

## McEwan Family

### Index

#### Section 1: McEwan Family Tree

- Names and identification number of each descendant of Alexander McEwan [41] and Mary *Mann* McEwan [42]. Each new generation is indented. It should be noted that the tree is not complete. It contains only those members for which there is a photo or other documentation.

#### Note on Organization of the Family Tree:

1. Each person has been designated a number which correlates to their position on the family tree. The first two identified members of the family are each given a number. Each consecutive child is then given a letter to the end of that number. For example, the first child is 1-2a, the second child is 1-2b, and so on. The numbering system continues with each new generation being given an additional letter signifying their position within the tree.
2. Each spouse of a direct descendant is designated with Sp. for Spouse. For example, if they are married to the third child in the family tree, they would be numbered as, "1-2c.Sp." If they have more than more spouse, it will be denoted by a number after the Sp. "1-2c.Sp.2."

If an individual in this family tree is connected to another family associated with the project, that person's identification number will change in their second tree.

#### Section 2: Family photographs and archival documents

- Includes photographs and source documents related to each family member.

## Section 1: McEwan Family Tree

**Alexander McEwan** [41]

m. **Mary Mann McEwan** [42]

A. **John McEwan** [41-42a]

m. Agnes *Ballantyne* McEwan [41-42a.Sp.]

i. Robert McEwan [41-42aa]

m. Harriotte *Hemsley* McEwan [41-42aa.Sp.]

1. Harriotte *McEwan* Simpson [41-42aaa]

m. Alexander Simpson [41-42aaa.Sp.]

i. Robert (Mac) Simpson [41-42aaaa]

m. Louise *Monteith* Simpson [41-42aaaa.Sp.]

1. Donald Simpson [41-42aaaaa]

m. Marie *Crawford* Simpson [41-42aaaaa.Sp.]

i. Kathryn *Simpson* Struthers [41-42aaaaaa]

ii. Margaret *Simpson* Green [41-42aaaaab]

iii. Robert Simpson [41-42aaaaac]

iv. Jane *Simpson* Rundle [41-42aaaaad]

v. Laurie *Simpson* Smith [41-42aaaaae]

2. Verna *Simpson* Willows [41-42aaaab]

m. Floyd Willows [41-42aaaab.Sp.]

3. Eileen *Simpson* Hosick [41-42aaaac]

m. Wallace Hosick [41-42aaaac.Sp.]

4. Lois *Simpson* Kipfer [41-42aaaac]

m. Fred Kipfer [41-42aaaac.Sp.]

ii. Margaret Simpson [41-42aaab]

iii. Charlotte Simpson [41-42aaac]

iv. William Simpson [41-42aaad]

m. Gertrude *Smith* Simpson [41-42aaad.Sp.]

2. Agnes *McEwan* Blacklock [41-42aab]

m. William Blacklock [41-42aab.Sp.] see also [26-27l]

3. John (Jack) McEwan [41-42aac]

m. Rubina *Irvine* McEwan [41-42aac.Sp.] see also [50-51ch]

i. J. Gordon McEwan [41-42aaca]

m. Lois *Hearn* McEwan [41-42aaca.Sp.] see also [14-15ebc]

1. Betty Lou *McEwan* Cull [41-42aaca]

2. Lois Ann *McEwan* Moir [41-42aacab]

3. Robert McEwan [41-42aacac]

4. J. Terry McEwan [41-42aacad]

ii. Alexander McEwan [41-42ab]

m. Mary *Duff* McEwan [41-42ab.Sp.]

1. Helen (Nellie) *McEwan* Baxter [41-42aba]

m. James Baxter [41-42aba.Sp.]

2. John McEwan [41-42abb]

m. Alice *Ackerviller* McEwan [41-42abb.Sp.]

i. Dorothy *McEwan* Berger [41-42abba]

