, impersonating legendary divas Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Marlene Dietrich, Carol Channing, Bette Midler and Judy Garland.

Success led to performances across the continent and in Europe. As remarkable as the range of his characterizations was Russell's three octave vocal range that allowed him to impersonate Barbra Streisand singing in her own key.

In 1977 he starred in a highly successful, award winning biographical movie entitled "Outrageous." This was followed in 1987 by a sequel; "Too Outrageous."

He married his close friend Lori Jenkins in 1982, and they had one daughter, Susan Allison. Craig Russell died on October 30, 1989 of a stroke related to complications from AIDS. His wife Lori died of cancer on August 15, 2008 and is buried beside him at Pine Grove Cemetery, in Prince Albert.

# Harold W. Emmerson

## Insurance Sales

Harold William Emmerson was born in Cartwright Township, April 17, 1893, a son for William George and Elizabeth (McHaul) Emmerson.

Harold was working as a clerk in a dry goods store in 1915 when he began courting Aileen McCaw, but the young woman said she would only marry him when he owned his own business. Aileen was a twin, and one of the eight McCaw girls, who lived with her parents in Joseph Bigelow's former home on Cochrane Street.



Harold Emmerson

With that, Harold Emmerson purchased a small insurance business known as Pearce and Ward in September 1917, and one month later, on October 10, 1917 he was married to Aileen in the family home on Bigelow House. On April 22, 1922 their son Wm. George Emmerson was born at 99 John Street, Port Perry.

In 1918, Harold purchased another agency by the name of Adams and Hutchins. For about 10 years during a period, the business ran under the name Adams, Hutchins and Emmerson. In the late 1920s, the agency name was changed to H.W. Emmerson Insurance.

When Harold's son George returned from home from World War II in 1946 he joined his father's firm, and the company name was changed to H.W. and W.G. Emmerson Insurance. A year later the agency expanded into Blackstock and Cartwright by the purchase of the Mountjoy Agency.

After 50 years in the insurance business, Harold Emmerson passed away at Oshawa General Hospital on August 7, 1967. He was 73 at the time of his death.

Left to mourn his loss was his wife Aileen (McCaw) Emmerson and son George. A service for this respected and long-time businessman was held in Port Perry, with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.

# James Emaney

## Carriage Manufacturer, Blacksmith

James Emaney was born in Polstead, Suffolk, England on June 29, 1829, a son for William and Sarah Emaney. He lived there until the outbreak of the Crimean War, when he went to the front and took part in the battle.

He came to Canada in 1857, settling in Oshawa, where he practiced his trade as a carriage maker and blacksmith for a couple of years.

He moved to Prince Albert in the early 1860s where he opened went into partnership with Mr. White in the Ontario Carriage Factory. He later took over the entire business and successfully operated in the village until 1872, when he moved to Perry Street, in Port Perry. Here he built a large carriage factory and carried on a flourishing business for more than 10 years.

In 1881, at the age of about 49 years, he sold his workshops, residence and entire premises, and moved to Toronto, where he went into partnership with his son-in-law under the name of Emaney and Mallett operating the Nipissing House hotel at 172 King St. East for almost 10 years.

He left Toronto about 1890, moving to Whitby where he became owner of the Royal Hotel, located at 171 Brock St., North. Five years later he sold the Royal Hotel and moved to Toronto where he resided with his son-in-law and daughter. He also spent some time with the Malletts at the Prospect House, Cedardale, Oshawa.

While a resident of the community, Mr. Emaney became a charter member of the Prince Albert Public Hall Joint Stock Company, serving in a variety of offices. He was one of the organizers of the lodges at Uxbridge and Brooklin and Master of Port Perry Lodge. He was a devoted member of the Brethren of the Prince Albert Lodge of A.F. and A.M., a member of the Church of England, and a conservative.

James Emaney died from kidney trouble at the age of 76 years, on Monday, July 2, 1906. He died at the home of his son-in-law W.H. Leatch, at 456 Parliament St., Toronto, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

Mr. Emaney was married to Elizabeth Emma (Newstead), in London, England in 1854, who passed away in Whitby in December 1894. He was survived by four children, Henrietta, Florence, Minnie and William.



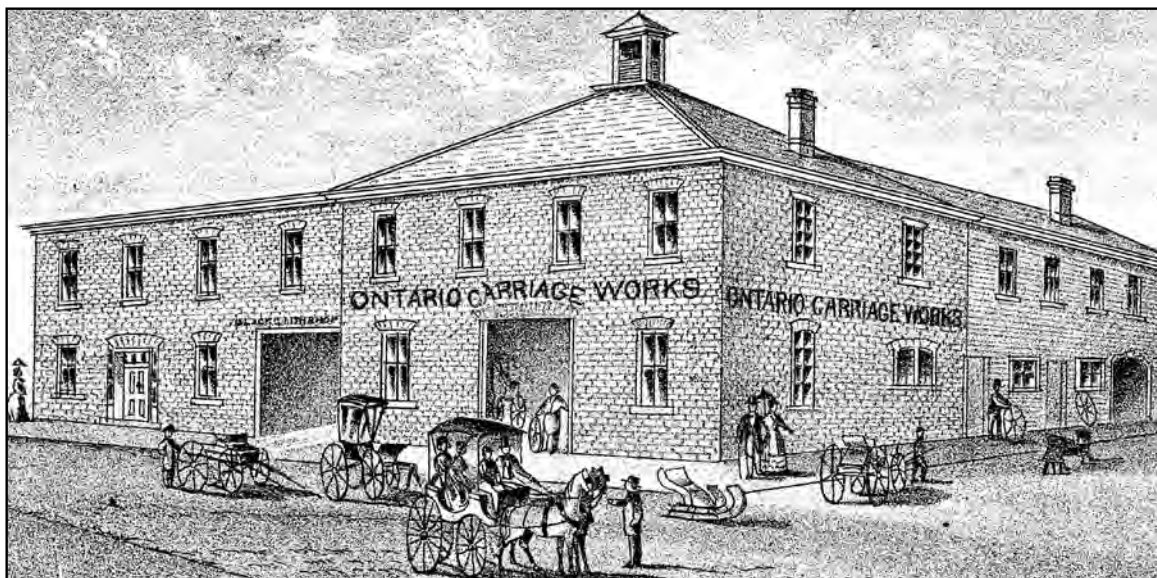
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Come and inspect our Works.  
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*Emaney & White advertisement 1861.*



*Carriage works of James Emaney 1875.*

## W. George Emmerson Insurance Broker.

William George Emmerson was born in Port Perry, Ontario on April 22, 1922, a son for Harold Wm. and Aileen K. (McCaw) Emmerson. He was raised there, attending both elementary and high school in Port Perry.

When he was 17 years old he began working for his father in a retail store the family owned in Whitby, thus starting his business career.

Not long after, he began to manage a billiard store in Whitby, where he stayed for three years. With the Second World War underway, he moved to Toronto to work for a factory which was manufacturing radar equipment for the army, navy and air force.

After a few months in the factory, he returned to Port Perry and along with some friends join the army and went off to war for the next three years.

When he returned home after the war in 1946, he joined his father in the insurance business, which was renamed H.W. & W.G. Emmerson Insurance Agency. During this time he met the woman who would become his wife and on January 7, 1950, he married Joyce Marilyn (Johnston) in London, Ontario. The couple had two children during the marriage, Larry and Colleen.

In 1952, George and his father purchased the Blong Block, which was adjacent to the McCaw Block, which they already owned. They converted the upstairs apartments into 13 suites and opened the Emmerson Motel. George took over the family business in August 1963 following the death of his father and operated the local insurance company for the next 13 years. He retired in 1976 after a total of 33 years in the business, turning it over to his son Larry and partner Jack Dowson.

George was always interested in boating, and back in 1942, before heading off to war, he helped raise funds to form a Yacht Club in Port Perry and in 1942 was elected Commodore of the new club.

While operating the insurance company, he was a member and director of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, and in 1962 initiated the town's first house numbering project.

George, his family and staff celebrated the 50th anniversary of Emmerson Insurance in 1967. Emmerson Insurance was sold in 2017, a century after it was founded by Harold W. Emmerson.

After retiring, George and Joyce moved to Whitby, and they spent the next few years travelling the world. In 2016 they returned to their old home town and took up residence in West Shore Village, a seniors residence. Joyce Emmerson passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017.



George Emmerson



The Emmerson Block, and Emmerson Motel on Queen Street, Port Perry, early 1970s.

## Abel W. Ewers

### Carriage Maker & Farmer

The residents of Reach Township were called on to mourn the loss of one of the staunchest standard bearers, with the death of Abel Wilder Ewers at his home at Manchester, Ontario.

Mr. Ewers was born on March 14, 1811, in Vermont, USA, the son of Dolly (Wilder) and Samuel Ewers. As a young man came to Canada and located in Whitby, where he carried on the business of carriage builder.

Abel married Rhonda Munro about 1832, and they raised four sons and six daughters.

About 1844, Mr. Ewers moved from Whitby into the township, selecting Manchester as his place of residence. He carried on the business of carriage maker, which after some years he gave up, to give more attention to his 200 acre farm, adjoining the village, which he continued up until the time of his death.

From his first entrance into the township he fully identified himself with every movement, tending to forward the best interests of the community and the people. He was elected Reach Township council and after faithful discharge of duty as a councillor for a number of years. He also held the position of Reeve of the corporation in 1855 and 1856 and again from 1875 to 1877.

He was a staunch supporter of construction of the Centre Road, which provided vastly improved travel for the public in the north part of the county. He was a faithful husband, kind father and courteous and obliging neighbour.

Abel Ewers passed away on September 23, 1894, in his 84 year and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife, Rhoda predeceased him by 21 years, on October 10, 1873. At the time of his death he left, four sons and seven daughters to mourn him.



*Home of Abel Ewers in Manchester.*

## Hubert L. Ebbels

### Barrister

Mr. Ebbels, came to Canada from Exeter, England, as a boy with his parents. He attended the old Grammar School in Toronto and graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1862. Immediately after graduation he settled at Petrolia during the first oil boom day in that centre.

Mr. Ebbels came to Port Perry in September 1868 and began practice at Port Perry under the name, Spence and Ebbels Barristers, which he continued until his retirement, when he moved to Toronto. He was a member of Walmer Road Baptist Church.

He was a strong supporter of education and in 1873 headed efforts to have the residents of Reach Township taxed for the construction of a new Port Perry High School.

Like so many other local businessmen, H.L. Ebbels was burned out of his offices by the fire of July 1884. But, by the fall that year he had moved into one half of the main floor, leasing the other half and upper storey to tenants.

When he retired in January 1919, he was one of the most elderly lawyers in Ontario, and his legal practice was the oldest and largest established in the town. He sold his law practice to W. H. Harris, after more than 50 years in practice in January 1919.

His death came as a surprise to the community as he had been in excellent health until a month before he passed away at his home in Toronto on June 26, 1935. He interred at Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert.

His wife, Effie (Sinclair) predeceased him on December 20, 1928. Surviving were his son Arthur S. Ebbels, of Toronto, and daughter R.M. Noble of Winnipeg.



*Residence of Hubert L. Ebbels, Cochrane St., Port Perry.*

## Section Six

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### **Samuel M. Farmer** **Publisher & Printer**

Samuel Farmer was born in Surrey, England September 25, 1871, son of John and Emily Mary (Dunn) Farmer, and received his early education in London England. He was 14 years old when left his parents home in England, boarded the S.S. Circassian to Canada, landing in Quebec City, in June 1886.

After arriving he accepted a job on a farm owned by W.G. Webster in Wellington, Ontario where was paid \$2 per month for the first year. He spent about 10 years working as a farmer's helper at a number of locations.

A young man with much courage and perseverance, at the age of 23 he took money a local farmer owed him and went to public school at Epsom to try his entrance for high school. Securing his certificate he attended Port Perry High School, walking six miles to school each day.

When his money was exhausted took a job at the Uxbridge Journal, where he had been a correspondent, for \$2.50 per week. His jobs included typesetting, press washing, reporting and sweeping the floors. From Uxbridge he ventured to Toronto and spent 12 years in various offices. When he left Toronto he was a mechanical superintendent of Toronto Saturday Night.

While in Toronto, Mr. Farmer met Emily Grace Abernathy and on June 22, 1901 the couple married at the Old St. Andrew's Church in that city.

The urge was strong to buy a newspaper and he managed to borrow enough to purchase The Port Perry Star and Standard in September 1907, from Rev. Wm. H. Cline. Over the next 40 years he was a man in love with his work, and was proud of his community, always striving for its best interests. He was a driving force for prohibition during the 1920s having absolutely no use for liquor or foul language, often editorializing against both.

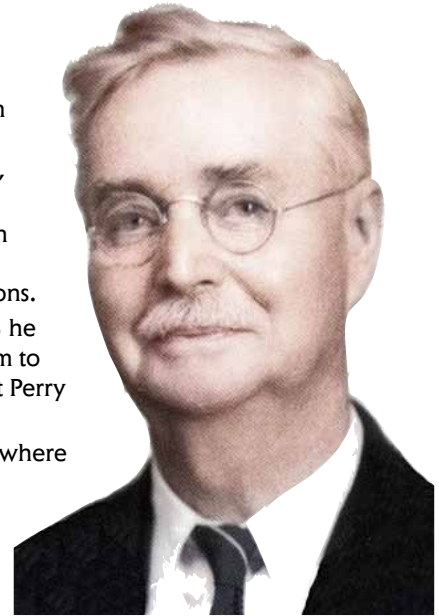
He worked constantly for education, and spent many extra days and weeks travelling around the country learning about schools and possible grants and teachers' values. For his 31 years service to the Board of Education, he was honoured by being presented with a life membership in the O.E.A.

He served as president of the Public Library Board, Chairman of the Board of Education, Vice President of the Agricultural Society, was the first to install a hydro motor when electricity came to town in 1922,

In 1913, he published the first book written about the history of Port Perry and area, called *On The Shores of Scugog*.

Sam and Grace Farmer raised four children, Marion, Anne, Archie and John. Mrs. Farmer, like her husband, was always interest in education and the church. She taught a bible class for many years and worked along wither her husband in both fields.

Samuel Farmer passed away April 30, 1948, in his 78th year, after owning and publishing The Port Perry Star for 41 years. His wife, Grace Farmer was born in 1873 and passed away on March 15, 1954.



**Samuel Farmer**



*Samuel Farmer, right, in front of the Port Perry Star 1935.*

## Col. John E. Farewell

### Crown Attorney

Col. John Edwin Farewell was born in East Whitby Township on February 18, 1840, to Abram and Caroline Farewell, descendants of Irish ancestors who lived in Lower Canada (Quebec).

As an infant he was adopted by Abraham Farewell, the member of parliament for South Ontario. He was educated at Whitby and Barrie high schools and lived most of his adult life at the corner of Byron and Ontario streets in the downtown area of Whitby.

He took an active interest in education from when he became a teacher. In 1874 he became a Whitby school trustee and later Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Farewell lived his entire life in the County, but was widely known in legal circles throughout the Province.

He was married to Mary Jane Shurtleff on February 18, 1862, in Ontario, who died on June 4, 1886 in Whitby, Ontario and was buried at Oshawa Union Cemetery. Following her death he married Melinda Charlotte Hawkins.

He was called the bar in 1864; appointed Crown Attorney of Ontario County in 1872; was designated as a Q.C. in 1889; and became a Bencher of the Upper Canada Law Society in 1906.

In municipal matters he was keenly interested, serving on the Whitby town council; was chairman of the High School Board, and held the post of County Clerk for many years.

Col. Farewell, who was Crown Attorney for the County of Ontario for more than 50 years, died on Saturday, December 26, 1923 as a result of an auto accident. He was 83 years old at the time of his death.

His funeral took place from the family residence in Whitby, and was attended by a large number of friends and dignitaries. He was buried at Oshawa Union Cemetery.



Col. J.E. Farewell



Philip Figary

## Philip Figary

### Farmer, Politician

Philip Figary was born in Newfoundland in 1870 and as a young man taught school there for a number of years. While in Newfoundland he married and two children were born.

About 1905, he moved to Toronto where he operated a photo studio on Yonge St. until 1919, at which time he moved to Port Perry.

Mr. Figary first wife died about 1913 and he married a second time, in 1915, to Florrie Honour. From this marriage five children were born. In 1917 he purchased the large orchard at the south end of the town from Mr. Monet, but did not move to town until 1919.

After arriving in town he became interested in the community. "Service" was the word which governed Mr. Figary's life, and for some years he has devoted a great deal of his time in forwarding the welfare of this village.

He ran successfully for town council in 1921 and served in that capacity until 1923 when he was elected Reeve of the village. Mr. Figary was in his third term as Reeve, when he became sick and passed away on April 21, 1925. In Hydro matters a great deal of constructive work was done by the deceased and he had

the honour of presiding over the public meeting to formally open the hydro system in the town.

Although his time in the community was relatively brief, he had become one of the town's outstanding figures, and his demise was a sad blow to the people of the community.

He was a strong supporter of the temperance movements, a Methodist, Conservative and a prominent member of the Orange Lodge, and also well known in the Oddfellows. One of his greatest accomplishments is said to have been his efforts in having a new cement roadway laid through the village in 1924.

Mr Figary passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 1925 while in his 56 year. In his death, Port Perry lost one of the best municipal officers that had ever given themselves unstintingly in the interests of the community. At County Council, following his death, the chair occupied by Reeve Figary was draped in black as a token of respect to his memory. He was survived by his wife Florrie, their five children, and two children from a previous marriage. A large crowd gathered for his funeral, and he was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery on April 23, 1925.

## P. Kent Farndale

### Teacher, Volunteer

Patricia Kent Gerrow was born about 1936 in Port Perry, the only child for Grant Milton Gerrow and his wife Pearl E. (Kent).

In 1924, Kent's grandfather Elijah Henry Gerrow and his wife Maria Ann opened Gerrow's Bakery on Queen Street, Port Perry. The family operated the bakery for more than 35 years before selling it in September 1961 to Wentworth Watson. In 1967 it was purchased by Hank DeJong, who changed the name to Hank's Pastries. It continues today as Hank's Pastries, at the same location.

After graduating from Port Perry High School in 1951 Kent attended teacher's college and became a teacher specialising Grades 1 and 2. Kent married Doug Farndale in July 1958 and they lived in Burlington, Toronto and Edmonton as they followed Doug's career in banking. All the while she continued her career as a teacher.

In 1966 they moved back to Port Perry, ironically into a home on Kent Street. Kent immediately became involved in the Town's activities and became involved in a fundraising campaign to save Town Hall 1873 from being demolished. She was also a member of the Scugog Choral Society and the United Church Choir.

She continued her volunteer work, getting becoming a member of the board of Port Perry Hospital and later served as Chair. Never one to slow down, she put her energy into helping raise funds for two expansions of the hospital, and state-of-the-art equipment for the hospital. She was also actively involved in the 'Lighting the Way' campaign, which began in 2005 to support the new endoscopy unit at the hospital.

Kent's love for the hospital was evident in 1994 when she researched and co-authored, with good friend Gwenyth Thompson, a book called 'Stitches in Time', a history of the hospital and medical staff in Scugog Township.

Kent and her husband Doug are avid collectors of art, so it was not surprising she found time to serve the Scugog Council for the Arts for more than a decade. She is also a life member of the Ontario Crafts Council. When the modern, new Scugog Public Memorial Library was constructed, an art gallery within the library was named Kent Farndale Gallery, in honour of her achievements. Kent looked after the booking and operation of the gallery for 10 years.

Kent's untiring efforts on behalf of the Scugog community were not gone unnoticed, and she received many accolades: the Ontario Crafts Council award for Lifetime Achievement; a 10-year volunteer service award winner from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Communications; the Paul Harris Fellow



**Kent Farndale**

## Thomas H. Follick

### Principal, Teacher

Thomas H. Follick was born in Durham County and taught school in St. Mary's for 18 years. He later spent three years in St. Catherines before coming to Port Perry.

He arrived in Port Perry to become principal of Port Perry High School in 1912, but resigned two years later to take charge of a high school in Athens, Ontario. He returned the following year and was re-hired as principal of the local high school, finally retiring in June 1928 after serving as principal at the local high school for 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Follick had been visiting his sister in Niagara Falls, when her house caught on fire from an overheated stove and explosion of an oil stove. Mrs. Follick escaped, but Mr. Follick's body was found in the bathroom of the house.

Flags of the Port Perry High School and town hall were flown at half mast in memory of the former principal. His funeral was held in St. Mary's where he had spent the best years of his life. Men and women from all parts of Ontario came to pay their respect to their teacher of former days.



**Thomas Follick**



Dr. Jonathan Foot

## Dr. Jonathan Foot Physician

Dr. Jonathan Foot was fortunately a man of iron frame and great endurance, and he spared neither himself nor his horse when the welfare of his patients required it. He was the first medical practitioner to venture into the wilds north of Whitby and Oshawa to tend to the medical needs in Prince Albert and Reach Township. Rich and poor alike were promptly attended to with sympathetic kindness.

This early pioneer doctor was born on October 31, 1804, in Vermont, USA, the son of Dr. Solomon Foot and his wife Betsey (Crossett). He was the oldest of four children in the family.

Following the example of his father, Jonathan took an interest in medicine and graduated from the Vermont Medical College in Castleton, Vermont in 1829.

A few months later he made his way to Buffalo, and then to Upper Canada to the town of "Little York", which was later renamed, Toronto.

With him he brought letters of introduction to Dr. Burnside and others. He contacted the medical authorities in Upper Canada, who advised him that a doctor was needed east of York, in Whitby Township, but he needed to be re-licensed for Upper Canada.

On September 30, 1830 he was examined by Drs. Widmer, Powell and Deihl. He passed his certification to practice medicine in Upper Canada on November 9, 1830. He took up residence in Brooklin, Whitby Township

Jonathan Foot was 30 years old when he married Robina Dow on February 1835. She was the daughter of William Dow, of Whitby. They had six children, two sons and four daughters.

In the early years of his practice, his territory extended from Scarborough to Port Hope and north to Prince Albert, in Reach Township. He travelled on horseback, visiting Prince Albert once a week. Later he stayed for two or three days each week. When Dr. John E. Ware arrived in Prince Albert in 1854, this enabled Dr. Foot to remain full-time in Whitby.

In his path of duty, with "unsullied honour" he trod through his long life, and died leaving an untarnished reputation. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and had an "unflinching trust in God."

Dr. Jonathan Foot, Scugog's first doctor, died in Brooklin on January 2, 1885, in his 81st year, and was accorded a stately funeral. The pall-bearers were Judge Zacheus Burnham, Sheriff Thomas Paxton, Elder Smith, Samuel Beall, James Thompson and George McGillivray.

He was accorded a stately funeral and was buried in Union Cemetery, Oshawa, Ontario.

His wife, Robina (Dow) died on September 2, 1884, in Brooklin, Ontario, at the age of 70, and was buried in Oshawa, Ontario.



Minister on horseback.





**Donald Forder**

## **Donald R. Forder**

### **Insurance Broker**

Family and friends were saddened to learn of the death of Donald Rodney Forder, 77, on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital.

Don was the youngest of six children of Joseph Henry Forder and Charlotte Amelia Rutledge, born February 10, 1939.

After leaving high school, he returned to his parent's Blackstock farm to help the family. Later he partnered with his brother, Harold, operating the Forder Brothers Butcher Shop on Queen Street and then worked as a meat inspector.

Don married Gloria Grace (Hastings) on December 22, 1965 in Port Perry and during their life raised a family of three children

After a brief time in the real estate business, he entered the insurance business as a broker with Emerson Insurance. A few years later Don decided to step out on his own and opened his own brokerage, Don Forder Insurance, which later became Forder-Parks Insurance. He operated his business from a small strip-plaza that he so proudly built on Water Street until 1996 when he retired.

He was a member of various organizations and involved in the business community in Port Perry for many years. He was especially proud to serve as a volunteer firefighter on the Scugog Fire Department for many years, wearing the number 9 1/2 with such great pride.

Don made an impact on each and every person who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was the most kind, generous man with a charming, unique spirit which will be forever remembered. He always had the most positive outlook on life and was a role model to so many people.

A service to celebrate Don's life was held at the Port Perry United Church, Port Perry on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Left to mourn his loss are his wife Gloria and children Joe, Dana and Chris.

## **Henry W. Foy**

### **Hotel Owner**

Henry William Foy was born in 1834 on Prince Edward Island, the son of United Empire Loyalist William H. Foy and Ada Edith (Farrow). Henry was 24 years old when he married Sarah Maria Tuttle, 20, at Hastings, Ontario on December 28, 1858. They had two children together. Sarah died six years later, in 1864 at the early age of 26 years.

He re-married November 13, 1868 to Almeda Jane (Pringle) and they had ten children together.

For many years before Port Perry became incorporated as a village Henry W. Foy was actively engaged in business. He is distinguished as being one of the first men to establish a business in the town.

In June 1869 he became proprietor of the leading hotel in Port Perry, the Royal Canadian Hotel, which later became known as the Brunswick Hotel. He operated it successfully until 1884, when he moved to Whitby. He was an unflinching Conservative.

Mr. Foy passed away in Port Perry on Monday, July 8, 1902, aged 68 years, at which time he was listed as being a shoemaker. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

His wife, Almeda, died on November 6, 1926 in Peterborough, Ontario. She was 81 years old.

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*Henry Foy ad from 1867*



**John Foy**

## **John Foy**

### **Farmer/Township Clerk**

John Foy was born in Prince Edward Island about 1830 to William and Adah Foy. He came to Scugog while still a young man, and settled on Scugog Island. He remained here his entire life, farming the land for almost 60 years.

In 1855, when Scugog Island Township separated from Reach Township, John Foy was appointed the first clerk and treasurer of the new municipality, retaining his office, until his death. He was described as an efficient officer, methodical in all the details of his several duties, and was considered the most efficient clerk in the entire County of Ontario.

Mr. Foy was married to Susannah "Ann" Darling. They had six children before Susannah died on October 26, 1875. She was 37 years of age, and was buried at Head Memorial Cemetery, Scugog. Eight years later, on January 10, 1883, John Foy, 52, married Elizabeth Ann (Warren).

At the time of his death, on Sunday, December 10, 1905, he was 76 years of age. Mr. Foy was known as a loving husband and a kind, father, and left behind his widow Elizabeth, four sons and two daughters. His funeral was largely attended by his friends and family and he was interred at Head Memorial Cemetery, Scugog Island.

## **Michael L. Fowler**

### **Lawyer**

Michael Fowler was only 17 years old when he moved to Port Perry in 1968, but the town made a lasting impression, so when he finished university, he returned to begin his practice in law.

Michael Lloyd Fowler is the second eldest of five children for Melvin Lloyd and Betty Geraldine Eunice (See) Fowler. He was born on April 22, 1951 in St. Thomas, Ontario and attended elementary school at Port Stanley and high school in St. Thomas, Donevan Collegiate in Oshawa and Port Perry High School.

It was while attending school in Port Perry that he met Marguerite "Joanne" Jackson, whom he dated through high school. Mike and Joanne were married in Port Perry on May 15, 1971 and raised three daughters, Jennifer Kathryn, Adrienne Marie and Mary Louise.

Returning to Windsor after his marriage, Mike worked for Chrysler and attended the University of Windsor part time to get a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Later he graduated with his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Mike was called to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1980, and joined the Oshawa law firm of Kelly, Jermyn, Zuly and Matthews, working out of their Port Perry branch office on Queen Street. He purchased the local branch in 1982 renaming the firm Kelly, Jermy, Zuly and Fowler for a number of years, and later as Michael L. Fowler Law Office. He moved into a new building at 175 North Street in 1985, where he has practiced law since that time. In 2017 he took in a partner, Jamie Tudhope, and as of that time the firm had four lawyers on staff.



**Michael L. Fowler**

In addition to his very busy practice, Michael immersed himself into his new community. He was a charter member of the Port Perry Rotary Club, serving as a director for many years and two terms as president. He also served as a director on the Durham Conservative Association; chaired the fund raising committee for the new Scugog Memorial Public Library and was a charter co-chair of Port Perry Duck's Unlimited.

While humble about his contributions to his home town, Mike is proud to have been able to provide pro-bono counsel and legal assistance to multiple community organizations during his 37 years in practice in Port Perry.

When not at work, or contributing his energy and service to his community, Michael and his family enjoy time at their cottage, fishing, snowmobiling and hunting. He is also an avid collector of historical documents and enjoys genealogical research.

# Thomas C. Forman

## Grain and Drygoods

The entire community was shocked to hear the sudden death of Major Thomas Chalmers Forman, on January 4, 1904. Mr. Forman was 76 years of age when he collapsed on the Queen Street, near the Town Hall, while rushing to the scene of a fire in the centre of town. He was the oldest mercantile businessman in the county.

Mr. Forman was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1827 and immigrated to Canada as a teenager. Forman found a job in Oshawa working for one of that community's pioneers, James Laing.

Impressed by the young Scotsman's work ethic, Laing sent Forman to open and operate the first grain merchant's store in Prince Albert in 1845. So successful he was that for many years, in the 1850s and 1860s, he had one of the largest grain buyers at Prince Albert.

It is believed Thomas Forman married his employer's daughter, Margaret Laing a few years after moving to Prince Albert and they had one son, Thomas A., born from this marriage. He married a second time to Eleanor W. (Taylor) Forman about 1859 and the couple had four children, Maggie E., James L., Elsie and William.

In November 1860 he sold his entire stock in trade and business in Prince Albert. He advertising the business as one of the largest country businesses in Upper Canada. Also for sale was his sawmill near the village of Utica. In January 1866 Captain T.C. Forman volunteered to go to the front to fight the Fenians when they crossed the Niagara River into Fort Erie.

T.C Forman sold his merchandise and sold his store in Prince Albert in 1874 and moved his business to Port Perry where he opened one of the largest dry goods, grocery and hardware stores in the town. He continued to live in Prince Albert until 1885 when he built a large brick home in Port Perry at the corner of Queen and Caleb Street.



Thomas C. Forman

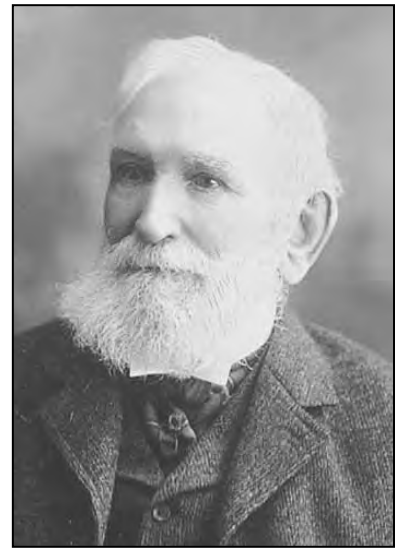
He always took a leading part in anything likely to enhance the interests of the community and served as Reeve of the Township of Reach in 1859. Known locally as Major T.C. Forman, he was a man of considerable military renown and proudly wore the badge of Sovereign, acknowledging the valuable services he rendered for his adopted and beloved country.

At a Patriotic Concert in 1901, he was presented a Fenian Raid Medal for his service in the Fenian Raids of 1866, and was decorated for his long service to the military. His generosity in the organization and maintenance of a Volunteer Company was unprecedented in Canada.

He was an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church and was the father of Presbyterianism in Prince Albert, and for more than 50 years was superintendent of the Sunday School.



Thomas C. Forman's home on Queen St., Port Perry.



Thomas C. Forman

## James “Jimmy” Frise Cartoonist

James Llewellyn Frise was born 16 October 1891[2] near Fingerboard on Scugog Island, the only son of John Frise, who was a farmer, and Hannah (Barker), who had immigrated with her family from England to Port Perry when she was two.

He grew up in Seagrave and Myrtle and went to school in Port Perry. There he struggled with spelling—even with his own middle name – and developed an obsession with drawing.

Throughout his teens, friends and teachers encouraged Frise to move to Toronto to pursue a drawing career. In 1910 he moved there, though without aiming to develop his art – rather he sought work and found it as an engraver and printer at a lithography firm.

Jimmy became the most important Canadian cartoonist in the first half of the twentieth century, the creator of two cherished comic strips, Birdseye Center and Juniper Junction. His immensely popular cartoons, which gently sent up the rural life and rustic villages of his youth, struck a nerve in a rapidly modernizing and urbanizing country, and he became one of the



**Jimmy Frise**

country’s most recognizable celebrities for his adventures with Greg Clark. Around town, or out hunting and fishing the cartoons were published weekly, with Clark providing the words, and Frise, the comical illustration.

Frise stood 5 feet 9 inches in height. He enjoyed the outdoors and pursued fishing and hunting. He often returned to the Lake Scugog area and sometimes spoke about his career there.

Joining the army 1915, Frise served in the 12th Battalion and fought in the critical Canadian battle of the Great War, Vimy Ridge, where he lost part of his left hand. After returning from his service in World War I, Frise began courting Ruth Elizabeth Gate, who had been born in the US and grew up in Toronto. She worked at an advertising agency, and co-published with her father a magazine in braille and a braille bible.

Ruth married Frise on February 21, 1918 and the couple had four daughters, Jean, Ruth, Edythe, and Betty; and a son, John. Frise often featured his spaniel Rusty in his strips.

After feeling unwell the night before, Frise died of a heart attack in his home in Toronto 13 June 13, 1948, at age 57. Clark telephoned Cranston on hearing the news, saying, “A great gentleman has passed on.”

Frise was buried at Prospect Cemetery in Toronto. A plaque was erected at the site of his childhood school on Scugog Island in his memory.



*Jimmy at work at the Toronto Star.*



*A Frise “Birdseye Centre” cartoon.*

## Donald Frew

### Farmer, Politician

Donald Frew was born about 1928, in the farming community of near Norwich, Ontario, the son of Jack Clyde and Kathleen (Mitchell) Frew.

Don met Norma Burrage at a dance hall in Burford in 1944, and recalled how he had to sell his 1936 Oldsmobile convertible to buy her an engagement ring. They were married a year later and raised five children, David, Nancy, Valerie, Alan and Virginia. They lived as partners and best friends for 72 years.

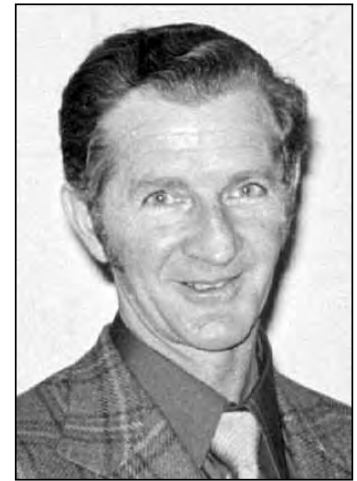
Don worked on his father's farm, who had moved into tobacco crops, until 1950 when the farm was sold. He then managed a tobacco farm near Alliston, then ventured into business on a tobacco farm near Nestleton in 1958.

Don and Norma settled comfortably into their life in Cartwright expanding their land holdings until today along with their sons, they own 18 farms with more than 3,000 acres. By the late 1970s the demand for tobacco was rapidly diminishing so they quickly disposed of their tobacco quotas and moved into raising hogs and in buying and selling grain eventually having more than 4,000 hogs and more than 3,000 acres to care for. Don, along with his sons and grandsons grew the farm to more than 4,000 hogs and 3,000 acres of corn and beans.

Farming wasn't Don's only interest, as he became involved in his community. He served as a trustee on the Cartwright Central Public School Board for a number of years and was also instrumental in the building of the Nestleton Community Centre.

He also entered municipal politics for a time, becoming councillor for the former Cartwright Township for two terms. When Scugog Township was formed in 1974, he made the transition, becoming the Ward 4 councillor. In 1976, after 14 years in political life, he left politics, partially due to disappointment with the new regional system of government, and to spend more time on his growing farm operation.

Donald Frew passed away on Thursday, January 4th, 2018, after a brief illness, at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, at age 92.



Donald Frew

## Edward B. Flint

### Druggist

Edward Barnes Flint was born February 10, 1884 at Stouffville, Ontario a son for Matthew H. and Emma (Barnes) Flint. As a young man he enjoyed playing hockey in his hometown.

His parents moved to California, but young Edward stayed, moving to Toronto to attend school and become a pharmacist. He married on December 19, 1904 to Birdie Kester of Pickering, Ontario and they had one son, Ross Britton.

Edward Flint arrived in Port Perry about 1907 and opened a drug store in a new building constructed on the south side of Queen Street after a fire destroyed the block in 1901.

His stay in Port Perry wasn't long, when five years after arriving, in June 1912, Edward sold his drug store to Orval Byer, and moved to Toronto. He then moved to London, Ontario where he continued as a pharmacist for a time, eventually becoming the president of W.E. Saunders Wholesale Veterinary & Physicians' Supplies, a drug-manufacturing firm. His son Ross Britton was Secretary-Treasurer of the same company.

Edward B. Flint was 79 years old when he passed away in London on June 3, 1963.



Edward Flint



Edward Flint in his Port Perry drug store about 1908.

## Section Seven



### **George N. Gerrow** **Builder and Engineer**

Former Port Perry Reeve, George Gerrow passed away on Friday, July 20, 1928 in Toronto.

George Nelson Gerrow was born in 1863 in Ontario, a son for his father Elijah and mother Mary Ann (Beach). He married Elizabeth Cunningham on March 11, 1890 in Goodwood, Ontario and they had four children.

The family lived in Uxbridge during their early life, moving to Port Perry in the early 1900s. Mr. Gerrow was a staunch supporter of Port Perry worked hard to improve the town of which he served as councillor for three years, and Reeve for seven years, from 1911-1917.

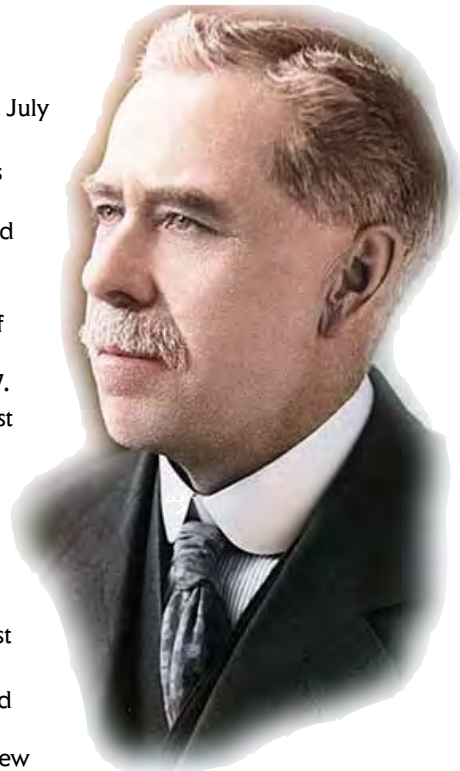
Mr. Gerrow was a builder and engineer by trade. One of his most notable pieces of work took place in 1909 when he constructed a cement culvert across Queen St. by the Standard Garage.

He also was instrumental in designing the lawn bowling green, which made a wonderful improvement in that part of the town. In 1908 he became the first president of the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club.

In 1911 he petitioned the federal government to build a new post office in the centre of town. it opened in 1914.

George Gerrow had a thorough training in road engineering and was an ardent advocate of the cement road which we now enjoy. Through his persistent efforts, he negotiated the construction of a new road around "Ham's Hill" on Scugog Island which eliminated the climbing of the big hill. He also was prominent in the early struggle to secure hydro for Port Perry.

Former Port Perry Reeve, George Gerrow passed away on Friday, July 20, 1928 in Toronto. Deceased had lived in Toronto since 1918 and had been in failing health for some time.



**George Gerrow**

### **Ezra W. Gamble** **Scugog Island settler**

Another of Scugog's early pioneer settlers was Ezra Wyatt Gamble, who was born on December 8, 1825 in Scugog Ontario, a son for James and Jane (Warren) Gamble, who had immigrated from Pennsylvania.

He was one of five children and the older brother of James Gamble. Ezra became the second man to be elected Reeve of Scugog Township, serving for six consecutive years, from 1858 until 1864.

Ezra married Anna Roger on January 1, 1849 in on Scugog Island. She died on June 26, 1859 when she was only 34 years old and was interred at Port Perry.

He married Hannah Redman, 24, on December 27, 1859 and they had two children together. James Thomas and Susan.

Ezra W. Gamble died December 1, 1906 in Lambton, Ontario, having lived to 80 years of age. His wife, Hannah, passed away on June 18, 1910 in Lambton, Ontario.

## James W. Gamble

### First Reeve of Scugog Island

James Warren Gamble was born February 10, 1828 in Markham, Ontario, the son of James and Jane (Warren) Gamble. The Gambles came to Canada from Pennsylvania in the early 1820s.

James was one of the earliest settlers on Scugog Island, and farmed the land for many years. He was only 28 years old when he was elected the first Reeve of Scugog Township, when it separated from Reach Township in 1856. He also served as Reeve in 1857, but never held public office again.

During his term as Reeve, as a member of the Ontario County council, he encouraged the County to construct a floating bridge between Reach Township and Scugog Island.

He married Lydia Mary Rogers of east Gwillimbury in 1854. Lydia died at 38 years of age at their residence on Scugog Island on Thursday, October 14, 1869 during birth of their son. The infant also died during birth.

The funeral cortege left the Gamble residence for services conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Borelia. The church could not nearly accommodate all who sought to be present. Mrs. Gamble was highly esteemed for her gentle nature and noble qualities.

Five months after his first wife's death, on March 4, 1870 J.W. Gamble held an auction of his farm stock, implements.

On November 22, 1870, James Gamble married 21 year old Emma E. (Rose) Pound in a Methodist Church in Reach, Ontario. James Gamble and Emma had one child during their marriage. Emma E. Rose had married Christopher Pound on December 6, 1868, but Pound died and she became a widow less than a year after their marriage.

James Warren Gamble, 72, died at Bear Lake, MaComb, Michigan at age 72 on June 20, 1899. His wife Emma died in her 43 year, on June 12, 1893.



*James W. Gamble*

## John F. Gerrow

### Farmer and Politician

John Franklin Gerrow, one of the town's oldest residents, passed away at his home in Port Perry on June 14, 1948. Mr. Gerrow was born on Scugog Island on October 15, 1880, the son of Elijah Gerrow and Mary Ann Beach. As a boy he moved to Pine Grove, in Uxbridge Township. Later the family moved back to Scugog Island on March 1, 1893. Mr. Gerrow married Mary Platten. There was born to this union, one son Stanley Gerrow.

During his stay on the Island Mr. Gerrow took an interest in municipal and community affairs. He was a member of the Scugog Township council for three terms beginning in 1903, and served as Reeve of the township in 1911.

On retiring from the farm in 1919 the Gerrows moved to Port Perry where they lived on Scugog Street. One of Mr. Gerrow's interests and hobbies was the keeping of bees and took a great interest in producing fine quality honey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrow were members of the United Church.

Mr. Gerrow is survived by his son Stanley, of Port Perry, one sister Mrs. Annie Hockley of Uxbridge and a brother, Elijah of Oshawa. Mrs. Gerrow predeceased her husband in March, 1940. The funeral was held at McDermott's chapel, with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



**John F. Gerrow**



**Francis "Frank" Gerrow**

## **Francis "Frank" Gerrow**

### **Farmer**

Francis Aaron Gerrow was born on February 13, 1875 in Port Perry, Ontario, the only child of John and Mary (Vansickle) Gerrow.

As a young man, Frank worked on the family farm, helping to clear the land for the Gerrow homestead, using the pine stumps for fences.

Frank married Ethel Louise (Bush) in Northumberland, Ontario on October 12, 1904, when he was 29 years old and the couple had two sons, Anson and Donald, and two daughters Alma and Olive, all born on Scugog Island.

He took an active part in the Scugog Island community becoming a member of the S.S. #2 School Board in Scugog Township for many years. He also served three years as councillor and was Reeve of Scugog for six years from 1933 - 1939. While a reeve he attended Ontario County Council in Whitby, and was also a member of the Ontario County Road Board.

In 1928, Frank and Ethel moved to the Ambleside Farm at Conc. 7, Scugog Island, with their family, residing here for the rest of his life.

He was a staunch Liberal, highly respected and well known citizen of Scugog Island. He enjoyed reminiscing about relatives and was proud to be a Gerrow.

Frank passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 18, 1948 at a reunion of the Gerrow family and relatives being held at the at his farm home on the shores of Lake Scugog. He had been in his usual good health, when he was stricken suddenly with a heart attack, and passed away immediately.

Francis "Frank" Aaron Gerrow was in his 74th year at the time of his death. A funereally was held at Grace United Church, Scugog Island and interment was made at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

## **Anson A. Gerrow**

### **Farmer, Politician**

Anson Almerick Gerrow grew up into a farming family, with a keen interest in local politics, following the path of his father who served as Reeve of Reach Township in the 1930s.

Born on Scugog Island on June 4, 1910, Anson was the son of Francis Aaron and Ethel Louisa (Bush) Gerrow. He was one of four children which included two girls, Alma Doreen and Olive May and brother Donald.

He attended the Scugog Head Memorial Sunday School of which in later life he served as Superintendent for many years.

As a young man Anson worked the farm along side his father and brother. The two boys took over the family farm after the death of their father in July 1948. He was a bachelor and lived and farmed with his brother his entire life, taking pride in his work.

Following in his father's political footsteps, Anson was elected by acclamation as Reeve of Scugog Island township in 1959 and held the position for five years. During his term as Reeve in 1961 he was elected Warden of Ontario County.