- ii. Ruby *McEwan* Jackson [41-42abbb]
- 3. Thomas McEwan [41-42abc]
- 4. Agnes *McEwan* Armstrong [41-42abd]
- m. George Armstrong [41-42abd.Sp.]
  - i. Percy Armstrong [41-42abda]
  - ii. Elmer Armstrong [41-42abdb]
- 5. Adam McEwan [41-42abe]
- 6. Janet (Nettie) McEwan [41-42abf]
- 7. Bessie *McEwan* Roberts [41-42abg]
- 8. Robert McEwan [41-42abh]
- 9. Lorne McEwan [41-42abi]
- iii. Janet *McEwan* Aitcheson [41-42ac]
- m. James Aitcheson [41-42ac.Sp.]
  - 5. Mary *Aitcheson* Murray [41-42ace]
  - m. Walter Murray [41-42ace.Sp.]
    - i. Walter (Murf) Murray [41-42acea]
    - m. Mildred *Ballantyne* Murray [41-42acea.Sp.]
      - ii. Harold (Ting) Murray [41-42aceb]
      - m. Florence *Bell* Murray [41-42aceb.Sp.]
      - iii. George Murray [41-42acec]
      - m Doris *Thompson* Murray [41-42acec.Sp.]
  - 6. Walter Aitcheson [41-42acf]
  - 7. Thomas Aitcheson [41-42acg]
- iv. Mary *McEwan* Bain [41-42ad]
- m. John Bain [41-42ad.Sp.]
  - 1. Agnes *Bain* Wiley [41-42ada]
  - m. William Wiley [41-42ada.Sp.]
  - 2. Robert Bain [41-42adb]
  - m. Ruby *Switzer* Bain [41-42adb.Sp.]
    - i. Allan Bain [41-42adba]
    - m Ann *Packham* Bain [41-42adba.Sp.]
    - ii. Gladys *Bain* Bourke [41-42adbb]
    - iii. Maurice Bain [41-42adbc]
  - 3. Edna Bain [41-42adc]
  - 4. Jane Bain [41-42add]
  - 5. William Bain [41-42ade]
  - m. Frieda Boyes Bain [41-42ade.Sp.]
    - i. Isabel *Bain* Mardin [41-42adec]
    - m. Lloyd Mardin [41-42adec.Sp.]
  - 6. Mary *Bain* Clarke [41-42adf.Sp.]
  - m. Robert Clarke [41-42adf.Sp.]
  - 7. John Bain [41-42adg]
- v. John McEwan [41-42ae]
- m. Ella *Foster* McEwan [41-42ae.Sp.]
  - 1. Elmer McEwan [41-42aea]
  - 2. Myrtle *McEwan* Shortreed [41-42aeb]

- 3. Vida *McEwan* Caldwell [41-42aec]
- 4. Bonnie *McEwan* Terry [41-42aed]
- vi. George McEwan [41-42af]
- vii. Margaret McEwan Cosh [41-42ag]
- m. Newton Cosh [41-42ag.Sp.]
  - 1. Olive Cosh [41-42aga]
  - 2. Harold Cosh [41-42agb]
  - 3. Melvin Cosh [41-42agc]
  - 4. Evelyn *Cosh* Moody [41-42agd]
  - 5. Verna *Cosh* McSherry [41-42age]
  - 6. Clarion Cosh [41-42agf]
- viii. James MacEwan [41-42ah]
- m. Mary *Fisher* MacEwan [41-42ah.Sp.]
  - 1. Ian MacEwan [41-42aha]
  - m. Heather *Kerr* MacEwan [41-42aha.Sp.]
    - i. James MacEwan [41-42ahaa]
    - ii. Hugh MacEwan [41-42ahab]
    - iii. Ian MacEwan [41-42ahac]
  - 2. Mary MacEwan [41-42ahb]
- ix. Arthur MacEwan [41-42ai]
- m. Marion *Hallett* MacEwan [41-42ai.Sp.]
  - 1. Thelma MacEwan [41-42aia]
  - 2. Keith MacEwan [41-42aib]
- B. Mary McEwan [41-42b]**
- C. Mary *McEwan* Fisher [41-42c]**
- m. **Donald Fisher** [41-42c.Sp.]
  - i. Mary Fisher Dempster [41-42ca]
  - m. Gilbert Dempster [41-42ca.Sp.]
    - 1. James Dempster [41-42caa]
    - 2. Mary Dempster [41-42cab]
    - 3. Marion Dempster [41-42cac]
  - ii. Duncan Fisher [41-42cb]
  - m. Maggie Gilchrist Fisher [41-42cb.Sp.]
    - 1. Lydia Fisher [41-42cba]
    - 2. Mary Fisher [41-42cbb]
  - iii. Jane Fisher [41-42cc]
  - m. Alexander Fisher [41-42cd]
- D. Arthur McEwan [41-42d]**
- E. George McEwan [41-42e]**
- F. George McEwan [41-42f]**
- m. **Margaret McEwan** [41-42f.Sp.1.]
  - i. Mary *McEwan* Wear [41-42fa]
  - m. George Wear [41-42fa.Sp.]
  - ii. Susan *McEwan* Dear [41-42fb]
  - m. William Dear [41-42fb.Sp.]
  - iii. Margaret *McEwan* Kauffman [41-42fc]