In 1962, after being elected Reeve by acclamation he said he would accept the office until Cecil Fralick, who was seriously injured in an accident days before the nomination, was well again, at which time he would resign.

After retiring from politics, he continued to farm, and into 1975 was appointed to a committee to explore the pros and cons of a controversial plan to build a federal penitentiary on Scugog Island.

Anson Almerick Gerrow was 69 years old when he passed away on January 9, 1980. He was respected in both the municipal and political organizations and had an enviable reputation. He had lived all of his life on Scugog Island.



**Anson Gerrow**



# Grant M. Gerrow

## Baker

Grant Milton Gerrow was born in Uxbridge Township on November 30, 1904, one of four children for his parents Elijah H. and Maria Gerrow.

Grant worked on the family farm until he was married to Elizabeth Pearl Kent on April 18, 1928. They had one daughter, Patricia Kent born in 1936, during their marriage.

Grant apprenticed as a baker in Oshawa before joining his parents in purchasing the H.S. White bakery in Port Perry, which they renamed E.H. Gerrow and Son Bakery.

He and his wife Pearl worked at the bakery with his parents and later his brother Mansell joined the firm.

After Elija and Maria retired, Grant became the sold owner of the Gerrow Bakery and operated it until 1958 when he partnered with Wentworth Watson, a long-time employee. In September 1961 he sold out his final interest in Gerrow Bakery and it was renamed Wentworth Bakery.

During his years in business, Grant served as a member of the Port Perry Businessmen's Association and Port Perry Council. He was elected as a councillor in 1941 and served in that capacity until 1945. After retiring in 1961, Grant became a bus driver.

Grant Milton Gerrow was 60 years old when he died on January 23, 1965. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Pearl lived to 82 years of age, passing away on June 1, 1985.



Grant Gerrow



Members of the Gerrow family inside the Gerrow Bakery 1923.



Grant Gerrow in front of the Gerrow Bakery delivery truck.



The Gerrow Brothers Bakery on Queen Street, Port Perry about 1944.

# Mansell A. Gerrow

## Baker, Funeral Director

Mansell Arol Gerrow was destined to become a baker, following in the footsteps of his father and brother.

Mansell was born in Uxbridge Township on January 13, 1902, one of four children for his parents, Elijah Henry and Maria Ann (Platten) Gerrow. He had one brother, Grant Milton, and two sisters, Hazel Verness and Edna May.

He grew up and worked on the family farm until he married Jessie Corrina May Armstorg, 23 at the Pine Grove Methodist Church in Uxbridge on October 12, 1921. They had one child during their marriage.

In 1924 Elija and Maria purchased a Port Perry bakery and operated it with help from their family. When his parents decided to retire in 1935, Mansell and his brother Grant took over, becoming co-owners of Gerrow Bakery. Their sister Edna May also worked at the bakery.

Mansell continued to work at the Gerrow Bakery until 1961 when the bakery was sold to long-time employee Wentworth Watson. Mansell and Jessie moved to Oshawa and there he established the Gerrow Funeral Chapel at 390 King Street West, which he owned and operated until about 1970.

While living in Port Perry Mansell took a great interest in his community. He became a member of the Port Perry Businessmen's Association and was elected president in 1935. He was a member of the finance committee for the building of a new Port Perry Scout Hall in 1950 and the following year named chairman of the Scout Association.

Mansell Arol Gerrow was 78 years old when he died on December 1, 1980 in Oshawa. His wife Jessie lived until she was 91, passing away on March 28, 1989 at Port Perry, Ontario.



Mansell Gerrow



Mansell and Grant Gerrow are seen here at the rear of the Gerrow Bakery with loaves of bread.

In the background is the Port Perry Post Office and armoury.



Gerrow's Bakery trucks and horse drawn buggy behind the bake shop. Left, Grant Gerrow, middle Wentworth Watson and far right, Mansell Gerrow with horse and buggy.

## James J. Gibson

### Farmer, Politician

Former Port Perry Reeve, James Johnston Gibson, better known as "J.J. Gibson", passed way on August 7, 1985, in his 84th year.

Mr. Gibson was born on March 26, 1902, in Sonya, Ontario, a son for Wesley and Martha Gibson of Victoria, British Columbia. He married Hazel Irene (Gorrill) of Sonya, Ontario on May 29, 1929.

Mr. Gibson spent more than a decade in active politics in Port Perry starting in 1955-56 as a councillor. He was elected Reeve of the community in 1957 and held the positions until 1968. A highlight in his political life came in 1965 when he served a term as Warden of the former Ontario County.

Numerous important civic projects were initiated and completed during Mr. Gibson's tenure as a councillor and reeve, including a new municipal building, fire hall, community well and water tower.

A life-long resident of the area, Mr. Gibson worked for a decade at Peel's Poultry Farm before going into business for himself. He operated a poultry plant at the north end of Bigelow St., near the fairgrounds until his retirement in 1964.

While politics played a major role in his adult life, Mr. Gibson was an ardent sportsman and was quite a centre fielder with several baseball teams in this area when a young man.

He was active in several community organizations including the Oddfellows Lodge where he served as past District Deputy and Grand Master of Oddfellows Lodge. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his wife Hazel (Gorrill) and five children, Ruby, Bill, Isabel, Jim and George. A service was held Saturday, August 10 at the Wagg Funeral Home with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



James J. Gibson

## A. Martin Gibson

### Foundry Operator

A. Martin Gibson was born in February 1843 in Oshawa, Ontario.

A.M. Gibson arrived in Port Perry in the early 1860s and by November 1866 had built a first-class foundry on Perry Street and equipped it with several thousand dollars worth of machinery.

A.M. Gibson's Foundry was the most extensive industrial complex in early Port Perry, employing more than 50 men. The main building was a 40'x60' machine shop with substantial adjoining buildings; a machine shop, a moulding shop and a blacksmith shop. To the north was a huge 30'x100' storage shed.

They were involved in the manufacturing of steam engines and machinery for many of the early steamboats which navigated the waters of Lake Scugog and beyond. Among these was the Anglo Saxon. The Gibson foundry also manufactured turbine water wheels and other machinery for grist, saw and woollen mills and machines for making shingles.

Machinery manufactured at his foundry was sold all over the North American continent. In 1867, Gibson entered into a partnership with Charles Paxton, but not long after he sold his shares in the company.

After selling his foundry to Thomas Paxton and William Tate, it appears A.M. Gibson left town and moved to the USA, where on August 27, 1869 he married Lucinda Jane McElroy. They had five children during their marriage.

A. Martin Gibson died in 1901 at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, USA, at the age of 52.

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Immediate Orders Respectfully Solicited.

**A. M. GIBSON.**

Port Perry, Dec. 12th, 1866. 19

A.M. Gibson advertisement, December 1866.



**Allan Goode**

## Allan J. Goode Creamery Operator

Allen John Goode was born in Reach Township on January 7, 1871. He was the only boy of three children born to James and Ann (Boleyn) Goode. His father was a farmer. He married Jane Keith on November 11, 1890, in Claremont, Ontario and they moved to Reach Township and later to Port Perry where they raised 11 children over the next 19 years.

Allan Goode purchased the Port Perry Creamery in 1918 and which was located about 247 Perry St., across from the present Scout Hall). There he modernized it into a fine new creamery with modern equipment and a first class pasteurizer.



*Port Perry Creamery, on Perry Street, Port Perry.*

Four years later, in June 1922, Allan purchased the large egg warehouse building at the corner of Water and Casimir Street from James Stonehouse, for storage. In May 1924 he opened a beautifully equipped ice cream factory in his new building on Water Street. It became known as Goode's Ice Cream Factory. In November of the same year, he moved his creamery business from its Perry Street building to the Ice Cream Factory.

Although busy with his creamery business, Allan took an interest in local politics and was elected deputy reeve of Port Perry in 1917. He also was elected a town councillor for a number of years during the 1920s.

Allan's wife, Jane, died in 1956 in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 83. They had been married for 66 years at the time of her death. John Allan Goode died in 1959 in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 88, and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



*John Allan Goode's Creamery on Water Street, Port Perry.*

## Milton J. Goode Creamery Operator

Milton John Goode and his twin sister Mildred were born on October 3, 1905, in Reach Township,, their father, Allan John, was 34, and his mother, Jennie Foster, was 32. He was one of 11 children raised by his parents.

Milton received his education at the Agricultural College in Guelph, Ontario, and married Mary Veronica Roberts on December 15, 1928, in Sunderland, Ontario. They had three children during their marriage.

In 1935 Milton moved to Fergus where he has purchased a creamery but returned about five years alter to open the Port Perry Cheese Factory. Later that year, 1940, he constructed an addition to the building and in 1944 he opened a refrigeration locker system to the public at the Port Perry Creamery.

Milton Goode sold the Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory to Silverwoods Creamery in January 1947.

Milton John Goode died in 1952 in his hometown at the age of 47. His wife, Jennie died on January 1, 1986, in Oshawa, Ontario, at the age of 79. They were both buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



**Milton Goode**



Adam Gordon

## Adam Gordon

### Grain and Mercantile Merchant

Adam Gordon was born in Forfar, Angus, Scotland on September 16, 1831 and was brought to Canada by his parents, William and Christian Gordon in 1838. He was the fifth child of eight sons and two daughters

In 1856 he married Christina Bogne (Campbell), daughter of Captain Campbell. Christina was his companion for the rest of his life.

He moved to Reach Township in the 1860s and was an active businessman, largely engage in the grain trade, as owner of the Manchester Warehouse. In 1870 he built a large two-storey building in the centre of the village Manchester, with everything necessary for a first class general store which he operated successfully until selling it in 1874.

Mr. Gordon also filled many municipal offices, first being elected as Reach Township councillor in 1866, later he served as deputy reeve, and as Reeve of Reach Township in 1871 and 1872.

He was a man whose honourable dealings attained him unlimited confidence in the community, and in 1874 he successfully contested the seat for

North Ontario in the general election against the former member, W.H. Gibbs. He was an attentive member of the house, full of work and always alive to the interests of his constituents.

The news of the unexpected death of Adam Gordon, while still sitting as a member of the Dominion Parliament, was received with public shock. Mr. Gordon, who was only 45 years of age, passed away at his Port Perry residence on May 27, 1876 after a brief illness of four days. He was surrounded by his aged father, widow Christina and large family of young children at the time of his death.

Mr. Gordon was well esteemed as a private citizen as was evidenced by the large funeral cortege, which accompanied the remains from Port Perry to Oshawa, where he was laid to rest at Union Cemetery. Many of the leading gentlemen from all parts of Ontario County were on hand to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory.



Adam Gordon's home at 62 Ella Street.

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ADAM GORDON.

Manchester, Dec. 5, 1867. 17

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ADAM GORDON.

Manchester, May 30, 1867. 42

# Henry Gordon

## Businessman, Politician

One of Port Perry's leading entrepreneurs and local political figures during the formation years of Port Perry was Henry Gordon. A man of Scottish heritage, born at Chateauquay, Quebec on January 14, 1838 one of nine children raised by his parents James and Elizabeth Gordon. Henry Gordon was married to Catherine "Kate" Shaw on December 30, 1866. The couple raised eight children.

He arrived in Reach Township as a young man, and by the time he was 30 years old he was a general merchant operating a large grain storehouse in Manchester. This little village just west of Port Perry was considered one of the largest grain centres in North Ontario at the time.

When Joseph Bigelow resigned as postmaster in 1869, Mr. Gordon took over the position, operating the post office from a dry goods store, located in a building at the southeast corner of Queen and Perry Street. He later moved the post office to a newly constructed, two-storey brick building on the north west corner of Queen and John Street.

It was about this time he also moved into his new home, on a large property on Cochrane Street.

Never one to be idle, after Port Perry elected its first municipal council in 1872, Henry Gordon was appointed the first treasurer for the village. This would just be a start to his political career which spanned many years.

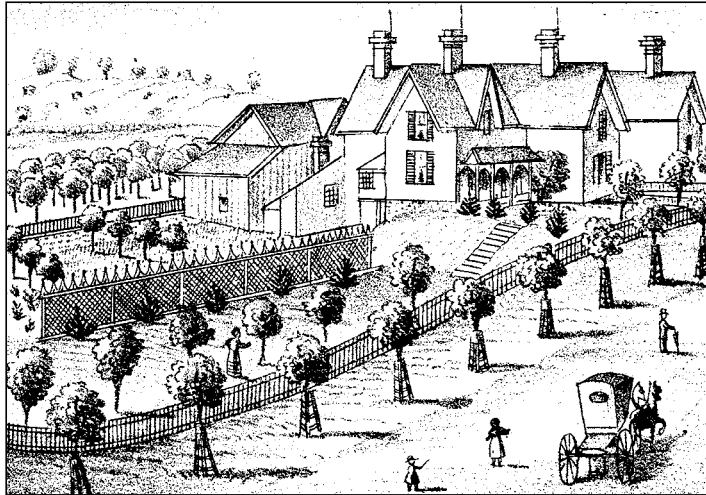
But it wasn't always a smooth ride. Mr. Gordon fell out of favour with Port Perry council in May 1881 and he was dismissed of his job as treasurer. Despite the urging of leading townsmen to reinstate him, council declined. In retaliation, Mr. Gordon ran for the position of Reeve of the village, but fell short, losing to Dr. Richard Jones.

Two years later, in 1883, he was elected Reeve of Port Perry, a position he held for three years. At the time of his first term as reeve, he resigned his position as postmaster after a term of 18 years. He was elected Warden of Ontario County in 1885 and also served as a magistrate for a time.

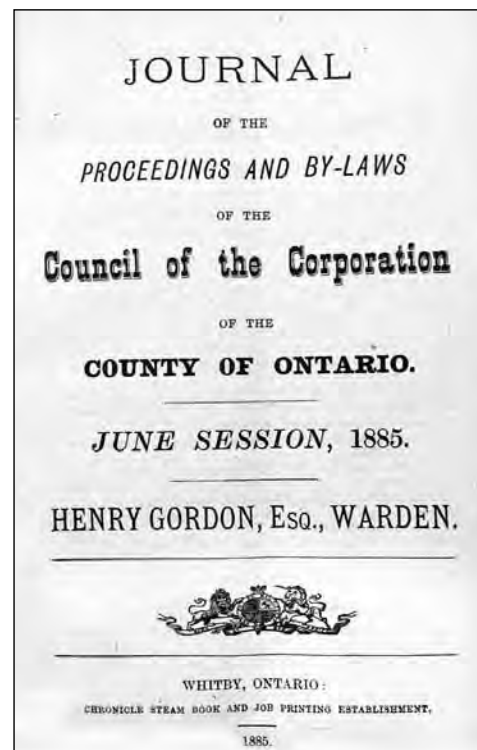
In addition to his political involvement in the community, Mr. Gordon also held positions with the Ontario Central Fair Board in Port Perry, the Prince Albert Lodge of A.F. & A.M.

After more than 30 years serving Port Perry and area, as a postmaster, councillor, reeve, warden and a businessman, Mr. Gordon and his family moved to Toronto. They spent the rest of their lives there, with Mr. Gordon passing away in Wellesley Hospital on March 23, 1918 at 80 years of age. His wife, Catharine (Shaw), predeceased him on October 23, 1902, at 54 years of age.

After almost three decades away from the community, the body of Henry Gordon was returned to Port Perry by train, for burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. He was survived by three children.



*Henry Gordon's home on Cochrane Street, Port Perry.*



*Ontario County Council journal shows Henry Gordon, as Warden of Ontario County.*



**Phillip Goreski**

## Phillip “Phil” Goreski Marina Operator

Phillip Goreski was born in the Saltcoats district of Saskatchewan, on September 12, 1918. When he was a teenager, he moved to Ontario with his parents, Joseph and Helen Goreski, who had purchased a farm about a mile north of Manchester. Over the next 60 years this ambitious young man became one of Scugog Township’s most successful businessmen.

About two years after moving to Ontario, Anne (Exner), who had known Phil in Saskatchewan came to Ontario. Phil and Anne were married in July 1940 when all he had was \$10 in his pocket and a ten-year old Durant car.

For the next 23 years, Phil worked in a variety of jobs including farming and factory work in Oshawa. Then in 1958 he starting his own roofing business. Phil sold his Goreski Roofing business to his son Ken six years later, and purchased a 48 acre farm on Scugog Island, which he expanded to 130 acres by purchasing connecting pieces of land.



*Goreski's Centennial Restaurant 1972.*

It was on the farmland, along the shore of Lake Scugog, he developed southern Ontario’s largest full-service marina and boating facility. By the time he retired from Goreski Marina and Summer Resort, the complex featured 300 seasonal camp sites, swimming pool, more than 200 covered boat slips, boat rentals, a restaurant and a 200 seat banquet hall.

He and his wife Anne built and opened Centennial Restaurant on Water Street, Port Perry in May 1971, during Port Perry’s Centennial year. They operated it for a number of years before selling.

Phillip Goreski died peacefully with his family by his side, on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at the Community Nursing Home in Port Perry, at age 84. He was survived by his wife Anne, his 10 children Gerald, Ken, Wayne, Larry, MaryAnne, Kelly, Allan, Ron, Len and Teresa.

A Funeral Mass was held in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Port Perry on Friday, January 24, 2003. Interment Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Whitby.



*Goreski's Marina on Scugog Island, 1960*



**James Graham**

## **James Graham**

### **Farmer, Politician**

James Graham was born in 1824 in Ontario. He was 25 years old when he married Margaret Saunders, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1849. They had five children, Robert, Ruth, Mary Jane, James and Job.

Mr. Graham became very involved in the agriculture scene, serving as a director of the North Ontario Agriculture Society for a number of years and in 1868 being elected president of the Reach and Scugog Agriculture Society, a position he held for five years.

During the 1890s he also served as president of the local Reach, Scugog, Port Perry Ploughing Association.

While a resident of Reach Township, Mr. Graham was elected Reeve of Reach Township on four occasions: 1867, 1870, 1872, 1873.

In 1874 he purchased Springwater Farm, an 800 acre farm on Scugog Island, from W.S. Sexton.

Two years after moving to Scugog, he was elected Reeve of Scugog Township, a position he retained for seven consecutive years. In 1879 he was honoured by being elected Warden of Ontario County.

Throughout the 1870 and 80s he was one of the driving forces behind encouraging Ontario County to replace the floating Scugog Bridge into a permanent roadway.

James Graham passed away on July 7, 1885, at 75 years of age. His wife, Margaret (Saunders), was 94 years old when she died on October 26, 1918.



**Samuel Graham**

## **Samuel Graham**

### **Blacksmith**

Following a lingering illness, Samuel Graham passed peacefully away at his home in Port Perry on Wednesday, August 13, 1919 at age 71 years.

For 40 years Samuel Graham was a citizen of this town, during which time he made many staunch friends and was well known for his geniality and cheerful optimism. He was a blacksmith by trade with a shop on Queen St. before taking over the Ontario Carriage Works in 1882. During 1892 he built a new building, opposite the Ontario Bank, at the rear of the lot.

As he always had a great interest in the welfare of the town, he was urged to become a council in 1913 and was elected by a splendid majority. During his term of office he was diligent in carrying out his responsibilities and was a very worthy representative of the voters.

Samuel was born in Ireland June 8, 1848 and immigrated to Canada with his parents. He was a consistent member of the Loyal Orange Lodge and for a number of years, up to the time of his death, was treasurer of the local organization.

Upon the completion of a new Post office, he was appointed caretaker and in that capacity gave splendid service and satisfaction both to the government and the public.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Benjamin Greatrix, he was received into the membership of the Methodist Church and for several years was a member of the board.

Samuel Graham was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery on August 15. The casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes and many old friends and acquaintances and member of the church attend the funeral service.

Deceased leave to mourn his loss, his widow Elizabeth and two sons, Dr. Richard L. Graham of Port Hope and Dr. Samuel B. Graham of Moosomin, Saskatchewan.



## **Dr. Orr Graham**

### **Veterinarian Surgeon**

Orr Graham was one of the premier veterinarians in the vicinity of Port Perry in the late 1800s, having set up his practice on Queen St., in 1884.

Orr Graham was born on November 21, 1852. He is the son of James Graham and Ann (Rundle) Graham.

The young Graham was educated in the public school in Saintfield and at Port Perry High School before leaving to study veterinary science at the Toronto Veterinary College and graduated in April 1884.

In October 1884 the young veterinarian doctor purchased the property at 250 Queen St. and built a beautiful home, with an outbuilding to operate his veterinarian practice. The house featured layers of yellow brick following the upper and lower lines of the windows, and the detailed brickwork above the double front and side windows at the upper level.

In 1885 Orr met the woman who would become his wife. He was 27 years old when he married Sophia Jordan, 19, in Little Britain on November 3, 1886.

While in Port Perry he served on the local Board of Education and was a keen supporter of horse racing on Lake Scugog during the winter.

Dr. Graham is given the credit with developing one of the largest veterinary practices in this part of the province before he retired and sold his practice in 1901. But two years later, he resumed his practice at his former office. Then in 1909, he retired again, leaving Port Perry and moving to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Orr Graham died on March 14, 1943 when he was 93 years old. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, in Winnipeg.



**Dr. Orr Graham**

## **Harvey Graham**

### **Agriculture, Farmer**

Harvey Graham was born in Cartwright Township, the son of Howard Courtney and Mary Florence (Toms) Graham. Harvey's ancestors came from Ireland in the 1840s, settling at Purple Hill in Cartwright Township a decade later and began farming.

Harvey worked long hard hours along side his father, who had a mixed farm with hens, pigs, sheep and cows. It was this early experience in farming that prompted him to attend the Agricultural College in Kemptville, where he learned an even greater appreciation of agriculture, and a real love of farming.

While attending a Young People's Group at the Blackstock United Church, Harvey met Joan Hoskin of Blackstock. After graduating from college in 1956, he returned to his family's farm, and one year later married Joan in the Blackstock United Church.

Harvey purchased his father's 350 acre farm a year after getting married, and switched the farm to specializing in dairy cattle. Another change came in 1980 when he switched from dairy to cash crops: beef cattle, grain and custom farming.

Harvey is an avid supporter of the Blackstock Fair, and the Blackstock Tractor Pull. In fact it was Harvey who initiated the local tractor pull and became the founding president of the Ontario Tractor Pull Association. He was also the voice of tractor pulls in Blackstock for many years.

In 1971 Harvey made his first venture into municipal politics, being elected to the former Cartwright Township council. In 1973 he was elected to the new Scugog Township council, serving through four elections for a total of 12 years. In 1989 he was unsuccessful in an attempt to be elected Mayor of Scugog Township, but three years later returned to be elected as the area councillor for another term.

After leaving politics, Harvey turned his attention to his real love, that of his Breezy Acres farm and agriculture. In March 1995 he was elected president of the Ontario Cattleman's Association.

After retiring from farming, Harvey and Joan sold the family farm to their son Mark and moved into Canterbury Common in Port Perry, although returns to the farm to help, whenever he feels like getting back to the land. The original 100 acre farm grew to encompass 700 acres, with an additional 1,000 acres of leased land.



**Harvey Graham**



**Thomas Graham**

## Thomas Graham

### Farmer

Thomas Graham was born in Reach Township on September 25, 1854 and moved to Scugog Island in 1875. In 1879 he married Martha Anne Nesbitt, and of this marriage were born five sons - Lorne, Russell, Charles, Stewart and Carleton.

About 1881 he purchased a farm consisting of about 90 acres, at lot 2, 7th concession, situated on rising ground with a magnificent view, about a mile from Port Perry at the end of the Scugog Bridge. He later purchased an additional 85 acres to the east of his farm, of which he cleared the stumps and turned into land capable of producing excellent crops. On the farm, he lived in a fine brick house, ample in size and very comfortable. His two large barns were built in an 'L' shape, measuring 40x62 and 36x56 with stone foundation.

Recognized as one of the most prosperous farmers of the area, Mr. Graham tended to his apple orchard, grew top quality grains and seeds and was a breeder of pure bred stock. He had a large herd of cattle, pigs and horses,

which he stabled in his barns.

Mr. Graham was an intelligent and public spirited citizen, who served on Scugog Council for many years and was Reeve for four terms, 1891 to 1904. He was appointed to the position of clerk for the township in 1905, a position he held for 28 years. He was honoured for his service to the township in 1936, at which time he was presented a hickory walking cane.

In addition to his public life, Mr. Graham was identified with the Scugog Agricultural Society for many years and served as president of the fair when it was held in Port Perry. He was a valued member of the Shorthorn Breeders; Assoc., served as president of the Reach, Scugog and Port Perry Clydesdale Association, and was in constant demand at fall fairs to judge cattle.

During the span of Mr. Graham's life many changes have taken place. Bush farms have been cleared of their timber. Log house replaced by modern dwellings, Roads have taken the place of trails, the floating bridge is gone, replaced by a permanent roadway. In all these improvements Mr. Graham took an active part.

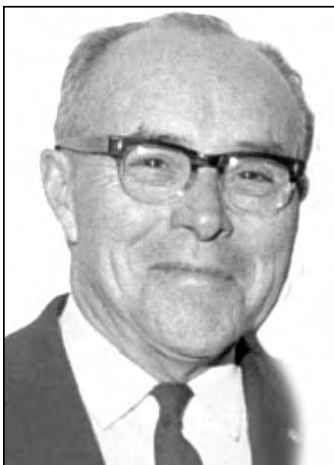
In the passing of Mr. Graham the district lost one of its most outstanding farmers, who had an enviable reputation among breeders throughout Canada. Thomas Graham passed away on March 22, 1936 at 82 years of age. His wife Martha died on January 27, 1927 in her 65 year.

## Samuel N. Griffen

### Lumber Merchant

Samuel Nelson Griffen was born in York (Toronto), Ontario on October 1, 1902, a son for Edward and Rowena Maud (Tizzard) Griffen.

When Sam was a young man he was faced with having no work around Port Perry so he headed off to Detroit where there was plenty of jobs. Sam decided to return home to Port Perry about 1924, and a few years later, he married his childhood sweetheart Verna Mackey on February 18, 1928.



**Samuel "Sam" Griffen**

Following their marriage, Sam and Verna returned to his job in Detroit. In November 1928, Verna gave birth to their first son, Charles Edward Griffen. The couple also had a son John and daughter Marilyn.

With encouragement from his father, Sam returned to Port Perry and purchased the Farmer's Union Milling Company, on May 25, 1930.

In May 1940, Sam, along with E.G. Michell were given exclusive use of the name "Birdseye Centre Cabin Park" by the Toronto Star for their tourist park on the lake front beside his lumber business.

Sam also took an active part in supporting and promoting the town and was instrumental in building a new arena and a log building for a scout hall in town.

He was a member of the of the Port Perry Lions Club and a Deputy District Governor for the club, he was a dedicated member of the United Church. Sam retired in 1970, turning the business over to is son Ted.

He passed away on March 4, 1987 in his 85 year. A service was held at the Wagg Funeral Home, Port Perry. He was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife, Verna died October 26, 1996.

# Edward “Ted” Griffen

## Lumber Merchant

Edward Griffen was born in Detroit Michigan, November 1928, a son of Samuel and Verna Griffen. Edward (Ted) moved to Port Perry with his parents when he was only two years old, and has been a life-long resident of the community.

At an early age, he began hanging out in his father’s mill, and later working for his father. He said he always new he would be in the lumber business, and it was that industry that he worked in until retiring in about 2010 to his children.

While attending high school he met the girl who would become his wife. Ted Married Jean in September 1951 in the Seagrave United Church and the couple raised three children, Debra, Paul and Ian, all who worked in the family business.

After finishing high school, Ted attended Ryerson Institute, graduating as an architect, then returned home to work along side his father until taking it over when Sam retired in 1970.

Ted Griffen loved his community and was quick to volunteer and work on its behalf. He worked tirelessly for 60 years as a director and president or chairman of many organizations including the Community Memorial Hospital, the United Church, Masonic Lodge, Businessmen’s Association and Chamber of Commerce.

He was also active in the curling club, scouting organization and the Lions Club, and a driving force in expanding the town’s medical services by encouraging new young doctors to come to the community and fighting to retain all the services a the local hospital.

On a personal level, Ted loved music and as a trumpet player was a member of a band when he was younger. He enjoyed flying for more than half a century, was an avid curler, enjoyed sailing and golf, and a dedicated Blue Jays baseball fan.

In his own words, Ted said, “I’ve never done anything great in my life, but I always tried to be honest and fair to everyone.”



Edward “Ted” Griffen



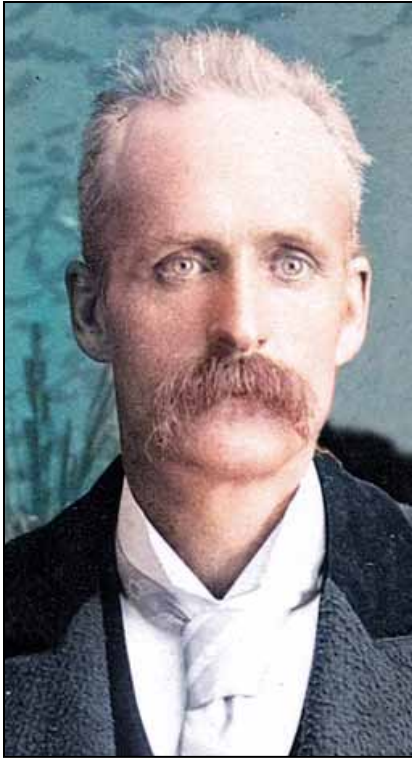
Lake Scugog Lumber Building Centre and Truss Plant 1971



Aerial view of Lake Scugog Lumber’s new Building Centre and Truss Plant in 1992.

## Section Eight

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**Deforest Hagerman**

## Deforest Hagerman

### Postmaster, Treasurer

Deforest Hagerman was an important and notable figure in the Port Perry area for many years.

He was born near Markham in 1856 to Nicholas and Jane Hagerman. After he grew into manhood, he operated a general merchandise store at Zephyr for a number of years before leaving and moving to Manchester, Ontario.

He arrived in Manchester about 1880 purchased a store from Charles Hiscoxs and operated the store for 20 years. He also purchased grain at the Ross Grain Elevator at Manchester Station.

Mr. Hagerman served as the local postmaster when he owned the general store, and occupied the position of municipal treasurer of the Township of Reach for a number of years. He tendered his resignation as Reach Township treasurer after serving for 22 years in November 1908.

Deforest Hagerman was very fond of music, lead the choir at Manchester Methodist Church, where he was also a Sunday School teacher.

Deforest married Ellen (Walker) on May 14, 1884, and the couple raised four children, three girls and a boy. He was a member of Fidelity Lodge, A.F.&A.M., Port Perry.

He and his family moved to a new home in Toronto about 1914, where Deforest Hagerman died on Friday, January 16, 1920. He was 64 years-old at the time of his death and was buried in Markham, Ontario. His wife, Ellen died on February 21, 1930 at 74 years of age.



*Deforest Hagerman's general store at Manchester.*

# W. Howard Hall

## Merchant, Politician

When William Howard Hall moved to Port Perry as a young lad, it's unlikely he ever thought that one day he would become mayor of the town. But years later, in 1988, he became the third mayor of Port Perry, a position he held for nine years.

Howard was born in Toronto October 11, 1929, a son for William and Bessie (Spence) Hall. He attended public school in Toronto before the family moved to Port Perry in 1943, after an industrial accident claimed his father's life.

Coincidentally, his grandfather had died year earlier, leaving his mother a house in Port Perry, so they moved out of the city into town. He finished his education at Port Perry High School, and later married a local girl by the name of Zula Jackson, daughter of Ted and Gertrude Jackson of Port Perry.

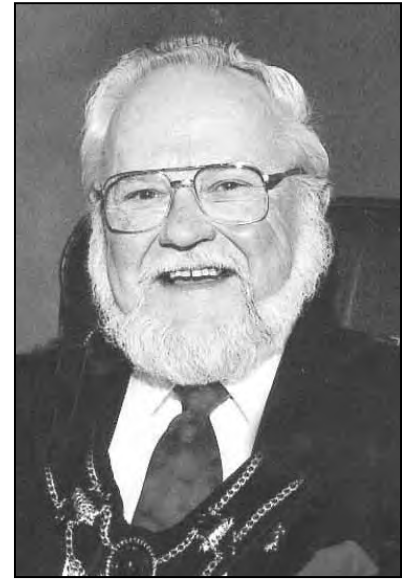
"We had our first date January 4, 1944, skating at the old Port Perry arena," he remembered during an interview with *Focus on Scugog* a few years ago.



Howard and Zula Hall, 1991



Howard Hall closes his House of Howard store in 1990.



Mayor Howard Hall

Howard began his working career with his new father-in-law selling farming implements. In the off-season the business shifted to appliances at their Queen Street location, eventually becoming Ted Jackson's Appliances. After Ted Jackson retired, Howard took over the store, renaming it House of Howard a few years later. He expanded the products selling both furniture and appliances for 35 years in downtown Port Perry.

Long before entering into the political arena, Howard was an active volunteer and fundraiser in the community. He served for years with the Chamber of Commerce, as a secretary-treasurer, director and president. He served on Community Memorial Hospital Board for more than 20 years, and another seven years on the Durham District Health Council, including two as Chairman.

Always interested in youth, he spent many years as a leader with the Port Perry Scouting Association, was president of the local Figure Skating Club and was an active supporter of the Port Perry MoJacks from its inception.

Howard first entered into municipal politics in 1969 being elected a councillor for the former Port Perry council. After one term, he left politics, but returned as a councillor of the new Scugog Township council in 1985.

Three years later, after learning Mayor Jerry Taylor was not to run for office again, he threw his hat into the ring for mayor and was elected in the fall of 1988. This was the first of three terms as mayor of Scugog Township.

Evidence of Howard's boundless passion and energy can be found all around town. He served as chairman of the new arena committee. He was also a staunch Liberal in politics and a devoted member of the United Church, Port Perry.

Howard's wife of 60 years, Zula, died on June 29, 2012. She was the loved mother of Ted (deceased), Jennifer (Down) of Port Perry, and Cathryn Hall of London.

Howard Hall passed away at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. A large crowd gathered for his funeral, at the Port Perry United Church on Tuesday, March 6. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

## William R. Hall

### Farmer

William Robert Ham was born near Columbus on Christmas day, December 25, 1843, a son for James and Catherine Ham. He lived there until he was a young man and married Jane Melbrush (Real) of Mariposa on November 1, 1865, when he was 22 years old. He farmed in Mariposa for 10 years before retiring at the age of 33 years.

Mr. Ham then moved to Port Perry for eight years and while living in the town served on the local council. He later bought a farm at the south end of Scugog Island, where he lived for about 25 years. While a resident of the Island he served as Reeve of Scugog Township for five terms between 1887 and 1895. He was also a member of Ontario County Council for 13 years.

After the death of his wife on December 16 1908, he travelled to the west, where he had considerable land holdings. He lived there until due to illness he returned to live with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Real, at Port Perry in 1929.

His Scugog Island property was situated on a large rolling piece of land which became known as Ham's Hill. The hill was dangerously steep heading to Cartwright, and in 1912 Ontario Cty. Council purchased a "right of way" to construct a new road around the south end of the property.

William R. Ham was ill for a long time before his death on August 17, 1932. He was survived by three daughters; Mrs. Gibbard, Mrs. Wm. Real and Mrs. A.R. Turner. Interment was made at Pine Grove Cemetery.



William H. Harris

## William H. Harris

### Solicitor, Clerk

He was born at Orange, Ohio, on December 14, 1869, and was the first son of Rev. John Harris and Elizabeth Ann (Heard) Harris, who had five children.

The family moved to Canada, when William was a lad and for a time Rev. Harris was stationed in Bowmanville and Epsom, where he received his elementary and high school education.

After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Toronto, receiving his B.A. in 1891. He then went to Osgoode Hall, where he received the Degree of L.L.B., and was called to the Bar in 1894.

His first law office was in Brighton, but after one year moved to Campbellford where he stayed for six years.

In 1900 William married Clara Edna Dunk, and the young couple made their home in Port Perry. Four children were born of this marriage - John, Robert, Thomas and Miriam.

In the passing of Mr. Harris, Port Perry lost a good citizen. he was a lawyer who used his profession helpfully. His sympathies were always with the "underdog". It pleased him better to defend the weak than to make big fees from the strong.

For a number of years, Mr. Harris served as clerk and solicitor for the Village of Port Perry. He also served as a member the Board of Education, and was president of the newly formed Port Perry Golf Club in 1921. His wife, Clara, was given the honour of laying the cornerstone for the new War Memorial Library in October 1934.

He was a man who loved good sportsmanship. he played football, and was an ardent fan in hockey and baseball, and another of his diversions was chess, of which he was a skilled player.

William Heard Harris, 76, died at Oshawa General Hospital on Wednesday, October 3, 1945, after an illness of many months. Surviving him was his wife Clara, and three sons.

**W. H. HARRIS**  
**B. A., LL. B.,**  
**Barrister and Solicitor,**  
**PORT PERRY, ONT.,**  
Successor to and occupying  
offices of the late F. M.  
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Private funds to loan at 4½ per cent.

*William H. Harris advertisement, 1901.*

# Oivind “Ivan” Haugen

## Restaurateur

The name Haugen has been familiar to Port Perry and area residents for more than 75 years, and to this day is still associated with the food industry.

Ivan “Oivind” Haugen was born in 1910 in Sandvika, Nord-Trondelag, Norway and immigrated to Canada when he was 17 years old, arriving in Quebec on June 11, 1927. After arriving, he took jobs cooking on ships for a couple of years before moving to Kirkland Lake for a year, and later in Toronto. It was while in Toronto that he met Irene Henry, whom he married in 1940.

About 1941 the newly weds purchased a farm south of Utica, Ontario, where they raised a family of three children, Bruce, Norman and Sharon. While Ivan continued to work in the city, Irene operated the farm.

In 1945 the Haugen’s purchased the former Observer Publishing building at 155 Queen Street, Port Perry, from Vic Stouffer and opened a restaurant here called the Delicatéria. They operated the restaurant in the western half as a restaurant and the eastern section was used as a banquet room. The restaurant was a great success, so they began think about expansion.

With no room to expand at in-town location, Ivan purchased a property south of Manchester on Hwy 7& 12. He worked cooking at the Community Memorial Hospital for about six months while their new building was being constructed, leaving the hospital when their new restaurant, “Haugen’s Chicken Barbeque”, opened in 1953. The restaurant became one of the most popular in the area and attracted people from all over southern Ontario. A few years later, Irene opened a similar restaurant at Lindsay called the Bonfire Restaurant, and some time later separated from her husband.

Ivan sold his Port Perry “Haugen’s Chicken Barbeque” restaurant in 1969, after spending his entire life working in the food industry. A few years later he moved from his Old Simcoe Rd. home, after purchasing a farm on Scugog Island. Here he raised horses, and built a full size track for racing. He married again, to Chris (Fenton) Haugen, who helped train the horses, and race them around southern Ontario.

Aside for his love of horses, Ivan was also an active member of the Port Perry Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Oshawa Shriners Club.

Ivan “Oivind” Haugen lived out his life in Port Perry and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Ivan Haugen



Ivan outside his Delicatéria Restaurant.



Haugen’s Chicken Barbeque restaurant on Hwy. 7 & 12, south of Manchester, about 1957.

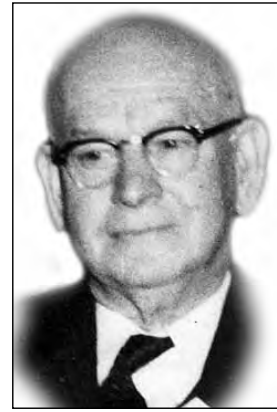
## Erenst Hayes

### Bank Manager

Ernest Hayes as born on November 5, 1885 on the family farm two miles from Mount Albert, Ontario. His father Robert and Elizabeth Sophia (Martin) were parents of 14 children. He attended public school in Mount Albert and high school in Newmarket.

Ernie became a banker and his job took him to many communities in his early career. His first job was with in Farmer's Bank, which failed, and in 1906 began work at the Sterling Bank in Montreal. He spent nine years in Killaloe, Ontario and five years in Penetanguishene before coming to Port Perry.

Ernie, as he became known, married Caroline May Walker on August 29, 1917, at Port Burwell, Ontario. They had six children during their marriage. Only one of his children, Douglas James was born in Port Perry, shortly after he became manager of the local Bank of Commerce.



Ernie Hayes



Bank of Commerce, 1900.

In 1931 he and his family moved to Port Perry where he became manager of the local Bank of Commerce. As with all banks, there is always the threat of robbery, and Ernie experienced this in 1945 when four men entered the bank and accosted him. He was forced to open the vault and was locked in as the thieves carried off their loot. He was able to escape with a screwdriver.

Mr. Hayes became involved in his new community and was elected treasurer when a Businessmen's Association was formed in 1933. A few years later he was appointed the provisional president of the a newly formed Lions Club of Port Perry.

In 1949, Ernie retired as manager of the Bank of Commerce after 18 years at the bank. But the family remained in Port Perry and he immersed himself in the politics of the community. He was elected Reeve of Port Perry in 1950, holding the position for four years. He stepped down from the top political post in 1952 when he was appointed the new Hydro office manger for the town.

Ernest Hayes died suddenly at Calgary, Alberta on September 20, 1962 while on a visit there. A service was held at the McDermott-Panabaker chapel in Port Perry and interment took place at the cemetery of his home town of Mount Albert, Ontario.

## Charles Hiscocks

### Businessman

Charles Hiscocks was born in England about 1819 and came to Canada as a young man. Mr. Hiscocks arrived in Reach Township during the 1860s and operated bakeries in both Prince Albert and Manchester.

Charles Hiscocks was an agreeable and exemplary townsman, honest, honourable and upright in his business transactions, a consistent and faithful Christian and a devoted member of the C.M. Church.

During his long residence and business career in Prince Albert. About 1872 he moved into Port Perry and four years later into a new store. Here established a reputation to which but few attain. He was not anxious to reap riches, but through industry, frugality and enterprise, was rewarded satisfactorily.



Charles Hiscocks Baker and Confectioner at Manchester.

He was a kind and faithful friend, and affectionate and watchful father and the loving and beloved husband of Lydia (Spender).

Charles Hiscocks passed away at Prince Albert on Tuesday, January 27, 1880, aged 61 years, leaving his wife, Lydia, and six children.



Hiscocks Bakery ad from 1857.





**Doug Hillier**

## Douglas "Doug" Hillier

### Printer, Restaurateur

Doug Hillier was born on July 26, 1929 in Toronto, Ontario. He was one of two boys and two girls raised by his parents, Wilbert and Annie Hillier. Doug attended elementary school in Arthur, Ontario and high school in Port Perry before heading out to work.

After graduating from high school, Doug began his career in printing, working for Samuel Farmer, owner of the The Port Perry Star newspaper and print shop. After learning his printing skills, he ventured off to work in the print division of Manufacturers Life in Toronto before moving on to the printing department of the Eaton's Catalogue. Staying within the trade, he then accepted a job in Oshawa with General Printers.

Doug was married to Marilyn Griffen on November 5, 1948 in Uxbridge, Ontario. They raised four children during their marriage.

Returning home to Port Perry in the early 1970s, he became sales manger

for Peel's Poultry Farm, before venturing into the fast food business, opening Bayshore Take-out on Scugog Street in 1973.

Four years later, he took over the operation of Port Perry Dairy Bar on Water Street, and in 1982 Doug and his family expanded, opening Conway Place Restaurant, beside Bayshore Take-Out. The property and buildings were leased from Bill Tripp, a local land developer. The family operated this popular family-style restaurant it until 1989 when the building was torn down for a development.

Doug's years in the restaurant and food business, was truly a family affair, involving his wife, Marilyn, and children, Raymond, Barbara, Steven and Nancy.

In addition to his busy life in business, Doug spent 10 years on the Community Memorial Hospital board of governors, and was a member of Duck's Unlimited.

Douglas Hillier, 86, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2016, at Reach View Village in Uxbridge. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.



*Port Perry Dairy Bar, 1988.*



*Conway Place, family restaurant, 1988.*



*The Hillier's Bayshore Take-Out Foods, 1988.*



**Gary Herrema**

## **Gary Herrema**

### **Farmer - Politician**

Gary Herrema was born in the Netherlands about 1938 and immigrated to Canada with his family shortly after the WWII, with his family eventually purchasing an Uxbridge farm about 1961.

Mr. Herrema, operated a family farm near Leaskdale in Uxbridge Township, where he resided with his wife Helen, daughter Beth and sons Ron and Howie.

He was a life-long Liberal and first entered municipal politics in 1969, being elected a councillor Scott Township, serving the township for a number of years before being elected mayor of Uxbridge Township in 1979.

In 1980, eleven years after entering politics, Gary Herrema was elected Chairman of the Region of Durham, being only the second person to hold that post. He held the position from 1980 for 15 years, until his death in 1995.

He was widely acclaimed and respected in government circles for his visionary leadership and forthrightness on issues. He had previously held a succession of public offices, among them mayor of the township of Uxbridge and, prior to regional government, deputy reeve of Scott township and a member of the council of the county of Ontario.

In addition to his numerous regional responsibilities, he was active in many other organizations, having served on the board of GO Transit and on the board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. He was a serving member of the Durham Region Police Services Board and was past president of the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario. He was tireless in his lifelong efforts to serve his community, often at great personal cost.

Gary Herrema was 57 years old when he died on November 20, 1995 and a funeral service was held at the Trinity United Church, Uxbridge on November 23. He was sadly missed by his wife, children, friends and colleagues on regional government, his many associates in municipal, provincial and federal governments and by the staff of his regional administration.

## **James Holden**

### **Publisher**

James Holden was born in Stouffville, County of York on February 29th, 1828. His first engagement in mercantile pursuits began in 1857, at the age of 29 years, when he moved to Prince Albert and commenced publication of the Ontario Observer, the areas first newspaper. The first issue came off the press on Thursday, December 10, 1857.

After seven years in Prince Albert, he moved to Whitby where he immediately identified himself with the interests of the County Town and was largely responsible for the progress of the railway and particularly the extension of the railway line from Port Perry to Lindsay.

In Whitby, Mr. Holden, held almost every municipal position, from councillor to reeve, and mayor of the town by acclamation. His only public defeat was to the Hon. T.N. Gibbs in 1873, the newly appointed Minister of Sir John A. MacDonald's cabinet.

His death at the age of 53 years came as a shock to his many friends and to his colleagues from the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway Company of which he was managing director.

He passed away at Dominion City, Manitoba, on October 24, 1881. His funeral was the largest ever seen in Whitby for over a quarter century, with between three and four thousand people attending.

He is reported to have been a man of great perseverance, and public enterprise, and although undemonstrative, a warm friend; he never forgot a friend or missed an opportunity to do him a good turn.

At the time of his death, Mr. Holden left behind a widow, Orilla (Fitchett) and large family of nine



**James Holden**

## George R. Howsam

### Air Vice Marshall

George Robert Howsam was born on January 29, 1895 in Utica, Ontario. His parents were George and Hannah Ida (Cutting) Howsam. There were five children in the family. He attended elementary school in Utica and high school in Port Perry.

In March 1916, when he was 21 years old, he enlisted with the 116th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (C.E.F.), and later transferred to the 182nd Battalion.

He joined the Royal Flying Corps. (R.F.C.) in the spring of 1917 and learned to fly at Deseronto and Camp Borden before leaving for France in August 1917. In December that year, he was wounded in battle, but one week later he was back in action, where he earned the Military Cross.

After being wounded again in March 1918, he was out of action for six months.

It was during this time that he married Lillian Isobel (Somerville) on June 18, 1918, but returned to France and was engaged in long distance flight operations. He destroyed a total of 13 enemy aircraft in a single day.

He remained overseas with the Royal Air Force for two years after the war before returning to Canada in 1921, where he was posted to Army Headquarters. He was sent to England in February 1940 to familiarize himself with the R.A.F. under war conditions and to witness the situation in France prior to its fall.

He was then posted to Training Command where he organized and trained Air Force Units, and in March 1942 was posted to Calgary as Air Officer Command.

He then returned to headquarters in Ottawa, as chairman of the Travelling Establishment Committee.

Air Vice Marshal George R. Howsam, retired from service in 1945 and moved to British Columbia. He died on April 16, 1988 in Victoria, British Columbia at the age of 93 years. His wife Hannah, 77, died September 30, 1970 in Victoria, B.C.



George R. Howsam



Bruce Hull

## Bruce R. Hull

### Postmaster

Bruce Raymond Hull was born October 7, 1928, in Port Perry, the son of William George Hull and Eliza Ann (Shaver), one of three children in the family.

Bruce received his education in Port Perry and after graduating from high school began working at the post office with his father, George Hull, who was postmaster for the local postal service.

He was married to Elsie Joy Eyre of Uxbridge, Ontario, and the couple had no children.

In 1958, after 28 years as Port Perry's postmaster George Hull retired, and Bruce was appointed the new postmaster. He held this post for 24 years before retiring

in 1982. In all, Bruce had worked at the Port Perry post office for 37 years.

Bruce Raymond Hull passed away at Community Nursing Home, Port Perry, December 5, 1993 at 65 years of age. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Joy, died April 25, 2016 in Lindsay at 87 years of age and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Port Perry Post Office.



**George Hull**

## W. George Hull

### Postmaster

William George Hull was born in Hartgrove, Dorset, England on July 20, 1894, the son of Mark Reuben and Keurah Matilda (Bastable) Hull. He was 17 years old when he immigrated to Canada, sailing across the Atlantic Ocean on the steamship Corinthian, arriving in Quebec City on October 11, 1911.

George's destination was Toronto, where he planned to get a job as a farm labourer. He spent three years in Parry Sound and New Hamburg, Ont., before getting a job with the T. Eaton Co., in Toronto.

At 21 years of age, in April 1916, he enlisted in the military and went to war. He was with the 48th Highlanders when he was shipped to France, taking part in some of the severest battles. He suffered a serious wound which almost severed his right arm during a battle. He was transferred back to Canada with 600 other wounded soldiers in December 1918, where he recovered,

although he had little use of his arm for the rest of his life.

He returned to Lorne Park, where he helped establish a Baptist Church there. While engaged in his work, he met and married Annie Eliza "Lila" Shaver from Port Credit. They married on September 28, 1921 and the couple lived in Toronto for a number of years before moving to Port Perry in 1925, purchasing a home at 535 Queen St., on the hill overlooking the town. They had two children during their marriage, Rosabel Joyce and Bruce Raymond.

In February 1930, George was hired as postmaster for the Port Perry Post Office, a position he held until 1958 when he retired. During his 28 years as postmaster, the job became a family affair. His wife Lila, son Bruce and daughter Joyce all worked with the mail at the post office. His wife, Lila, had learned to handle mail at Lorne Park, near Port Credit where her father was the first postmaster.

He worked hard in his lifetime to support and care for his family and left them with the rich legacy of a kind, good humoured and courageous man.

George Hull's died on March 7, 1964. His casket was draped with the Union Jack, in homage to a departed soldier and comrade. He was 69 years old when he died. His wife Lila passed away on November 18, 1990, in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 92. They were both interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert

After his death, his son Bruce took over as postmaster of Port Perry Post Office.



**George Hull**



*George Hull, with his wife Lila and son Bruce at the post office in 1953.*

## Robert M. Holtby

### Farmer, Politician

Robert Meyers Holtby was born on the homestead farm south of Manchester, the son of William and Mary (Dobson) Holtby. The land on which he farmed was the pioneer homestead of his grandfather.

He acquired the magnificent property when he was 21 years of age, and on November 10, 1891 married Addie J.S. (Kent) at Myrtle, Ontario. Robert and Addie's residence was a substantial two storey brick building 33x36', and the barn 54x100' with a stone foundation. The young Holtbys remained on the farm until 1925, becoming interested in stock raising, particularly Clydesdales and Holstein-Friesian.

Mr. Holtby, or "Bob" to his friends, combined the vocations of farmer, drover and butcher and also bred cattle and lambs for market. His name will always be remembered in connection with Holstein Breeders' Association, of which he was Field Secretary for many years. He and the late Robert Walker, were among the first to introduce Holstein cattle into this district.

Mr. Holtby served as a member of Reach Township council, County Council and held the position of Reeve during 1902 and 1903. In 1926 he was named Honourary President of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society and was often called on to judge cattle at fairs across the province. In December 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Holtby were honoured by more than 600 people at a dinner staged by the Holstein-Friesian Assoc., in honour of his 24 years of service to the association. In November 1962, the late Robert Holtby of Port Perry was named to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

He served as an elder in the United Church; and travelled great distances to be home Sunday morning in time for services. No man has more thoroughly deserved the praise he received. He was one of those whom men "delighted to honour" for he was worthy. He was widely known throughout Canada and the United States and will be greatly missed in many quarters.

R. M. Holtby was 75 years old when he passed away on December 23, 1944. He was survived by his wife Addie Jane (Kent) two brothers and three sisters. The funeral, which was very largely attended, was conducted at the United Church Port Perry with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Robert M Holtby

## Abner Hurd

### Early Settler

Abner Hurd was 34 years old when he immigrated to Canada, arriving in the Township of Reach early in 1824. Here he built himself a residence a little to the east of where the village of Prince Albert now stands; thus forming the nucleus around which would later cluster, one of the most pleasant, peaceful settlements.

Abner Hurd was born in 1790 in Vermont, USA. He married Anna LNU in the United States in 1812, and they had one son, Aaron H. born in 1812. Anna died in Prince Albert in 1831 at the age of 41 years. Abner remarried later that year to Alpha, and they had one son, Abner, born in 1836.

He was about 34 years old when he settled in the township and immediately set about devising means for improving the condition of the, then, thinly scattered population, and even the poor, degraded, then, semi-savage Indians did not escape his attention, nor did he consider them beneath his notice.

Abner Hurd stood nobly forward for over a century as a leader and guide of the people in this section of the country, identifying himself with and taking a leading position in every movement which had for its object the encouragement of virtue and the improvement of the condition of his fellow men. With the assistance of some younger men in the village, he succeeded in raising the village of Prince Albert to a standard of industry, comfort and morality attained to by few and excelled by no other village on the continent.

Mr. Hurd was held in a high degree of respect and esteem, and served many valuable services for the best interest of the village. He filled almost every position of honour and trust in the gift of the people, and never gave them cause to regret their choice. He was honourable and upright, a loving husband and indulgent partner, a good citizen and faithful friend. He was for many years the head of the only Sunday School in Prince Albert. In public life, he held the office of magistrate for many years, and proved himself a terror to evil doers and protector to those that did well.

Abner Hurd passed away at Prince Albert on Monday, November 24, 1873, in his 84th year. He lived universally respected, died regretted, and takes his place among the honoured dead. Large numbers turned out to pay their last tribute at the funeral service was held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Prince Albert. His wife, Alpha Hurd, died on Monday, Aug. 17, 1874, at 73 years of age.

# Hibbert G. Hutcheson

## Bank Manager

Port Perry lost one of its most prominent and highly respected citizens in the person of Hibbert Glencross Hutcheson, whose death occurred in the Port Perry Memorial Hospital, Thursday evening June 4, 1959. Mr. Hutcheson would have been 88 years old in October.

Hibbert, or Bert as he was familiarly known, was born in Bowmanville, October 16, 1871, the son of John and Ada Hutcheson. He came to Port Perry as a lad of 16 and started as a clerk for the Western Bank. Years later he became the bank's manager. When the Western Bank was absorbed by the Standard Bank, he continued as its manager. The Standard Bank was later taken over by the Bank of Commerce, which he managed until he retired.



Hibbert "Bert" Hutcheson

He married Blanche Etheluyne Adams, daughter of David J. Adams, of Port Perry on June 16, 1896. She predeceased him in 1948. Their only child, Ethelwyn died in 1954. Losing a wife and daughter left him with much grief and loneliness.

Bert was a lover of his home with its magnificent trees, beautiful flowers and shrubs. He also was an authority on the wild flowers of Canada.

Bert's interest in the affairs of Port Perry were foremost in his mind as is evidenced by his years on the local and County Councils, twice becoming Reeve. He had a wonderful memory of the past history of Port Perry and published several articles, both serious and clever on happenings of years ago. Another of his interests was religion. He was a staunch member of the Anglican Church, a very regular attendant and served as Warden at different times, the last time for a period of 16 years.

He was held in high regard by the citizens of both town and country and his faithfulness to his God and his church through his long career.

A charter member of the Port Perry Lions Club, Bert was faithful in his attendance through the years. He was made an honorary member and at the time of his death plans were made for a life membership.

Brother Hutcheson was a mason of distinction, having been a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 428 for a period of 64 years, joining when he was 23 years of age in January 1895. He became Worshipful Master in 1899, was secretary from 1904 to 1909 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1906, 1907. A Masonic Memorial Service was held at the funeral chapel on June 5th.



Hibbert "Bert" Hutcheson

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*Ad from the Western Bank, Port Perry, 1897.*

## Per “Pete” Hvidsten

### Printer, Publisher

Per (Pete) Hvidsten only lived in Port Perry for 20 years, but in that time he was admired and earned the great respect for his fairness in covering and reporting his community’s news and events.

Per Hvidsten was born into the newspaper business in his hometown of Sarpsborg, Norway, where his father published a daily newspaper. He worked at the newspaper until his career was interrupted by the second world war in 1940. He escaped from his German occupied country making his way to Canada, where he became an air-force instructor at Little Norway, located at the airport near Bracebridge, Ontario.

It was while serving at Little Norway that he met Leila Todd, whom he married in Huntsville, Ontario on October 26, 1944. They had two children, daughter Gerri Lynn and son Jan Peter. Per and Leila separated in 1972, and a few years later Per married Ruby Roach of Manchester.

After being discharged at the end of WWII, Per moved his family to North Bay where he opened a small print shop. After learning from a salesman that the *Uxbridge Times-Journal* was for sale, he purchased the newspaper and moved to Uxbridge with his family in January 1952. In Uxbridge he became involved in the community, joining the Uxbridge Kinsmen Club and Royal Canadian Legion and attending and reporting on community events.

In 1963, he and his wife purchased the *Port Perry Star* from the Samuel Farmer family and hired former employee Bill Harrison as editor.

During the time the *Port Perry Star* was published by Per Hvidsten, the newspaper was the recipient of many awards for outstanding achievement. In 1969 Mr. Hvidsten was honoured by the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association by being elected president.



Per (Pete) Hvidsten



Per (Pete) Hvidsten the new owner of *The Port Perry Star*, with the newspaper’s editor, Bill Harrison, 1963.

Aside from his duties at the newspaper, Per became involved in many community functions and groups. He was a member of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and was on the committee which saved Town Hall 1873 from demolition. His love for music and theatre moved him to join the Scugog Choral Society during the 1970s.

In January 1976 he retired after a half-century career in the printing and newspaper business, turning the *Port Perry Star* over to his son Peter. Although retired he continued to work part-time in the print shop and on the newspaper until his death.

Per Hvidsten passed away at Oshawa General Hospital on Monday, May 27, 1985 after a brief illness. He was highly respected in both of his communities, Uxbridge and Port Perry, which was evident by the large turnout for his funeral, held at the Presbyterian Church in Port Perry.

He was buried in a small cemetery at Carnarvon, Ontario near the summer home of his second wife, and is memorialized at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

# J. Peter Hvidsten

## Publisher, Historian

Jan Peter Hvidsten was born in Huntsville, Ontario on September 14, 1945, one of two children Per and Leila (Todd) Hvidsten raised. Their daughter was Gerri Lynn, who went on to become the longest serving Mayor for Uxbridge.

The Hvidsten family moved to Uxbridge in January 1952, after Peter's parents purchased the *Uxbridge Times Journal*. It was here he was educated at the local public and high school, graduating in 1963. Having lived most of his life around the newspaper, he decided to move to Toronto, where he worked for both a printing company and a professional photographer.

Peter was married to Eileen Finbow of Uxbridge in 1969 and they raised two children, Jannine and Sherri Lee. They had an amicable separation in 1976. Peter married a second time, to Nancy Taylor of Toronto on February 14, 1982 and they had three children, Matthew, and girl twins, Jamie and Katie.

In 1967 he joined his father at *The Port Perry Star*, at 235 Queen Street, in the printing department and here honed his skills, in preparation for his future. In January 1976, his father retired and he assumed the role of publisher and owner of the community newspaper.

As the company grew out of their space, he constructed a new "Star Building" on Mary Street which opened in 1991. Here the paper flourished and grew, but after 33 years at the newspaper, Peter decided to retire and sold the newspaper to his business partner of five years.

After a brief time out of the business, he launched a new publication called *Focus on Scugog*, a once-a-month magazine, which was very popular in the community. After almost ten years operating the magazine he retired a second time, selling the magazine to his office manager in May 2014.

In addition to his full-time duties, Peter found time to get involved in his community. He served on the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for 12 years, including two years as president. He was chairman of the newly formed Business Improvement Area, a member of Community Memorial Hospital expansion committee, and chairman of the Heritage Scugog Committee. He also served one term as a director with the Ontario Community Newspaper Association when he owned the Port Perry Star.

Passionate about heritage, in 1999 he began researching and writing about the area's early history. Over the next 15 years he published more than a dozen books chronicling life in Scugog from its earliest settlement to the present, and developed a website containing much of the information found in his books.

After retiring in 2014, he became a member of the Scugog Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee and was instrumental in efforts to save Port Perry's historic 1873 Grain Elevator.

In an effort to preserve Port Perry and area newspapers, he launched "The Scugog Digital Project" about 2017 with the aim to have the entire collection of newspapers, 1857 to present digitized. After teaming up with Lake Scugog Historical Society, the first phase of this project was completed and launched online in 2021.



J. Peter Hvidsten



Port Perry Star at 235 Queen Street, 1971.

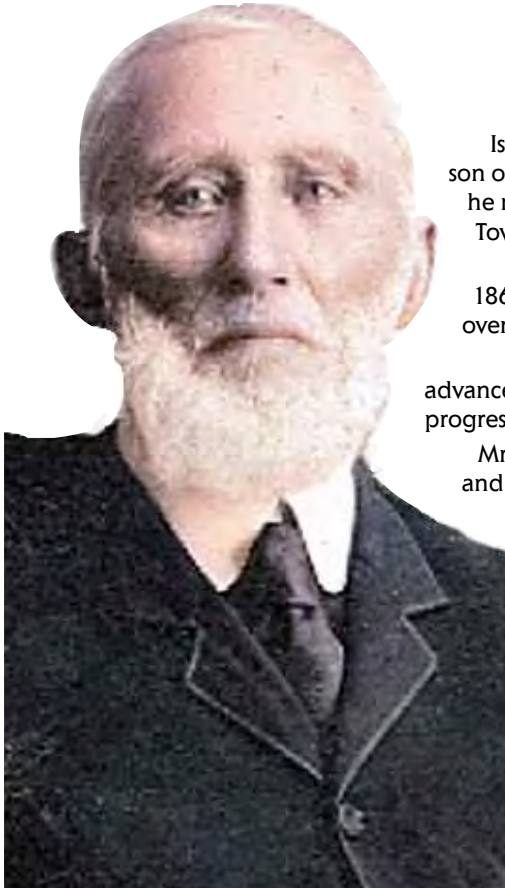


The new Star Building at 188 Mary St., 1991.



## Section Nine

# I & J



Jessie Ireland

### I. Jessie Ireland

#### Farmer, Builder

Isaac Jessie Ireland was born on October 7, 1835 in Ontario, the son of Isaac and Esther (Tallman) Ireland. Jessie was 22 years old when he married Catherine Elizabeth Bowen on January 28, 1858 in the Township of Brock. The couple raised six children.

Jessie and Catherine became residents of Port Perry in the year 1868. Less than a year later, their son Henry drown when his boat overturned in the Nonquon River in 1869.

From the time of his arrival, he always took a deep interest in the advancement of the town and was ready to contribute his share to his progress and welfare.

Mr. Ireland invested somewhat extensively both in land and water and purchased a steamboat for the navigation of the lake, but operated it only for a short time. He also operated a stage line between communities in the district.

One of the projects he took part in was the construction of the Scugog Bridge. In 1874 he purchased 12 acres of land to build an agricultural hall for the township.

He was described to be quiet and unassuming in his demeanour, but was both industrious and enterprising and at one time owned and managed the Royal Hotel, one of the largest hotels in Port Perry.

Jessie Ireland was 81 years old when he passed away on April 30, 1913, at the Grand View, Manitoba residence of his son-in-law, Adolphus Wheeler. He left behind a widow, Katherine Elizabeth (Bowen), one son, Jessie Jr., and four daughters to mourn his loss.

His funeral took place from his residence on Scugog St, and he was laid to rest in the family plot at Shaw's Cemetery, near Seagrave. His wife, Katherine Elizabeth, died on June 6, 1917, at 81 years of age.



*Jessie Ireland helped build the Scugog floating bridge.*



**George Jackson**

## George Jackson

### Auctioneer, Businessman

George Jackson was born on Scugog Island on May 28, 1862, the son of James and Hannah (Petch) Jackson. In 1888 he married Hannah (Hood) and from this marriage came one child, Myrtle (McKay).

After the death of Hannah Jackson, he again married in 1899 to Zula May (Tonkin). From this marriage there were four children, all of whom, along with their mother, survived his death. They were James Edwin, Dr. George Harold, Marguerite (Brock) and Helen Patricia.

About 1896 he began his work as an auctioneer and his natural ability for the work made him one of the most popular auctioneers in the this section of the Province. His reputation was so well known, he was often asked to perform his duties outside of the area, in such places as Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Guelph and North Bay. He was an auctioneer for 40 years and highly respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson moved to Port Perry from Scugog in 1901. They first lived at 349 Queen St., then moved to 355 Queen St. In 1906 he moved to a fine brick residence at 234 Mary St, formerly owned by James Carnegie.

In public life, Mr. Jackson offered his services for the progress of the town. He served on the village council for a number of years, and was chairman of the building committee for a new arena in Port Perry. He was

given the honour of officially opening the arena in January 1922. He operated an implement business from his office and sheds on Water Street, selling all kinds of farm implements and machinery.

George Jackson was one of Port Perry's most esteemed and finest townsmen, and when he passed away on June 2, 1931, the entire community was saddened by his loss.

His funeral was conducted from the United Church, Port Perry, which was crowded with those who came to pay the last tribute of respect to one whom they honoured most high. Interment was made at Pine Grove Cemetery.



*George Jackson's farm implement store on Queen Street. After he passed away, it them was taken over by his son Ted Jackson.*

## J. "Ted" Jackson

### Auctioneer, Merchant

James Edwin "Ted" Jackson was born in June 1900 on Scugog Island, and moved as an infant to Port Perry with his parents, George and Zula Mae Jackson.

Mr. Jackson spent his entire life in the Port Perry and was educated at the town's public and high school. He began his commitment to society and the community very early age, serving in the Royal Naval Air Service during World War I, when still a teenager.

After returning from the war, he began auctioneering with his father, and following the death of his father, continued auctioneering on his own. He became one of the most sought after and popular auctioneers in this part of the County

Ted Jackson was also successful in business, opened an implement dealership on Queen St. He later moved his store to the west end of town and operated Ted Jackson Appliances until his death.

Mr. Jackson served an elder and steward at Port Perry United Church; was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge; and the Royal Canadian Legion. He served as a councillor for more than 10 years and as a hydro commissioner for a time.

Like his father before him, Mr. Jackson was appointed chairman of the committee to build a new arena in Port Perry, which was officially opened in January 1951.

James Edwin "Ted" Jackson, a well known auctioneer and an active member of the Port Perry community for his entire life, passed away on December 21, 1975, in his 76th year. He was survived by his wife, Gertrude (Elliott), son Wesley, daughter Zula; and sisters Marguerite Brock and Patricia Love, and brother Dr. Geo. H. Jackson. Interment was held at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Ted Jackson



*Ted Jackson's store at the west end of Queen Street, where he sold appliances.*

# Kenneth F. Jackson

## Manufacturer

When Kenneth (Ken) Forbes Jackson was born on May 20, 1926, in Blackstock, Ontario, he was the second youngest of eight siblings. His father, John Thomas Jackson, was 47 and his mother, Florence M. (Spearn), was 38 when he was born. His father died in 1931 when Ken was only five.

Ken enlisted in the Canadian army in 1941 when he was only 15 years of age. He joined the Ontario Regiment by lying about both his date of birth (by three years) and his schooling to get into the armed forces. Ken's size and his nerve got him past the enlistment officers and he was sent to Toronto for training. After 4 months of training it was discovered that Ken was under aged and he was discharged. Not deterred, Ken signed up a second time in 1943, still lying about his age but this time only by one year. Ken served in Europe as a transport driver in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, seeing duty in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

After the conclusion of The Second World War, Ken remained in the army with the occupational forces and later at Camp Borden in Canada, where he learned cooking and baking skills. Ken was finally discharged from the army in 1946, when just under 20 years of age. He went to work as a cook in a restaurant in Port Perry.

Ken married Marjorie Eileen (McCoy) on November 22, 1947, in Seagrave, Ontario. The couple had three children during their marriage.

In February 1952, Ken opened the Flamingo Restaurant on Queen Street, Port Perry, where he became locally renowned for his baked goods, before taking his mother's butter tart recipe and opening Flamingo Pastries in his family home's garage. Two years later, in 1968, he opened a manufacturing plant on Old Simcoe Rd, which at its peak employed more than 100 people. He expanded the plant twice during his ownership. By 1972, the company was producing more than one million butter tarts a week.

After selling his plant to Vachon, Ken built another food plant just south of the Flamingo building and opened Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens. Here he produced frozen meat pies and other pastries for large food corporations. As with the Flamingo plant, the success of Mother Jackson's business necessitated a large expansion in 1989. This plant was later sold to J. M. Schneider which continued to operate from the Port Perry site. Ken Jackson retired from the business in 1994, but the plant remains, now owned by Maple Leaf Foods and will be producing at a rate of 5 million kilos of food product per year by the end of 2018.

He was an avid supporter of his home town, donating generously to many community facilities, and sponsoring and funding the Port Perry Flamingo's Jr. C. hockey team and later the Port Perry Mojacks for more than 40 years. That sponsorship continues by his family today. Ken also served on the Port Perry council for one term in 1969.

Kenneth F. Jackson died on November 10, 1995, in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 69. He was predeceased by his son Gary and remembered by his wife Marj and children, Joanne and David.



Kenneth Jackson



Flamingo Restaurant on Queen Street, 1965.



Flamingo Pastries plant on Old Simcoe Road, 1971.

## Samuel Jeffrey

### Harness Manufacturer

Samuel Jeffrey is a native of Port Perry and an enterprising and energetic businessman. He was born in 1860, in Port Perry, Ontario the son of Mary and John Jeffrey.

Samuel was 27 years of age when he married Annie Isabella Courtice, 22, on March 30, 1877 in Port Perry, who died on July 12, 1916 at the age of 51 years. The couple had on child, Cyril Courtice Jeffrey

He married a 46 year old spinster, Ada Ellena Broad on September 2, 1918 when he was 58 years old.

Samuel was known throughout the Dominion of Canada as a maker of fine harness, with his whole life. He made his start with B.F. Ackerman and was for a time in Uxbridge, and in Rome, N.Y.

In 1887 he went into partnership with Thomas Courtice, a relationship which continued until the death of Mr. Courtice in 1901. When he joined Mr. Courtice, the shop was in the retail trade only, so Mr. Jeffrey started the wholesale business, and during his forty years in this line, built up a large trade. In February 1912, the business was renamed S. Jeffrey and Son, when his son Cyril Jeffrey joined the firm.

He served six years on town council, two of them as reeve. He also spent time on the School Board, serving as chairman for some time. He was treasurer of the Methodist Church for a long period, and served as treasurer of Port Perry's water and light commission.

Samuel Jeffrey died Tuesday, March 7, 1950 in Port Perry. He was in his 97th year and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Samuel Jeffrey

## Charles W. Jones

### General Merchant

Charles Wesley Jones, was born October 27, 1842 in Orono, and educated at Albert College. After leaving college he taught public school for one year, then began his business career at Madoc.

About 1870 he moved to Port Perry to manage a general store for Paxton & Jones. Two years later he and his brother William bought the business and for eight years carried on a large trade under the firm name of Jones Bros. He had extensive experience in general store keeping, being in partnership at various times with his brother William, with Mr. Paxton and with his son George M. Jones. In 1883 he resumed business in partnership with D.R. Davenport. In 1909 Mr. Jones moved to Bancroft where he became associated with Sheriff Paxton in the mining and lumbering business.

The original Jones Bros. store was destroyed in the fire of 1884, but the Jones Bros. constructed a new 39'x105' two storey building. This new general store was ranked among the best in the county, with departments including dry goods, gents' furnishings, house furnishings, groceries millinery and dressmaking.



Charles W. Jones

Mr. Jones had a pleasing personality and at one time had intended to enter the Methodist ministry. He was married to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Paxton, Esq., M.P for North Ontario riding in 1885. She died in 1879 at 28 years of age.

C.W. Jones passed away on August 20, 1920, and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Many places of business were closed and the town bell tolled in his honour. Mr. Jones was survived by his wife Mary, four sons and four daughters. Mary Ann (O'Brien) Jones passed away in January 1944.



Jones Brothers on Queen Street, 1872.

## Dr. Elisha Jessop

### Physician, Politician

Dr. Elisha Jessop's was born in Norfolk, England, in January 1843, one of four children for John and Mary Jessop. When he was six years of age his family immigrated to Upper Canada, by way of New York, USA. Eventually they made their way to Toronto (York) before moving on and settling on a farm in the Township of Reach, North Ontario. It is believed his early life was largely passed in assisting in the arduous and difficult task of clearing wild land and bringing it under cultivation for farming with his father.

He pursued his education in the public schools of the Township of Reach and Port Perry High School. He graduated from the Toronto Normal School in 1864. After working as a teacher in several small communities, Elisha entered the University of Toronto, graduating in 1870. He immediately enrolled in the University of Toronto School of Medicine and graduated as a medical doctor.

After graduating in 1874, Dr. Jessop set up a practice in the town of Jordan, Ontario, near St. Catharines. A decade later, he left his practice and returned to



Dr. Elisha Jessop

England for further studies, returning to Canada and settling in St. Catharines in 1887.

In 1898, at 55 years of age, Dr. Jessop was elected as the Conservative Party representative for the County of Lincoln. This began a 20 year political career of which 12 years were spent as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He was a member of parliament for the riding of St. Catharines from March 1, 1898 until October 24, 1918. He was redeceased by his wife Mary (McCulloch), September 19, 1906.

Dr. Jessop died of heart problems on October 24, 1918, while still sitting as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He was buried at Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines. He was a member of the Sons of England and the Church of England and became an honorary member of the Niagara Historical Society in 1900.

Note: Although Dr. Jessop had left his home in Port Perry sometime during the mid-1860s, he and his family continued to own property in the town. After the tragic fire which destroyed the town in July 1884, Dr. Jessop was listed as one of those who had lost a building valued at \$1,100. During 1885, Dr. Jessop rebuilt the block in a style to blend with the architecture of new town.



The Jessop Block, Port Perry.

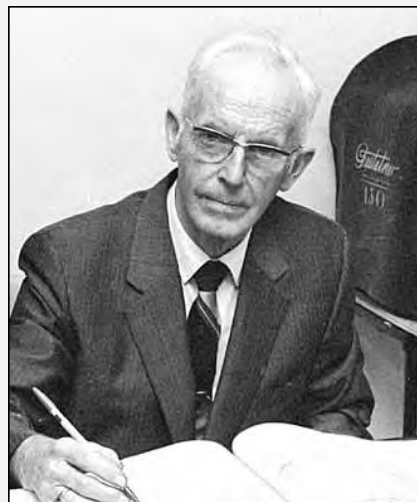
## Alexander R. Johns

### Farmer, Clerk-Treasurer

Alex Robertson Johns was born into a Reach Township farming family in June 1900, one of four children for James and Jane Johns. The family farm was located between Manchester and Utica.

After finishing school, John worked on the farm until 1959, when he accepted a position as Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of Reach, following the retirement of Grant Christie. He held this position until he retired in 1970.

Alexander Robertson Johns passed away on September 22, 1980. He was 80 years of age.



Alexander R. Johns

# Dr. George W. Jones

## Physician

Dr. George Jones was born in Orono, County of Durham, Ontario on February 11, 1839 being one of ten children of Methodist Episcopal minister, Rev. George and Laura Jones.

He received a common and grammar school education and in 1854 began the study of medicine, afterward attending Victoria College in Toronto and the University of Buffalo Medical College. He graduated in the fall of 1857 with his M.D.

Dr. George W. Jones commenced his medical career in Prince Albert in early 1859 and entered into a partnership with his younger brother, Richard, when he graduated from medical school. About 1861 he married Almira C., at Reach Township. In October 1866 the young doctor was appointed Associate Corner for the County of Ontario. In 1868, the brothers opened an office above Allison's Drug Store, and also opened a Medical Hall on Queen Street.

When he was 29 years of age, Dr. George Jones, became embroiled in controversy, when his application for a divorce from his wife Almira C. Jones for adultery was refused. He moved to Michigan, then returned a few years later, taking with him young Anna Paxton to be his bride. A malicious scandal followed, with Dr. Jones being accused of kidnapping young Miss Paxton, all of which disputed as mere fabrications by both Dr. Jones and his wife.

George Jones and Anna were married on December 22, 1871, at Port Huron, Michigan and immediately moved to Imlay City. Dr. Jones was the first physician to settle in Imlay City, Michigan, arriving there on December 23, 1870.

He immediately became active in the community, becoming the first president of the newly chartered Imlay City, served as Postmaster for 12 years, was a member of the School Board, and spent 24 years on the Imlay City Fair Association, seven years as president.

Dr. Jones was in active practice until near the end of his life and in the full possession of his mental powers. He was honoured with a complimentary dinner to mark his whole life as a medical professional in Michigan. At this time he was the oldest physician in active practice in the state.

He passed away at Imlay City on Saturday, September 29, 1928 at the age of 89 years. He was held in high esteem and had been prominently identified with the business of Imlay City for 60 years at the time of his death. His wife, Anna, predeceased him on February 13, 1914.



Dr. George W. Jones



Anna (Paxton) Jones

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Dr. Jones & Jones advertisement, April 1867.

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Dr. George and Richard Jones open the Medical Hall in Port Perry, in May 1868.

## Rev. George Jones

### Pastor

Rev. George Jones was born on the Island of Guernsey in 1808, shortly after moving to Quebec. After the war of 1812, the family moved to the neighborhood of Perth, Ontario. At the age of 21 years, he commenced to preach, and one year later married and moved to a farm near Orono.

During his years in the ministry he travelled extensively throughout the province and he was the first Methodist minister to ever preach in Reach Township.



*Rev. G.W. Jones home on Ella Street, Port Perry.*

He retired at Port Perry, in a home located at the north-west corner of Scugog St. and Ella St., which his sons William and Charles built for him in 1873.

Rev. G. Jones had many children born to him by his first marriage and two by his second. A funeral, preached by the Rev. G. Abbs, took place in the Methodist E. Church, Port Perry, and he was buried beside his first wife in the Methodist Episcopal burying-ground, Orono.



**Dr. George W. Jones**

## William M. Jones

### Dry Goods Merchant

William M. Jones was born near Orono on December 2, 1840, son of Rev. George Jones. Both his parents were United Empire Loyalists who settled near Perth, Ont.

Like many other young men of that period, he taught school for a few years, but business proved more attractive than teaching, and in the early 1860s he became a manager of a flour mill in Madoc, where his brother Charles was a partner in a general store business.

In 1869, both brothers moved to Port Perry, where two years later they purchased a general store from Thomas Paxton and George W. Jones, and

established a thriving business under the firm name of Jones Bros. For the next 27 years, except for a short period spent in iron mining in Haliburton and a few years devoted to farming in Darlington Township, Wm. Jones kept store in Port Perry, at first in partnership with his brother Charles, later by himself.

In 1898 the call of the West led him to take up farming and he settled in Roland, Manitoba, where he lived until he passed away on Monday, July 11, 1929.

Mr. Jones was a man of marked mental and physical vigor. He was keenly interested in public affairs and greatly attached to his church.

The late Mr. Jones was married twice, first to Eliza Jane (Sylvester), who died in 1890, and later to Ellen (Cook). He was survived by his second wife and three children, Charles S, Henry M. and Mrs. F. C. Couch. Wm. Jones was the last survivor of a large family, several of whom lived in Port Perry - Dr. Richard and Dr. George W. Jones who practiced medicine here, and William and Charles ran a general store.



**William M. Jones**



*Jones & Son on Queen Street, 1890.*





**Dr. Richard Jones**

## Dr. Richard Jones

### Physician

At his late residence "Avalea" Cobourg, early Saturday morning, Dr. Richard Jones, after a long, useful and well spent life, passed peacefully to his reward.

He was a son of the late Rev. George Jones, a Methodist clergyman, and his wife Laura Mallory, and was born in Clarke Township, Durham County, on January 9, 1834. He received his education in the Public Schools of the district and at Albert College, Belleville, and afterwards graduated in medicine from the University of Buffalo. Dr. Jones later took up post graduate work in New York City in order to better fit himself for his life-long work and one in which his heart delighted, that of ministering to the needs of others. He began the practice of his profession at Madoc about a year before the discovery of gold, which resulted in such a keen interest being taken in that district and a consequent boom in population.

After three years, however, Dr. Jones removed to Port Perry, Ontario County, where he entered into a partnership with his brother, Dr. George W. Jones, who later removed to Imlay City, Michigan. Dr. Jones resided at Port Perry for over twenty years during which he carried on a large and successful practice among all classes in town and country. He was pre-eminently a

doctor of the old school and gave to the poor freely and cheerfully not only professional services but food and medicine. He was not only to them the good and trusted doctor but also the kind friend and sympathizer. Dr. Jones was therefore called "the poor man's doctor," but his service and life among all classes was such that all of the offices in the community were at his command.

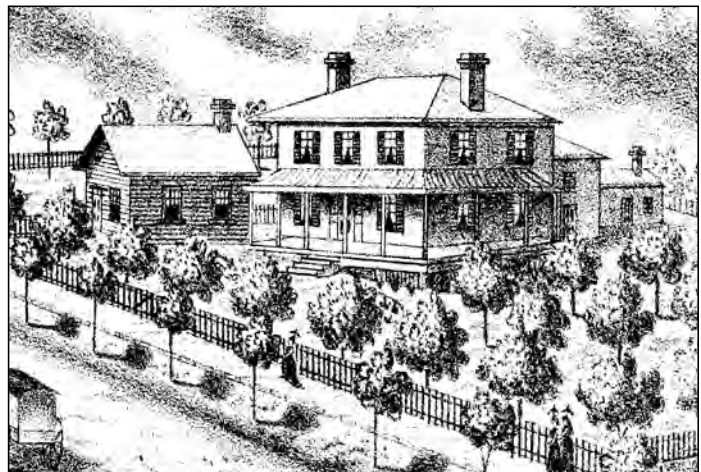
He served a Reeve of Port Perry in 1882; a member of council, trustee of the High School Board from the time of its organization until his removal from the town, a member of the Library Board, in fact a helper in every good work.

In 1887 he removed to Toronto where he continued his practice until his removal to Cobourg in 1901. About five years ago on account of illness Dr. Jones retired from practice and devoted himself to the cultivation of orchard and garden at his residence on D'Arcy Street. Two years ago he had a serious illness from which he only partially recovered. Ten days before his death he was taken with pneumonia which, although the lungs cleared, so enfeebled his system that he passed peacefully away early Saturday morning.

In 1865 Dr. Jones married to Miss Lucinda R. Mallory, only daughter of the late C. R. Mallory, Esq., Front Road, East. His devoted wife and their only daughter, Miss Laura L. Jones, B.A., of the C.C. I. staff, survive him. Of Dr. Jones' family there survive also, his brothers, Dr. Geo. W. Jones of Imlay City, Mich.; Mr. Chas. W. Jones of Bancroft, Ont.; Mr. W. M. Jones, of Miami, Mant.; and his sisters, Mrs. Hedges of London, Ont.; Mrs. Thomas Bedford of St. John, N.B.; Mrs. J. W. Isaacs of California; and Mrs. Wm. Tuer of Liberty, Texas.

Although not unexpected on account of his advancing years the passing of Dr. Jones has caused much sadness among our citizens, who loved him for his kindness of heart, staunch friendship and real worth. This also is true of the many friends whom he drew around him in his earlier years, when although the hard worked busy, doctor, he had time also for the kindly word and act of kindness. With his wife and daughter much sympathy is felt in their loneliness and loss.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon when many friends gathered at the home to pay a last tribute of respect. Rev. H. B. Kenny conducted a helpful service, with words of appreciation for the service and life of the one who had passed on before, and of comfort to those who remained. The interment was in the Cobourg Union Cemetery. The pall bears were Dr. Ivey, Dr. Ferris, Mr. J. E. Skidmore, Mr. A. J. Gould, Mr. B. J. Mallory and Mr. Harry Mallory.



*Home of Dr. Richard Jones, Queen Street, Port Perry about 1877.*

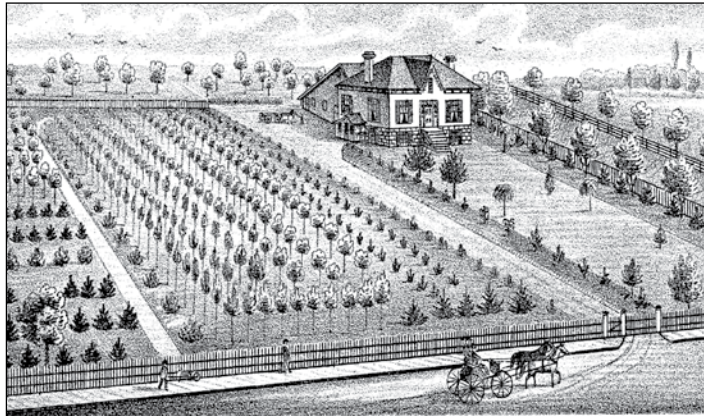
Section Ten

# K & L

## Charles C. Kellett Nursery and Orchard owner

Charles C. Kellett was born on January 10, 1845, in Dublin, Ireland, the son of Sarah (Stinson) and William. His father died one year after he was born and he immigrated to Canada with his mother when he was only six years old. They settled in Reach Township where he became a farm laborer by time he was 16 years old. It was this early introduction to farming that lead him into a business groaning and selling trees and shrubs.

Charles was 27 when he married Sophia Shaw about 1866, and they had two sons - Clarence Harold, and George Arthur Kellett. By the time he was married, he living in a house on Bigelow St., and was engaged in the sale of nursery stock.



*Residence and nursery grounds of Charles C. Kellett, Port Perry.*

In December 1867, he assumed ownership of the Port Perry Nursery and a residence, on a 15 acre farm, next to the fairgrounds. Over the next 25 years he became one of the most respected and noted growers of nursery stock in the province. He also raised strawberries and small fruits together with assorted farm produces. As his business flourished, he became an extensive importer of trees and shrubs from both the United States and Europe.

He had a keen interest in agriculture, which led him to become a valued member and director of the

Agricultural Society. In 1895 he sold his property to the Central Ontario Fair, which to this day is the present Port Perry fairgrounds.

Charles was a charter member of Fidelity Lodge, the A.F.&A.M., Port Perry, and served on council for two terms.

Charles Kellett was in his 80th year when he passed away at his home on Sunday, November 30, 1924. His funeral was taken charge of by the members of the Masonic Lodge.

His wife, Sophia (Shaw), predeceased him on March 1, 1916. She was interred at Bethel Cemetery.

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*Charles Kellett's advertisement for his nursery in Port Perry, December 1867.*

## William Kennedy Grain Merchant

William Kennedy was born in Scotland in 1837. He came to Canada when he was 12 years of age, and for a number years lived in Quebec, before moving to Port Perry in 1861.

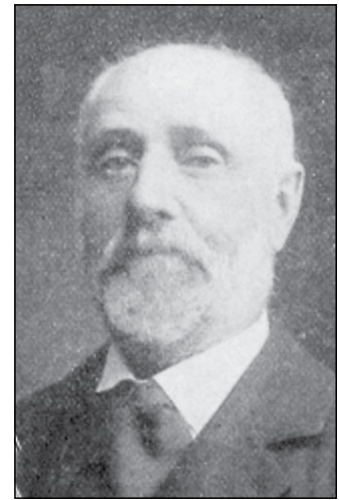
Eight years later he moved to Uxbridge to begin a lumber business, but returned a few years later and continuously lived in Port Perry until his death. He was one of the longest residing, and deeply beloved citizens of the town.

Mr. Kennedy was connected for several years with the Sexton Milling Co. He built the first flouring mill in the town in 1878, and later became a grain buyer. His career in the grain business spanned more than 30 years, as an expert buyer and judge of grain. Throughout his life he was seen every day, faithfully at his duties on the market or in the elevator.

Mr. Kennedy was a Presbyterian in religion, and a staunch conservative in politics, and throughout his life was dedicated to his church and community. He was also an active and enthusiastic member of the Orange Order for 51 years; a member of the Board of Education for 15 years; and Chief of the Rescue Fire Company of Port Perry for 20 years, and served on the village council.

He was described as a "great souled man", who even at a ripe age was filled with the joy of life. In 1863 Mr. Kennedy married Elizabeth McConnell, of Manchester, and the couple raised nine children.

Mr. Kennedy passed away on Monday, March 26, 1923, at the home of his son-in-law in Toronto, at 86 years of age. His remains arrived on Tuesday morning via GTR and were conveyed to his home. A funeral was held at St. John's Presbyterian Church and interment took place in Pine Grove Cemetery. He was predeceased by his wife.



William Kennedy

## James B. Lazier Factory Operator

James Bogart Lazier was born in Prince Edward County, Ontario, on October 2, 1822 and married to Hannah (Orser) on May 22, 1848 when he was 25 years old. The couple had seven children during their marriage.

He was a first class mechanic, and in his younger days made lots of money and spent it like a lord in the enterprises which he considered were for the public good. He operated a factory, sawmill and kiln from his home on the 7th Concession of Reach, just north of Port Perry, which was destroyed by fire in August 1881.

James almost lost his life in 1869 when driving a team of horses hauling a sled load of maple lumber across the ice of Lake Scugog in April 1869. The ice gave way and all went under the ice. He lost his team of horses, the sled and its load of lumber, but was lucky to escape from an icy grave himself.