- m. Louis Kauffman [41-42fc.Sp.]
- iv. Edward McEwan [41-42fd]
- m. **Amy Ward McEwan** [41-42f.Sp.2.]
- v. Frances McEwan [41-42fe]
- vi. Arthur McEwan [41-42ff]
- vii. Alice *McEwan* Arscott [41-42fg]
- m. Francis Arscott [41-42fg.Sp.]
  - 1. Frances (Ina) *Arscott* Chadwick [41-42fga]
  - 2. Earl Arscott [41-42fgb]
- viii. Andrew McEwan [41-42fh]
- ix. John McEwan [41-42fi]
- m. Elda *Mair* McEwan [41-42fi.Sp.]
  - 1. Ena *McEwan* Cook [41-42fia]
  - m. Frank Cook [41-42fia.Sp.]
  - 2. Betty *McEwan* MacDonald [41-42fib]
  - m. Donald MacDonald [41-42fib.Sp.]
- x. Murray McEwan [41-42fj]
- m. Lizzie *Ross* McEwan [41-42fj.Sp.]
  - 1. Ross McEwan [41-42fja]
  - 2. Frank McEwan [41-42fjb]
  - 3. Harry McEwan [41-42fjc]
  - m. Elva *Govier* McEwan [41-42fjc.Sp.]
- xi. Gordon McEwan [41-42fk]
- xii. Ethel McEwan [41-42fl]
- G. **Andrew McEwan** [41-42g]

## Section 2: Family photographs and archival documents

This table contains the above listed family members and links to related photographs and documents. Please click the blue highlighted number in the “Record Number” column to view each record. You can also scroll through all the photographs and documents [here](#).

Suggestion: The easiest way to locate an individual is by looking for their specific family number (e.g., 41-42aaca).

Record Number	Record Type	Name(s) of associated family	Tree Number	Notes related to record
<a href="#">ph01</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	L19 C3 Downie Township; brick house built ca. 1919.
<a href="#">ph02</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph03.1</a>	Family stories	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph03.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph03.3</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph03.4</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Jack McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aac 41-42aaca.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph03.5</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aaca. 41-42aac. 41-42aac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph03.6</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph04.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aac.Sp.	L19 C3 Downie Township, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph04.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	L19 C3 Downie Township, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph05</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Agnes McEwan Armstrong Elmer Armstrong Gordon McEwan Percy Armstrong	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42abd 41-42abdb 41-42aac 41-42abda	Armstrong farm, ca. 1917. Avonton Presbyterian Church in the back left.
<a href="#">ph06</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aac. 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph07</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph08</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	

<a href="#">ph09</a>	Photo	Inez Bennett Bell Gordon McEwan	20-21dabh 41-42aaca	taken 1915.
<a href="#">ph10</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Ethel Ballantyne Robertson Agnes McEwan Armstrong William Robertson Jack McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aaca.Sp. 20-21dgb 41-42adb 20-21 41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan	41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca	L19 C3 Downie Township, ca. 1920.
<a href="#">ph12</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca	L19 C3 Downie Township, ca. 1920.
<a href="#">ph13</a>	Photo	Ruth Erb Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1942
<a href="#">ph14.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1943
<a href="#">ph14.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1944
<a href="#">ph14.3</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1945
<a href="#">ph15</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1946
<a href="#">ph16</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Stratford, ON 1947
<a href="#">ph25</a>	Photo	Mac Smith Wif Tuer		
<a href="#">ph36</a>	Book Page	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph42</a>	Photo	Lou McEwan Cull	41-42aaca	St. Pauls, Ontario, 1940.
<a href="#">ph43</a>	Photo			S.S. # 3 Downie Twp. Black Creek
<a href="#">ph44.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph44.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph46</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph49</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan Lou McEwan Cull Loiey McEwan Moir	41-42aaca 41-42aaca.Sp. 41-42aaca 41-4aacab	Kelly Hearn's St. George St. St. Marys ca. 1941.
<a href="#">ph50</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Robert McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aacc	Kelly Hearn's St. George St. St. Marys ca. 1943.
<a href="#">ph51</a>	Photo	Lou McEwan Cull	41-42aaca	St. Pauls,