James Bogart Lazier, was of the communities oldest and most devoted residents when he passed away at his home in Reach Township, on January 14, 1894, aged 71 years. He was buried at Bethel Cemetery, Seagrave.

In death, he left behind a loving widow, and three sons who operate businesses in the United States. Hannah was 74 years of age when she died on January 18, 1907 in Medford, Oklahoma, USA.



Lazier's Factory was located just north of Port Perry on the 8th Concession as seen circled in this 1877 map.

## Frederik A. Kent Jewellery Merchant

Frederick Kent and his wife Ethel came to Port Perry in 1911, purchasing a property at the north end of the town for a summer residence. Mr. Kent a member of the Kent Brothers family of jewellers in Toronto.

Not long after purchasing the property he began extensive improvements to the estate including beautiful terraced rose gardens, reflecting pool, bowling green and manicured lawns. In 1921 he opened the gardens of his estate, which he called Beechcroft, to the public every day during the season. The gardens were described as being one of the most beautiful in the province and attracted thousands of people from all over Ontario.

In 1924, at the urging of Mr. Kent, a Horticultural Society was organized in Port Perry with about 70 people becoming members. He also donated more than 40 volumes of books to the local public library from his personal library.

Following the death of his wife Ethel Henrietta Kent in January 1930, Mr. Kent closed the gardens to the public the following season.

In December 1951 Mr. Kent donated a large piece of his estate property, 300' x 370' fronting on Lilla Street, to the Community Memorial Hospital. He continued to live at his Beechcroft home until he passed away in the hospital to which he had donated property only a few years earlier. Frederick A. Kent passed away on April 4, 1955.

A service for Mr. Kent, beloved husband of the late Ethel H. Smith and dear father of Audrey and Beverly was held at the Chapel of A.L. McDermott on Wednesday, April 6, 1955. Interment took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.



Frederick Kent



*Ornate fountain and terraced gardens at Kent Estates, Port Perry.*



# Guy Latreille

## Real Estate Broker

Guy Roger Latreille may be of French-Canadian heritage, but he's spent most of his life in Port Perry, Ontario, his home for more than 40 years.

Born in Ottawa on April 12, 1950, Guy was one of seven children in the family of Roger and Denise (St. Jacques) Latreille. He has three sisters, three brothers.

Guy's elementary and high school education took place in Ottawa. He then attended Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay, Ontario, graduating in 1972 as a forest technician. Following his graduation, he returned to Quebec to work in the Canadian Pulp and Paper industry in Point Claire and Montreal for four years before relocating to Port Perry in 1976.

While attending college, he met Donna Lynn Bruce, whom he married at the Seagrave United Church on June 7, 1975. The service was officiated by both a United Church minister and a Catholic priest. Guy and Donna raised two children, Tanya Dawn and Deanna Joy before separating in 1996. He later met Cindy Lu Vaughn, whom he has lived with since that time.

In September 1976 Guy joined Scugog Realty Limited as a sales agent with his father-in-law Morley Bruce. He became a broker three years later, and in 1982 formed a partnership with Mr. Bruce under Re/Max Scugog Realty Limited. In 1993, after the death of his father-in-law he became sole owner. Guy sold Re/Max Scugog Realty Ltd in 2010 and began working with the Puckrin/Latreille Real Estate Group, joining his daughter Tanya and son-in-law Brett Puckrin in the business.

Not one to throw his energy into his business career alone, Guy immersed himself into his community, serving on a large number of local committees. Some of these include: The Scugog Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club of Port Perry, Scugog Heritage Committee and Memorial Hospital Foundation. He also served as a member of the Durham, Ontario and Canadian Real Estate Associations.

Guy's passionate interest in heritage prompted him and his father-in-law to purchase the historic St. Charles Hotel in 1978, and undertake a major exterior renovation of the near century old building. For their efforts they received the Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship Award.

In 2012, along with his daughter Tanya and husband Brett, he purchased another large historical block in downtown Port Perry, and they have since completed the first phase of a three-phase restoration of the building. Their efforts at preserving the block earned them another heritage award for the work performed.

Outside his business and community endeavours, Guy finds time to enjoy a number of hobbies and interests, among them are wood carving, clogging, fishing and hunting.

Guy Latreille and Cindy live in Port Perry.



Guy Latreille



Guy Latreille with contractor Steve Snider during renovations of the historic St. Charles Hotel on Queen St., Port Perry in 1994.



**Jim Lawrence**

## **James “Jim” Lawrence**

### **Drug Store Pharmacist**

James Arthur Lawrence was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 4, 1942, a son for Leonard Oakes and Edith Alice (Lightfoot) Lawrence. His father’s job often required relocating, so Jim received his elementary education in Souix Lookout, Ontario, high school in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and university at the University of Saskatoon where he graduated in 1966 with a B.Sc in Pharmacy.

Jim met his wife Margaret Ann Edyth Jones while attending high school in Saskatoon, where they were married on July 2, 1966. During their marriage they raised two children, Declan and Heather.

Fresh out of school, the Lawrence family moved to Oshawa where Jim accepted a position with Jury & Lovell Drug Store and later in Bowmanville. He worked with Jury & Lovell for about eight years before moving to Port Perry to purchase Bruton’s Drug Store in March 1974. During the mid-1980s, Jim along with two partners opened a new pharmacy in the Medical Associates building on Paxton Street, while

continuing to operated Burton’s at his Queen Street location.

After almsot 20 years in Port Perry, Jim sold his business to Big V Drug Store chain in 1993. The Lawrences then moved to Parry Sound where they lived for five years, before coming back to Port Perry about 1998. After returning, he became manager of the Durham Pharmacy, a position he held until he retired in 2012.

During his many years in Port Perry, Jim volunteered his energy and service to many community events and organizations. He spent almost 25 years with the Bowmanville and Port Perry Kinsmen Club, where he served as a director and president, received the Master Kinsman Award, and went on to become District Governor, National Director and honoured with Life Membership.

After leaving Kinsmen in 1991, he joined the Rotary Club of Port Perry of which he is still a member to this day. With Rotary, he held the position of president, was named Rotarian of the Year and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He also was a member of the boards of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, Scugog Memorial Public Library and Board of Stewards for the Port Perry United Church. Jim was also sponsor, and an active member on the executive of the Port Perry Ringette Association, including a term as president.

Another of his loves was the hospital and Jim served as a member of the Port Perry Hospital Foundation Board and also as chairman in 2015. Jim and Margaret continue to live in Port Perry.

## **James Leask**

### **Farmer, Cattle Breeder**

James Leask died at his home in Port Perry on Monday November 22, 1943, in his 84th year. James was the son of Alexander Leask and Jane Ledingham, both formerly of Scotland.

James was born on his parents farm in 1860, with his early education was at Greenbank Public School. His father died in 1872 while on a trip to Scotland, so 11 years old James left school to help with home and farm responsibilities.

The Leasks had one of the finest farms in the township of Reach with 250 acres on Lot 17 in the 11th concession. The property had a comfortable frame home and two barns 60’x140’. He was married in 1881 to Hanna (Annie) Perkins, also of Greenbank. Five children were born to them, William A., Sylvia, Edgar, George and Eva. His wife Hanna died in 1934.

Mr. Leask’s chief interest in life was in raising prize Shorthorn cattle. Trophies and ribbons won by his herds were very numerous and wherever his herd was show, the animals swept the boards.

In 1929 Mr. Leask gained international fame when his exhibit won the Grand Championship prize at the Chicago International Fat Stock show. He took no special course in stock raising and feed, but had a natural aptitude for the work. In community life, Mr. Leask took a keen interest in both school and church. He was a school trustee at Greenbank for a number of years, and was an elder of the Presbyterian Churches at Greenbank and Port Perry.

Mr. Leask came to Port Perry in 1919. A few years after his arrival the question of church union came up for settlement. He was among those who decided to join the Union. He was elected an elder and remained a member of the session until the time of his death. A funeral service was conducted at the family residence in Port Perry and Interment was made at Bethel Cemetery, Greenbank.



**James Leask**



**Andrew Lawrence**

## Andrew M. Lawrence

### Drug Store Pharmacist

Andrew Murray Lawrence operated a drug store in Port Perry for 40 years, before retiring after a 60 year career in pharmacy.

Andy, as he was more commonly known, was born on November 14, 1904, in Myrtle, Ontario, a son for John and Isabelle (Ross) Lawrence. After graduating from high school, he attended the Ontario College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1929 with his degree.

Mr. Lawrence, who was living in Oshawa, ventured north to Port Perry where in 1930 he purchased the drug store business of A.J. Davis, who was retiring after 50 years of serving community. He renamed his new business, A.M. Lawrence Drug Store.

A few years after moving to that he met Marion Geraldine Switzer, whom he married on June 20, 1934 at the Presbyterian Church. They had two sons and one daughter during their marriage.

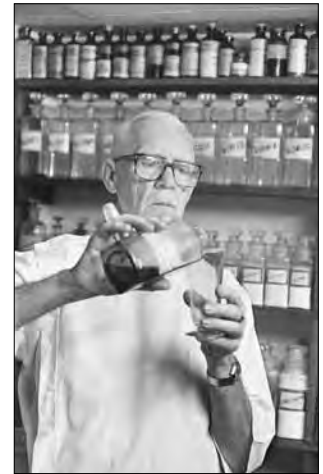
April 1937 Andy, undertook a major renovation of his store. He introducing a clean, open, inviting look with an 'open dispensary' similar to to drugstores in the larger centres. The original unique wood counter was removed during this renovation and years later donated to be used in Town Hall, when it was restored in 1974.

Firmly established in his new community, he became a member of the Port Perry Business Men's Association and in 1938 he was elected president. He also served on the board of the Port Perry Board of Education, including a term as vice chairman. He was also a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, Port Perry, and a volunteer at Scugog Shores Museum.

Mr. Lawrence further expanded his pharmacy in 1963 after taking over the small wedged section of his building he rented to a barber tenant. The door to the barbershop was sealed and the space absorbed into his drug store.

In 1969, after almost 40 years as a pharmacist at A.M. Lawrence Drug Store, Andy retired from business, selling his business to Gordon F. Parkin, Oshawa. Mr. Lawrence continued to assist his young prodigy part-time for five years before finally retiring.

Andrew Lawrence died in 1999 in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 95.



## James Leonard

### Photographer

James Leonard was born in August 1832 in England and an unknown time, immigrated to Canada. He arrived in Port Perry and started his photography business during the 1850s and became the most well known photographers in the area for more than 30 years.

James was 23 years old when he married to Araminta (Ewers) in 1855 in Reach Township. Araminta was daughter of Abel W. Ewers, one of the town's pioneer municipal officials. They were living in Manchester when their son William was born in November 1856.

The Leonards moved to Georgetown, Ontario for a short time, about 1860, where James worked as an "ambrotype artist". The family returned to Reach Township before the decade was out.

In September 1874 he erected a new building on Perry Street, near the corner of Queen Street, where he practiced his trade for the remainder of his life. He lived on the ground floor with his wife Araminta, and his gallery was upstairs. The studio had a large glassed area in the ceiling and on the north side of the room was a large window which provided natural light for his work. There was a small dark room where he developed his pictures.

He passed way on January 8, 1884, at 51 years of age and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Araminta Leonard, passed away on Monday, November 4, 1918 at 79 years of age.

Following the death of his father, William continued his father's photographic business.



*J. Leonard ad, November 1870.*



**William Leonard**

## William H. Leonard

### Photographer

William (Will) H. Leonard carried on one of the most successful photography businesses in Port Perry for more than half a century.

William was born November 5, 1856, in Manchester, son of Port Perry's famed photographer James Leonard and his wife Aramita (Ewers). As a young man they moved to Port Perry, where his father James Leonard carried on a photography business until his death in November 1884, at which time William took over.

In early manhood, William taught school at Manchester, Claremont and on Scugog Island. He was very successful at this work. He was also interested in the affairs of the town, and at one time served as a member of

the council. He support the United Church and in his younger days was a member of the choir.

In July 1884, the Leonards building was destroyed by fire, but he rebuilt on his Perry Street property. Later he purchased the buildings adjoining his to the south, and the entire building became known as the Leonard Block.

Wm. Leonard learned his trade from his father well and executed excellent pictures, finishing them in any of the leading styles desired. He is responsible for many of the pictures of personalities, families and town scenes from the early part of the century which can be found in the local museum.

He maintained his gallery located in the original Leonard building, located at the corner of Queen and Perry St., with its entrance off of Perry St. W.H. Leonard passed away at 92 years of age on May 25, 1947. Interment was a Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



*William Leonard in his studio.*

## William H. Letcher

### Undertaker

William Henry Letcher was the son of the late Joseph T. Letcher. He was born in Columbus on July 8, 1851 and spent all his life in Port Perry, with the exception of 11 years which he lived in Welland.

He was married to Caroline Bowers about 1882 and the couple had two sons and three daughters.

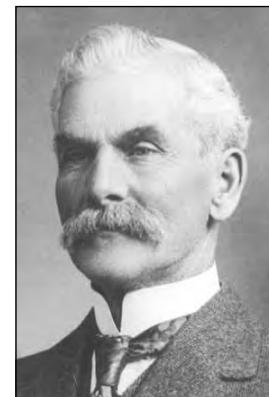
He took an active part in town affairs. He was a member of the school board for many years and was Chairman in 1920; was an active worker in Masonic, OddFellows, Sons of England and Orange Lodges. He was a Past District Deputy of I.O.O.F. for Ontario County. and Past Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 428, A.F.&A.M. He was also an active member of the United Church

During his life he was an enthusiastic supporter of clean sport, taking an active part in baseball, lawn bowling and curling. He served as president of the Port Perry Curling Club In October 1911 he purchased the furniture and undertaking business of Town and Spears and operated it successfully until 1914. Since that time his son, Merlin, has carried on the family business.

Mr. Letcher was 76 years old when he passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 1927. A funeral service was held at the family residence.

Many of his friends gathered at the home to pay their last respects to an old friend and prominent citizen. In passing he left to mourn his loss, his wife Caroline (Bowers), two daughters, Norine Laura and Nita Alberta, and one son William Merlin.

The burial service at Prince Grove Cemetery was conducted by members of Warriner Lodge No. 75, of which he had been an active member for over 40 years.



**William H. Letcher**



# Joseph T. Letcher

## Businessman

Joseph Thomas Letcher was born in Cornwall, England in 1813 and was married to Elizabeth Ann Courtice on April 14, 1835 and were parents to ten children. They immigrated to Canada about 1840 and became residents of Ontario County for half a century. They lived in Columbus for a number of years before moving to Port Perry.

Joseph was an energetic man in business, an active and skilful mechanic, and successful builder. He left behind many buildings erected under his direction. He was for a time, a partner in the Dominion Planing Mills, in Port Perry, having purchased them by auction in March 1881. He was much esteemed in the town.

He was struck by that blighting disease, paralysis, which disabled him from following the active pursuits of life. He lived in Port Perry until three years ago, when he moved to his daughters home in Toronto.

Mr. Letcher was in his 85th years when he died in Toronto on November 5, 1893, at his daughters home. His wife, Elizabeth Ann, predeceased him on January 20 1890.

Following the funeral in Toronto, a procession on the Grand Truck Railway arrived at Port Perry Station, then proceeded to Pine Grove Cemetery for interment.

# W. Merlin Letcher

## Undertaker

William Merlin Bowers Letcher was born in Columbus, Ontario on May 15, 1888, to parents, William Henry and Caroline (Bowers) Letcher. He was 29 years old when he married Marjorie Claire Mellow on June 27, 1917 in Port Perry. Marjorie was the daughter of well respected Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, of Port Perry.

Merlin Letcher took over the furniture and undertaking business of his father, William Henry, in April 1914 and operated it successfully until it was sold in 1928 to Archie McDermott.



W. Merlin Letcher

Mr. Letcher became an active member of the community serving in the public's best interest for many years, as councillor and held the post of Reeve of Port Perry for 13 consecutive years, from 1933 to 1945.

The high point in his political career was being elected Warden of Ontario County in 1937. Another highlights of his public life was receiving a medal from Buckingham Palace to be worn in commemoration of Their Majesties Coronation on May 12, 1937.

In 1953 he served as President of the Provincial Lawn Bowling Association. The same year, his wife, Marjorie was honoured when she retired from Library Board after 29 years service in 1953.

W. Merlin Letcher passed away suddenly at Dayton Beach, Florida, on April 19, 1961, beloved husband of Marjorie. Funeral service was conducted from Port Perry United Church, interment Pine Grove Cemetery.

# Paula Lishman

## Fashion Designer

Paula Lishman was born in Montreal in 1949 and raised in Labrador. She attended high school in Thornhill, Ontario and spent a year at the University of Toronto, before being married to Bill Lishman in 1968.



Paula Lishman

Paula and Bill have a family of two sons, Aaron, Geordie and one daughter, Carmen.

She is most widely known for her highly successful International Fashion fur business, which began after she learned to weave in Mexico. Following many trials and errors, she developed a technique of cutting fur pelts into long continuous strips and twisting it around a strong cotton thread to make a yarn with fur on all sides, then knit and crocheted it into luxurious hand-knit jackets, hats, blankets, and accessories.

Paula has worked for more than 35 years, creating some of the most innovative, attractive and desired custom fur-yarn pieces. She operated out of an old schoolhouse in Blackstock for many years before moving her production and sales into Port Perry, where she continues to manufacture and sell her unique fur designs.

Paula has travelled the world promoting her fashions and the fur business. Paula was President of the Fur Council of Canada for the eight years.

# William Lishman

## Sulpture, Innovator

William Ayton Lishman was born February 12, 1939 and raised on his family farm in Ajax, Ontario. He received his elementary and high school education in Pickering and later studied sculpture at the Ontario College of Art & Design.

Little did he know when he graduated, that over the next half-century, he would become an award-winning sculptor, filmmaker, inventor, naturalist and public speaker in high demand.

He began his artistic career about 1962 in a 100 year-old blacksmith shop in Greenwood, Ontario. He continued his passion at his home near Blackstock, Ontario, where he lives with his wife Paula, who is a world renowned fashion designer.

Bill and Paula were living in an old schoolhouse in Brougham when they were married in 1968. It was here they started their family of two sons, Aaron, Geordie and one daughter, Carmen.

In 1972, while still living in Brougham, the federal government expropriated thousands of acres of land for a proposed international airport. He joined forces with Michael Robertson and other protesters, forming an organization called "People or Planes" in 1972, to fight the airport and expropriation of lands. The fight resulted in construction of a Pickering Airport being cancelled three years later.

Bill and Paula left Pickering in 1974 and he settled into a new home and shop at Purple Hill, on 100 acres of land with panoramic view over Scugog Township and Lake Scugog. It was here he worked for the next four decades, becoming a world renowned artist in a variety of media. His sculptures and work can be found across Canada and around the world.

After taking up residence in Scugog it didn't take Bill long to get involved in civic matters. When the government selected two areas in his new community for large dump sites in 1990, Bill formed an opposition group called "Zero Garbage". The small group residents fought and won a battle over the location of dump sites in the former Cartwright Township. More recently he had been a supporter of the Scugog Lake Stewards.

Always an innovator, Bill's was one of a handful of men to pioneered ultra-light aviation in Canada, becoming the first person to fly and lead migratory Canada Geese south in 1993. It was from this experience he wrote his autobiography "Father Goose", which inspired the award winning film, "Fly Away Home", partially filmed in Scugog Township.

Since then he has produced and co-produced a number of award winning documentaries. In 2015 he produced and self-published the "Oak Ridge Moraine from Above," a beautiful coffee table book featuring pictures from Bills travels by ultra-light over the moraine.

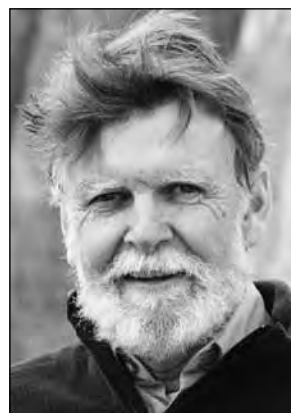
One of his most known local projects was a 2,600 sq. ft. underground home he designed and built on his Purple Hill property in 1990. The unique home features a series of eight "pods", all below frost line. The home has been featured in dozens of newspapers, magazines and television shows.

Other popular Lishman projects undertaken in his home community included "Autohenge", and it's spin-off "Icehenge" on Lake Scugog.

Bill is an Explorers' Club Fellow, and a member of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society. He has received numerous awards including the Odyssey of the Mind's Creativity Award, the Canadian Meritorious Service Medal, and the US National Wildlife Federation Conservation Award, an honorary doctorate from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and an Honorary Degree from Niagara University.

Bill Lishman passed away in his home near Blackstock, Ontario on December 30, 2017, less than two weeks after being diagnosed with leukemia. His wife Paula and his three children were at his side.

A Celebration of Life was held for Bill Lishman at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa on January 20, 2018. A crowd of more than 1,000 people, family, friends and colleagues lined up for hours to pay their respects and share stories and memories of Bill's life.



**William Lishman**



*Bill and Paula Lishman in their underground home.*

# Richard Lund

## Merchant

One of Port Perry's earliest merchants, Richard Lund was born in Upper Helmsley, Yorkshire, England in 1814. He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Marsh of Markham, Ontario in 1836 when she was 18 years old. They had one child during their 16 year marriage while living in King City, Ontario.

Richard Lund was one of the first merchants to open a shop in Port Perry. He occupied a conspicuous and highly important position in the community, and was identified with Port Perry from its early existence as a village. He identified himself with, and was an active promoter of every movement, commercial, educational and religious.

Educational interests received his active encouragement and support, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of School Trustees while the village was as yet too small to maintain a school, and too financially weak to pay a proper teacher. He generously added a handsome supplement to the salary of the teacher from year to year, taken from his own pocket, to retain the services of a good teacher.

He was a son of toil, active industrious and persevering, and notwithstanding that he had accumulated a very liberal share of this world's goods.

He filled several important offices - Magistrate, Clerk of the Division Court, but he preferred farming. He was appointed returning officer for the first election of the Township of Scugog, after it separated from Reach Township in 1855.

The death of Richard Lund was both sudden and unexpected, at his home in Port Perry, at the age of 64 years. He passed away on July 25, 1883 and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert beside his wife, Sarah Elizabeth who predeceased him in 1852 at 32 years of age.

# James F. Lucas

## Grain Merchant



**James Lucas**

Mr. James Lucas began his business career in 1893 as an office manager in the Paxton-Tate Foundry, Port Perry, from which place he accepted the position with the Anderson Furniture Co., Woodstock.

James Francis Lucas was born on March 15, 1870 in Ontario to his parents Hugh and Mary (Martin) Lucas, of Durham County, Ontario. He was married to Sarah J. Goudy.

Following the death of Aaron Ross, in 1896, he returned to Port Perry as an associate member of the firm of A. Ross & Sons. In 1909 he purchased William Ross' grain business and renamed it the James Lucas Grain Elevator. In 1916 he sold the mill to Hogg & Lytle Limited, retiring in 1933.

Long and successful business dealings gave him many advantages - he gained many friends in the community, ample competence for himself and his family; and experience taught him business principles that became of prime importance to him in his outlook upon life.

Mr. Lucas turned his attention to municipal affairs as the years passed. He served as Reeve of Port Perry in 1920 and 1921, and as councillor for a number of years. He approached the new duties with certain well defined ideas, which did not always meet with popular favour, but to which he continued to give loyal and aggressive support.

The municipal flag was at half-mast in Port Perry on January 17, 1939, for as the bell tolled the esteemed body of James Lucas was passing on the way to its last resting place.

The late Mr. Lucas was a home-loving man, and progress made by his son and daughter gave happiness and pride to both their parents, Hugh and Sarah (Goudy) Lucas.

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*James Lucas operated the old grain elevator in 1930*

## Section Eleven



Lawrence Malcolm

### Lawrence Malcolm

#### Farmer - Politician

Lawrence had deep roots in Cartwright Township, his great-grandfather and his two brothers purchased a 200 acre farm in North Nestleton in 1844.

Lawrence was born in 1919, a son for Stanley and Bertha Malcolm. He attended school in Lindsay, with the intention of becoming a teacher but returned to the family farm. His father took over the farm, buying out his brothers, and Lawrence began to work as his father's assistance.

Lawrence met his future wife Gwen, who visited the farm with his sister in 1945, and they were married three years later. A marriage which produced seven children. He took over operation of the farm after his father suffered a heart attack.

His first foray into politics came in the late 1950s. He returned to politics in 1967, successfully becoming Reeve of Cartwright Township, a position he held until Durham Region was formed in 1974.

With Cartwright and Reach Townships, Scugog Island, and Port Perry amalgamated into one municipality, he ran for mayor of the new township and won. He became Scugog Township's first mayor and held the top seat for four years. After a defeat for mayor in 1979, he retired for a couple of years, then returned as Regional Councillor in 1981 and finally retiring in 1988.

### Charles Marsh

#### Shoemaker & Sales

Charles Marsh was born on September 21, 1826, at Brooklin, Ontario, the son of Eliza (Huntington) and Israel Marsh. His father, Elder Israel Marsh, was a Baptist who was the first travelling preacher into Reach Township in the 1820s.

Charles married Emily Huckins of Whitby, Ontario on April 17, 1847, and during their lives had eight children together, all born at Port Perry, Ontario. He also had one son from another marriage.

The Marsh family arrived in Reach Township about 1860, and two years later Charles, who was a shoemaker by trade, purchased a Port Perry boot and shoe shop. He later partnered up with William Trounce and operated under the name Marsh and Trounce general merchants.

In addition to his business interests, Charles Marsh become interested in serving his community and in 1863 was elected to Reach Township council. Two years later, he was elected Reeve of the township.

In addition to his political interests, Charles also served as a trustee for Port Perry Grammar and Common School for many years, and then served as Chairman of the board of trustee in 1879. He was also interested in agriculture and spent a number of years on the North Ontario Agricultural Society, including two terms during the 1870s, as president of the society.

He moved to Creighton, in Nebraska in the early 1880s where he became head of the firm of Marsh and Huyck, a hardware store. His sterling qualities were recognized and rewarded by being appointed supervisor of Knox County, for a term of four years, and was later elected as Mayor of Creighton for two years.

Mr. Marsh died at his home in Omaha on Monday, January 9, 1899 of pneumonia, after a short illness. He had been declining health for about four years. He was 73 year old at the time of his death. He was interred at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska. His wife Emily, 77, died on November 24, 1906 at Onawa, Iowa.

## James MacBrien, Sr. School Inspector

James MacBrien was born in Ireland in the year 1832 of wealthy and influential parents. He left his homeland when he was only a teenager and set sail for Canada, purchasing and settling on a farm near Myrtle, in Ontario County.

After earning his education diploma, James became a teacher and rose through the ranks to become a Public School Inspector for the province of Ontario in 1872. As an inspector, MacBrien was responsible for all the schools in the northern half of Ontario County. He held this position for 30 years.

Inspector MacBrien was a notable figure in the days when the public school system was in the making and his visits were welcomed by both teacher and scholars. About the same time he was appointed inspector, he purchased the beautiful home and property on Simcoe Street in Prince Albert, where he resided until his death.

James and his wife Julia Frances had nine children, all of whom attended Port Perry High School. James died in 1909. Julia lived in the house until her death in 1938.

Mr. MacBrien is said to have "lived respected and died regretted" by the entire community. He was an exemplary member of the Methodist Church and a influential member of a number of fraternal orders, including the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Canadian Order Home Circles, A.O.U.W., and Independent Order of Foresters.

Mr. MacBrien passed away on Sunday, September 26, 1909, at 77 years of age. He left a wife, Julia Frances, three sons - James H., William and Sidney, and six daughters - Maggie, Julia, Olivia, Bessie, Belle and Kathleen, to mourn his loss.

A large number of townfolk turned out to pay their last respects at his funeral on Tuesday 28th inst. at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Julia Frances (Madden), wife of James MacBrien, Sr. passed way in May 1938, in her 90th year.



James MacBrien, Sr.



Left, James MacBrien as a younger man, and above, the MacBrien home at Prince Albert, Ontario.

# James H. MacBrien, Jr.

## Lieutenant Governor

Sir James MacBrien was the son of the late inspector James MacBrien and Mrs. MacBrien. He was born at the farm between Myrtle and Raglan, and later the family moved to Prince Albert. He received his public and High School education in Port Perry, spending his boyhood and young manhood in the town.

Before entering the army, James MacBrien received some practical training in business life for a few years after joining the Western Bank, when Mr. H.G. Hutcheson was manager.

His next move was to Western Canada, where he joined the Northwest Mounted Police. A year later he resigned and came back east to join the 34th Ontario Regiment. After returning from serving in the Boer War in Africa, he was commissioned to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, followed by a move to England to attend the Staff College.

During World War I, he was promoted to the rank of Major, and further promotions came quickly during this period as a result of courageous and intelligent service. In 1920, he was appointed the post of Chief of the General Staff of the Canadian Militia.

He married Nellie Louise Ross in 1907 who passed away in 1921. He remarried seven years later to Emily Harbridge of New York. In 1927, after an illustrious career, Mr. MacBrien resigned as Canada's military chief and returned home to retire on his mother's farm at Port Perry.

In 1931 he accepted a Government appointment to take over as Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In recognition of his efforts in organizing and modernizing the R.C.M.P., King George V made him a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, in 1935.

Sir James MacBrien's death came on March 5, 1938 and the funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Toronto, was one of the largest the city had witnessed many years, Mourners came from far and wide, from military, political and private life.

His flag-draped coffin, on which lay the sword of the soldier and the cap of the RCMP was carried on a gun carriage, drawn by three sleek black steeds, from the St. Pauls to the Union Station, accompanied by dignitaries including the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Mayor Ralph Day of Toronto and representatives of the government, military and National Defense.

As his coffin was lifted from the gun carriage to the train, the leading detachment fired three volleys, fixed bayonets and presented arms. The 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' sounded as the casket was lifted onto the train, to be transported to Ottawa for burial with full military honours.

Other honours bestowed on Port Perry's most distinguished soldier and commissioner were the naming of one of the highest peaks in the Northwest Territories, the Mount Sir James MacBrien mountain. In 1945, a 581 ton WWII mine sweeper was assigned to the RCMP and renamed the "MacBrien" in his honour.



James H. MacBrien



James H. MacBrien

# Grant MacDonald

## Port Perry High School Principal

Grant Clifford MacDonald was born on March 9, 1911 in Derryville, Brock Township, a son for John Elsworth and Christina (McMillan) MacDonald. His father was a farmer and auctioneer.

Grant attended Eden elementary school in Beaverton and elementary and high school in Cannington and Lindsay Collegiate. Although he didn't plan to attend university, after graduating from high school, he attended Victoria College, University of Toronto where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

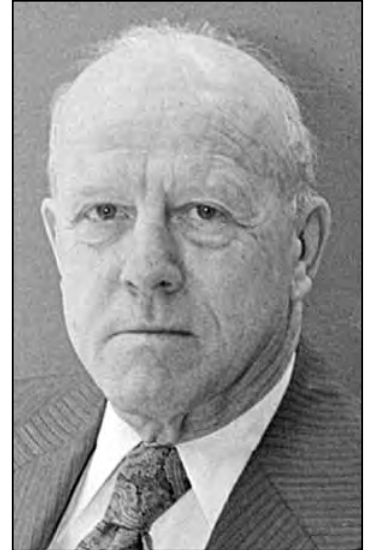
He began his working career in business job, but in 1934 accepted a teaching job at Sunderland Public School where he stayed for nine years, seven of those as principal. While in Sunderland he met his future wife Mary Ethel Doble daughter of Milton and Mary Ellen Doble. They were married in Toronto in September of 1942. In 1944 Grant and Ethel left Sunderland to teach in Waterdown in a temporary position. They moved to Richmond Hill in 1945 where they stayed for a year and a half.

Grant began working at Port Perry High School as a physical education and mathematics teacher in 1946 and 10 years later was promoted to the head position of principal. During his teaching career Grant was very interested in the high school cadet corps. For many summers he took courses as well as instructed at cadet camps at Ipperwash and Borden. Under his leadership the local Cadet Corps was honoured three times as the most outstanding cadet corps in Ontario.

Grant served as principal at Port Perry High School until he retired in June 1973, a total of 38 years. The popular principal was honoured when about 500 people gathered in the school auditorium to pay tribute to him on his retirement.

Aside from his career as a teacher-principal, Grant was very involved in his community. In 1954, when a curling club was formed, he became the club's first president and he remained an was a lifetime member of the Port Perry Curling Club. He also served as a board member and chairman of Community Memorial Hospital, and was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Port Perry, serving as president in 1984-85. He was also a member of Brock Masonic Lodge in Cannington as well as Fidelity Lodge in Port Perry and was honoured by both lodges with fifty year pins, and an elder at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry.

Grant MacDonald, 82, passed away at the Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry on November 17, 1993. He was the loving husband of Mary Ethel (Doble) MacDonald and father of Esther (Trotter) of Port Perry. His wife Ethel passed away April 14, 2003. A funeral service was held at the Wagg Funeral Home, Port Perry and interment held at Sunderland Cemetery.



Grant MacDonald

# Hugh H. McCaw

## Tinsmith

Hugh Henry McCaw was born in Ireland in 1818 and immigrated to Canada with his parents Sarah (Thompson) and Price McCaw, settling in Quebec until 1855, when he moved to Reach Township. He and his wife Elizabeth "Betsey" McKelvey, raised a family four sons and six daughters – Albert E., William Hugh, Margaret, Emma, Ellen, Andrew, Hugh H. Jr., Elizabeth, Annie and Mary Agnes.

In 1860 he began his business career as a tinsmith in Prince Albert. While a resident of that village he took a prominent and active part in every movement. Educational matters had his active support, both Public and Sunday School were indebted to him for his well direct efforts.

In 1866 when Prince Albert postmaster G. Robson resigned, Hugh McCaw was appointed his successor, filling the position until 1873 when he was honoured at a dinner before moving to Port Perry. Hugh was a worthy and esteemed townsman, was favourably remembered throughout the county for his good qualities.

Mr. Hugh H. McCaw was 74 years old when he passed away on July 24, 1892 at the LaGrange, Illinois home of his son-in-law N.E. Briggs. His wife, Elizabeth died on July 8, 1910, at 89 years of age.



Dr. 'Cam' MacMaster

## Dr. D.C. "Cam" MacMaster Veterinary Surgeon

It's not unusual for a son to follow in the footsteps of his father, and such was the case for Cam MacMaster, becoming one of Port Perry and areas most respected veterinarians over his 34 year career.

Dougald Campbell MacMaster was born at Cornwall, Ontario on June 3, 1916, one of four children for James D. MacMaster and Donaldda 'Alda' MacGillivray. His father was a veterinarian in Cornwall.

In 1918, when Cam was about 2 1/2 years old, the MacMaster family relocated to Port Perry and moved into a large home at 208 North Street, which also served as his father's veterinary office.

Cam's father, James, passed away in August 1937.

Cam was married to Helen Mildred Carter on November 27, 1938 while he was attending college. Helen worked while he continued his education, living at the family home on North Street.

Here they raised three children, Muriel, James and John.

Cam received his elementary and high school education in Port Perry, and then attended the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, graduating in 1942. After becoming a veterinarian, he returned Port Perry to work from the same animal hospital his father had provided veterinary services from for 20 years.

A tireless volunteer for his community, he served on the Port Perry School Board and was a member of the curling club. Cam was honoured by the Port Perry Arena Board for his "unselfish volunteer service", and was given the honour of laying the corner store for the new Scugog Community Arena on Reach Street in 1972.

He was also honoured with an "Appreciation Night" hosted by local farmers in 1976, at which more than 200 people gathered to mark his retirement. Speaking on behalf of the many farmers present, one man said, Cam will be missed by the farmers as a friend as well as a vet, he always took a personal interest in his work.

Dr. Dougald Campbell "Cam" MacMaster had been in poor health for the last two years of his life. He passed way on October 8, 1998. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.



Dr. Cam MacMaster was presented a plaque of appreciation by area farmers in 1976. With his is his wife Helen.



The home of Dr. Cam and Helen MacMaster at 208 North Street about 1975.





**Archie L. McDermott**

## **Archie L. McDermott** **Undertaker**

Born into a Reach Township farming family on August 7, 1897, Archibald Louis McDermott was a son of Eliza J. (McKinley) and Daniel McDermott. He was 21 years old when he married Margaret W. Corrin, of Port Perry, on September 12, 1917. Margaret passed way in Port Perry on November 21, 1938.

At the time of his marriage Archie was working as a salesman. When W. Letcher purchased Disney Bros, who he was working for, he moved to Toronto.

By 1921 Archie had returned to Port Perry, where he opened funeral service rooms in the Ebbels Block. Years later, in April 1928, he purchased funeral business from Merlin Letcher.

In addition to his duties of undertaking, Archie took an interest in his community, being elected the first president of the Businessmen’s Association which was formed in 1933. He served as a member of the board for years and was elected president for a second time in 1942.

In 1946 Archie was in need of help, and hired Art Panabaker to assist in his business. Nine years later he sold half of his business to Mr. Panabaker and the partners renamed the business McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home. Archie’s son Grant joined his father’s undertaking business in 1957, and three years later when Grant retired, he purchased his father’s shares in the business, becoming a half partner with Art Panabaker.

Archie married Marjorie Bernice of Greenbank, about 1940 and the couple were married for almost 35 years before his death. Marjorie passed away after a short illness on October 19, 2008.



*Archie McDermott on hearse about 1930.*

## **Grant M. McDermott** **Undertaker**

Grant Milton McDermott was a well respected and staunch supporter of Port Perry during his years 40 years in the town. Born on February 13, 1923.

Grant McDermott served with the 30th Battery Canadian Forces WWII. He was a member of the “Scugog Kids” who served under Major Connie Smythe’s Battery. The “Kids” were gunner Len Colbear, Grant McDermott and Fred Colbear, Ken Hillier, ‘Mike’ Sheridan and Jack Sangster.

He married Jean Elizabeth (Leslie) Koehl, whose first husband died in WWII. Grant and Jean had four children, a girl who died during birth in 1943, sons, Paul and Neil, and daughter Marybeth.

Grant returned home to Port Perry in 1957 and joined his father undertaking business, and in 1960 he purchased his father Archie’s shares in the business, becoming a half partner with Art Panabaker. The firm became known as McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home.

As the business prospered, Art and Grant expanded their facilities. In 1958 they renovated the building and expanded their business into furniture. The added large glass windows to showcase their furnishing, facing onto Queen Street, and created an attractive Chapel entrance on Perry Street.

Art and Grant sold the business and retired in 1980.

He took an interest in town affairs and in was a member of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, to which he was elected president in 1965. He also served a two-year term on Port Perry council in 1971.

Grant McDermott passed away on December 15, 1996 and he was buried at St. Johns Norway Cemetery, Toronto. His wife Jean continued to live in Port Perry and died on April 27, 2006 and buried beside her husband.



**Grant McDermott**



**William McGill**

## **William McGill** **Undertaker**

William McGill was a prosperous Ontario County farmer who had devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He was born in Whitby in 1843 to John and Dorothea McGill, and worked on the family farm as a young man.

William was 29 year old when he married Lurana Covey, 23, of Prince Albert, Reach Township, on May 19, 1874.

He purchased Sheriff Thomas Paxton's Beuna Vista stately home about 1885 with the intention of making it his permanent family residence. He had plans to build extensive gardens. The exact date the McGill family moved into Buena Vista is not known. Lurana and William had seven children.

Shortly after moving onto his suburban property he began to encounter investment problems. Mr. McGill became a shareholder in the Central Bank of Port Perry, losing about \$1,000 when the bank closed in 1887. When the bank re-opened as the Western Bank in January 1888, Mr. McGill became the branch manager, a position he held until June 1896 when he ran into more financial problems with the announced bankruptcy of the Paxton, Tate & Co. Foundry.

At the time of its fall, Mr. McGill was the largest investor in the company, losing \$17,500. It wasn't long after this bad turn of events that he announced his intention to move to California. Whether or not he ever did move is unclear.

William McGill was sued by the Western Bank for \$30,000 of debt incurred when the Paxton, Tate Foundry ceased business, and following a long trial at the Court House in Whitby, in June 1898 a jury returned an unanimous verdict for Mr. McGill over the bank.

While a resident of Port Perry, William was involved in many aspects of the community, serving on the Pine Grove Cemetery Board; Trustee for the Board of Education, and a member of the Reach, Port Perry and Scugog Ploughing Association.

One year after clearing his name from the bank suit, on July 31, 1899, William McGill, 55, died in Port Perry of heart failure. His wife Lurana died December 14, 1922 at Whitby, Ontario and they were both buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



*Beuna Vista, the home of William and Lurana McGill, located in north Port Perry near Lake Scugog.*



**Frederick McIntyre**

## **Frederick W. McIntyre** **Merchant**

Frederick William McIntyre will be remembered as one of Port Perry's leading drygood merchants. He began his business career in 1907 and three years later partnered with E.R. Dunk to operate as The Dunk, McIntyre Co. About a year later he took over sole ownership of the company and operated it successfully until he sold the business in 1928 after 20 years in business.

Frederick McIntyre was born on February 25, 1879 in Fergus Ontario to parents Duncan and Jean (Ross) McIntyre. He was one of 11 children in the family.

In the social life of the community he was musical, kindly and made friends readily. He was Past Master and Life Member of Fidelity Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and he gave valuable service to the Presbyterian Church as choir leader, and as a valued member of the local band.

In 1914 he was elected as a councillor for Port Perry, serving in that capacity for a number of years. He was elected as president of the Merchant's Assoc., and a energetic member of the Lawn Bowling Club.

Frederick and his wife Pauline L.M. McIntyre moved from Port Perry in March of 1928, after having been much respected citizens of the town for more than 20 years.

Mr. McIntyre, or "Mac" as he was known among his numerous friends in Port Perry, died while visiting friends in Lincoln, Ontario, near Hamilton on September 6, 1933 at 54 years of age.

His funeral took place on September 8, 1933 at Freeman, Ontario, with a number of Port Perry friends present for the service. Interment took place in the Hamilton cemetery. He is survived by his wife, and two brothers.

## **William H. McCaw** **Jeweller**

In 1849 Wm. H. McCaw was born at Stanstead, Quebec, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCaw. He was three years old when the family moved to Prince Albert, where Mr. McCaw followed the business of shoemaking.

He learned watchmaking from local jewellery store businessman, Mr. Doll, and later went to Boston to complete his training. Upon his return home he set up business in Port Perry in Bigelow's Royal Arcade in August, 1873, and continued as watchmaker and jeweller for more than 40 years.

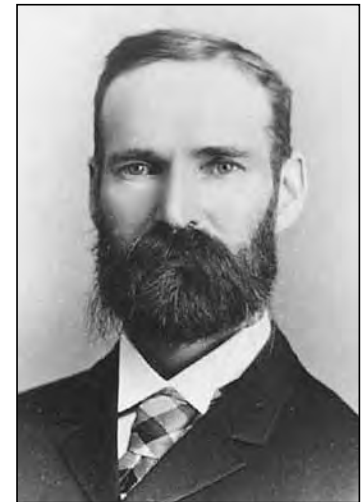
A sideline to his business was the local branch of the Bell Telephone Co., of which he was the first manager. He retired and sold his business in May 1915 to J.D. Robertson of Whitby.

Like so many businessmen at this time, Mr. McCaw lost his entire stock in the devastating fire of 1884, but undeterred rebuilt and continued his business. In public life, he served on the Port Perry Board of Trade and the Board of Education, but never took an interest in politics.

Mr. McCaw married Emma Bigelow and to them eight girls were born, Elizabeth, Mrs. Arthur Carnegie, Mrs. Frank Coone, Emma, Mrs. Harry Nasmith, Mrs. David Carnegie, Mrs. Harold Emmerson and Mrs. Morley Honey.

Mr. McCaw was a member of the Board of Education for a number of years; a member of the Pine Grove Cemetery Board and was a Freemason of many years' standing. In earlier years he was a loyal supporter of the local Baptist Church.

He was described as a genial citizen, thoroughly devoted to his family and his business in which he had a long and honourable record. He died at the age of 82 on Thursday, June 26, 1930 and was mourned by his wife and family.



**William H. McCaw**

**You Seldom Find**  
SUCH BARGAINS IN  
**JEWELRY**  
As we are now offering.

Now is your Chance to Secure what you are in need of.

Croquet Sets, Base Balls, Lacrosse Sticks, Etc.

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**W.H.McCAW,**  
Book-seller and Stationer.

# James McKee

## Businessman

James McKee was born at Comber, North Ireland on December 7, 1864 to Samuel and E.J. McKee. When he was 22 years of age, he came to Canada and settled in Toronto, where he married Sarah (Beaton) on June 26, 1889. The couple moved to London, Ontario and raised their family, then in 1910, the family moved to Port Perry.

Mr. McKee was active in town affairs from the time he arrived in Port Perry. He served on town council for a number of years, and was a director on the Agricultural Fair Board. One thing that was of particular interest to him was the improvement of the waterfront. Considerable credit can be given to him for the present pleasing appearance of that part of the town.

Mr. McKee had varied experience in business having been connected with various enterprises. Some of these include manager of the Farmers' Union Milling Co.; proprietor of the Superior Food Stores; owner of the Sebert House hotel; garage operator with Ford dealership; operator of the Palace Shoe Store and McKee Jewellery store.

The Business Men's Association found him a ready worker in the carrying out of its various projects for the betterment of the town. He was a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church and a life member of the Masonic Lodge, being presented his 50 year service medal in 1950. Mr. McKee and his family (with the exception of Gordon McKee) moved to Whitby in 1931 after purchasing the Sutcliffe grocery business.

James McKee died on March 26, 1954 at the Port Perry Public Hospital, in his 90th year. A Masonic service was held at the chapel of A.L. McDermott and burial took place at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Sarah, predeceased him in 1938.

He is survived by his three daughters, Christina, Edna and Florence, and two sons, Gordon and J.C..

# Henry McKenzie

## Photographer

Henry McKenzie was born in Woodville, Mariposa Township, on April 24, 1847 to Henry and Elizabeth McKenzie. He arrived in Port Perry in 1863 when he was 16 years of age. Four years later he opened a picture gallery on the first floor of the Medical Hall in January 1867, opposite the Royal Canadian Hotel on Queen Street. He was later joined by a Mr. Scott and the two men operated as McKenzie & Scott's Photographic Gallery.

Henry was 29 years old when he married to Mary Agnes Greig of Whitby, Ontario on January 6, 1876. They had two children, Harriet Gertrude and Norman Alexander who tragically died in December 1882. Harriet was six and Norman 4 year old when they died. His wife Mary passed away on May 26, 1886.

While in Port Perry, Henry was a highly successful photographic artist, creating thousands of true-to-life pictures. His pictures were known to never fade or become discoloured. His nephew Frank joined the business as a photographer and later taking over the business. In November 1895 Frank McKenzie had moved his gallery into the newly constructed Blong Block and was busy taking views of the town as it was rebuilt, after the fire that razed the town in earlier that year. A month later, he closed the gallery to go on the road taking pictures.

After retiring as a photographer, he spent much of his life devoted to the improvement of the roadster horse and in this occupation he did much to benefit his patrons. He became an excellent judge. He did more during his career in this vicinity to improve the class of horses know as roadsters, than all other stock horse owners combined.

Henry McKenzie, died at Bradford on Friday, November 6, 1914, aged 67. He was a good citizen, kindly disposed, was a loving and beloved husband, indulgent parent and good neighbour. A disconsolate widow, a son and daughter survive to mourn the loss of a husband and father so worthy of their love and esteem.

The funeral took place on Sunday from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ash, Cochrane St., Port Perry. Rev. West officiated as Henry McKenzie was laid to rest in the family plot in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

**H. McKenzie,**  
WOULD inform the people of this and neighboring vicinity that he has  
**Opened a Picture Gallery  
IN PORT PERRY!**  
in the building opposite the Royal Canadian Hotel, on the first floor  
*Above the Medical Hall!*  
As he has spared no expense and taken the greatest pains in fitting up the gallery, he feels himself competent to give entire satisfaction to all who may favour him with their patronage.  
Pictures of all kinds and sizes finished in Oil, Water Colors, or India Ink.  
**PHOTOGRAPHS, \$2.00 PER DOZ.,  
LETTERGRAPHS, 25 CTS, EACH**  
Call and examine specimens.  
**H. MCKENZIE,**  
*Artist.*  
Port Perry, Feb. 5th 1868. 26

Henry McKenzie ad 1868.



**Dugald McBride**

High School, he tendered his resignation for September 1910, which was regretfully accepted by the school board.

In addition to his teaching duties, he was also appointed a County Inspector for Public Schools in 1879, a position he held for a number of years.

He and his wife, Nancy (Horton), had two children Samuel Edwin and Sara Mabel. Mr. McBride was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery in 1927.

## Dugald McBride

### High School Principal

No former citizen of Port Perry has a more honoured place in the town's history than that Dugald McBride.

Mr. McBride was born in Scotland in 1839 and as a young man travelled to Canada with his parents. In 1859, at only 21 year of age, he was awarded a First Class Grade A certificate as a public school teacher, and he received his B.A. in 1871.

After graduating from school he began his teaching career and in 1872 was appointed Principal of Port Perry High School. He was known as a man of wide learning, fixed principals, and open mind an was one of the most respected men in the town. After 37 years as the headmaster of Port Perry



*The Port Perry Union School.*

## Donald McKay

### Ontario County Treasurer

Donald McKay was born on July 4, 1837 in the County of Glengarry to parents Angus and Sarah "Sally" (Henry) McKay. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto.

He married Alice Noble, of Markham, on May 1, 1862 and they had six children during their married life. He taught school in Markham Twp. for some years before moving to Saintfield, Reach Township about 1868. It was here he opened a general store and served as postmaster for 20 years.



**Donald McKay**

His keen interest in the community lead him to politics and he was elected Reeve of Reach Township in 1888, 1889 and 1890. A few months after his last election, he resigned as reeve when he was appointed of Ontario County Treasurer. The council honored Mr. McKay with a complimentary dinner and presented him an inscribed gold-headed cane for his service to the community.

Mr. McKay and his family moved to Whitby after his appointment where he carried out the duties of County Treasurer conscientiously for 25 years, until his death.

His death did not come as a surprise, as he had been afflicted with an incurable disease for some time. Donald McKay died on May 13, 1914, in Whitby, Ontario, having lived a long life of 76 years. His wife Alice passed away on January 14, 1924. Both were buried at Union Cemetery, Oshawa, Ontario.

Mr. McKay's funeral took place from the family residence in Whitby with a service at St. Andrew's Church. The gathering was an indication of the numberless chords of sympathy and friendship which radiated for this esteemed townsman. There was a very large attendance of county officials and pall bearers included Judge T.A. McGillivray, Judge D.J. McIntyre, Dr. J. Bascom, Sheriff T.C.Paxton, J.D. Howden and James Rutledge.



**Robert McKnight**

## **Robert McKnight**

### **Chief Constable**

Robert McKnight, a brawny, open faced Scotchman, was born at Dumfriesshire, Scotland on December 3, 1847. His parents were James and Joanne McKnight.

He immigrated to Canada in 1871 and found his way to Port Perry, where he worked for Bigelow and Trounce in the sawmill at the east end of the Scugog Bridge.

Robert was 26 years old when he married Janet Irving, 27, a young lady to whom he was engaged when he left Scotland. They were married in Port Perry on June 21, 1873 and had two children, James and John, before she passed away on Dec. 10, 1878.

Robert was married a second time, to Jessie Carrick, on July 16, 1879 in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry. From this marriage were born four children, Janet, Bell, Andrew and Maggie.

In the Spring of 1874, he was appointed town constable and street commissioner. In this position he was also assigned the duties of collector of taxes and market clerk.

Mr. McKnight was a kindly man; a friend of the poor, a neighbor to the afflicted and a help to the needy. He was seldom or never sick or absent from the job

He was an elder and Sunday School teacher at St. John's Presbyterian Church, and an exemplary member of the Masonic and an Oddfellow fraternities. He also served as treasurer of the Port Perry fire brigade for a time.

His duties were many, including ringing the town hall bell four times daily, and keeping the steps and sidewalk in front of the hall clear of snow. It was while attending to his duty of shoveling snow, he fell to the ground, and within an hour passed away.

The entire community was saddened on learning of the sudden death of Robert McKnight, on January 6, 1911. His public career had been such as to immortalize the name McKnight in the hearts of the people of the district. He was town constable for almost 40 years and filled that noble office until his death.

A public funeral service was held in the Town Hall, which was crowded to capacity, many not gaining entrance. And in his honor businesses in the town closed during the service.

He left behind a wife and three sons, John, James and Andrew, and two daughters Janet and Mrs. J.A. Cowie.

## **John W. Meharry**

### **Hardware & Real Estate**

John Wesley Meharry was born near Peterborough and moved to Port Perry about 1875, going into a business partnership with John B. Laing.

For many years they carried on an extensive and successful hardware business. In July 1884 they lost their business in a fire that destroyed downtown Port Perry, but they immediately rebuilt a larger and more magnificent block. Fire rocked their business again in 1891 when the entire building was gutted.

Mr. Meharry accumulated considerable wealth, and invested largely in real estate, but was unsuccessful in this venture.

In later years he owned a brokerage business in real estate, in which during his long career he negotiated an immense number of sales and was acknowledged to be the best salesman in the district.

Mr. Meharry was public spirited and always took a leading part in supporting improvements to the town. He was a member of the Board of Education for many years and was identified with agricultural interests, being a member of the Board of Directors. He also served a Chief of the Port Perry Fire Brigade in the early 1900s.

He is said to have been a royal entertainer of rare social qualities and he delighted in company.

Mr. Meharry was 70 years old when he passed away at his daughter's home in Ottawa on October 2, 1915, leaving two daughters to mourn his loss. His remains were laid to rest at the family plot in Pine Grove Cemetery. Mr. Meharry's beloved wife, Jennie (Dawes) predeceased him on November 27, 1911.

## George A. McMillan

### Farmer, Politician

George Archibald McMillan was born on August 2, 1896 Reach Township, near Greenbank, the son of William and Mary (Wallace) McMillan. He was educated in the village's public school and Port Perry High School.

On leaving school he farmed on the Conc. 12 with his father and later doubled his 100 acres. He kept a large Ayrshire and later Holstein herd and in his younger days was a leader in many barn building bees in the district.

He was 22 years-old when he married Etta Smith in Port Perry on March 8, 1899. In 1949 they marked their Golden Wedding anniversary in Port Perry.

They moved to Port Perry about 1935 when Mr. McMillan retired from farming. He operated the Massey Harris farm equipment agency there for seven years before finally retiring to his John Street home.

He served eight years as a councillor, Deputy-Reeve and Reeve of Reach Township. He represented the municipality at Ontario County council for three years, 1923, 1924 and 1929, serving as Warden in his second term.

Before coming to Port Perry he was superintendent of Greenbank Sunday School, and an elder of Port Perry United Church. He was also a past Master of Fidelity Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 428.

About 1948 he suffered his first serious illness and was hospitalized for lengthy periods before his death.

George A. McMillan died in Whitby on March 31, 1953, leaving behind his wife Etta, four daughters and six sons. His wife Etta died on January 4, 1963 in Newmarket, Ontario.



George McMillan

## Charles D. Mercier

### Police Officer, Politician

As a young man, Charles "Chuck" Mercier, had no idea that one day he would be Deputy Police Chief of a large municipal police force, or be elected as Mayor of his hometown. All that was in the future.

Born in Timmins, Ontario on May 23, 1954, Charles Mercier was one of four children for Aurele and Thelma (Routhier) Mercier. The family moved to Elliot Lake when he was five years old and it was here he received his early education. After graduating from high school he attended Loyalist College, Belleville where he received a diploma for law and management.

His education continued in 1977, when he enrolled in the Ontario Police College, and then accepted a job with the Durham Regional Police in Oshawa.

Chuck met Paula Johnston in 1981, when she was a RN working in the emergency department of Oshawa General Hospital. They were married on May 21, 1982 in Oshawa. Both Chuck and Paula wanted to live in a small town, and Paula had a desire to move back to her family roots around Port Perry. Seven years later, in 1989, they moved to Prince Albert, where they built a new home. Here they raised their four children, Michael, Sara, Jesse and MacKenzie.

During all of his years in policing, this tireless worker still found time to volunteer for a number of local causes. He spent 18 years as a leader with the Port Perry Scouting organization, was chair of Easter Seals, coached hockey and soccer teams, and co-chaired the Ontario Special Olympic Games in Durham Region, raising \$1 million to help finance more than 1,000 athletes.

Chuck Mercier retired from the Durham Regional Police Services in 2009, His 32 years saw him assigned to many high profile positions in Criminal Investigations, Major Crime Unit, Inspector for Durham North, Superintendent and Deputy Chief of Policing Operations. His retirement didn't end his commitment to the community he loved. His next big venture took place in 2010 when stepped into municipal politics and being elected Mayor of Scugog Township, a position he held for four years.

For his years of dedication to his police career and his community Chuck Mercier has had many honours bestowed upon him. Among them, he was appointed Honourary Colonel of the Ontario Regiment, received a number awards from Durham Regional Police, including the "Police Officer of the Year."

What makes Chuck Mercier proud of his career is the many opportunities and friendships he has developed, and that when he retired as Deputy Chief, Durham Regional Police Services we were viewed as one of the best police service in the nation.



Mayor Charles Mercier

## Dr. Samuel J. Mellow

### Physician

Dr. Samuel James Mellow was born September 19, 1859 near the town of Napanee. Following his public and high school education he taught school for three years. Furthering his education he enrolled at Queen's University graduating in 1886 with a degree in medicine.

Dr. Mellow first practiced medicine at Bath, Ont., where he practiced for three

years. While residing at Bath, Dr. Mellow met and married Bertha Louise Armstrong. Shortly after they moved to Bay City, Michigan, where he remained for five years. In 1894 Dr. and Mrs. Mellow moved to Port Perry, where they have resided since.

From the time he arrived in Port Perry, he took an active part in the affairs of the town, serving on the council for a number of years and elected as the town's Reeve for 1901 and 1902.

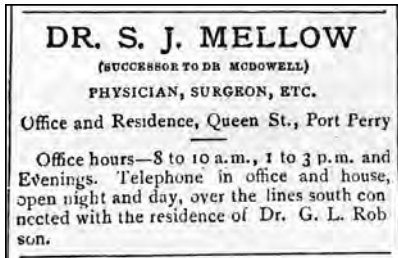
His greatest interest was education and he served as a member Board of Education for 20 years, and held the office of chairman. He was also a member of the Library Board; President of the Public Library, and took a leading roll in promoting the building of a War Memorial Library.

Dr. Mellow's had a large practice which was missed by the town. His recreation interests included lawn bowling, tennis, and curling. He maintained his own tennis lawn at his residence.

Dr. Mellow passed away on Thursday, March 2, 1925 at 65 years of age, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Bertha L. (Armstrong) and three daughters, Mrs. Merlin (Marjorie) Letcher and Miss Helen and Miss Frances. Mrs. Mellow passed away in 1944.



Dr. Samuel Mellow



Dr. Mellow advertisement 1901.



Dr. S.J. Mellow in his horse drawn buggy in 1903.

## James "John" A Murray

### Dentist

Dr. John A. Murray was born in Ingersoll, Ontario on September 1, 1845, the son of Johanna and James Murray.

He came to Port Perry to start his practice in dentistry in 1863, and was married to Laura Abigail Foote on August 1, 1870. They raised five children.

After practicing for a number of years, he took over the practice of Paterson and Fenton, as a surgeon dentist in March 1877. During his years in business in the community, he had to twice relocate his office, due to the fires of 1883 and 1884. Following the fires he set up his practice over the post office in the Leonard Block on Perry St.

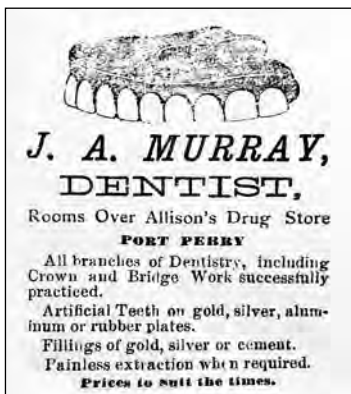
Dr. Murray is fond of sports and athletics, encouraging lacrosse, football and horse racing. He served for one term as a member of Port Perry council.

Dr. Murray lived in his home on Cochrane Street, and he served the residents of the community for 63 years before retiring.

He passed away on January 16, 1929 at 86 years of age, in Canton, Ohio. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery. His wife predeceased him on November 6, 1917, at 67 years of age.



Dr. J. A. Murray







*Cabins at Birdseye Centre Park, Port Perry about 1940.*



**Eddie Michell**

## **Edward “Eddie” Michelle** **Birdseye Centre Owner**

Edward George Michell was born March 12, 1903 at Pickering, Ontario, one of five children raised by his parents John Hubert and Sarah Naomi (Turner) Michell.

He was 28 years old when he married Hilda Mary Eleanor Mackey in 1931, and two children, Grant and Beverley, were born to the couple.

Eddie, as he was known, and Hilda moved to Port Perry during 1939, and shortly after arriving, they purchased a rough piece of property at the north end of Water St. The following year they worked hard clearing and levelling the land, with plans to build a tourist park on the land overlooking Lake Scugog.

Work began on a 30’x80’ swimming pool on the property in August 1939. The following summer the pool was opened and construction began on the first of nine efficiency cabins along the lakeshore.

In May 1940, following negotiation with the Toronto Star, Eddie received exclusive permission to call the park, Birdseye Centre Cabin Park, after the popular cartoon series. The cartoon series was created by former Scugog Island resident Jimmy Frise, along with his friend Greg Clarke, and was featured weekly in the Toronto Star.

Over the next 30 years, the park was a popular spot for tourists, many making long treks to stay in the beautiful park with picturesque cabins overlooking Lake Scugog.

After operating Birdseye Centre Cabin Parks for more than three decades, the park was sold to Scugog Township in 1969. A few years later the cabins were removed and the land was returned to a public park. In 1999, facing costly repairs the pool was removed.

Edward G. Michell was in his 82nd year when he died at Community Memorial Hospital, on September 15, 1984. A service was held and McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Chapel, Port Perry.



*Cabins at Birdseye swimming pool, Port Perry about 1940.*

## Rev. Robert Monteith

### Presbyterian Pastor

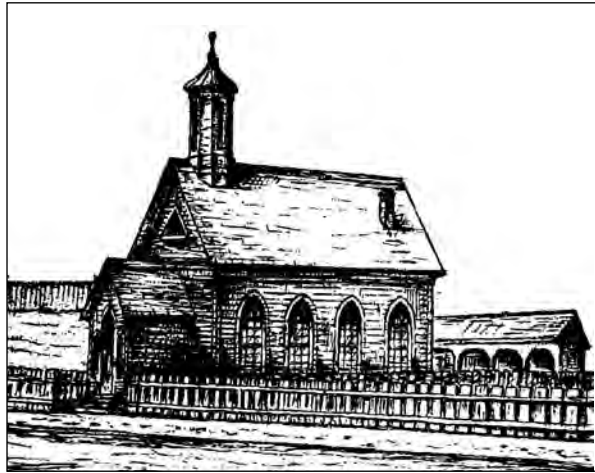
Robert Monteith was born in Scotland in 1815 and arrived in Canada about 1855 with his wife Margaret Bell (Taylor) and three daughters, Mary, Katie and Eva.

Rev. Robert Monteith was for many years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Prince Albert and was greatly esteemed by all religious denominations and in fact the entire community. He was the first minister of the church when it opened for services in 1856.

While living in Prince Albert he wrote "Scugog and Its Environs" one of the earliest and most extensive histories of the Township of Scugog (Island). After leaving the community, during the 1960s, he served for many years as clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto.

He was appreciated for his many excellent qualities as a faithful and devoted pastor, an exemplary husband, loving father and a faithful friend.

Rev. Monteith had been in failing health for a number of years, before his death on January 23, 1893, at 232 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto. He was 78 years of age at the time of his passing and left behind his widow, Margaret (Bell) who passed away on April 10, 1914 at 96 years of age.



*Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, Ontario 1861.*

## Patrick G. Morrison.

### Pharmacist

Patrick George Morrison was born April 19, 1873 in Durham, Ontario, to parents William and Elizabeth (Kenny) Morrison. He was one of four children in the family.

P.G. Morrison, 44, was married to Margaret Ellen Thomson, 36, at Wellington, Ontario on November 27, 1918. A few months later the couple moved into a home on Casimir Street, Port Perry.

It was here he purchased the drug business of Mr. Orval Byers in May 1919 and operated successfully from that location for nine years. During 1928, he sold the building and moved his thriving business from just east of the post office, to the first building west of the post office.

P.G., as he was most commonly known, continued to dispense medicines to his patients from this location until his death in 1942, having served the community for 23 years.

He became involved in the community becoming one of the sponsors of the newly formed Lions Club of Port Perry in 1937.

Patrick George Morrison passed away on March 13, 1942. His wife "Mina" died at Guelph, Ontario on March 24, 1974. They were both buried at Elora Municipal Cemetery.



**P.G. MORRISON**



*Patrick G. Morrison's drug store, located beside the Port Perry Post Office about 1941.*



Edward J. Mundy

## Edward J. Mundy Newspaper Publisher

Edward J. Mundy was born in Hull, England on February 20, 1838. He came to Canada when he was 11 years old and served his apprenticeship in the printing business in Toronto, before striking out on his own to publish the Advocate in Uxbridge.

Following the closure of the Advocate, Mundy moved to Port Perry and commenced publication of Port Perry's first publication, The Port Perry Standard, on August 16, 1866. During this time he lived in a home on Cochrane Street.

On July 1, 1878 Edward Mundy bought the Oshawa Ontario Reformer, and carried on with both newspapers for about three years before disposing of the Port Perry Standard in about 1889.

Mr. Mundy was described as a quiet mannered gentleman, with good qualities of both heart and mind. He served as Chairman of the School Board for several terms, was a prominent Baptist and Mason, and a strong supporter of the Liberal party. But he also had another side, and was known to be a unscrupulous and controversial publisher, often slurring the name of area residents on the pages of his newspapers.

In 1860 Edward married Martha Nott of Toronto after a six week courtship. Martha was born in 1841 in Exeter, England and came to Canada with her father Richard Nott on September 1, 1840.

Mr. Mundy and his wife Martha were parents to six children; Edward J. Mundy, Jr. (1861); Jessie J. (1863); Alice C. (1865); Mary L. (1870); Violet M. (1872) and Charles M. (1874).

On Monday, January 24, 1921 Edward Mundy passed away about midnight after an illness of three weeks at his home in Oshawa. He was in his 84th year at the time of this death.



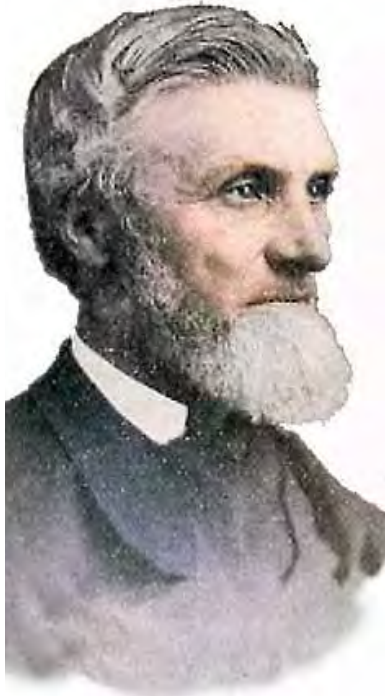
The Port Perry Standard Office was located on the second floor of a building on the south side of Queen St. in 1900.



First copy of The Port Perry Standard, August 16, 1866.

## Section Twelve

# N & O



John Nott

## John Nott

### Furniture Manufacturer, Undertaker

John Nott was born at Cornwall, England on July 1, 1825. He came to Canada in 1842 with his parents, William and Rachel Nott. He settled in Prince Albert, but later went to school and learned the trade of cabinet making in Oshawa.

In 1847, he started business in the village of Borelia, where he carried on his Cabinet Making and Undertaking business, along with John. W. Davis, but with the arrival of the railway in Port Perry he moved into town and opened his business at the corner of Queen and Perry St.

John was married to Jane Lawrence of Whitby, on December 28, 1850, at Whitby and during their life together they raised five children.

Twice he was burned out of his premises, once in 1884 and again in 1897, afterwards setting up his shop beside the St. Charles Hotel. He continued to ply his trade in the furniture and undertaking business for more than 63 years. He retired from business in August 1910.

"Squire" Nott was known far and wide, especially as he was Justice of the Peace during the time of the Scott Act, a piece of legislation that was enforced with considerable difficulty. In his capacity as furniture dealer and undertaker, too he was much in the public eye.

He was an ardent Reformer, who followed the political issues with considerable interest, delighted to hear the questions of the day discussed up on the public platform.

As long as he was able, he loved to attend services of the Methodist church, trampling down twice a day from his home at Borelia. He was

as regular as clockwork in his attendance and when finally he failed to appear, his friends knew that he was prevented by illness.

Mr. Nott held many important positions in the County. For years he was a tax collector for Reach Township, then was appointed to the first census for Port Perry. He served on the School Board and on Port Perry Council for many years. In 1875 Mr. Nott was appointed a Justice of the Peace, a position he held for 31 years.

His faith was that of a Methodist and he was a staunch Liberal in politics. As long as he was able, he loved to attend services of the Methodist church, trampling down twice a day from his home at Borelia. He was as regular as clockwork in his attendance and when finally he failed to appear, his friends knew that he was prevented by illness.

Like any other man who has lived past his three score years and ten, his friends have gone before him and it is not easy to make an estimate of his work, because for 20 years he health and faculties have gradually been declining. His daughter Ida nursed her father through his last illness and by her kindly care did much to comfort him in his weakness and old age.

John Nott passed away on March 10, 1917 at the age of 92 years. He was a Mason of long standing and on Monday his brethren of Fidelity Lodge buried him at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, with Masonic honours. He was predeceased by his wife Jane (Lawrence), who died June 28, 1908 in her 82nd year.

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5000 FEET OF BUTTERNUT LUMBER, 1 INCH, AND 2,000 FEET OF BIRCH OR MAPLE 3 1/2 SQUARE.  
Borelia, May 8th 1866. 39

John Nott advertisement 1866



**William James Nott**

## **William J. Nott**

### **Funeral Director**

William James Nott, was born in Port Perry on September 9, 1850 and educated at Port Perry. He was the son of John and Jane Nott.

He married Annetta Jessop on October 8, 1879, in Reach Township. They had five children together.

For over 30 years served the community as funeral director, being one of the best known and respected men in this part of the province. A partnership with his father, John Nott, was dissolved in 1878, with William continuing the business as Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer and Undertaker.

William Nott operated his business under the name of the Jessop Furniture Co., for a time, and was a noted as a skilled craftsman. He and his staff were responsible for installing the new interior of the Methodist Church and auditorium in 1905.

Throughout the 1890s he became a correspondent for the Whitby Chronicle newspaper writing about the happenings in Port Perry. His reports were often controversial and opinionated, which occasionally resulted in him being threatened by those he took to task.

While a resident of the town he was a member of the I.O.O.F, and Sons of England Benefit Society. He was also a leader in the former Methodist Church in Ontario.

A pioneer funeral director of Port Perry, William James Nott died at the home of his son in St. Boniface, Hospital, Winnipeg, on June 16, 1933, following a brief illness, in his 82 year.

His wife Anetta passed away Jan. 6, 1900 at age 44 in Port Perry. He was survived by a daughter, Zella Nott of Winnipeg and four sons, Herbert Arthur, William E., John Jessop, and Ivan Stanley Nott.

## **Marion (Burnham) Orde**

### **First lady Postmaster**

Marion Warren Burnham was born in February 18, 1881 in Port Perry, Ontario, a daughter for John Warren and Marion (Hart) Burnham. There were four children in the Burnham family, two boys and two girls.

Marion's father John was postmaster in Port Perry for more than 45 years. Following his death on September 23 1928 she was the first women ever to be appointed as postmaster of the Port Perry Post Office. She was 47 years of age when she assumed the position and served capably as postmaster until February 1, 1930, when it was taken over by George Hull.

Marion was 28 years old when she married Guy Safts Orde of Port Perry on September 14, 1910. The couple had three children, John S., Phillip W. and Julia Orde.

Marrion Warren Burnham passed away in Port Perry on Monday, February 17, 1958 and she was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



**Marion Orde**

## George Newton

### Newspaper Publisher

George Newton was born in Lindsay, Ontario, the youngest of nine brothers, in February 1871. He was married in Whitby in 1893 to Jeanie Gordon, and the couple raised five children, two boys - Paul and Gordon, and three girls - Mrs. R.E. Morrison, Sudbury; Mrs. A.T. Roblin, Toronto; and Mrs. E.G. Weegar, North Bay.

G.H. Newton took an early interest in the newspapers, starting his career at the age of 16 years in the employ of The Lindsay Warder, where he remained for eight years. He then branched out publishing newspapers in Port Perry, The Standard and Ailsa Craig, The Banner. During this term he also acted as the local manager for the Bell Telephone Co. for three years.

Mr. Newton moved to North Bay in 1901, after serving as editor of the Port Perry Star for 12 years to take over The Despatch from his brother E.A. Newton who had started the publication five years earlier.

On November 6, 1908 Mr. Newton became manager/director of an amalgamated paper known as The Despatch and Tribune," but a few years later the publication revert the briefer name "Despatch."

In February 1927, after a long and honourable publishing career, Mr. G.H. Newton suspended publication of The Despatch, selling the equipment to a printer from Sudbury. At the time of his retirement he had spent 40 years in the printing and publishing business, 26 of those with The Despatch. When interviewed, Mr. Newton said he had no definite reason for retiring, but believed that a man of his age under the present circumstances would be better out of business.

George Henry Newton, 78, one of Port Perry and North Bay's early newspapermen, died in hospital in North Bay on May 16, 1949. He was laid to rest from the Martyn Funeral Home in North Bay by the Rev. S.B. Coles, with interment in Terrace Lawn Cemetery.



George Newton

## Samuel M. Newton

### Newspaper Publisher

Samuel M. Newton was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England on September 25, 1863, moving to Canada and settling in Lindsay, Ont. with his parents when he was six years old. He was married in 1889 in Whitby to Miss Henrietta Howell and the couple had three children: Victor S., Florence and Isabell.

His first involvement with newspapers was the purchase of the Lindsay Warder, in partnership with two of his brothers (George and E.A.). About four years later he purchased the Whitby Gazette which he published for 20 years. During this time he also purchased the Whitby Chronicle and Port Perry Standard and was involved with the Standard about 16 years from 1889 to 1906.

It is believed that sometime during 1906, Mr. S.M. Newton sold his interest in all three newspapers and moved to Kingston, Ont. where he purchased the Kingston News. He owned the paper for three and one half years before selling in on April 10, 1908.

Eyeing the west, Sam Newton travelled to British Columbia, during the summer of 1909 and settled in Prince Rupert. Here he purchased the The Empire, a two-year-old newspaper started by John Houston and began a publishing career in that community which lasted until his death in 1933 at the age of 70 years.

During his ownership the The Empire, Newton was described as fighter with a scathing pen and The Empire became known as the most scurrilous and unrestrained newspaper in British Columbia.

During his years in Prince Rupert, Newton became very involved in municipal politics, becoming a member of Prince Rupert's second city council. He ran successfully for Mayor in 1912, was defeated in 1913, then retained the post of Mayor for two years (1914, 1915) and for five consecutive years from 1932-1927.

The feisty nature of Samuel Newton, the publisher, carried over to politics where he was described as being "totally unbridled in his statements and his name calling. In fact on more than one occasion he found himself being sued for libel.



Samuel Newton

# William J. Nesbitt

## Police Chief

William Jessie Nesbitt was born on Seven Mile Island in 1865, the son of Edward and Martha (Gilroy) Nesbitt. His early life was spent at the homestead, but on reaching manhood he moved to Toronto, where he worked for the Street Railway Co. for 13 years, and the Russell Motor Car Co. for nine years before moving back to Port Perry.

While in Toronto he married Sarah Verral, of Toronto, on October 26, 1898, and the couple raised two sons, Winnett Edward and William Oswald.

The couple moved to Port Perry in 1917, and it wasn't long before he was appointed to the position of town Constable.

For 20 years, William Nesbitt was known as "The Chief" on the streets of Port Perry. He was a faithful servant as constable and street commissioner, with duties which included directing traffic, ringing the town hall bell, helping neighbours and hunting down law breakers.

William Nesbitt was kindly disposed and was ready with sympathy with those who really needed help, but he could be both stern and brave as required. In memory of "The Chief," a minute's silence was observed at the municipal nomination meeting, the town flag was flown at half mast and words of appreciation were expressed by the town Reeve and councillors.

He was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge and of the Independent Order of Oddfellows: also the Port Perry United Church.

William Nesbitt passed away in Toronto on December 25, 1937 in his 69th year. His funeral was held at the Port Perry United Church, which was filled to capacity.

Following the service the town bell tolled and a long cortege slowly made its way up the hill to Pine Grove Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

His wife, Sadie, predeceased him on June 11, 1926.



**William Nesbitt**



*Police Chief William Nesbitt with his car.*

## Philip "Phil" Orde

### Boat Builder & Politician

Phil Orde's father was a banker, so the family lived in a number of Ontario towns before finally settling in Port Perry when he was only 10 years old.

Born in Calgary, Alberta on April 28, 1916, Phillip Warren Orde was the oldest of two boys raised by Guy Safts Orde and his wife Marion Warren (Burnham) Orde. His only brother was John S. Orde.

He started his elementary school education in Winnipeg. He was about 10 years old when the family came to Port Perry and here he completing public school, and graduated from Port Perry High School.

As a young man Phil held a number of jobs. He worked a Parrish Hardware in Port Perry and General Steelware, Toronto. He later trained as a machinist, and became a boat builder, working from his workshop at the corner of Cochrane and Bay Street in Port Perry.



*Phil Orde's sailboat "The Spray".*



**Phil Orde**

About 1967 Phil took some single girls, who were boarding in a house in town, out for a ride in his boat on Lake Scugog. It was during this trip that he met Mariea "Reit" Johanna de Hann, and on April 6, 1968 he and "Reit" were married at the Port Perry United Church. They had one child during their marriage, Dick Warren Orde.

Phil and Reit lived near the lakefront in a small home on Water Street for about 10 years after being married, and then built and moved into a new home beside his workshop on Cochrane Street.

Phil took a keen interest in his community and served on a number of local committees, as well as council. He was elected a number of terms to Port Perry Council and in 1971 was elected deputy-reeve of the town.

He became a founding member of the Port Perry Yacht Club and served as Commadore. In November 1989, during the 50th anniversary of the club, Phil was honoured him with an Honourary Life Membership.

Phillip Warren Orde passed away on September 28, 2001. He was an avid boater and sailer on Lake Scugog and as per his wish, his ashes were dispersed on the lake following his funeral.

## Edward "Sam" Oyler

### Farmer and Politician

Edward Oyler was born in 1905 in London, England into a family of 10 children. His father was George Thomas Oyler and mother, Annie Elizabeth (Cole). At 18 years of age, he immigrated to Canada arriving in St. John, New Brunswick in May 1923. In 1935 he married Margaret Coates.

Sam and Margaret purchased a farm in Reach Township, south of Prince Albert, where they lived and farmed for many years. To his friends and most people in the community we was known simply as "Sam".

Sam's first foray into municipal politics came in 1956 when he was elected as a councillor for Reach Township. Five years later he successfully won the seat of Reach Reeve, serving in that capacity for 10 years. The highlight of his political career was being elected Warden of Ontario County in 1969.

The Oylers sold their farm in the late 1980s and moved into an apartment building in Port Perry.

Sam Oyler was 80 years old when he died at Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Monday, May 27, 1985, leaving behind his dearly loved wife Margaret (Coates) Oyler. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



**Sam Oyler**



## Section Thirteen

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### **Daniel D. Palmer** Founder of Chiropractic

Although Daniel David Palmer did not live out his life in Port Perry, he became one of the town's most noted residents, as the founder of the profession of Chiropractics.

D.D. Palmer was born in the vicinity of Pickering on March 7, 1845, and received his primary education in Pickering from the tutelage of a brutish taskmaster, John Black.

The Palmer family moved into a home on Mary Street, Port Perry in 1851, where he continued his schooling and by the time he was 11 years old he had received the equivalent of an grade eight education.

Unfortunately his education was cut short when their father's grocery business in Port Perry failed and his parents moved to the United States in 1856. Daniel Palmer and his brother Thomas, were left to work in a local match factory. In April 1865, Palmer and his brother moved out of Port Perry and travelled to the United States to rejoin their family.

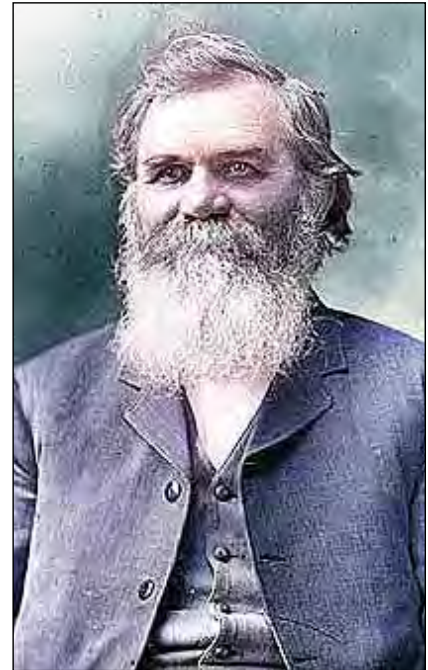
On January 20, 1871, Daniel David married Abba Lord, and the couple lived in the New Boston area for a short time. It is believed his first wife died during childbirth. This was the first of four marriages for Mr. Palmer. His second wife was Louvenia Landers, whom he married in 1874 and about six years later they moved to Iowa and opened a grocery store. In 1884, Louvenia died leaving her husband and three children motherless. In 1885, six months after his wife's death, he married once again, this time to Martha A. Henning, to take care of his young children.

By 1887 Palmer and his family had moved to Davenport, Iowa where he was listed as a "Vital Healer", claiming cures for fever, rheumatism and indigestion. In 1888 he married for the last time, to Villa Amanda Thomas, who he would later laud for all the assistance she gave him in his practice.

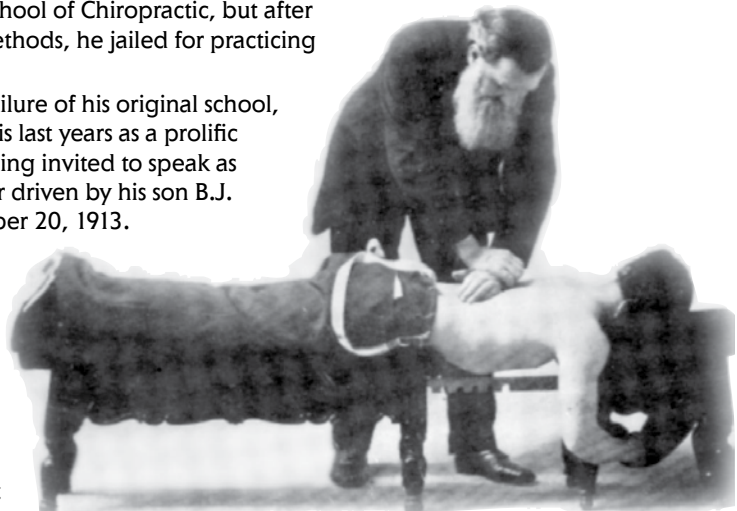
The great discovery of chiropractic came on September 18, 1895 when, using his hands, readjusted the spine of a deaf patient, and the man regained his hearing. Reluctant to share his theories, he kept silent for a few years, but after a near fatal accident, he decided to teach the technique as fast as he could. In 1903 he founded the Palmer School of Chiropractic, but after many difficulties with authorities over his methods, he jailed for practicing without a certificate.

After being freed from prison, and the failure of his original school, he moved to Los Angeles, where he spent his last years as a prolific writer and lecturer. Ironically, it was after being invited to speak at his son's school, he was struck down by a car driven by his son B.J. Palmer, and he died of his injuries, on October 20, 1913.

Twenty-five years after his death, in July 1938, chiropractors from across Canada and the U.S.A. assembled at the lakeside park in Port Perry to dedicate Palmer Memorial Park in the memory of the founder of chiropractic. In August 1946 the National Chiropractic Association unveiled a monument featuring a bronze bust of Daniel David Palmer. The monument was refurbished in 1995 to its original glory.



**Daniel David Palmer**



# Arthur O. Panabaker

## Undertaker

Arthur O. Panabaker was born during 1915 in Waterloo County, Ontario, one of six children raised by his father, Ruben Alexander and Ethel May (Baumann) Panabaker.

About 1943 Arthur Panabaker married Margaret (Clark). They had two children, Diane and Joy during the marriage of 63 years.



**Art Panabaker**

Art Panabaker moved to Port Perry in 1946 and began working for Archie McDermott at the McDermott Funeral Home. In 1951 they added a chapel and a casket room to the building.

In 1955 Art became a full partner with Archie in the firm, and the business name was changed to McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Services.

When Archie's son Grant returned to Port Perry in 1957 he began working for the firm, and in 1960 he purchased his father's shares in the business.

Arthur took a great interest in his community, serving as a director and then president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce in 1958.

As the business prospered, Arthur and Grant expanded their facilities. In 1958 they renovated the building and expanded their business into furniture. They added large showcase glass windows facing onto Queen St., and created an attractive Chapel entrance on Perry Street.

Art and Grant sold the business and retired in 1980.

Arthur O. Panabaker died at Lakeridge Health Centre, Oshawa on April 2, 2006. He was 90 years of age when he passed away. His interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.

# James Parr

## Cartwright Farmer, Politician

James Parr of Blackstock was born in the Township of Cavan, County of Durham on January 3, 1838. He moved with his father's family to the Township of Darlington in the year 1842. He attended the public school in Enniskillen, and the Bowmanville Grammar School, and a private Academy kept by Mr. Loscombe in that town.

Taking a certificate to teach, what was then called a common school, he taught in the Township of Cartwright from 1859 to 1863. He then farmed in, Manvers one year (1864), moving to a farm in Cartwright in 1865, and continued farming till 1900, since which time he has lived -retired in Blackstock.

Mr. Parr was elected a councillor for Cartwright Township in 1867, and held the offices of Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve continuously until 1891. He was Councillor about seven years, Deputy Reeve for two years, and Reeve for 14 years. He was Warden of the Counties in the year 1889.

He was appointed an associate coroner by the Sandfield Macdonald Government for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham soon after Confederation, served as a Police Magistrate in 1899, and a Justice of the Peace.

Having lived in Cartwright the best years of his life, he naturally thought it was the most desirable locality in which to spend his declining years. Mr. Parr was married to Martha McQuade and have three sons and three daughters born between 1867 and 1879.

James Parr was one of the best known and most respected men in the community. He passed away on March 20, 1915 in his 78th year at his home in Blackstock, Ontario.



**James Parr**

## Gordon F. Parkin

### Pharmacist

Long before Gordon Parkin moved to Port Perry, he lived in Lindsay. He was born on May 24, 1943 at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay to Samuel George and Margaret Elizabeth (Rawley) Parkin.

Gordon Frederick Parkin attended both elementary and high school in Lindsay before spending four years at the University of Toronto, faculty of Pharmacy. After graduating he accepted a job in Oshawa, where he was a pharmacist for about two years.

It was while working at Medical Pharmacy in Oshawa he met Susan Elizabeth Pearce and they were married at Christ Church on Mary Street, Oshawa in February 1969. During the marriage they raised three boys, James, Christopher and Michael.

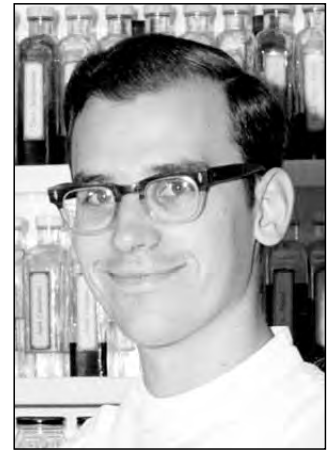
Gord arrived in Port Perry in November 1969, purchasing the thriving drug store business of Andrew M. Lawrence. When he took over the the local drug store, Gord recalls that all prescription labels were being created by typing them on a special label paper with a manual typewriter.

He renovated the building, at the corner of Queen and Perry St. in 1975, doubling his floor space. Dora O'Connor joined him as a full partner in 1988 and helped operate the business for 20 years.

He was a member of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for many years and an active member of the Port Perry Curling club, and a strong supporter of the Anglican Church.

Gordon Frederick Parkin retired in January 2010 after 41 years in business in Port Perry. He sold his popular pharmacy to Remedy'sRx a group of independently owned and operated pharmacies.

Now in retirement he and his wife spend time at their Fenlon Falls cottage, enjoy gardening, travel, reading, walking and spending time with their children and their families.



Gordon Parkin



Henry Parsons

## Henry Parsons

### Publisher

Henry Parsons was born in Lincoln, England in 1838 and came to Canada in 1850 with his parents, who took up residence in Stouffville.

In February 1853 he was apprenticed as a printer to the Whitby Reporter, and after finishing his apprenticeship, he moved to New York State. A year later he returned to Canada and in 1858 settled in Prince Albert and joined William Holden on the staff of the Ontario Observer, established a year earlier.

Mr. Parsons became identified with the Observer newspaper for over 50 years. He purchased the paper and published it in partnership with James Baird until 1884 when the partnership was dissolved.

In 1873 when Prince Albert began to wane and Port Perry to grow, the newspaper was moved and renamed the "North Ontario Observer." After taking over sole ownership of the paper in 1884, he carried it on until 1920 when he stopped publishing, but continued in the Printing business under the name of the Observer Printing Office, assisted by his grandson, Mr. Vic Stouffer.

Henry Parsons took a keen interest in municipal affairs, at one time serving a couple of terms in the council.

In 1864 he was married to Francis Ruby (Palmer), of Prince Albert, who predeceased him by some 20 years. He was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Andrew Stouffer and one grandson Victor P. Stouffer.

Henry Parsons passed away in his 94th year at his home in Port Perry on Thursday, September 29th, 1932. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery.



The Observer publishing office was in the Curts and Henderson Block, Queen St., Port Perry.

## William T. Parrish

### Hardware Merchant

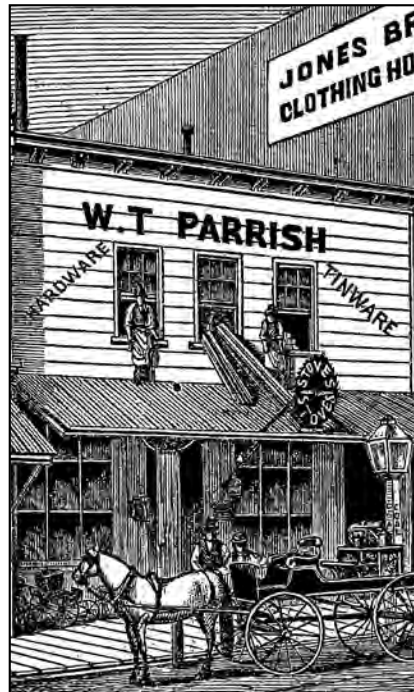
William T. Parrish was born on October 1, 1843 in Napanee, Ontario, where he started in the hardware business. He brought his family to Port Perry in 1868, purchased a building on the south side of Queen Street and converted it into a hardware store.

The disastrous fire of July 1884 had a significant impact on William T. His store was completely destroyed and he was severely depressed over his losses. However he did want to see his venture continue so he turned over the entire enterprise to his 16 year-old son William Lewis Parrish.

Young William took on the responsibility of designing a new building and supervised its construction on the north side of Queen Street. The new Parrish building was completed four months later, and they moved into the new facility in November 1884.

Disaster struck again in February 1886 when fire destroyed the new building, but undeterred, young William immediately commenced the erection of a new block, 32'x60'. The new brick two-storey "Parrish Block" building was opened in February 1886.

William T. was only 43 years old when he died on August 8, 1887. His wife, Caroline L. Parrish passed away only nine months later, on April 30, 1888. She was only forty years old. Both were buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario.



*W.T. Parrish Hardware about 1880.*

## William L. Parrish

### Hardware Merchant

William Lewis Parrish was born in Napanee in 1868 and came to Port Perry with his family, when his father, William T. Parrish, began a hardware business. He acquired knowledge of the business under his father's watchful eye, and when he turned 16 years of age in 1884 he succeeded his father's business.

The success of W.T. Parrish was reflected in the palatial home that he and his wife Nell E. bought at 280 Cochrane Street in 1902. The family lived in the home for 53 years before selling it.

Mr. Parrish operated one of the largest and best equipped hardware stores in Ontario County from the Parrish Block on Queen St. The block was built by William T. Parrish following the fire of 1884, and the buildings consisted of two store fronts with large display windows and two entrances.

He carried a large stock of hardware, stoves and tinware and everything that a hardware store should have. The tinware manufacturing department occupied the upstairs floor. He ran the store for 58 years retiring from active business in 1947 but none of his children expressed an interest in continuing the family hardware store so he sold it to Harry Peel.



**William L. Parrish**

In public life, Mr. Parrish was involved to a considerable extent, having been a member of the School Board for 13 years and on the Public Library for six. He was the youngest man on the School Board at the time of his incumbency and the youngest man to ever hold the position of chairman of the board. He served on town council for a number of years and occupied the chair of Reeve from 1906 to 1908 and was elected Warden of Ontario County in 1908.

W.L. Parrish was born in 1868 and August 4, 1957. His wife, Nell (Henry) Parrish passed away in 1941. The couple had four children.



*W. L. Parrish Hardware store early 1900s.*

## Norman F. Paterson

### Lawyer

Norman Fitzherbert Paterson, Q.C., was born at Springfield, Ontario, September 3, 1843, a son for Archibald P. and Cornelia Ann (Thompson).

He was educated at the Royal Military School, and the Law School, Toronto. At 12 years of age he began work in a law office and by sixteen had passed the examination of the Law Society. Only five years later, when he was 21 years-old, he was called to the bar.

Mr. Paterson was appointed Queen's Council in 1883, becoming one of the first of the legal fraternity to receive the title after it was established by Queen Victoria. He practiced law in Beaverton for almost 12 years, before moving to Port Perry in 1878, setting up his practice as a Barrister and Attorney at Law in offices of the store of Brown and Currie. Over the next decade he acquired a high reputation and was respected for his work throughout Ontario County.

Mr. Paterson was 29 years of age when he married to 20 year-old Sarah Vernon (Currie) on December 19, 1872 in Prince Albert, Ontario. Sarah was daughter of George Currie, one of the town's most industrious pioneers. The couple had four children, two boys and two girls.

Mr. Paterson's law office was destroyed by fire in July 1884, and following a rebuild of the town, he moved into new premises on the second floor of the new Ross Block on the south side of Queen Street.

While living in Port Perry he also served in the County Council, was Clerk for the Village of Port Perry for 12 years, was an energetic and longtime member of the School Board, serving as Chairman a number of times and was appointed treasurer and secretary of many special committees for the town.

In November 1890 Norman and Sarah's residence on North Street was burned to the ground. A month later they moved into a home at 62 Ella Street, Port Perry while a new red brick home was built on the site of their former home.

Mr. Paterson tendered his resignation offices of solicitor and clerk for the Village of Port Perry in 1892 and moved to England for three years, where he represented the Independent Order of Foresters. He returned to Port Perry in November 1895.

Mr. Paterson passed away while visiting at the home of his daughter, Eva Lillian (Mrs. Dr. Alfred Herman Cook) of Port Dover on July 22, 1925, at 83 years of age. He had been living with his other daughter Helen Cornelia (Mrs. Arthur Houston) in Toronto since the death of his wife, Sarah, 16 years earlier, on December 16, 1909. Mr. Paterson was buried on July 24, 1925 at St. James Cemetery, Toronto.



Norman F. Paterson



George Paxton

## George Paxton

### Saw Mill Owner

There is scarcely anything that is more painful than to be called upon to chronicle the early decease of a fellow townsman, a neighbour, an intimate acquaintance, a faithful, kind, obliging friend - and such is emphatically our position, when the painful duty devolves upon us to record the decease of George Paxton (of the late firm of George and Thomas Paxton) who departed this life on Monday, October 8, 1866, aged 44 years and 6 months.

George Paxton was born near Brooklin in April 1822 and came to Port Perry when only a youth of about 20 years. He set to work in getting a mill erected, and he has remained at the helm of affairs in that village ever since, steering and guiding it safely through difficulties and troubles.

He was always a kind, obliging, faithful friend, ready at all times to lend his means and advice for the furtherance of every object intended to promote the good of this fellow man.

The township, but especially the village to which he belonged, sustained a heavy loss when the unrelenting conqueror laid him cold and dead.

The funeral took place on October 10, 1866, the procession leaving his late residence drove to the Baptist Church on the 7th Concession of Whitby. He was laid to rest at the Dryden Baptist Cemetery in Booklyn, Ontario.



**Thomas Paxton**

## Thomas Paxton Pioneer Businessman

Sheriff Paxton was born on the Tweedie homestead within two miles of Whitby, on November 27, 1820 and lived his entire life in the county. His parents were William and Elizabeth Paxton.

About 1847 several of the Paxton family moved from Whitby to Port Perry becoming one of the early founders of the town. He commenced various branches of business there, laying the cornerstone of the handsome little town which overlooks Scugog Lake.

The same year, Thomas married Eliza Huckins on November 6, 1847 in Whitby. They had eight children during their marriage.

In 1846 he and his brother George built a sawmill near the lake; he later partnered with Joseph Bigelow in a flouring mill and operated the Paxton, Tate Foundry on Perry St.

Either in partnership with his brothers or other men, Sheriff Paxton was always actively engaged in business - too actively it was often said, for he seemed to have too many irons in the fire and had to trust too much to others. It's said his one mistake was giving his private business, secondary consideration to public affairs, otherwise he might have died one of the wealthiest men in the County.

His public career commenced early and he held every position in the municipal council of Reach during his years in that township. He was the second man to serve of Reeve of Reach after it was formed in 1853.

Mr Paxton was elected with a large majority to the seat for North Ontario in the Ontario Assembly, being re-elected many times. In January 1881 he resigned to accept the position of Sheriff of Ontario County.

Thomas Paxton, Sheriff of Ontario County, died Sunday, July 3, 1887, at 66 years of age, following a long period of sickness. His wife Eliza died on November 8, 1907 at her home on Byron St., Whitby.

Many places of business were closed for the funeral, and he was laid to rest at the Dryden Baptist Cemetery in Brooklin, Ontario with many of his kin.

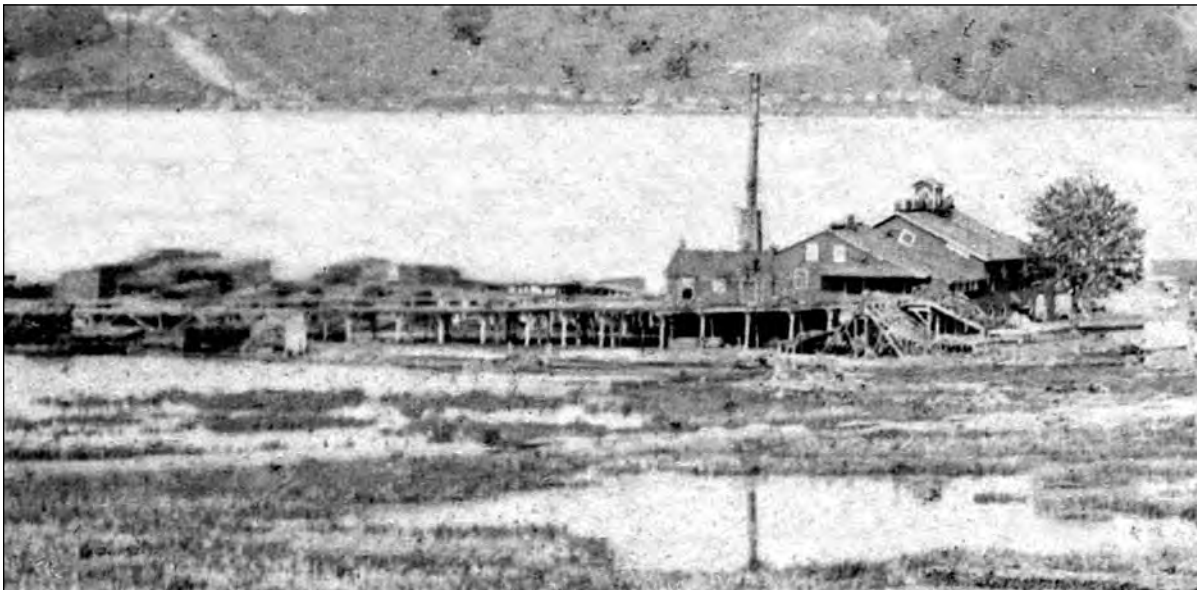
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*Thomas Paxton advertisement from 1866.*



*The Port Perry Mill, operated by Thomas Paxton & Co., as it looked circa 1975.*

# Marilyn Pearce

## Scugog's First Female Mayor

Marilyn Pearce was born in Cobourg, Ontario in 1948 and lived there with her parents Don and Marg MacDonald (Armstrong) and six siblings. She attended Newtonville Public School and Clarke High School in Newcastle, before graduating from the University of Western Ontario. She went on to become a teacher in Whitby for five years.

Marilyn met her future husband, Ric Pearce, when she was quite young and then again later, while working at an ESSO service station. They were married in Newtonville in 1970. The couple lived in a number of communities since Ric's career in insurance moved the family around the country. This including five years in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

In 1985 they returned to Ontario, moving into a home at 350 Lorne Street, Port Perry with their family, children Kevin and Trisha. She and her husband are strong supporters of the Port Perry United Church. Marilyn became a Program Coordinator with the local YMCA and it was here her political ambitions was ignited.

She was first elected to Scugog Township Council in 1988 and re-elected in 1991, 1994 and 2000. In 2003 Marilyn made local history, running successfully for Mayor, winning by a landslide and becoming the first female to hold the

position of Mayor of Scugog Township. She was unsuccessful in her only attempt at provincial politics in 1990, running for the Liberal party.

During her time in the local political scene, she was very active, chairing the Durham Finance Committee and member of numerous commissions and boards. She also served on the conservation authorities for Kawartha and Lake Simcoe and vice-chair of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation.

On the local front, she was a strong supporter of the Scugog Physician Recruitment Committee, Lake Scugog Historical Society and Scugog Council for the Arts. She also initiated the Mayor's Honour Roll in 2004 and inducted local athletes into the Sports Hall of Fame when it opened 2007.

During her term as mayor, Marilyn initiated a number of community projects including a new Birdseye Centre swimming pool, the second ice pad at the Scugog Arena along with the Scugog Heritage Centre, the controversial purchase of the 1874 Grain Elevator and redevelopment of waterfront, and the Scout Hall Restoration Project.

After serving as mayor for seven years, Marilyn stepped down at the end of her term in 2010. She had spent a total of 20 years in local politics. After politics she immersed herself in the family's small antique and internet book selling businesses.

She loves to travel within Canada, visiting small towns and villages and has travelled from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island.



**Marilyn Pearce**



**Mayor Marilyn Pearce**

# W. Henry "Harry" Peel

## Poultry Breeder

William Henry (Harry) Peel was born June 29, 1906 in the Township of Manvers into the family of Joseph Henry and Sarah Ann (Hunter) Peel. In the spring of 1908 the family moved to the Township of Reach, near Port Perry.

Harry was raised there and received his education at Port Perry Public and High Schools. Following his graduation he took a two year course at Guelph Agricultural College.

Returning home he went into partnership with his brother, Ronald Peel, founding what is now known and established as the International Peel's Poultry Farm Ltd.

On October 14, 1934 Harry Peel was married to Hattie Marie (Hamilton) of Uxbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton.

When the war came involving Canada in 1939, Harry was called into the employment of Peclars of Oshawa as plant superintendent, where he served until the end of the war. In 1944 he purchased the W.L. Parrish Hardware business. During the following years he was not only active in his own business, but also took a great interest in the affairs of the town. A very energetic member of the business Men's Association, becoming in the course of time, President.

In 1950 Harry Peel was elected as a member of Port Perry council serving two years, followed by four years a Reeve. During those six years he tended valuable service to the community. One of his outstanding and most praiseworthy accomplishments with others cooperating was the establishing of the Community Memorial Hospital, which was opened in 1953.

Harry was elected Warden of Ontario County in 1955. The following year he became seriously ill, ending his municipal life. When he was able to return home and take up his business again, he took over what is now the Rambler Sales and garage business and rented the hardware business.

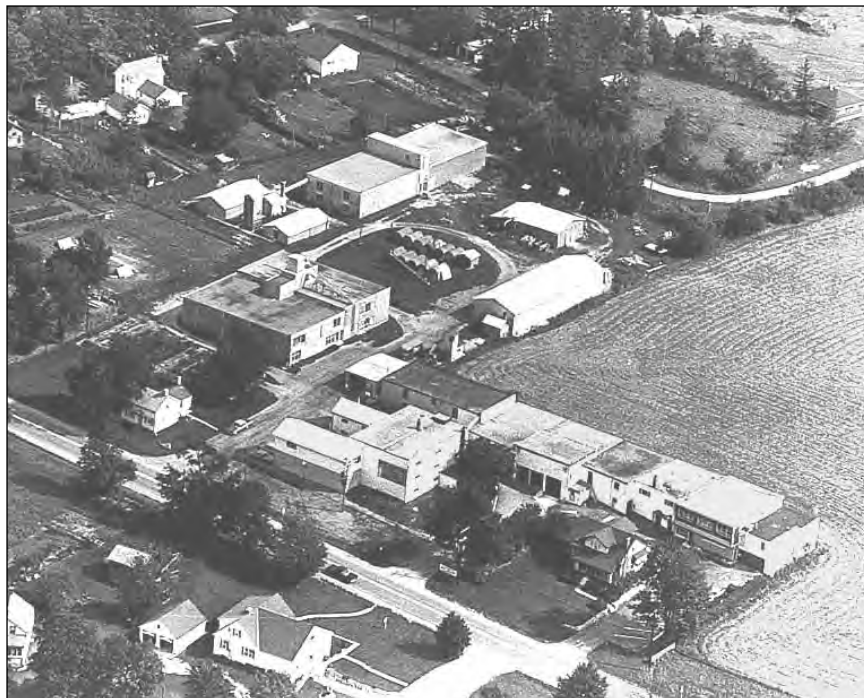
About 1958 Harry was appointed a member of the Oshawa Suburban Roads Commission on which he gave faithful service to the very day of his death. Harry was a well-known and respected man, very modest, always quiet and pleasant to meet. He rarely showed anger or displeasure, perhaps being too lenient at times.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Hattie Marie whom he was a devoted husband. Also, one son Bill who with his wife Joan and family reside in Rochester, N.Y.

Harry Peel died suddenly at his residence in Port Perry on Sunday, February 16, 1969 in his 63rd year of life. He was apparently a picture of health when he retired the night before, but passed away shortly after awakening the next morning. Following a service at the McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Chapel, he was laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Harry Peel



Peel's Poultry Farm land and buildings 1955.



## Ronald A. Peel

### Poultry Breeder

Ronald Albert Peel, son of Joseph Henry and Sarah Ann (Hunter) Peel, was born in Manvers Township on November 2, 1899 and moved to Port Perry with his family as a youngster. Here he attended schools and after graduating spent most of his life in the town.

He was 25 years-old when he married Margaret Janet (Sanderson) of Cavan Township on August 28, 1924, in Peterborough, Ontario. They had two children, daughters Helen and Miriam.

Ronald Peel started his career by first raising fancy Plymouth Rock capons, which in 1939 he supplied to King George VI's tour as it across Canada.

When the meat chicken industry turned to broilers, he was on of the first to change and directed his quality product to be one of the leading breeding stocks in the world.

By 1965 Peel's Poultry Farm was the world's largest producer of Barred Rocks for Canada and the United States and was the largest breeding farm in Canada, specialising in broiler stock. He was a person with a great deal of foresight to the future of the poultry industry.

In addition to his business career he was a long-time member of Fidelity #428 Masonic Lodge, he served for 20 years on local school boards, and gave a lifetime of contribution to the operation of the Port Perry United Church.

Ronald A. Peel operated Peel's Poultry Farm, and was in the poultry meat business for 38 years before he died April 7, 1965 in Oshawa Hospital. He was in his 66th year.

He was survived by his parents, his wife Janet, two daughters Helen (Mrs. A.C. Bathie) and Miriam (Mrs. John Price), both of Port Perry and a son Paul of Petersburg, Ontario. He is also survived by a brother, Harry.

Following a service at Port Perry United Church, Ronald Albert Peel was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert on April 10, 1965. His wife Janet, died on August 19, 1994 at the age of 92.



Ronald Peel

## Dr. Helen M. Peel

### Chiropractor

Helen Marie Peel was born about 1937, the first of three children for Ronald and Jean Peel of Port Perry, Ontario. Helen grew up surrounded by animals on her parents' poultry farm, which was one of Canada's largest at the time.

After graduating from Port Perry High School in 1945, Helen attended the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, becoming one of only six women from the first graduating class in 1949.

After graduating she returned to Port Perry where her parents provided her a room in their home to begin her practice, relying solely on word of mouth to expand her client base.

On June 18, 1949 she married Austin "Chuck" Bathie, and worked in Toronto part-time while raising. After separating from her husband, in 1974 she opened her own practice in the former Creamery Building on Water Street, Port Perry.

Years later Helen was married at Port Perry United Church to Peter Ottenbrite on September 16, 1978.

In December 1988, Helen opened her chiropractic office in a large new building she had constructed at 183 Casimir Street. It was a proud day for her when two of her daughters joined her practice, Reva a chiropractor and Robina massage therapist.

Helen's daughter, Dr. Reva Bathie, was recipient of the Chiropractor of the Year Award at the convention of the national organization in 1991, and Helen was presented the Presidential Appreciation Award.

Although Helen Peel closed her business office, located in the Port Perry Plaza, about 2014, she continued to work by appointment with her daughter Reva at her chiropractic office just south of Port Perry.

In an interview before closing her office, Dr. Peel said, "I have no plans to retire. I come from good stock. My grandfather retired, then went back to work at 93. He worked in the hatchery until he was 95."



Helen Peel



Peter Perry

## Peter Perry Politician, Developer

Peter Perry was born on November 14, 1792 at Ernestown, Lennox and Addington County, Upper Canada. He lived in what is now known as Whitby from 1836 to 1851. He was responsible for developing Whitby Harbour and the road from the harbour to Georgian Bay.

Perry was a leading member of the Reform party from 1824 to 1836 and member of the Legislative Assembly in Toronto. He was a prime mover in the development of Whitby Harbour; an officer of the Windsor Road Co., and also one of the powers behind the move to separate Ontario County from York in 1851, which was then known as the Home District.

Perry's interest in lumber products lying north of Whitby, enticed him into the development of that area and communication with the north. In 1844, he established a store/trading post, in Scugog Village (Port Perry) at the corner of Queen and Water Street. He continued promoting his proposed new settlement for a number of years but unfortunately did not live to see it all materialize.

His health began to fail in the spring of 1850. By the summer of 1851 he had recovered enough to visit a friend in Saratoga, N.Y., but before he could return, he died on August 24, 1851. He was brought back to Whitby for burial at Union Cemetery.

Perry's plan of Scugog Village was registered on January 2, 1855, four year after his death and the village was renamed Port Perry in his honour.



Peter Perry purchased a good portion of the property, excluding parts lying underwater from Peter and Charles Williams in 1843, and drew up his plan for the proposed settlement of Scugog Village two years later. This map, from 1854 shows the layout Peter Perry proposed before his death.

# Robert “Bob” J. Prentice

## Barber

Bob Prentice has been cutting hair for almost half a century in Port Perry, making him one of the longest serving businessmen in the town.

Robert John Prentice was born about 1944, in Nellie Whitmore’s hospital on Mary Street, one of five children for Everett Robert and Christina Elizabeth (Brekke) Prentice of Scugog Island. Bob was raised on his father’s farm on “the island” and attended Centre School on Scugog Island and Port Perry High School. After high school, he enrolled in Barbering School in Toronto, from which he graduated in 1971.



**Robert “Bob” Prentice**

It was almost inevitable that Bob’s career path would lead him to barbering. He became the third generation of Prentice’s to operate barber shops in Port Perry. His grandfather’s brother Art Prentice opened a barbershop in the Leonard block in 1912 and later operated a barbershop in the same building that Bob occupies today. Art’s son Harold was also a barber in Port Perry.

Bob met his wife, Margaret Lynn (Middleton) while attending a “singles club” in Oshawa, Ontario and was married on October 19, 1974 at teh Scugog Island United Church, when he was 28 years old. The couple raised two girls, Jeanette Lynn and Leigh Ann.

Bob serves his customers from a small, cramped space located at 160 Queen Street, which features an old-fashioned red and white barbering pole outside his door.

Unlike modern day shops, which have become better known as hairdressing salons, Bob kept his barbershop as traditional as possible, outfitted with an antique cash register and antique barber chair. He also likes to point out that those entering his shop are greeted by an “antique barber”.

In addition to his busy life in barbering, Bob has many other interests. He was a 20 year member of the Pine Ridge Bluegrass Club and plays a variety of instruments: guitar, fiddle, mandolin and base. He is also member of the Port Perry Fiddle Club and a tribute dance band in which he portrays “Johnny Cash”. In 1967 he became a founding member of the Loyal Orange Lodge, and he is also a 37 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion, and supporter of the Progressive Conservative party.

When asked if he had any plans for retirement, he says he’d like to be a barber for 50 years and then be a hobby barber. “If my brother can be a hobby farmer, then I can be a hobby barber,” he said with a smile.



*Bob Prentice in his Port Perry barber shop in 1996.*

# Dr. Ralph M. Price

## Physician, Collector

Ralph Morton Price was born in Montreal, Quebec, on November 25, 1939, the son of Clarence and Laurene (Walker) Price. Ralph attended to Grade 7 in Montreal before the family moved to Barrie, Ontario where he finished his elementary classes and attended Barrie Central Collegiate Institute.

Ralph met his future wife, Muriel Patricia Hoare in Barrie, when he tutored her in chemistry, as a high school student. They were married in Barrie, Ontario on January 31, 1964. Their first home was in Toronto while Ralph was interning at Toronto Western Hospital.

After graduating from the medical program at the University of Toronto in 1965, he joined Dr. Guthrie Grant at the Brooklin Clinic, in Brooklin, Ontario.

In 1968, Dr. Price moved to Port Perry where he practiced with his former medical school colleague, Dr. William Cohoon. The two doctors worked out of rooms on the first floor of the Cohoon home on North Street, often with people lining the stairs waiting for appointments.

In 1968, the young doctors purchased a piece of property across from Community Memorial Hospital on Paxton Street, and constructed a new medical clinic. They opened Medical Associates in this building in January 1969 and it grew into a large private practice, attracting new graduating doctors. Dr. Price worked from this site until 1997 when he left Medical Associates and set up his own practice at 13920 Old Scugog Road., Blackstock, Ontario. Here he provided health care to his patients at this location until his death.

Ralph and Patricia lived in a century home on Simcoe St., in the heart of Port Perry before purchasing the historic Christie home in Manchester in 1977. Beside the home they constructed a large antique shop, which was also a place for them to display and store their vast collection of folk art. It was here they lived and raised their family of three children, Kimberley, Matthew and Taylor until Ralph passed away in 2006.

Ralph brought a great passion to all aspects of his life, to his family, to the hundreds of patients in his medical practice. He and his wife Pat had a special passion for history and for the art, furnishings, and artifacts of early Canada. They were founding members of the National Museum of Man in 1982; held shows for their collection of hundreds of folk art treasures at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa and the Mira Godard Gallery in Toronto. They provided about 300 pieces of their collection for a travelling exhibit called 'Twas Ever Thus in 1978.



Patricia and Dr. Ralph Price



Dr. Ralph Price

Ralph was also an avid reader and book collector, having accumulated more than 19,000 books on local histories, biographies, and first editions.

Dr. Price was also heavily involved in the community and was instrumental in helping save the old Port Perry town hall. He was named co-chair of the Town Hall 1873 committee to save the town hall from demolition. He also enjoyed theatre and performed with the Borelians Theatre Group during the late 1980s and 1990s; was a talented sketch artist, an avid tennis player and took part in numerous community events including Canoe the Nonquon and Big Brother's Bed Races.

In April 1999, Dr. Price was given the honour of laying the time capsule for the new Stephen B. Roman wing of the Community Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Ralph Price died on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Bowmanville, at age 66. Left to mourn his loss were his wife Patricia (nee Hoare), daughter Kim and sons Matthew and Taylor.

A Service to celebrate his life was held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Port Perry on Saturday, September 23, 2006. Dr. Price was laid to rest at a private interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

## Dr. Edgar L. Procter

### Physician, Collector

Edgar Lovell Procter, but he was born on September 29, 1866 in Bolton Percy, Yorkshire, England. He was one of two sons for Lovell James Procter and Frances (Woodrow). The Procters also had four daughters during the marriage.

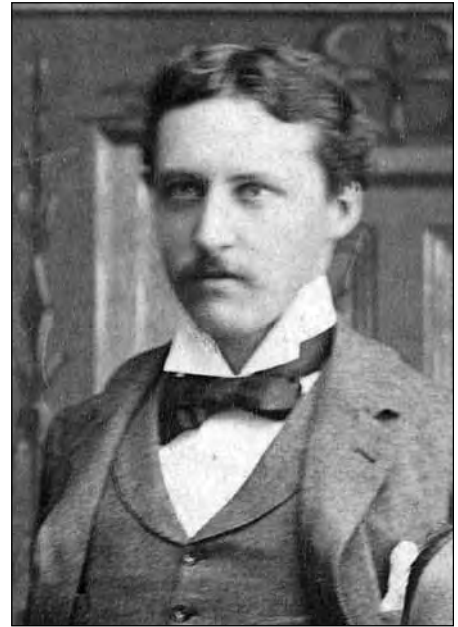
When he was 15 years old, Edgar was living in Bradfield, Berkshire, England where he was a student attending St. Andrews College. After graduation, in 1885 he immigrated to Canada, where he graduated as medical doctor. About 1893, Dr. Procter moved to Port Perry and became a medical partner to Dr. George Clemens. When Dr. Clemens retired in 1895, Dr. Procter took over his practice.

He was 30 years old, on October 28, 1896, when he married Alice Ruth Fennell at (Berlin) Waterloo, Ontario. They had one child, Alice T. Procter, born in 1898 in Port Perry.

After taking over the the practice, he built a new home to replace one destroyed in a fire. He operated out of this home at the corner of Queen and Simcoe Street until 1908 when he moved his practice to Whitby, Ontario.

Dr. Procter was living with his daughter at Columbus, when he died on April 19, 1947 in Oshawa, Ontario. He was 80 years old. Following a funeral at the McIntosh Funeral Home, Oshawa, he was taken to Kitchener for a service and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. His wife Alice died in 1954 and was buried beside her husband.

\*NOTE: Dr. Procter's surname in many records is spelled either "Procter" or "Proctor".



Dr. E. L. Procter

**DR. E. L. PROCTER,**  
(SUCCESSOR TO DR. CLEMENS.)  
M. D. C.M. of Trinity College University Toronto, with Honor Certificate.  
Fellow of Trinity Medical College, Toronto,  
Mem. of Col. of Physicians and Surgeons, Ont.  
Licentiate of University of State of New York.  
Office and residence on Dr. Clemens' old site  
p posite Town Hall,  
**FORT PERRY.**

Dr. E.L. Procter advertisement 1901.



Dr. E.L. Procter built this new house and medical office in 1897, replacing Dr. Clemens home, destroyed by fire two years earlier.

# Dr. Paul H. Puckrin

## Physician, Collector

Having grown up on a family farm in rural Brock Township, it's not surprising Paul Puckrin developed a liking for hunting, bluegrass music and farming. All loves that he has nurtured for his entire life.

Paul Herbert Puckrin was born on September 13, 1950, in Oshawa Hospital, before returning to Sunderland area farm of his parents Herbert Richard and Enid Lucille (Dusty) Puckrin. Here the Puckrins raised five children, two brothers and two sisters for young Paul.

His early education took place at Pinedale SS No. 14 school in Brock Township; Sunderland Public School and Brock District High School in Cannington. After graduating from high school, he headed off to the University of Toronto from which he graduated with his Medical Degree in 1974.

While attending university, he met Karen Marianne Hickey at St. Michaels Hospital and two years later, on October 3, 1975, they were married at Hart House on the campus of the University of Toronto. They have raised a family of two girls, Sara Jane and Julie Ann.

The far north lured the Puckrins to move 900 km north to Wawa, Ontario in 1975, where Dr. Puckrin practiced medicine for nine years, during which time he served for a time as Chief of Staff at Lady Dunn General Hospital.

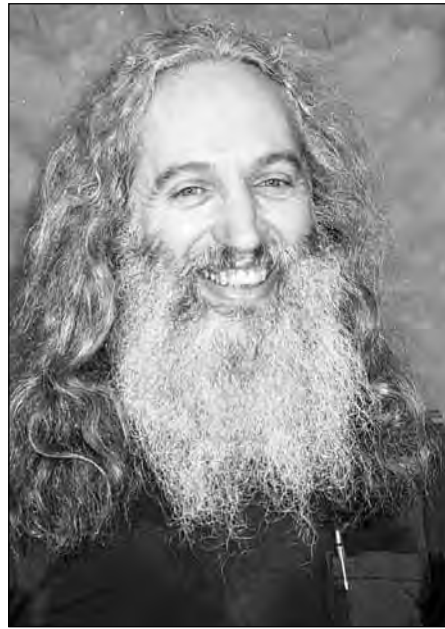
Dr. Puckrin and his family moved back to southern Ontario in June 1984, with Paul accepting a job at Medical Associates in Port Perry and purchasing the former Brook's farm home at the north end of the town and where he has lived since that time.

He has now practised medicine at the local clinic for more than 30 years, with no plans for retirement in the near future.

He has a deep commitment to his community and has served on numerous boards and associations. These include a term as president of the Medical Staff at Community Memorial Hospital, a member and president of the Port Perry Agricultural Society for 27 years, a long-time member of the Pineridge Bluegrass and Folklore Society, more than 30 years with the Port Perry Rod and Gun Club, and founder of the Outback Cloggers who he has instructed from a studio at his home from 1994 to present.

Some of his other interests include motorcycles, fiddle music, private aviation, metal working and blacksmithing. He volunteers his time at the Highland Games of Durham and the York-Durham Heritage Railway, and Scugog Shores Museum. With the help of friends he moved the "Rodman Cabin", the home of his great, great grandparents, to the local museum site on Scugog Island for its preservation.

Busy with his medical practice and busy with his spare time, Dr. Paul Puckrin is not one to sit around. In his words, "there always is something to do".



**Dr. Paul Puckrin**



**Edward Purdy**

## Edward H. Purdy Merchant

Port Perry lost one of its best citizen in the passing of Edward Hardy Purdy in July, 1935. He had filled almost all of the offices the town had to offer - Reeve for five years; in council eight years; Clerk-Treasurer of the town for seven years; on the Board of Education four years; Magistrate seventeen years and prior to that he was Justice of the Peace.

In the social life of the community he was also a leader, being a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge; President of the Lawn Bowling Club, Chairman of the Committee of Stewards of the United Church and a Past Noble Grand of Warriner Lodge, I.O.O.F. He also served as a member of the Board of Education, Director for the Agricultural Society and a police magistrate. He was a man of good common sense and those who knew "E.H." intimately say that he was a kindly friend to many who found the pathway of life rough.

Mr Purdy was born at Collins Bay, near Kingston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Purdy. His early years were spent on the Wells farm north of Port Perry, which was given to his grandfather by the Crown as he was United Empire Loyalist. When a young man he moved to Port Perry.

His first business venture began in 1887 in the flour, feed and seed business, which he purchased from Henderson and Curts. The store was situated in the Observer Block. In 1897 he purchased the Laing and Meharry Block, and moved to the south side of the street. Here he added groceries and baking to the business. After this block was destroyed in the fire of 1901, he erected a new building, 66x110 feet which became the home of not only his store, but S.T. Cawker, butcher and D.J. Adams, private banker. Mr. Purdy sold his business to Jonathan Lane, but repurchased it later and re-sold to John F. McClintock.

Edward Purdy married Mary Ann MacAllister on December 29, 1885 and five children were born to them. - Clarence D., Cecil V., Hazel Dhel (Bentley), and Edward Hardy. Mrs. Purdy and all the children survive Mr. Purdy. The Purdy's fine home was located on Lilla Street, south of the Town Hall.

E.H. Purdy was 75 years-old when he passed away on July 17, 1935. The funeral service was conducted by the Masonic lodge with interment made at Pine Grove Cemetery.



*Interior of Purdy's store, with E.H. Purdy behind the counter.*



*Exterior view of E.H. Purdy's store on Queen Street, Port Perry, early 1900s.*

## Section Fourteen

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**Joseph Reader**

While a member of Ontario County Council he held the post of Commissioner of the Scugog Bridge. As Commissioner he was responsible for overseeing maintenance and repair to the floating wood bridge that linked Scugog Island to Port Perry.

Joseph Reader, 91 years of age, passed away on November 17, 1896 and was buried at Scoville Cemetery, Scugog Island. His wife Rebekah died September 14, 1885, at 83 years of age. Following his death the Reader homestead was transferred into the name of their son William.

## Joseph Reader

### Pioneer Settler

Joseph Reader was born Kent County, England in 1805. He was married to Rebecca (Wells) on August 14, 1825 and moved to Canada with his wife and children in 1832. The family settled on Scugog Island in 1843 and he was one of the earliest settlers on Scugog Island to farm the land.

Here, Joseph built a large stone house near the top of the 'Island Hill' in 1849. The handsome stone residence overlooked the lake and had a full view of Port Perry and the surrounding country. It was here, Joseph and his wife Rebecca lived and raised their family of six boys, Joseph, Ephriam, William, John, Thomas, Walter and James and three daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah and Rebecca.

Joseph Reader was an active and energetic pioneer of Scugog Island and was elected twice to serve as Reeve of the young township, in 1865 and 1866.



*Joseph Reader's home at the top of Scugog Island.*



**William Reader**

## William Reader, Sr.

### Farmer

Mr. Reader was born in Kent County, England on January 30, 1830 and travelled to Canada with his parents in 1831, settling in Quebec. The next year the family moved to Cobourg, and later to Whitby.

In 1836 the family settled in Prince Albert where they remained four years. In 1844, when Mr. Reader was only 14 years of age, he crossed Lake Scugog and settled on the Island, to take up his long life work.

As years went by he helped to clear the land and hew timber to build his home, and in 1855 his bride and life companion, Katie Gamble, joined him. To them was born eight children, three boys, John, William T. and Ephriam, and five girls, Rebecca, Mrs. Isaac Rodman, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. J. Cliff and Maria.

Mr. Reader passed away on Sunday, April 1, 1923 at 94 years of age. A large gathering of friends and neighbours gathered at his late residence to show the high esteem and respect in which he was held. His wife Katie predeceased him on December 13, 1918.



## John F. Raines

### Clerk-Treasurer

John Francis Raines was born in Reach Township on October 15, 1902 and spent his entire life serving the community he lived in. He was the son of George A. and Mary Etta (Palmer) Raines.

John began his working career as a teacher, but while teaching at the Yellow School, just north of town, he contacted crippling arthritis. After almost a decade recuperating, he joined the clerk-treasurer's office.

He was 32 years old when he began working for the Village of Port Perry in 1934 took over the position of the town's clerk-treasurer. He held the job for 34 years before unceremoniously being replaced in 1970. John was disgruntled with being moved out despite being offered a job in an "advisory capacity" until he turned 70 years of age, which he refused.

Despite his disappointment, he was honoured by council on October 11, 1972 when more than 150 people attended a reception at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. He was presented a reclining chair and silver tray for his dedication to the town by Reeve Robert A. Kenny.

John was married to Lillian Ruth Pickard and they had on son, Allan George Raines who was born on August 16, 1944. John F. Raines passed away at his home in Port Perry on February 2, 1983 and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Lillian died July 14, 1991.

John's brother Guy W. Raines served on Port Perry's fire department for 35 years, 20 of them as fire chief. He died on November 15, 1978.



John Raines

## Fred E. Reesor

### Coal and Lumber Dealer

Fred Edwin Reesor was born June 4, 1885 in Markham Township. He spent the early part of his life in Markham Township and Markham Village, in which latter place he was Hydro Engineer from 1917 to 1930.

In 1908 Mr. Reesor married Irene Edna (Rainey) in 1908 and four children were born to the couple. In 1930 he and his family moved to Port Perry, where he had purchased the C.L. Vickery coal business. Since that time, Mr. Reesor expanded the business by adding an carrying other building material. This work has been carried on in a happy partnership with his son, Gordon.

Mr. Reesor's interest in municipal affairs was practical and foreseeing. He worked continuously for the progress of Port Perry and for six years he was a member of the council, during two of which he was Reeve.

In two matters he took very special interest. The Community Memorial Hospital and securing pure water for the citizens of Port Perry. He served as both a director and chairman of the Hospital Board. He was elected Reeve of the town in 1946-1947, as such took a leading part in taking steps to secure pure drinking water for the village. As a member of the County of Ontario council he served as chairman of the committee on education.

Fred was instrumental in organizing special celebrations for Port Perry's 75th Anniversary of incorporation.

He was also an active member of the United Church in which he served as an elder, treasurer and steward.

The Christmas season was saddened by the untimely death of Mr. Fred Reesor, 63, who passed away on December 24, 1947. About two weeks earlier he underwent a critical operation, and was recovering well. Unfortunately he suffered a relapse from which he did not recover. He was still serving as Reeve of Port Perry, at the time of his death.

His wife Edna and children, Gordon, Charles, Dora (Mrs. M. Dowson), Elma (Mrs. R. Vernon) were left to mourn his loss.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Clifford Smith, who paid sincere tribute to the deceased. The Church was crowded with friends who came to do honour to one who had meant so much in the communities in which he lived. Fred Reesor was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Fred Reesor



Fred E. Reesor, Coal, Wood & Lumber office 1930s.



**Gord Reesor**

## **F. Gordon Reesor**

### **Lumber Merchant**

The Reesors were one of the founding families of the Markham, Ontario area of Ontario and it was from this clan that Fred Gordon Reesor came. He was born on September 3, 1908 in Markham, one of three children for Fred. E. Reesor and Irene Edna (Rainey) Reesor.

Gordon's family moved to Port Perry in 1930 after his father purchased the C.L. Vickery coal business, but Gordon stayed on in York County, where he was listed as a clerk. He married Florence Isabell Bush on June 15, 1932.

In 1940, Gordon left Markham to join his father's business, F.E. Reesor Lumber & Coal, which operated from a small building at the lakefront in Port Perry. Two years later they moved the business office from the lakefront to a store on Queen St., just west of the St. Charles Hotel. Their warehouse and lumber yard was near the corner of Water St., and Scugog Street (Hwy. 7A).

A month after moving, Gordon escaped a terrible death at the warehouse, when a wood pile fell against him and pushed him over a running circular saw, inflicting wounds to his arms and chest.

By 1944, now settled into his new home, he was elected as a councillor for the Village of Port Perry. He was later appointed to a committee to investigate the building of a new hospital in the town, which opened in 1958.

After Gordon's father Fred passed away on December 24, 1947, he took over ownership of the company and operated it for another 25 years. In 1958 he expanded Reesor Fuel & Lumber business with the construction of a large, new warehouse and lumber shed on the Water Street property.

Gordon retired in 1973, closed the business and sold the property. The warehouses were torn down and a commercial plaza built on the former lumber yard site. Mr. Reesor was a dedicated supporter of the Port Perry United Church.

Fred Gordon Reesor died on March 21, 1996 at the Community Memorial Hospital, at 87 years of age, with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



*Reesor Fuel & Lumber, Water and Scugog Street, 1971.*



**William Redman**

## **William E. Redman**

### **Farmer**

William Edwin Redman was born in Pickering Township in 1857 not far from Kinsale, Ontario. He lived in the family home until his marriage to Elizabeth Reader, of Scugog Island on May 17, 1879. They moved to the Reader homestead on Scugog Island and ran that farm for five years. While here the couple had three children.

William then moved back to Pickering, where he had purchased a farm and remained there for 16 years. He returned to Scugog and took up his work on the farm, which he had bought. He lived there until the time of his death.

Mr. Redman was a man of sterling character and his life was devoted to two main purposes. The first was running of his farm, which was one of the most beautifully kept farms in the county. The second was his practical interest in the church.

Years ago, when there was no Sunday School at the Head Church, Mr. Redman set to work to organize a school and became its Superintendent. He was an active member of the church until advancing years prevented him from taking part in the work.

Scugog lost one of its best citizen when William Redman died on Sunday, January 25, 1925 at the age of 68 years. Left to mourn his loss were three children; Mrs. W.C. Roger, Mr. W.E. Redman and Mr. T. Redman. His wife, Elizabeth, predeceased her husband by 12 years.

## Dr. George M. Rennie

### Physician, Surgeon

When Dr. George Malcolm Rennie, retired from his medical practice due to illness in 1976, he had practiced medicine longer than any other doctor in the history of the area. But less than a year after retiring, on Friday, March 18, 1977, Port Perry's favourite "Doc" died at Community Nursing Home never having recovered from his sickness.

Born on a farm in Wellington County, on September 1, 1898, George was a son for James Andrew and Ellen Hume (Stagg) Rennie. George learned early in life that anything in life worth having had to be worked for, and he never lost sight of that lesson.

George was a product of the "Little Red Schoolhouse", attending elementary school in Crosshill and Wellesley; Secondary School in Listowel and then Queen's University Medical School from which he graduated in 1923.

During his final year at university he sustained a severe back injury when playing football and was forced to finish his studies and final examinations confined to a special bed where he had to remain for 18 months. This was followed by having to wear a body cast for two years.

In spite of his injury, he served as a staff doctor at Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph and at the Oshweken Hospital of the Seven Nations Reserve near Brantford.

In 1928 he joined the partnership of Dr. David Archer and Dr. Alvie Stewart in Port Perry and remained in the community for the rest of his life, practising from the same location for 48 years.

Dr. Rennie was typical of the ideal family doctor. For almost two years during World War II he was the only doctor in town, but in spite of a staggering work load, he continued to serve the public well, making house calls, doing his surgery and often holding office hours until midnight.

To "Doc", the name by which he was affectionately known, this was just part of the job of being a doctor, and not something to be praised for, or to boast about. He felt uncomfortable if any "fuss" were made of him or of what he did.

When he retired, some of his long-time friends and patients felt that he should be honoured for his nearly half a century service to the community, but he refused to be recognized. His profession was his whole life. His only hobbies were carpentry and music, and he was most happy when playing his banjo and singing.

Dr. George Malcolm Rennie was laid to rest following a service at McDermott-Panabaker funeral home, in Pine Grove Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Gwen, daughter Marlyn, sons James and Albert.



Dr. George Rennie

## John Rolph

### Harness Maker

John Rolph was a native of Ireland, born on March 4, 1828. When only a young man of 19 years old, he experienced the calamity of the potato famine in his homeland, where people were reported to be dying on the streets, and dogs fought over the corpses.



John Rolph

He came to Canada in 1854 and settled in Montreal for a few months before moving to Oshawa, and then to Prince Albert.

In 1857 Mr. Rolph married Susan Saunders, at a time when there were no railroads and little of the land had been cleared. He was given the honour of turning the switch to officially welcome hydro to Port Perry and he spoke at the formal opening of Port Perry's cement highway.

Mr. Rolph was active in many phases of community life. For 45 years he was treasurer of the local Bible Society, and he took a prominent part in both church and Masonic work. He was also secretary of Pine Grove Cemetery Co., and served as a military drill instructor.

He loved his work at his harness shop and came down to his shop everyday until he retired and sold his business in November 1924, at 94 years of age.

Mr. Rolph and his wife lived in the County for their entire married life, raising six children, and celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on February 26, 1922. He passed away on Saturday, May 2, 1925, at 96 years of age. Susan Rolph passed away on Friday, January 29, 1926, in her 87th year.

## John R. Roach

### NHL Goalie

John Ross Roach was born June 23, 1900 in Port Perry, and attended Port Perry High School before leaving to play hockey in Toronto.

Although small in stature, being only 5'5" and weighing 130 lbs., by 1921 he had earned the position as goalie for the Toronto Pats which were renamed the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1926.



*John Ross Roach*

John Roach was one of the smallest goalies ever to guard a NHL cage. He also had two great nicknames. He was dubbed "Little Napoleon," a reference to both his size and temperament. He was also more affectionately called "The Port Perry Woodpecker," referring to his hometown.

In his first season with the Pats they won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Vancouver Canucks. John stayed with the St. Pats/Maple Leafs until 1928 when he was traded to the New York Rangers.

The Rangers, with John in the net, made it to the Stanley Cup finals in 1932 but lost to the Leafs. John was then traded to the Detroit Red Wings. He was selected to the NHL All-Star team in 1934 and retired in 1935.

During his 14 seasons in the NHL he set numerous records including leading the NHL in wins (19) in the 1924-25 season, and a record setting 13 shutouts in the 1928-29 season.

John Ross Roach died on July 9, 1983 and was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert



**John Ross Roach**

## George A. Rose

### Farmer

As a citizen George Rose was noted to two great loyalties - to the United Church and to the Liberal Party. Both of these he served faithfully for most of his life.

Mr. Rose was the last surviving member of a family of five children, the son of the late Charles Rose, who came to this country when a boy and settled on a farm of 200 acres of timber at what came to be known as Rose's Corners, a few miles north of Port Perry.

He spent his early life on the farm and in 1881 married Emma Jane Johnson. To them were born two children, Ausbert and a baby girl who died several years ago.

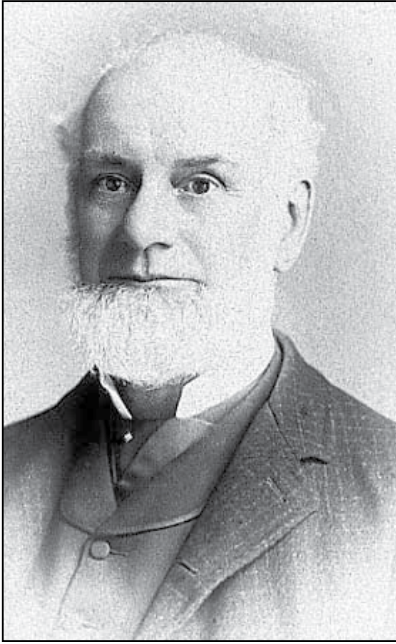
In 1902 Mr. Rose gave up farming and moved to Port Perry. Here he went into business as the local agent the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada. He became the general agent for the Port Perry district and spent 10 years with the company before failure of his health compelled his retirement. During that time he earned a number of important prizes for his work with the company.

George Rose served as treasurer of the Methodist Church in Port Perry, was a member of the Board of Education, and a director of Pine Grove Cemetery for many years. He was a member of Fidelity Lodge, A.F.&A.M. and Masonic Honours were accorded their departed brother.

George A. Rose passed away in his 83rd year, on Thursday, July 3, 1937, leaving his wife Emma to mourn his loss.



**George Rose**



**Aaron Ross**

## Aaron Ross

### Grain & Seed Merchant

Aaron Ross was born in London England on July 31, 1828 and came to Canada when he was 14 years old, settling near Whitby. After a few years he moved to Brooklin to learn shoemaking, and upon completion moved to Prince Albert and worked at his trade for about a year.

After arriving in Prince Albert he met Lucinda Fitchett, whom he married on February 28, 1849 in Myrtle, Ont. He then started his own business manufacturing boots and shoes.

In 1865, Aaron Ross and George Currie formed a partnership and carried on the dry goods business for five years. In 1870 he moved to Port Perry. His shrewd business tact showed that the town would be the business centre for the future.

He then built the Ross Block on Queen Street, a fine three story building which was destroyed in the great fire of 1884; and was rebuilt in that year. The business from 1871 to 1876 was carried on by Aaron Ross. In 1876 the firm of A. Ross and Sons (Robert and William) was carried on about four years, after which the business was carried on by the two sons. Of late the business of A. Ross and Sons has been owned solely by Mr. Wm. Ross.

Aaron Ross was identified for more than 30 years with the purchase of grain and seeds from farmers of Reach and Scugog Townships, operating warehouses at Seagrave and elevators at Port Perry and

Manchester, after establishing his grain business in Prince Albert during the 1860s in partnership with George Currie. About 1876, he purchased George Currie's grain elevator in Port Perry, and operated it as the Ross Elevator for a number of years, before his son William joined him.

His strong points were he business ability and indomitable will all through life from his first start in business in Prince Albert up to the date of his death - it was a series of success from first to last, so much so that the deceased during his business life was a provisional director of the Dominion Band and always took an interest in that prosperous institution.

He was at one time a director of the old Midland Railway, before being taken over by the G.T.R., and was also a prominent member of the Toronto Board of Trade.

His force was his business tack and ability. He was as public spirited a man as was to be seen in his support of institutions of religion and educational character; at one time he was vice president of Whitby Ontario Lakes' College and was often chosen by his church to represent that body in conference.

In politics he was a consistent Reformer, but never accepted any public position. As a Methodist he was loyal to his church enterprises; the deceased will greatly be missed by the church of his choice in this town. He was also a liberal giver to the poor, but very few knew of it. Thus has closed the private and public career of a man who was always a wise councillor; one who was loved and respected by his family.

Aaron Ross died in Port Perry on Saturday, July 11, 1896 at 68 years of age. Left to mourn his loss is his family, consisting of his wife Lucinda, sons Messrs. Robert, William, James, Fred, Charles and John, and daughters Mrs. Hossack and Sarah.

The large funeral on Monday was a tribute of respect and esteem in which the deceased and the family are held in the town and vicinity. Services were held in the Methodist Church. To show the esteem in which the deceased was held by the church, his seat, the pulpit and choir railing were heavily draped in black and ornamented with beautiful white and purple flowers.

Pallbearers were Messrs. J.H. Brown, H. Doubt, Thos. Courtice, J. Powers, C.W. Jones and William Brock. After the solemn services at the church the large funeral cortege wended its way to the Pine Grove Necropolis for interment.



**Aaron Ross**



**William Ross**

## Hon. G. William Ross

### Merchant, Politician

William Ross was born in Prince Albert on July 14, 1856, one of ten children for his parents Aaron and Lucinda Ross. He received his elementary and high school education in Port Perry, before attending college in Toronto.

William was 22 years old when he married Clarissa Jane Bingham, 20 on September 18, 1877. They had five children during their life together.

Mr. Ross came to Port Perry from Prince Albert when his father Aaron Ross, moved his business from that place. He was invited into partnership with his father in the larger general store business, under the name of A. Ross & Son, located in the Ross Block.

After the death of the his father in 1896, William purchased the grain elevator from the estate and added the business of grain merchant to his activities. In 1898 he sold the Ross Block to the Western Bank of Canada, who had an office in the building but retained possession of the store as a tenant. In August 1911, he sold his grain, seed and real estate business to James Lucas, with plans to move to Toronto.

Wm. Ross served on the town council and was Reeve for several terms in the 1890s, and introduced Port Perry to the amortization system of retiring debenture debt by equalized annual payments. He was the Liberal member of the House of Commons from 1900 to 1904, during the Laurier regime; and was president of the South Ontario Liberal Association and president of the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby.

In 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Ross sold their Casimir St. home, retired and moved to Toronto, where they became prominent workers in Eaton Memorial Church and well known in business circles. Not only was Mr. Ross well-known as a business and public man, but as a private citizen, no one stood higher in the estimation of the people.

He was a staunch member of the Methodist Church, and was superintendent of the Port Perry Methodist Church for years before moving to Toronto.

Mr. Ross was held in high esteem by all who knew him and was said to have a kind, tender heart. He was 80 years old when he passed away on January 21, 1937 at his home in Toronto, leaving his wife, Clarissa, a son Walter, three daughters and five brothers to mourn his loss.

A large number of friends assembled to pay their last respects, as he was laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Clarissa lived until she was 99 years old, passing away in San Diego, California on February 25, 1957.



*Aaron Ross & Sons store on Queen Street, Port Perry.*

## Matthew G. Robson

### Postmaster

Matthew G. Robson was born about 1831 in Markham Township, son of William and Jane (Holden) Robson. He came to Prince Albert in the 1850s and was appointed village postmaster, a position he retained during the larger portion of the time of prosperity in that village.

It was during his term as postmaster, in 1860, he met Sarah Jane (McCaw), sister of W.H. McCaw, and they were married on September 12, 1859. They had three children.

He also carried on an extensive money lending business, was public spirited and enterprising, and took a leading roll in the progress of the village, and served as Justice of the Peace for a number of years.

Having been highly successful, he purchased John Ham Perry's magnificent Perry Castle in the town of Whitby. He resided here for a number of years, before returning to Port Perry.

After a few years back in town, he moved to Toronto where he resided until his death at 83 years of age, on January 30, 1911. Mr. Robson left behind his wife, and three sons, William, Francis and Clarence. His wife Sarah Jane died on June 28, 1913.

# William Robinson

## Newspaper Editor

William Robinson was only 24 years old when he died, but in a few short years he had made a name for himself in Prince Albert and Reach Township.

Born in Whitby on July 20, 1842, William made his way north when only 15 years old, to work at the fledgling Ontario Observer newspaper in Prince Albert, operated by William Holden, of his hometown.

His first connection with the Ontario Observer dates to 1857, the first year of the newspaper's establishment. He commenced to learn the art of printing and with the exception of a few months absence in the United States, he continued in the office as compositor, until the retirement of Mr. Holden in about 1863. William purchased an interest in the paper and assumed the duties of editor, continuing in that capacity until his death.

The young Robinson enjoyed the confidence and respect of the public, and his early death left a blank in the village. As a citizen he held an unblemished character, and as a journalist he had won the esteem of all.

Mr. Robinson leaves his wife, children and large number of relatives to deplore his loss. The warmest sympathy is felt by the whole community for the family of the deceased, and their sorrow is shared, if not alleviated by a great number who enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with him.

His remains were laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

# Charles A. Rundle

## Farm Implement Dealer

Charles Alfred Rundle was born on December 3, 1878 in Brock Township at Sonya, Ontario, the youngest of six children for William and Mariah Rundle who were farmers.

He remained in Brock working with his father until the early 1900s when he moved to Port Perry, purchasing an agricultural machinery and implement dealership in 1903. Settled into his new community, he married Margaret Anna Irwin on August 29, 1906. They had four children; Charles, Grace, Lloyd and Wesley.

Charles became interested in the affairs of the community and in 1903 was elected a councillor for the municipality. He served in this capacity for a number of years before being elected Reeve of Port Perry in 1922. Six months after being elected he resigned his position, due to allegations of wrong-doings. Two councillors who had supported Charles Rundle resigned their posts immediately leaving three council positions open.

With his attention back to business, Charles purchased another machine shop in 1915, and a few years later moved his implement shop into new quarters behind the Willard Block on Perry Street.

Charles Rundle was a well respected businessman and was mourned when he passed away on February 2, 1926 at the young age of 47 years. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery. His wife died on April 22, 1940 and was buried in the Rundle plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.



Charles A. Rundle

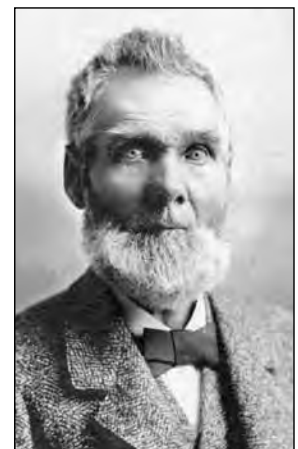
# Thomas R. Rundle

## Farmer

Thomas Rowe Rundle was born on December 6, 1825 in Truro, Cornwall England and immigrated to Canada about 1850 and resided in Whitby, Ontario for some time. He later moved to Brock Township where he began farming. It was here met Lavina Butt whom he married on October 1, 1879 in Oshawa, Ontario. Thomas was 54 years old and Lavina, 27. They had five children.

The Rundles moved to Reach Township in the late 1880s, where they continued to farm. Thomas interest aside from farming was municipal politics and he served as both a councillor and deputy-Reeve from 1896 to 1900, when he was unsuccessful in a bid to become Reeve of Port Perry, being defeated by E.H. Purdy. He returned to politics in 1903 for another term as a councillor.

Thomas Rowe Rundle passed away on may 18, 1906 at 80 years of age, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Lavina died on October 18, 1937 and was laid to rest beside her husband.



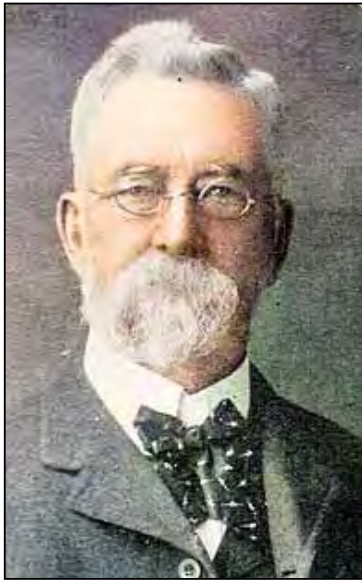
Thomas R. Rundle

## Section Fifteen

# S & T

### DRr. John H. Sangster

#### Physician



**Dr. John H. Sangster, 1903**

Dr. John Herbert Sangster, a notable figure in the Canadian medical and education world, passed away at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto on January 27, 1904, after suffering from a serious heart attack.

Dr. Sangster was born in London, England on March 26, 1829 and immigrated with his parents, first landing in New York on July 8, 1933, before moving on to Canada.

He received his early education at Upper Canada College, then worked in the education field until 1871 filling the positions of head master at a number of schools in Toronto and Hamilton. While teaching as a professor of chemistry and botany at Rolph's Medical School, he began the study of medicine and earned his degree of M.D.

Between 1858 and 1871 Dr. Sangster published a number of school books which became the authorized text books in public schools throughout Ontario. His best known series was "Sangster's Arrithmetic".

He was married to Mary Emma Price about 1851 and they had seven children during their 20 year marriage. The couple divorced about 1870 and she returned to the United States.

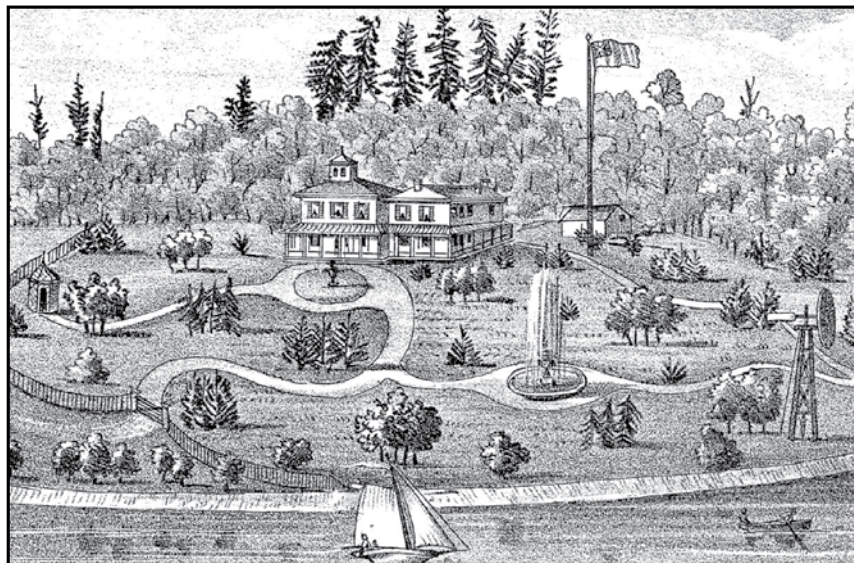
After retiring from educational work in 1871, he travelled to Chicago where he stayed for a few years. It was while in the USA he married

Caroline Elizabeth McCausland in Detroit, Michigan, USA, and they had five children together.

In November 1874 Dr. Sangster moved to Port Perry and set up a medical practice, and constructed a new home at the north end of the town. In 1881 his home was destroyed by fire. Following the fire he built an magnificent residence at his Beechenhurst property. His new palatial white brick house, described as one of the best in the province, was destroyed by fire in February 1893.

Dr. Sangster was a man of exceptional ability and commanded the respect and admiration of all those who knew him. He served as a member of the Ontario Medical Council, published a number of school text books, and was often called on to be a guest speaker.

Dr. John Herbert Sangster was 75 at the time of his death. He was a member of the Church of England, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Caroline Sangster passed away on April 1, 1916, at 86 years of age.



*The Beechenhurst home of Dr. J.H. Sangster, 1877.*





**Dr. William A. Sangster**

## **Dr. William A. Sangster**

### **Dental Surgeon**

Dr. William A. Sangster was born in Toronto on July 20, 1872, and moved to Port Perry with his parents, Herbert and Caroline Sangster when he was three years old. He was educated at the public and high schools in Port Perry and graduated with honours from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in 1894.

Dr. Sangster began practice in Port Perry the following year and in 1897 a fire destroyed the building in which his office was located. After the fire he secured an upstairs office in the Willard block, where he carried on his practice.

He was an athletic man, with a keen interest in sports, and an avid and enthusiastic hunter. He became a member of the Toronto Dental Society and the Ontario Dental Society, occasionally reading papers before these societies.

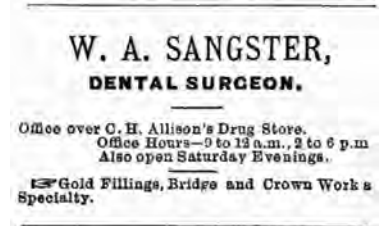
In February 1913, Dr. Sangster moved to Toronto to practice in a partnership, but by September 1914 he had returned to Port Perry to re-open his practice.

In July 1915 he was recruited to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force as a Dental Surgeon with the rank of Captain. After serving

his country for four years, Dr. Sangster returned to Port Perry to resume his dental practice over L.G. Hall's store.

Dr. Sangster was 48 when he married Mary Ann "Minnie" McLean, 33, on August 19, 1922 in Port Perry. Minnie had been assistant to Dr. Sangster at his dental office for three years before the marriage. Tragically she died without warning on Friday, May 18, 1923, hours after giving birth to a son, John Charles Hebert.

Dr. W.A. Sangster passed away on September 20, 1959, age 87.



## **Louis Sebert**

### **Hotel Proprietor**

One of Port Perry's popular young businessmen, Louis Sebert passed away in Port Perry on Monday, September 29, 1902, aged 45 years. Louis Sebert was born in Whitby, Ontario on August 16, 1856 and married to Anna T. Brock on December 16, 1878.

In the death of Mr. Sebert the community sustains a severe loss, a blank is left in our midst which will be difficult to fill. As a man of business he occupied a very prominent position and discharged its varied duties with credit to himself and to the utmost satisfaction of the public.

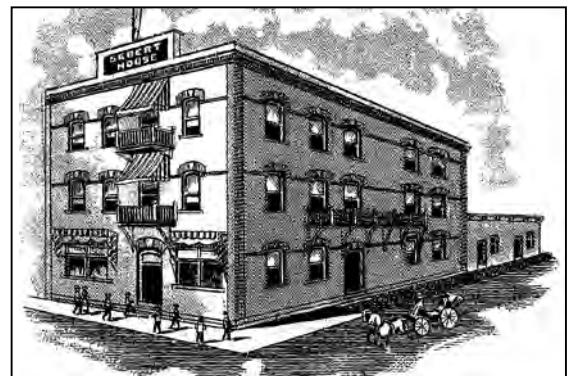
He was a hotel keeper in Whitby before coming to Port Perry to manage the St. Charles Hotel for a number of years before purchasing the Oriental Hotel in May 1900. The hotel was located on the north west corner of Queen and Water St., directly across the road from his former hotel.

Sebert undertook major extensive renovations to the hotel, including adding hot and cold running water installed in every room and renamed it The Sebert House. He has made a name for The Sebert House which is almost of continental fame and has no equal between Toronto and Montreal.

As a townsman he was active, energetic and obliging and took a prominent part in every movement for the best interests of the town. As a husband, father and friend, he leaves a loving and sorrowing widow, weeping and fatherless children and mourning relatives, who can fully appreciate his good qualities and have the sympathy of all.

On learning of his death, many places of business closed on the day of his funeral to pay respects to this popular, young businessman. The community sustained a severe loss with his death and many places of business in town were closed to attend his service.

He left behind his wife Annie, two children John and Catherine, as well as three brothers and three sisters.



*Sebert House hotel, Queen Street, Port Perry, 1885.*

# William S. Sexton

## Lumber Merchant

William Sidney Sexton was one of the areas earliest and most esteemed businessmen during the developing years of Reach and Scugog Townships. Later in life he moved to Port Perry and became one of the town's most loved and respected residents.

William S. Sexton was born in the New York, USA about 1811 and was married to Amanda M. Sexton before immigrating to Canada. They had three children during the marriage, Walter, Allen N. and Matilda E.

When Mr. Sexton arrived in Port Perry in the early 1850s he purchased the saw mill of Thomas and George Paxton, located just south of the village dock on the waterfront, which became known as Sexton's Wharf. He carried on the lumbering business until the pine forests around Scugog Lake became exhausted.

In public life, Mr. Sexton served as a member of Scugog Township council for many years before being elected as Reeve for seven consecutive years, from 1867 to 1873. The highlight of his political career was his election as Warden of Ontario County, on the first ballot. He also served as a school trustee for the Port Perry Grammar and Common School during 1860s and 70s, and was a moving force behind the building of the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway.

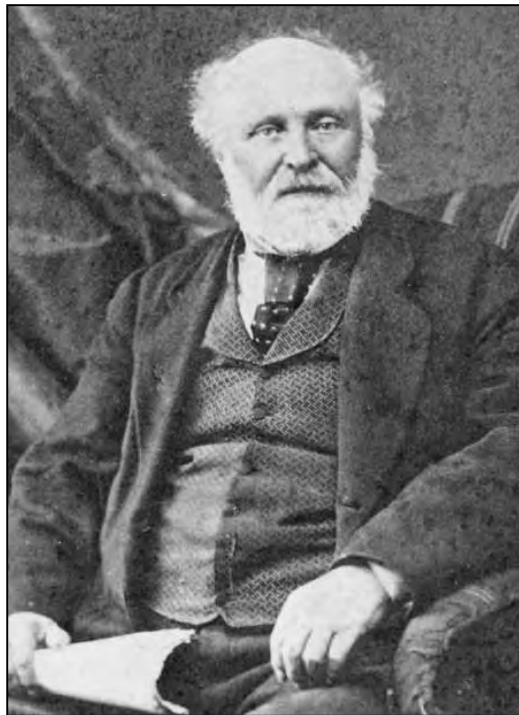
It was Reeve Sexton who, at County Council in June 1871, introduced a by-law to incorporate the Village of Port Perry. While a member of the County council, he worked diligently to ensure improvements to the Scugog bridge, and ultimately that it be made into a solid roadway.

In December 1873, Mr. Sexton announced that having been requested by a large number of ratepayers, he would run for the office of Reeve of Port Perry, but lost in his bid to Joseph Bigelow. In November 1874 he sold his 800 acres Springwater Farm on Scugog Island, to James Graham, and moved into a commodious home on Water Street, just north and behind the Port Perry House hotel.

About five years later, in 1878, his property was seized by the sherriff of the County of Ontario, due to financial difficulties caused by a number of years bad years in the lumber business. The property, consisting of the saw mill and about seven acres on the lakeshore was purchased by Joshua Wright.

William and Amanda retired to their home on Water St., opposite their former saw mill property only to have a fire destroy their home in 1883. This was followed by the untimely death of Amanda on October 1st, the same year. The events were just too much for the elderly statesman and only weeks after the death of his wife, he made a decision to leave the town and move to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Before leaving the community honoured the elderly gentleman with a complimentary supper, at which time he was presented a fine gold headed cane and an expensive pipe by his many friends.



William S. Sexton



William Sexton's home on Water St., across from the Currie Grain Elevator.

The town was saddened to learn that William S. Sexton, 82, passed away in Brooklyn, N. Y., on September 2, 1893. His body was returned by train to Port Perry, and was laid to rest in the family plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.

## Thomas L. Sintzell

### Resort Owner

Thomas was born in 1847, a son for Thomas and Anna Barbara (Walther) Sintzell. In 1873 he married Marie Blatchford and the couple had eight children during their life together.

Thomas Sintzell purchased Seven Mile Island in 1912 and erected the Delmont Cottage a year later for a summer resort and hunting camp.

Mr. Sintzell published a brochure for his resort advertising Delmont Cottage as a summer home situated on a pretty Island in one of the most beautiful little lakes in Canada.

He sold the property in 1919 and the family spent some years in California. Evidently Scugog Island had an attraction for the Stinzells as they returned during the summer of 1930 and purchased a property a little north of the centre of Scugog Island.

Thomas Leonard Sintzell died unexpectedly on January 31, 1931 after leaving his Scugog Island home to go out for a walk. Mr. Sintzell left his

home after dinner and when he did not return by dusk, a search was made for him. He was found dead by Reeve Jonathan Aldred, the death due to heart failure. Mr. Sintzell was in his 84th year.

Deceased is survived by his wife Marie, four sons and two daughters. Marie Sintzell, who was 85 years, died at her home on Scugog Island on May 2, 1936.



Thomas Sintzell



Original Delmont Cottage on Seven Mile Island.

## Benjamin Smallman.

### Blacksmith

Just months after celebrating his 100th birthday, one of Port Perry's longest serving businessmen passed away.

When Richard Benjamin Smallman was born on June 29, 1881, in Ditton Priors, Shropshire, England, his father, John, was 34 and his mother, Lucy Massey, was 29. He had six brothers and three sisters.

Ben Smallman was 27 years old when he came to Canada on the steamship Empress of Ireland, arriving at St. John, New Brunswick on March 25, 1908. He arrived in Port Perry in September that year and opened a blacksmith shop on Queen St. Two years later, purchased the blacksmith business of Samuel Graham and continued his blacksmithing business in the building beside the Sebert Hotel.

He married Eliza May Doubt on January 11, 1912, in Port Perry, Ontario and they raised four children during their marriage: Percival, Beverly, Mary Grace and Sidney.

Aside from his busy work, he took time to involve himself in community happenings. In 1922 he was elected to serve on the council for Port Perry. He also was active with the Board of Education, serving on the board and as Chairman of the Board during the 1930s. He also found time to provide his service as secretary of the Business Men's Association during the 1940s.

R. B. Smallman closes his blacksmith shop after 48 years of service to the community. In October 1956 and he was honoured by the Chamber of Commerce for his service to the community at a gala dinner at the Del Restaurant.

Benjamin Smallman died on December 27, 1981 at Port Perry, Ontario. He was 100 years old at the time of his death. Ben, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert



Benjamin Smallman



**Robert Somerville**

## **Robert Somerville**

### **Farmer and Politician**

Following in illness of several months, Mr. Robert Somerville passed away in Port Perry Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, May 9, 1944, in his 74th year.

He was born in Saintfield, Ontario on Christmas Day, 1870, but while an infant the family moved to Greenbank where they carried on farming. In 1893 he was married to Mary Elizabeth Franklin and on December 26, 1943 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

In the spring of 1909, Mr. Somerville moved out to the west and after 12 years of successful farming there, he retired and returned to Ontario in 1912, settling in Port Perry.

Always an active man, he was not satisfied to live an inactive life, so in 1925, he was elected as a member of Port Perry Council, and after serving in this capacity for three years, was elected as Reeve in 1928. He served in this office for five years with distinction, and was honoured by being elected Warden of the County of Ontario for 1932.

It was during his term as Reeve that the road from Manchester to Port Perry was paved. A great boon to the people of the community. Much of the credit for getting it done goes to Mr. Somerville.

As a member of the Masonic Order, he was Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, AF&AM Mr. Somerville was also a member of the local Lawn Bowling Club and the United Church.

Mr. Somerville was a good citizen, a good neighbour and a generous kindly man. May will remember him over the years for his sympathy and help given in needy cases, possessing those qualities that made him a friendly and likeable personality.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W.G. Chapman, Port Perry and Mrs. W.T. Harris, Ottawa and two sons, Roy and Arthur of Saskatchewan. The funeral service was held from his late residence on May 12, 1944. Rev. Clifford Smith officiating followed by the Masonic funeral service.

## **William Spence**

### **Contractor**

William Spence was a resident of the county for more than 50 years. He was born in Ireland on May 20, 1834 and came to Canada when he was 18 years of age, settling in the town of Whitby.

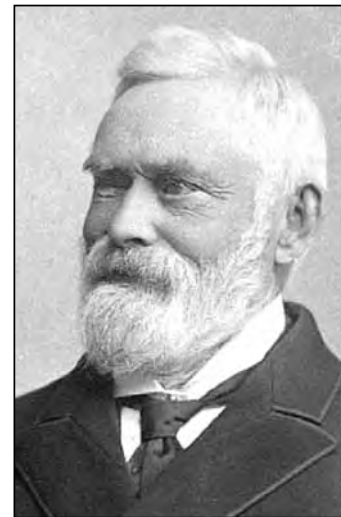
Here he followed the vocation of a contractor and erected many buildings. In 1873 he moved to Utica and then to Prince Albert and finally to Manchester in 1886.

As a young man, he was a highly skilled builder, who was chosen as the general contractor for Port Perry's first Town Hall. In addition he built the Court House at Whitby, the Town Hall at Manchester, as well as homes for many local personalities. He was also responsible for a number of the business blocks built on Queen St., Port Perry, after the great fire of 1885.

His extensive knowledge of municipal law made him an exceedingly valuable clerk and mentor to the members of municipal councils. He held the position of Reach Township clerk for more than 20 years (1885-1906), and retained the position until the time of his death. An active man, he also served as the secretary of the Reach, Scugog Agricultural Society for many years and was a respected member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry.

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William Spence was 72 years of age when he died at Manchester, on June 30, 1906. A large and influential gathering of more than 500 people followed the remains to the site of his grave for his burial. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Masonic Order. His wife, Mary Ann, 79, died on January 29, 1913.



**William Spence**



**Dr. John Stewart**

## **Dr. John I. Stewart**

### **Physician**

John Irvine Stewart was born in Toronto, Ontario, the oldest of two sons and a daughter for John T.R. and mother Frances E. (Irvine) Stewart. From the time he was born, on February 21, 1948 it appeared as if John was destined to become a doctor, since both of his parents, his grandfather and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins were all physicians.

The Stewart family moved to Peterborough when John was one year old, and it was here he attended public and high school. After completing high school, he attended the University of Western Ontario, graduating with a degree in medicine (MD) in 1972.

It was while attending Western that John met Barbara Ann Burr. They were married on July 10, 1970 in her hometown of Oshawa, following the completion of John's second year of medicine. The couple have two boys, Kevin and Todd.

After graduating he spent two years in the emergency rooms in Kitchener, Ontario before learning about a newly-formed medical group in Port Perry, which was looking for doctors to add to its three-person staff. The position provided an opportunity to work in all areas of medicine, so John accepted the job. He and Barb moved to Port Perry in 1975, where John began working with Medical Associates.

Even as his practice at Medical Associates grew, John still found time to put his talents to use in other areas. He became attending physician at Community Nursing Home, Chief of Staff of Community Memorial Hospital, Director and President of the Port Perry Hospital Foundation, Deputy Chief of Staff of Lakeridge Health, Port Perry, and too many advisory boards to list.

John published a number of medical articles, and served on continuing education committees on diabetes, antibiotic prescribing, and long term care, and held positions on local, provincial and national advisory boards.

Despite his heavy workload, John's secret passion was theatre. In his home town he joined the Borelians Theatre Group and the Scugog Choral Society, working back-stage and also on-stage for numerous productions for almost 20 years. "Being on stage gives me total escape from reality," he said in an interview.

As with most hard working and involved persons, John has received accolades for his work and efforts. Among those are being named, Scugog Citizen of the Year; receiving the Queen's Gold Jubilee Medal, presented the Meds Honour Society Award and the Hippocratic Society Award from the University of Western Ontario, and also the Rotary Club International "Paul Harris Fellow", the organizations highest award.

In 2017, after more than 40 years providing health care for the people of Scugog Township and district, Dr. Stewart decided to slow down, cutting his practice to about 100 patients, mostly with diabetes. Effective May 2018 he fully ended his practice of medicine at Medical Associates. Despite retirement, John continued to serve as the Medical Director of the North Durham Family Health Team. For the teenager who initially had no interest in a medical career, there is little doubt John, as a young man, chose the right career path.

## **John Stovin**

### **Contractor**

John Stovin was a highly skilled building contractor in the community, and many of the best edifices in the village bear evidence of his superior workmanship. No man was better known or more highly respected in this community.

John Stovin was born in the Township of Whitchurch about 1849, where his parents, John and Sarah (Wilkinson) were engaged in farming. The family moved to Reach Township about 1855 and settled north of Epsom when John was five years old. There were eight children in the family.

John became interested in building at an early age, and it is said that he built his first barn when he was only 16 years of age. His outstanding characteristics were thoroughness and reliability in his workmanship. Strong barns, attractive homes and public buildings stand this day as monuments to his life work. It was he who installed the metal ceiling in the new Town Hall.

He frequently held public positions, serving on Port Perry council in the early 1900s, but he strictly attended to his business, which proved a lucrative one. He was a son of toil, active and industrious.

Mr. Stovin passed away at Port Perry on Friday, May 3, 1918, at 68 years of age. The funeral, which was conducted by Rev. John Harris, was largely attended. Interment was made at Pine Grove Cemetery.

# James Stonehouse

## Dairy Operator

James Stonehouse was the eldest son of John and Ann Stonehouse, who emigrated with their respective families to Ontario from York, England, nearly a century ago.

He was born on what was known as "Coates Settlement" in Reach Township in 1847, into a family of four brothers and four sisters. His parents were John and Mary Jackson. After passing through the public school he attended the old Port Perry Grammar School.



James Stonehouse

On March 29, 1906 he married, when he was 58 years of age, he married Anna M. Real, 53, in Port Perry.

Having conducted a successful farm and implement agency at Sunderland for a number of years, he travelled west and settled in North Dakota during the 1880s. Here he engaged in bank clerking for several years, before moving to Texas for a time. After becoming severely ill while living in Texas, he returned to Ontario. When he recovered he took a course in dairying at the Ontario Agriculture College Dairy School, and after completing the course, was engaged as an instructor for several years.

In February 1903 he purchased the Port Perry Creamery, from which he carried on very successful business for many years. He was an acknowledged expert in the production of creamery butter and in 1904 was appointed Butter Instructor at the Kingston Provincial Dairy School. He later expanded his business by purchasing the Blackstock Cheese Factory.

When Mr. Stonehouse decided to retire in April 1918, he sold the creamery to Allan Goode. Although no longer a businessman, he continued taking an active interest in public affairs. He served on town council for many years and was elected Port Perry Reeve in 1919.

James Stonehouse died of heart failure while on vacation in North Dakota, in September 1924. No man was more highly respected and few, if any, ever served both church and municipality more faithfully. He was always

a champion for his ideals of right and, even though his opponents might disagree with his viewpoint, they could not help admiring the courage and consistency of the man.

Mr. Stonehouse was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, a member of Port Perry Council and a staunch champion of the temperance cause.

He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Anna M. (Real) Stonehouse died in 1925.

# John Swan

## Carriage Maker

John Swan was born at Borelia in 1862, the son of James Swan and Hannah (Embleton) Swan. He was one of a family of seven children, four boys and three girls.

John lived in Port Perry all his life. At Borelia, the blacksmith shop of his father became the centre of his interest. Later the shop was moved to the vacant building just north of Mr. Peter's pump work, and the family began the making of buggies, cutters and sleighs, under the firm name of Swan's Carriage Works.

The business thrived in his commodious quarters for many years and the present commodious quarters were occupied, but conditions changed and the business reverted to the old trade of blacksmithing.

On September 7, 1903 he married Clara A. Fleury, of Port Perry and they had one little girl, who died in infancy.

John was a good workman and an honourable citizen. His interests were centred in his home and his business. He was held in high esteem by his friends and associates as well as the public. Mr. Swan was a member of the Port Perry Band, but apart from that took no part in public life.

John Swan, 71, died on July 23, 1934 and his funeral was largely attended, and interment was made at Pine Grove Cemetery.



# Samuel Stoutt

## Barber, Musician

There are a few early accounts of escaped slaves making their way into Reach Township, however, none took up permanent residence here until 1866 when an escaped slave named Samuel Stoutt (sometimes spelled Stout) arrived and decided to make Port Perry his home.

Samuel was born in Summerville, N.J. of free parents. When he was about 15 years of age he moved to New York and later came to Canada. He moved from place to place living in Toronto, Kingston, Madoc and Uxbridge following his business as a barber. When he arrived in Port Perry, he immediately made his way to one of the local barber shops and asked for employment. He quickly established himself in that trade and gained an excellent reputation.

Samuel had another talent which helped him to gain acceptance in this pioneer community. He was an extremely proficient musician and was apparently able to play well on any kind of wind instrument. He helped to organize the town band and was its first leader. Because of his musicianship, he became known as Professor Stoutt.

Shortly after his arrival in Port Perry, Harris Burnham, clerk of the division court, gave Stoutt permission to build a simple dwelling, probably no more than a shack, at the rear of his property. He remained in his humble accommodation until he married in 1876. He married an English girl, Elizabeth Organ, who was considerably younger than himself, possibly as much as 40 years his junior. His marriage necessitated finding better living accommodation. He rented a house on Lilla Street (now Simcoe Street). In this house, Samuel and Elizabeth had five children; a child who died in infancy; Joseph, born in 1877; Samuel John, who died when only 23 year old in 1903; Alice, born in 1884 and William, born in 1890.

Stoutt continued to work as a barber until the end of the century. His loving and faithful wife Elizabeth died in 1907. Samuel's age is difficult to determine. His birth date has been recorded in various documents as 1812, 1815 and 1817. When he died on May 4, 1911, his obituary declared that he was a centenarian and for years he held the honour of being the oldest man in Port Perry.

All the Stoutt children spent their entire lives in this community. None married, and when Alice, the youngest, died in 1959 at the age of 74, the heritage of Samuel Stoutt passed into history. And with her death, Port Perry's only direct link with the grim story of slavery was broken.



Samuel Stoutt



The Orange Parade in Port Perry about 1900 with Samuel Stoutt in the lead.

## James M. Swan

### Blacksmith

James Swan was a native of North England, having been born south of the River Tweed at Lyne 1819, of highly respectable and influential parentage. He together with his wife Hannah (Embleton) and two daughters came to Canada in 1851, first settling in Peterborough, where they remained for a short time.

The family moved the Port Perry area about 1860 and Mr. Swan was hired to work in the Crandell Foundry in Borelia. By 1869 he had opened his own blacksmith shop on the north side of Queen Street in Borelia, where he carried on business successfully, and lived for many years.

Being an expert at his business and industrious, he soon gained an enviable reputation and commanded a very large patronage. Being possessed of robust health and grand constitution, he frequently worked both night and day in order to fill orders. At that time, horse-shoe nails had to be made by blacksmiths using them, and their manufacture was a slow process.

Mr. Swan's reputation as a horseshoer was so great that the making of these necessary nails required almost incessant night work. Being frugal he slowly but surely acquired the necessary capital and extended business moving down to the business centre in 1878 and taking in his sons as partners. They now own one of the largest and best equipped carriage factories anywhere to be found.

Deceased was honest and independent, a warm friend and generous neighbour. A loving husband, an affectionate father and a thoroughly reliable member of society. He was public spirited, an exemplary and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and a staunch Liberal. A son of toil and a garden acquisition to that important and noble army.

James Swan, 88, passed away on Monday, November 18, 1907 in his 89th year. He leaves behind three sons, John, Nicholas and James, and one daughter, Mary, all of whom reside in town.



*Jas. Swan advertisement from 1890.*

## Grace B. Swan

### Nurse Practitioner

Grace Swan was a pioneer administrator of private hospitals in Port Perry during the early 1900s and was loved and respected in the community

Born in Rochester, York County, England about 1875, Grace Benning was the daughter of George and Sophia Benning. After her early schooling, she graduated as a nurse of the Royal Victoria Hospital, London, England. She was only 20 years old when she emigrated, with her husband James Cormack to New York State in 1895.

About a year after her husband's untimely death in 1910, Grace once again emigrated, this time with her three children, Gordon, 13, James, 11 and daughter Jessie, 6. She bought a house in Ontario on Brock Road, north of Pickering and there she began nursing and acting as a trained midwife.

In 1919 she moved with her family to Port Perry and rented rooms for a hospital on the second floor of the Port Perry Star building at 235 Queen Street. It was a two-bed facility with a large room at the front for operations, and the patients' rooms were at the back. The entrance to the hospital was half way down an alley on the west side of the building.

Grace Cormack was 44 years old when she married James Swan on June 6, 1921. James was the town's carriage manufacturer, who was in partnership with his brother Jack, a blacksmith.

A few years after their marriage, they bought a large yellow-brick house at 96 John Street and converted it into her second hospital. This facility had 11 beds. In 1930, Grace sold the hospital to two cousins, Nellie Whitmore and Margaret Fisher, and she retired to her farm on Concession 4, between Manchester and Utica.

Grace Swan passed away at the home of her son in Toronto on Thursday, March 17, 1960. A funeral service was held for Grace Benning Swan in Port Perry at the McDermott-Panabaker chapel and interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. James Swan died on December 8, 1946, in his 81st year.



**Grace Swan**





**George Sweetman**

## **George C. Sweetman**

### **Farmer, Politician**

A veteran Scugog farmer, George Clarke Sweetman, who served faithfully and well for many years as Reeve of Scugog Island and later Warden of Ontario County, passed away at his Island residence, Wednesday, September 24, 1952 in his 83rd year.

Mr. Sweetman was born on Scugog Island on October 14, 1869, in the same house as he died. His parents were John and Frances Sweetman.

George Sweetman gave sincere and faithful service to the community of Scugog Island in both church and civic administration, and was highly respected for his integrity and good judgement in the performance of his duties.

For many years he served on the Scugog Council which included a long term as Reeve. In 1926 he was honoured by being elected Warden of the County of Ontario. Again rendering sincere service in that responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweetman celebrated their golden wedding in 1950 when neighbours and friends from other parts showered them with congratulations and gifts, proof of their popularity and recognition of their work and usefulness on Scugog.

Soon after, Mr. Sweetman was stricken with a serious illness and operation from which he never fully recovered. George Sweetman was well known and was a man of sterling character. A man with a mind of his own sparked with a great sense of humour. He was a friendly man and always enjoyed the good fellowship of his friends.

George was married to Sina Jane Savage on December 26, 1899, who he leaves to mourn his loss. Also surviving are one daughter Myrtle (Millar), John L. Sweetman, Reeve of Scugog, Nelson Allen Sweetman.

Many district residents attended the funeral which was held from McDermott Funeral Home, Port Perry, on Saturday, September 27. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert and services were conducted by Rev. Fred Joblin.

## **William Tate**

### **Manufacturer**

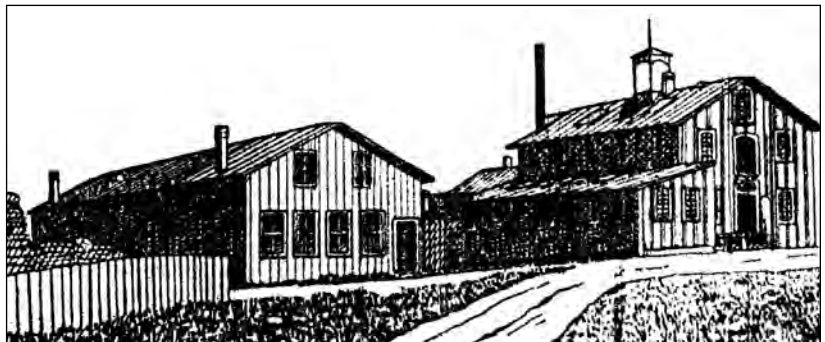
William Tate was born about 1924 in Yorkshire, England. After completing his education, he and married Hannah Tate before immigrating to Canada in the mid-1850s. William and Hannah arrived in Port Perry about 1859 and purchased a home at 250 Queen Street for about 15 years.

William Tate was an astute businessman who operated the Paxton & Tate Foundry on Perry Street for more than 20 years. The company, whose partners included Thomas Paxton and Joseph Bigelow, manufactured turbine and water wheels and was one of the largest and most successful turbine manufacturers in Canada during the 1880s.

In addition to his busy life as a manufacturer, William also served his community, being elected to the Village of Port Perry's first council, after it was formed in 1872. He was now in the company of notable Port Perry businessmen, Joseph Bigelow, Caleb Crandell and A.N. Sexton. One of his first challenges came when he was appointed to a committee to prepare plans and costing for the construction of a new town hall.

William constructed a beautiful, yellow brick home at 258 Cochrane Street about 1874, and moved out of their Queen St. house. He and Hannah lived in this home until his death.

William Tate was 65 when he passed away on August 8, 1889 at Port Perry, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Hannah Tate passed away on July 2, 1894.



*Paxton, Tate Foundry, 1866*



**John L. Sweetman**

## **John L. Sweetman**

### **Ontario County Roads**

John Luzerne Sweetman was born on his family's Scugog Island, which had been cut from the bush in 1846 by his grandfather. John was born on January 22, 1901, a son for George Clarke and Sina Jane (Savage) Sweetman and as a young man, John took on many of the chores of the farm.

He married Mabel Edna Jackson on February 10, 1925 and in 1937 they purchased the Scugog Island store, making a good living selling food and operating the post office for about eight years.

John joined the Air Force when WWII broke out and served as a training officer. When the war ended he sold the store and worked for the Ontario County roads department for the next 20 years.

In 1954, after serving as Reeve of Scugog Township for five years, John L. resigned to become road superintendent for the County of Ontario.

John is both a staunch Monarchist and politically Progressive Conservative, having worked on the campaign of Dr. Matthew B. Dymond during two election. After the war ended up, he became the first president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419, in Port Perry and over the years held many executive positions.

John L. Sweetman died on May 6, 1997, at the age of 96. His wife Mabel Edna passed away on January 11, 1993 at the age of 88. They had been married 67 years.



*John and Mabel Sweetman celebrated their 63rd anniversary, February 10, 1922.*



*The Scugog Island store, 1939, where John and Mabel Sweetman lived.*

# D. Jerome Taylor

## Insurance - Politician

Jerome (Jerry) Taylor was born in Parry Sound, Ontario on February 15, 1939, the son of Ira and Mae (Wye) Taylor. The family moved to Malton, in the west end of Toronto when he was four years old.

Jerry attended Malton Public School and Brampton High School, before leaving school to work for Trans Canada Airlines in Malton. After two years at the TCA plant, he applied for a position with the Toronto Police Force and became an police officer, a job he held for about 5 years.

Jerry met Sandra Bradley while attending high school, and on February 20, 1956 they were married at the Malton United Church.

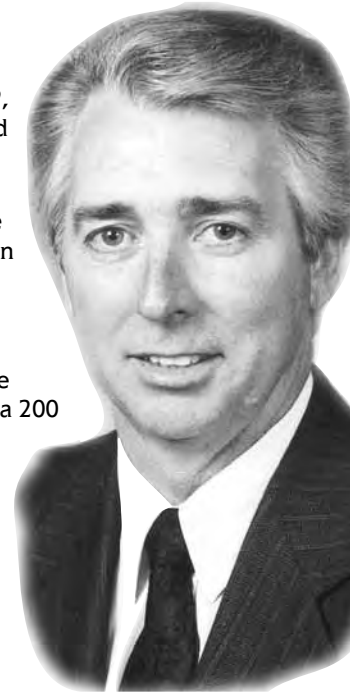
After about five years as a police officer he decided this was not the career he wanted for the rest of his life. The moved out of Toronto in 1966 and purchased a 200 acre farm on Head Road, Scugog Island. Here with a herd of 40-50 cows, the young farmer and his wife raised a family of four boys, Jerry jr., Richard, Danny and James.

Always one with interest in his community, in 1973 ran successfully for a seat on the new Scugog Township Council, and held the post for five years before unseating the incumbent, to become Scugog's mayor in 1978. He served 10 years in this position before retiring from politics.

After selling the farm in 1980, both Jerry and Sandra earned their general insurance licenses and opened D.J. Taylor Insurance agency on Water Street in Port Perry later that year. They also built a new bungalow home just south of the old farm house on Ashbridge Road.



Mayor Jerry Taylor



Despite his busy political and business life, Jerry remained actively involved in the community. He was a member of Durham Children's Aid Society, spent six years on the Durham Region Police Commission, was a member of Community Memorial Hospital board, serving as chair to raise millions for an expansion of the hospital early-80s, and served as chairman of a committee to amalgamate Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospitals in 1996.

During his term he oversaw a number of controversial issues – the elimination of angle parking on Queen Street; construction of a new library along Water St. and construction of a new marina on the lakefront.

After stepping down as Mayor in 1988, the long-time and popular mayor was hosted by his friends and colleagues from Scugog Township and across Durham Region at a "Roast" held in his honour.

Jerry then settled back into his work at D.J. Taylor Insurance for another dozen years before selling the business in 2000 and retiring. He spent much of his retirement years, working on a bulldozer he purchased, and lends a helping hand to his boys and grandchildren.



D.J. Taylor Insurance, on North Street, Port Perry, Ontario.

# Norman Tease

## Garment Maker

Norman Grant Tease was destined to be in the knitting business from the time he was born on February 9, 1893 in Paris, Ontario. He was the son of Samuel Grant and Isabella (Blake) Tease. He received his education attending schools in the vicinity of Paris.

His father was partner in a knitting mill in Toronto, and it was here that Norman learned the trade and business that he would work in for the rest of his life.

Norman Tease, 22, when he married to Violet Evelyne Quinn, 20, on June 10, 1915 at York (Toronto) Ontario, Unfortunately Violet died on June 19, 1917, one month after the birth of their son Norman Samuel Grant.

Two years later, during 1919, Norman married Beatrice Maud Drew, 20, also of Toronto, Ontario. They had two children, James and Mary. Beatrice died in 1941 at the age of 42.

Following the death of Beatrice, Norman married Elsie (Cox) of Toronto where they continued to live. Norman owned a cottage at Williams Point, Caesarea during the early 1940s, although he continued to live and working in Toronto near his knitting mill. Twin girls, Pauline and Noreen, were born from this marriage.

In January 1946 Norman and his son rented a store in the Blong Block on Queen Street to sell his product. Later that year he took over the top floor of the Morrow Farm building on Perry St., and opened Tease Knitting Mill. The Port Perry mill produced a wide range of woollen goods under the management of his sons, Grant and Jimmy. One of their most interesting customers was the National Hockey League, for whom they knit the sweaters and socks for all the NHL teams.

In May 1951 a fire destroyed the second floor of the Morrow building and all of the machinery, raw materials and finished garments were destroyed in the blaze. Undeterred, Norm Tease purchased a piece of property north of Queen Street on Perry St., and built a new one-storey building, They moved into the new facility under the name, Lakeshore Knitting Mill.

Norman Tease died in April 1955 at 62 years of age. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His estate sold the Tease building to the Village of Port Perry in 1958, which was renovated and opened as a municipal office.



**Norman Tease**



*Lakeshore Knitting Mill, Perry Street, Port Perry, 1950.*

# James V. Thompson

## Hotel Keeper

James V. Thompson, was a pioneer in the hotel business, as a builder, owner and operator of hotels in Port Perry and Reach Township during the 1870s and 1880s.

Born in Scotland on November 14, 1823, to parents Peter and Margaret (Veitch) Thompson, the family immigrated to Canada about 1832, settling in around in Brock Township and later Uxbridge, where they lived until 1864. James' father, Peter operated a small tavern in the Village of Uxbridge in the 1850s.

James was 40 years old when he married Mary Ann Matthews on August 23, 1864 and the couple moved to Sunderland for a few years, before relocating into Reach Township about 1869. It was while living in Port Perry that two of the Thompson's five children were born.

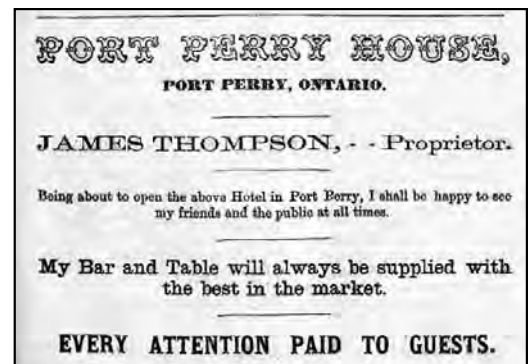
The same year, 1869, James Thompson purchased a property on the northwest side of Queen and Water Street, and it was here he built a three story frame hotel which he called the Port Perry House. This hotel was burned to the ground in 1883, but in the spring of 1884 he began building a new hotel.

In addition to the to his hotel ventures in Port Perry, in May 1880 Thompson and his family moved to Greenbank, where he rented and renovated the Cottage Hotel.

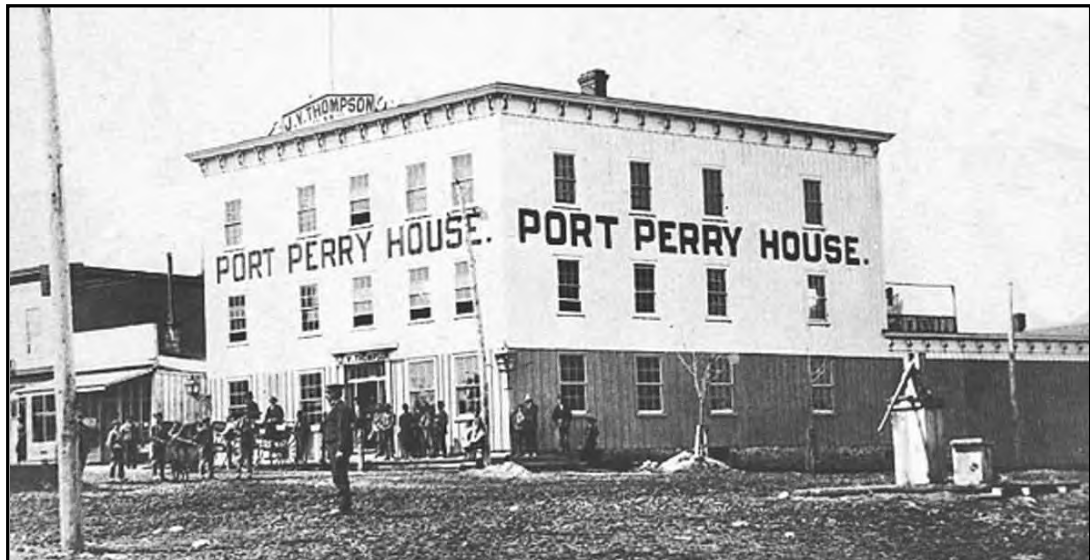
Four years later the family returned to Port Perry, so James could supervise the erection of his new hotel. In October 1884 Mr. Thompson opened a magnificent new hotel he called the Thompson House. The new building was a three-story, red brick structure with 25 bedrooms on the two upper floors. His hotel was the first building in town opened for business following the fire of July 1884.

A few months after opening his new hotel, he sold it to Louis Sebert, who renamed it the Sebert House. The hotel was torn down in the 1980s and replaced with a bank building.

About 1885 James and his family moved to St. Johns Ward, Toronto where they lived for a number of years. He was 87 years old when he died from a stroke on March 9, 1911, at Frontenac, Ontario.



*Port Perry House advertisement, 1869.*



*The Port Perry House hotel, about 1879.*



**Marjorie “Marj” Tripp**

## Marjorie M. Tripp

### Real Estate Agent

Marjorie May (McCarrell) Tripp was the first woman real estate saleswoman in Port Perry, to open and operate her own real estate company.

Marjorie was born in Lindsay, Ontario on October 9, 1924, the eldest of four sisters. She attended elementary and high school in Lindsay before meeting and marrying Melvin Ernest Tripp, in that town.

During her very full life, “Marj” as she was most often called, raised nine children while moving to a number of towns across Ontario. When they moved to Port Perry, she began what was to be a long career in real estate.

She began working as a real estate salesperson for J.J. Lambert on Queen St., Port Perry in May 1968, and later accepted a job offer with Thomas Shea Real Estate. When Shea decided to remove from town, she took over the space and opened her company, Marjorie Tripp Real Estate.

She had a successful real estate career spanning more than 20 years when she retired. Marjorie was also involved in the community as a dedicated member of the Rebekkah Lodge and a staunch supporter and volunteer with the Hospital Auxilliary of Lakeridge Health, Port Perry.

Marjorie M. Tripp passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Port Perry at the age of 91. A service to celebrate her life was held and interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



*Thomas Shea Ltd., Realtor, was located on Queen Street, beside the Port Perry United Church in 1973.*



*Marjorie Tripp was sales representative for J.J. Lambert Real Estate in 1968.*

# William J. Trounce

## Lumber Merchant

William James Trounce was born in 1838 in Cornwall, England, the son of John and Ann Trounce, who were farmers. William immigrated to Canada about 1856, eventually settling in Reach Township, where he began working as a labourer in the lumber business in Port Perry.

It didn't take long for this ambitious young man to make his mark. Throughout his 35 years in the area he became one of the most important businessmen in the community.

Mr. Trounce became a partner in the lumber business with local entrepreneurs Thomas Paxton and Joseph Bigelow about 1861. The firm of Paxton, Bigelow and Trounce grew their business to include four factories along Port Perry's waterfront, employing 60 men, and capable of a daily output of 18,000 feet of lumber, 10,000 barrel heads, 12,000 staves and 17,000 shingles.

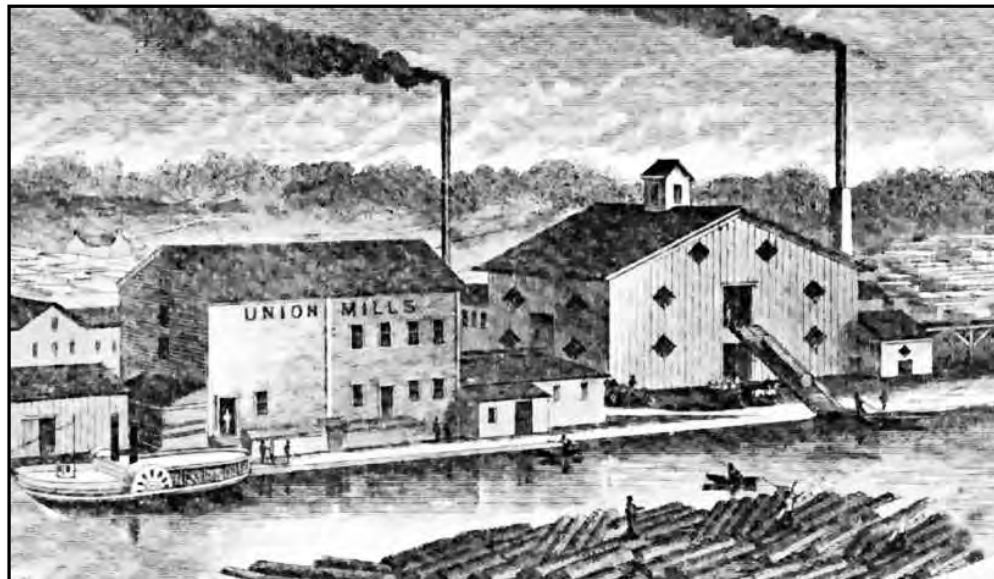
In April 1881, the partnership of Bigelow and Trounce was dissolved, with Mr. Bigelow keeping the mills at the south end of Lake Scugog and Mr. Trounce retaining the north mills. Mr. Trounce then began to operate under the name, Trounce's Union Mills. A few years later when Joseph Bigelow decided to retire in 1887, he sold his interest in his waterfront flour and planing mill to his former partner.

Mr. Trounce continued to operate the mills until the spring of 1888 when the business went into bankruptcy. The business and property was taken over by the bank, who subsequently sold it to James Carnegie.

More than 35 years after arriving in Port Perry, Mr. Trounce and his family moved into a home at 44 Anne St., Toronto, Ontario. Ten years later, the family immigrated to United States, settling in Buffalo, New York, where Mr. Trounce, according to census information, became an insurance agent.

William Trounce married to Catherine Oakley of Peterborough on April 13, 1864 and raised a family of four children while living in Port Perry.

Catherine Trounce passed away on December 1, 1917 in Buffalo, and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. William James Trounce lived to the ripe old age of 92, passing away at his son's home in Manhattan, N.Y, on August 23, 1929.



*Trounce's Union Mills on Lake Scugog lakefront.*



**William Tummonds**

## William Tummonds

### Farmer, Merchant

William Tummonds was born near Bath, Ontario On October 16, 1836. His parents were William, 27, and Martha, 26, when he was born. He married Elizabeth Dure on February, 7, 1871 and they had two children during their marriage.

For years he farmed in the Township of Reach. He disposed of his Reach farm to his brother and went to Toronto, where he was in business for four years before returning to Port Perry in 1877, purchasing a block of land on Queen Street, opposite the post office building.

Mr. Tummonds conducted a grocery, flour and feed store on the south-east corner of Queen and John Streets for about 35 years. His residence was connected to the store. His was the only store left standing at the time of the big fire of 1884, which destroyed the entire downtown of Port Perry. Ironically, after escaping destruction by the great fire of 1884, the building was destroyed by fire in December 1933.

During the early 1900s, he purchased the old fair grounds property, a plot of 30 acres, and operated it as a farm until he sold it to the town for athletic and fair purposes.

He was a good public citizen, enterprising and public spirited, a staunch Conservative, and member of the Methodist Church. Despite being incapacitated with blindness the last few years of his life, he held a keen interest in public affairs.

William Tummonds was in his 77th year when he passed away on Thursday, April 30, 1914. He was laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario. He left behind his wife Elizabeth one son Dr. Howard Tummonds, Port Perry and a daughter, Mrs. Eva Gertrude Horton, Toronto.



*William Tummonds store was located approximately, from the location this photograph was taken, following the great fire of 1884.*



## Section Sixteen

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### **Mable M. Van Camp** **Supreme Court Judge**

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, the Honourable Mabel Margaret Van Camp passed away at the age of 91 having led a remarkable, distinguished and significant life.

Mabel Van Camp was born on May 11, 1920, daughter of William John and Mary Jane (Smith) of Blackstock, Ontario. Her father, William was 28, and her mother Mary, was 29.

Mabel attend public and high school in Blackstock, before graduating from Osgoode Hall as a lawyer. She was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1947, where she became a partner in the firm of Beaudoin, Pepper & Van Camp and was appointed Queen's Council in 1965.

She served with distinction as the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario in 1971.

Mabel Van Camp was a role model in the field of law for women. She was honoured as a "Judicial Pioneer" in the Hall of Honour at the Canadian Judicial Conference in 1995, and in 2003, she was awarded the Order of Ontario.

Mabel cared deeply and gave selflessly to family and community throughout her life. She served in leadership capacities as Chancellor and Dean of the Alpha Mu chapter of the Kappa Beta Pi legal sorority, President of the Women's Law Association and President of the Fudger House Chapter of the I.O.D.E.

As president of the YWCA, Toronto Association, during the 1960s, her steady leadership led them through the turbulent issues of politics and social justice. She was well-known for her ability to weigh and balance the sometimes disparate demands of the procedural and the moral.

Mabel M. Van Camp passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2012. Two services were held to celebrate Mabel's life. The first at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto, and a second service at St. John's Anglican Church, Blackstock, Ont. She was interred at the St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Blackstock.

Much loved eldest sister of Jessie Gunter, Blackstock, Ontario and the late Wilma Drinkwater and Helen Van Camp.



**Mabel M. Van Camp**



**Honourable Mabel Van Camp**



**Doreen Van Camp**

## **Doreen Van Camp**

### **Teacher, Clerk-Treasurer**

Doreen Van Camp was born in Cartwright Township.

She was raised in the community in which she was born, attending a small public school in Blackstock and at Cartwright High School, where she decided on a career in education.

Miss Van Camp taught in elementary and secondary schools in Brooklin, North York and Nestleton for nine years. In addition to her teaching degrees, she received a Bachelor in Home Science from the University of Toronto and a Master’s Degree in Education from the Ontario Institute for Education. She also taught English as a second language at a girl’s school in Indore, India for three years, and spent two years as a librarian.

Looking for a career change, Doreen applied for the position of Clerk-Treasurer for Cartwright Township and was officially appointed to the position on October 1, 1971.

She was the first woman to hold the clerk-treasurer position but she is reported to have said, “Women are really better suited to a job like mine, because they are better organized, and a man would really need a good secretary.”

Doreen Van Camp fulfilled her job so efficiently that three years later she was chosen to become the first Clerk for the new amalgamated Township of Scugog, after Durham Region was formed. She held this position for five years before stepping down in 1979.

## **Glenn Van Camp**

### **Contractor**

Donald Glenn Van Camp was born in Bowmanville, but lived his entire life in Scugog Township, 40 years of which he operated a successful contracting business.

Born on April 21, 1934, Glenn was a son for Harry and Edna Van Camp. As a young man he attended both public and high school in Blackstock, followed by on year of Engineering at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Glenn met his wife, Donna Dowson at the Lindsay Fair and they were married on April 2, 1955 in the manse of the Port Perry United Church.

Harry Van Camp operated his own trucking business and owned one of the first gravel trucks in Scugog Township back in the 1920s. Returning home after university, Glenn worked for his father for a short time before starting up his own company in 1956 when he was 21 years old.

Glenn purchased an old Allis-Chalmers front-end loader from his father Harry and started Van Camp Contracting. Glenn with his wife Donna taking care of the bookkeeping and office duties from their home on Shanley Street. Glenn became the mechanic, machinery operator, truck driver in the early years.

The business became one of the most successful contracting companies in the Port Perry area, but after more than 40 years, he sold their shop and most of the equipment in July 1999. Glenn and Bill moved their operation to their farm in Utica, keeping about 15 pieces of equipment and the gravel pits they purchased in 1980.

During his contracting days he was a director and president of the Aggregate Producers of Ontario, and proudly points to the reconstruction of the streets in Port Perry after the municipal sewers were installed during the 1970s. Glenn and partners also developed the Kent Estates and Apple Valley subdivisions in Port Perry.

Aside from his busy business career, Glenn was a member and president of the Rotary Club of Port Perry for 30 plus years. It was here he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor from the Rotary Club. He was a member, and president, of the Lions Club for more than 25 years and served on the local school board.

Glenn is also an avid horse racing enthusiast and has owned a number of horses that have achieved success since he became involved in the sport in the late 1980s.



**Glenn Van Camp**



**Charles Vickery**

## Charles L. Vickery Lumber & Coal Merchant

Charles Lester Vickery was born between Raglan and Columbus on March 28, 1856, on the farm his grandfather had received as an original grant from the government of Upper Canada in 1800. His father Charles, died when he was a boy of 12 years, leaving him and his mother Eliza as head of a family of six children.

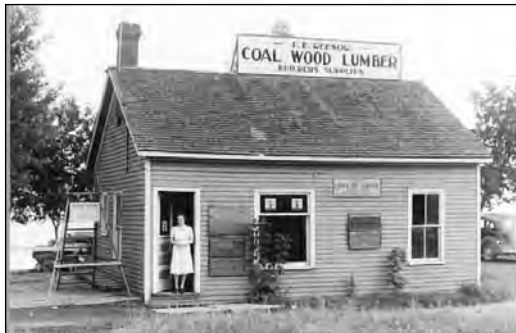
The Vickery family moved to Port Perry about 1870, and during those years proved his sterling worth by his actions. It was a common saying that "Charlie Vickery's word is as good as his bond," and such proved to be the case.

Charles married Esther Emma (Warkup) on June 24, 1880 and they had seven children over the next 15 years. He and his wife, Emma, tore down his old factory at the corner of Perry and Mary Street in 1914 to build a new home for their family. Emma died on September 1, 1917 in Port Perry at the age of 61. Two years later, on February 6, 1919, he married Emma Susan Heard in Markham.

His actual business career commenced about 1885 in the lumber, wood and coal business and he has occupied the same premises until his death in 1930. In 1914 he was awarded the contract to build a 210 foot pier at the lakefront Port Perry for the government. Construction got underway in October and the project was completed a year later in September 1915. A dockhouse was constructed about two years later at the end of the wharf.

Charles keenest interest was in his home and business. He was a member of the Sons of England for 50 years, and the Church of Ascension.

Charles Vickery was 73 when passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 29, 1930 and the funeral was held from his late residence and was largely attended. His was purchased by Fred Reesor of Markham following his death in 1930. He was survived by his widow Susan, three daughters and one son. She died on March 5, 1946, at the age of 81.



*Charles Vickery's office at the lakefront, Port Perry.  
Sold to F.W. Reesor in 1930 following his death.*



*A 1940s elevated view of the wharf  
built by Charles Vickery in 1914.*



*Charles Vickery constructed the lakefront wharf in 1914-15. The dockhouse was added about 1918.*

## Thomas J. Widden

### Shop Keeper

Thomas James Widden is a native of Reach Township having been born December 15, 1856 to his parents John and Sarah (Hobby) Widden. Thomas married Elizabeth Jeffrey in Prince Albert on March 1, 1883 and they were parents to one daughter, Katie.

Thomas came to Port Perry to learn merchandising in a number of local stores and in 1891 he began business for himself in premises at the corner of Queen and Perry Street.



*Thomas Widden's store, northeast side of Queen and Perry Street.*

Although not a large store, the wedged shaped building provided a place for a nice, neat store in which he carried out a square business in the general trade of groceries, crockery, boots and shoes. The store became known as Widden's Corner. In February 1935, he retired after 43 years in business in the town.

Mr. Widden served on the School Board for a number of years and for a time was secretary. He also spent 10 years as one of the auditors of municipal accounts, and was always interest in civic matters and the interest of the citizens of the town. Mr. Widden's lived at the corner of Queen and Bigelow Street.

Thomas Widden passed away in Port Perry on Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in his 81st year. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert.



**Thomas Widden**

## William Willard

### Dry Goods Merchant

Mr. Willard was born in England in 1841 came to Canada when he was a 10 year-old boy, and settled with his family in Columbus. When he reached early manhood, he started a general store in the Village of Taunton, where he remained for 15 years, serving as village postmaster for that period.

When he sold his property at Taunton, he set up shop at Raglan in 1885 where he conducted a store for four years, before he came to Port Perry.

Here he built an impressive business block on the south east corner of Queen and Perry Streets, which became known as the Willard Block. Mr. Willard operated out of the store on the west side of the building, while there were two other stores to the east. And at the rear of the building facing onto Perry Street was the market building. Upstairs was the office of Dr. Wm. A. Sangster, dentist, and also home of the public library.

The business conducted by Mr. Willard was that of dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing, carpets and furs of all kinds.

Although interested in the affairs of the town, Mr. Willard never accepted any offers of public life. The Willards lived in their home on Cochrane Street.

William Willard passed away in 1939 and was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery, leaving his wife Elizabeth and three children, Harry G., Ethel and Aylmer.



*Willard Block at corner of Perry Street and Queen Street, 1885.*

# Elias Williams

## First Settler of Scugog Village

As certain as Reuben Crandell was the first white settler in Reach Township, so is it that Elias Williams became the first white man to settle in Scugog Village, which eventually became known as Port Perry.

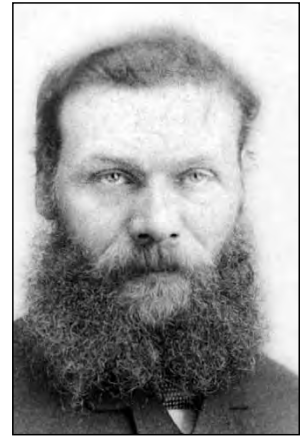
Elias Williams was born in 1777 in Arlington, Vermont, USA, his father, David, was 36 and his mother, Sarah, was 38. He married Loyrennah (Roy) on January 2, 1798 at Bath, Ontario and they had 18 children together. Loyrennah died in 1829 in Port Perry, Ontario, at the age of 58.

Elias moved with his father from Bath, near Kingston, Ontario, to Haldimand County, Ontario in the 1820s. He and Loyrennah and their children moved to Scugog Village (Port Perry, Ontario) about 1826, where their last child, Edward Daniel was born on August 21, 1828. They settled in Scugog Village on part of a 400 acre parcel of land containing lots 19 and 20 in the 6th concession of Reach, he had purchased on April 8, 1831.

He built a log home on his property, establishing himself as the first white settler in what is now Port Perry. The exact location of the Williams' home is not known, but it is believed he cleared a parcel of land just south of the Town Hall, near the waterfront.

Elias married Hannah Parrot on January 22, 1832. They had one child, Benjamin, during their brief marriage. Elias died a few months after the birth of Benjamin.

When Elias died on February 16, 1833, he left all his land to four sons, Peter, Charles, Andrew, Edward and his daughter Hannah. Hannah, wife of Elias, died on December 23, 1884, in Bowmanville, Ontario, having lived a long life of 84 years.



Elias Williams

# Madison Williams

## Foundry Owner

Mr. Williams is a native of Port Perry, the son of Edward Daniel Williams and Sarah Ann (Leggins?) Lackin. He was born on September 8, 1857, one of 13 children, all boys, in the marriage.

In his early years he was a boot and shoe merchant and also conducted liquor store business in town, selling it in 1899.

In 1897 he purchased the valuable foundry of Paxton, Tate & Company, located on Perry St, near the corner of Paxton. The industry was one of the most valuable in the town, dating back more than 40 years.

The buildings and yard occupied an area of six acres, with the business office on Perry Street. The work area included a machine shop, foundry, pattern room, blacksmith shop and electric light plant. It's main products were turbine water wheels and saw mill machinery. Through his products, the name of Port Perry became known from one end of the country to the other for his fine machines.

In 1910 the old foundry building was torn down to make room for a new industry, which never did locate there.



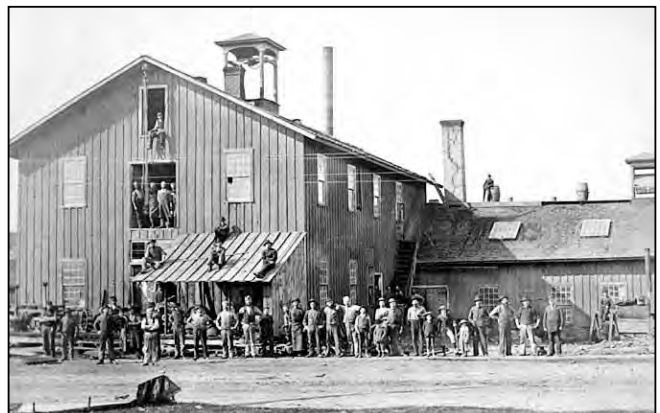
Madison Williams

Mr. Williams also took a keen interest in his community and served on Port Perry council for a number of years during the 1920s. He was also fond of music and was a member of the Port Perry Band.

Madison Williams lived in a good home on John Street. Later he and his wife Mary moved to their new home at Lindsay, Ontario where Mary predeceased him in 1915.

Madison was 59 years of age when he married Jean Richards, 28, of Shelborne, Ontario. They were married at Detroit, Michigan, USA, on October 21, 1916.

Madison Williams died December 2, 1934, at 78 years of age.



Williams Foundry on Perry Street, 1887

## G. Murray Williams

### Automotive Dealership Owner

George Murray Williams was born on February 8, 1907, in Port Perry, Ontario, one of six children for Alonzo and Ethel (Still) Williams. The Williams family operated a farm on the 7th Concession of Reach Township.

Murray was 29 when he married Doris Jean Nesbitt, at Columbus, Ontario, on September 15, 1936. The couple had three children during their marriage - Jeanne, John and Grant.

Murray Williams was one of Harold Archer's top car salesman at his Pontiac dealership and in 1930 he accompanied Mr. Archer on a 3,200 mile trip to Vancouver in a new Pontiac car, driving all but 150 miles of the trip.

By 1946 Murray had purchased a property on Queen Street, across from the lawn bowling club, and established a Ford-Mercury dealership. Ten years later he moved into a new building at the western edge of Port Perry, on Highway 7A, selling Mercury, Ford and Lincoln automobiles. He operated successfully from this location for 25 years.

Murray Williams retired, after 63 years in the automotive industry, selling his dealership to Colin Ball in 1977. Although retired, he continued selling Fords as an independent until his death.

During his automotive career, Murray won 14 consecutive Distinguished Dealer Awards from Ford Motor Co. He was a faithful member of the Masonic Lodge.

George Murray Williams died on June 4, 1993, at the age of 86 and was interred at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. His wife Doris Jean passed away in June 1993 at the age of 83. They had been married 56 years



Murray Williams



Garage operated by Murray Williams, on Queen Street, Port Perry, 1946.

## Alonzo Williams

### Farmer

Alonzo Williams was born on December 16, 1875 at the family homestead on the 7th concession of Reach Township, the youngest of a family of 10 boys, all of whom predeceased him.

Following his education at the old Yellow School, north of Port Perry, he returned to the family farm, where he lived until retiring and moving to Port Perry in 1946.

He married Mary Ethel (Still) of Whitby in 1900 and together they shared the busy life of the farm.

Mr. Williams took a keen interest in community life, and was secretary of the local school board for several years. One of his greatest pleasures was music, and he at one time sang in the choir of what was then the Port Perry Methodist Church (United Church) of which he was a member until his death.

Although saddened by the death of his wife in 1956, he enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbours.

Alonzo Williams had been in failing health for the past three years, but quite active until last fall. He passed away in his 94th year, at Oshawa General Hospital on March 3, 1969. Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

He was survived by two sons, Murray and Melvin, and four daughters, Mabel, Alice, Marion and Dorothy.



Alonzo Williams

# Samuel S. Wilmot

## Surveyor

Samuel Wilmot never lived in Scugog Township, but he is an important figure in the area, having performed the first surveys of Reach and Cartwright Township in the early 1800s.

Samuel Street Wilmot was born on March 29, 1773, in New York, USA. His father was Lemuel and mother Elizabeth Wilmot. In 1796 he immigrated to Upper Canada with his family and they made his home near Richmond Hill, in the County of York.

The young Wilmot studied land surveying with German born John Stegmann, and married Stegmann's eldest daughter, Marie Archange, in Toronto on March 26, 1800. They had five children during their marriage together.

He was appointed a Deputy Surveyor on November 6th, 1804, only a few weeks after Mr. Stegmann's tragic death. He was busily employed on surveys for the Government until the war of 1812, when he volunteered for service, and won his rank of Major on the field. He served at the battle of York when it was captured by the Americans in 1813.

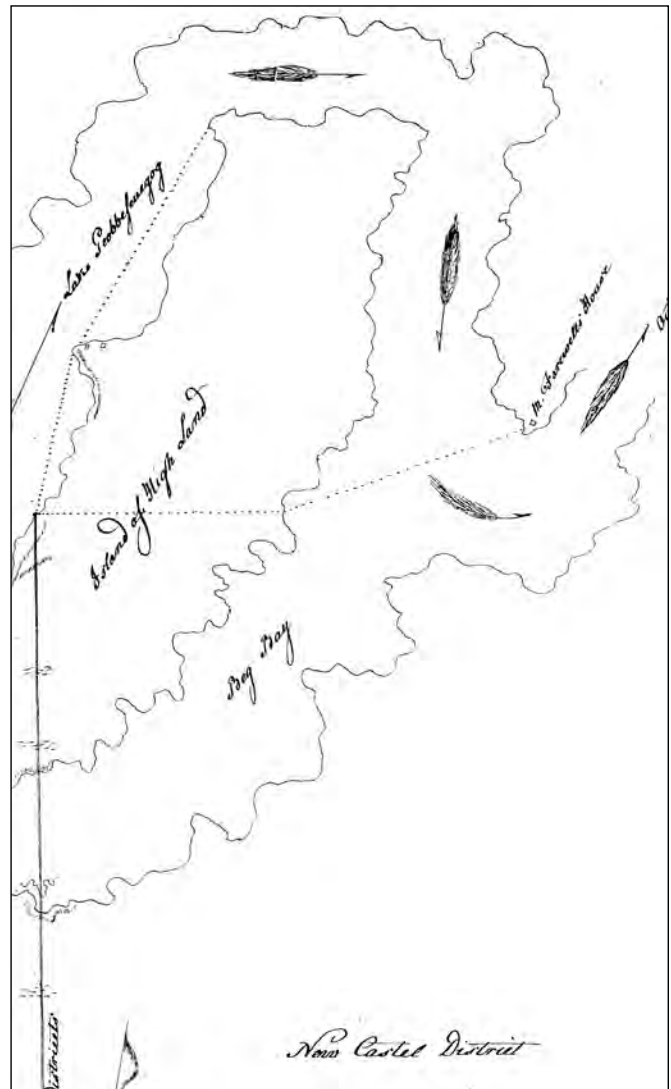
Among the dozens of Ontario surveys Mr. Wilmot performed for the Provincial Government were Reach Township in 1809; Townships Cartwright and Manvers, 1815; and Township of Uxbridge, 1804. About 1819, under instruction's from the Government, he helped surveyed the Kingston Road, from York to Kingston a total of 165 miles. He was absent from home months in remote areas at a time on his survey work, his sole helpers and companions being Christianized Indians.

About 1816, S.S. Wilmot purchased 400 acres in the Township of Clarke, County of Durham, 400 and erected a residence.

Samuel Street Wilmot was 83 when he died in 1856. He was buried in a graveyard in in Clarke Township.



Samuel S. Wilmot



An 1804 survey of part of Cartwright Twp. and Lake Scugog.

# Alexander R. Wilson

## Cigar Manufacturer

Port Perry may not have been Alex Ross Wilson's permanent residence, but for more than 20 years it was here on Lake Scugog where he spent a great deal of time with his wife Mary and their family.

Alex Wilson was born in Scotland in 1870, a son for Ross and Mary (Morton) Wilson. It has not been determined when he first arrived in Canada, but records show he did return to Scotland in 1922 for a visit.

Alex was 45 years old when he married Mary Kennedy Inselman of Fergus, Ontario, on April 24, 1915. Following the marriage they moved into their home at 5 Beaumont Road, Toronto. Alex became very wealthy as owner of his brother's company, Andrew Wilson & Co., which manufactured the very popular "Bachelor" brand cigars.

He sold his company in 1929 and then became vice-president of Consolidated Press Limited of Toronto, publishers of Saturday Night, The Canadian Home Journal and the Farmer's Magazine.

On May 2, 1919, Alex Ross Wilson and his wife Mary purchased a secluded parcel of land off the west shore of Lake Scugog, which was known locally as Seven Mile Island. Over the next few years they developed the property into what would become a magnificent estate.

The Wilsons enlarged the main residence, Delmont Cottage, adding a number of buildings to the property, constructing numerous floral gardens, a swimming pool, tea house, reflecting pool and an elaborate boathouse with a dance hall on the upper level. The property boasted beautifully manicured lawns, rose gardens, bridges, ponds and an elaborate pergola.

While residents of Seven Mile Island, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became quite involved within the community. They were known for their generosity, purchasing new uniforms for the Port Perry Band on one occasion, and donating \$1,000 towards cleaning up Lake Scugog on another.

Occasionally, the Wilsons would open their property to the community for garden parties which the whole community was invited.

Mr. Wilson was 71 years old when he died at his Beaumont Road home on October 12, 1941, after an illness of about two months. Mary stayed on, but sold the estate about three years later.



Alex Ross Wilson



*The Seven Mile Island Estate of Alex and Mary Wilson.*



# Joshua Wright

## Merchant, Politician

Joshua Wright, who was born in Ireland in 1825, was one of the areas most active and influential political leaders a period for more than 30 years, being elected councillor and reeve in both the township of Reach and in Port Perry and also serving as Warden of Ontario County.

Joshua began his business career in Prince Albert as a successful maker of boots and shoes gradually expanding and establishing his own tannery on property to the west of his home. He expanded his operation to Manchester in the mid 1860s. He was the first in the village to install a steam powered engine into his tannery business.

With the shift in trade, he moved his Boot and Shoe Store to Port Perry and in 1877 purchased and outfitted the Sexton Mill property for a large new tannery. In September 1880 he leased the Port Perry Grain Elevator and ventured into grain buying. When his lease on the building ran out, Mr. Wright proceeded to build a new grain elevator on his property near the railway station, finally selling out in 1883 to D.C. Downey.

In 1891, Mr. Wright returned to the grain business, taking over his building, which had been closed down and refitted it for an elevator and grain facility. Less than a year the entire building and stock was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Wright started his municipal career as a councillor in 1859 when he was elected as a councillor for Reach Township. In 1866 he was elected Reeve of Reach, a position he filled for three terms, and was honoured in 1869 by being elected Warden of Ontario County.

Between 1877 and 1893 he was elected as Reeve of Port Perry on seven occasions. During his years as Reeve of Port Perry, Mr. Wright served as a commissioner of the Scugog Bridge and through his efforts convinced his colleagues at the County of Ontario to complete the bridge as a permanent roadway.

He retired from municipal politics at the end of his term in 1893. In 1871, Mr. Wright tried his hand at provincial politics, running as a candidate for North Ontario Riding, but was defeated by Charles Paxton.

On the home front, he served in the Reach Volunteer Infantry Company as a Captain during the 1860s and was a director of the Prince Albert Public Hall Joint Stock Company.

Joshua Wright was married to Mary Ann (Richardson) and they had two sons and seven daughters. She died in November 1897 and a funeral was held at their beautiful Prince Albert residence, followed by interment at Pine Grove Cemetery. Joshua was 63 years old when he passed three months later, on February 2, 1898. He was buried beside his wife at Pine Grove Cemetery.



Joshua Wright



Joshua Wright's home in Prince Albert, Ontario.

# William Yarnold

## Land Surveyor

William Edward Yarnold was born in Kent, England about 1831 and when a young man came to Canada with his father.

He was educated at the Simcoe County Grammar School and after completing his education was articled as a student to the firm of Rankin & Robinson, Provincial Land Surveyors of Toronto.

In 1854 he obtained his diploma as a Provincial Land Surveyor and began the practice of his profession in Prince Albert, for almost 30 years, before moving to Port Perry in 1882, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He occupied the position of County Surveyor for a number of years, and acted as engineer for about 10 township municipalities. He was entrusted with considerable surveying work by the railways. He became so predominate in his profession that his word was readily accepted as being equal to his bond. His services were in demand in all parts of the Province and his popularity as a professional man was ever on the increase.

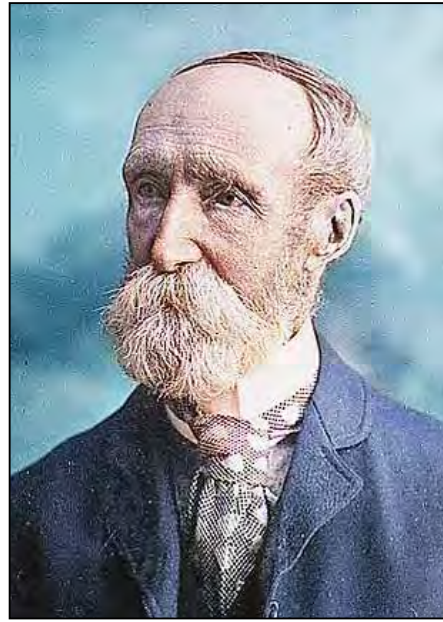
Of his more important local projects, Mr. Yarnold was awarded the contract for constructing 600 feet of permanent roadway at the east end of the Scugog Bridge. In 1882, he was hired to prepare a survey map for the embankment across a section of the Scugog which would later become the Cartwright causeway.

Mr. Yarnold and his wife were greatly beloved citizens. He was a character of rare excellence and was described as being short of stature, slightly built, with pale, calm and highly intellectual countenance, and mild and investigating eyes.

The Yarnold's home was located at the corner of Queen and Cochrane St., one of the beautiful spots in town.

The death of Mr. Yarnold in December 16, 1916, came after falling sick with pneumonia. He was 85 years old at the time of his death and was mourned by his wife Sophronie Celia Yarnold and daughter Ella Maud and the residents of the town he had resided in for more than 60 years.

Celia S. (Haight) Yarnold died at Port Perry on Thursday, February 27, 1919 in her 91st year. She was buried beside her husband in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert, Ontario



William Yarnold

# Frank M. Yarnold

## Lawyer, Solicitor

Frank Merwin Yarnold was only 45 years old when he passed away in Port Perry following a serious ailment.

He was a highly respected and lifetime resident of Port Perry and Prince Albert, and had retired from business at his office two months earlier due to his illness.

Mr. Yarnold was born in Prince Albert in 1856 and raised locally, the son of William Edward and Cecila Yarnold. He was educated at Port Perry public and high schools, then went on to graduate from law school before returning to his home town to set up practice. Over the years attracted a large clientele, many who became good friends.

Mr. Yarnold had a long and distinguished career. He was appointed clerk for the village of Port Perry in November 1892, and less than six months later was appointed the corporation's solicitor.

In June 1893, he was again honoured by being appointed solicitor for the corporation of Reach Township.

In addition to his professional career, he served as a member of the school board and was for several held the position of chairman. His genial, kind sympathetic nature and uncompromising principles, were so blended as to secure him hosts of friends and respect. He was a devoted Christian and an active conservative.

Frank Merwin Yarnold died from stomach cancer on February 4, 1901 and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.



Frank Yarnold

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