				Ontario, 1940.
<a href="#">ph52</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Mac Smith Wilf Tuer	41-42aaca	S .S. # 3 Downie Twp. Black Creek School.
<a href="#">ph55</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan George Murray Peter Smith Mait Hammond	41-42aaca 41-42acec 31-32dbaa	Sebringville Ball Team, 1935.
<a href="#">ph56.1</a>	Letter	Gordon McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aaca. 41-42aac.Sp.	1943
<a href="#">ph56.2</a>	Letter	Gordon McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aaca. 41-42aac.Sp.	1943
<a href="#">ph60</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. # 3 Downie Twp Black Creek School ca. 1934
<a href="#">ph61</a>	Photo	Wes Kant Bob Litt Audrey Erb Betty Litt Willie Erb		S.S. # 3 Downie Twp Black Creek School ca. 1936.
<a href="#">ph62.1</a>	Photo	Betty Lou McEwan Cull Alice Dawson Archie Dawson William Scheuerman Verna Scheuerman George Sccheuerman	41-42aaca	Dawson Home, St. Pauls, Ontario, ca. 1941.
<a href="#">ph62.2</a>	Photo	Betty Lou McEwan Cull Alice Dawson Archie Dawson William Scheuerman Verna Scheuerman George Sccheuerman	41-42aaca	Dawson Home, St. Pauls, Ontario, ca. 1942.
<a href="#">ph63</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph64</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Betty Lou McEwan Cull	41-42aac 41-42aaca	McEwan farm home, ca. 1939.
<a href="#">ph69</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph70</a>	Photo	Nellie McEwan Baxter Agnes McEwan Armstrong	41-42aba 41-42abd	
<a href="#">ph71</a>	Census	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock John McEwan	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aab 41-42aac	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph72</a>	Funeral Program	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	b. 1914 d. 06 November 1981

<a href="#">ph74</a>	Photo	Lorne McEwan	41-42abi	
<a href="#">ph75</a>	Photo	Lorne McEwan	41-42abi	
<a href="#">ph76</a>	Photo	Lorne McEwan	41-42abi	
<a href="#">ph85</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp.	ca. 1950
<a href="#">ph86</a>	Photo	Myrtle McEwan Shortreed Elmer McEwan	41-42aeb 41-42aea	
<a href="#">ph185.1</a>	Letter	Evelyn Cosh Moody	41-42agd	
<a href="#">ph185.2</a>	Letter	Evelyn Cosh Moody	41-42agd	
<a href="#">ph185.3</a>	Letter	Evelyn Cosh Moody	41-42agd	
<a href="#">ph186</a>	Letter	Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ad	08 April 1924
<a href="#">ph187.1</a>	Letter	George MacEwan	41-42af	George died unmarried. His will left money to his siblings. Some money was received but then stopped appearing.
<a href="#">ph187.2</a>	Letter	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph188</a>	Obituary	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph189</a>	Obituary	Allan Bain	41-42adba	
<a href="#">ph190.1</a>	Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph190.2</a>	Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph191</a>	Photo	Louis Kauffman George Wear Golden Kauffman Mary McEwan Margaret McEwan Kauffman	41-42fa.Sp. 41-42fa.Sp. 41-42fca 41-42fa 41-42fc	
<a href="#">ph192</a>	Obituary	Mary McEwan Wear	41-42fa	
<a href="#">ph193</a>	Death Certificate	Mary McEwan Wear	41-42fa	d. 06 December 1915
<a href="#">ph592</a>	Photo	Allan Bain	41-42adba	
<a href="#">ph593</a>	Photo	Allan Bain Gladys Bain Bourke Maurice Bain	41-42adba. 41-42adbb. 41-42adbc.	1928
<a href="#">ph594</a>	Photo	Ruby Switzer Bain	41-42bd.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph1193</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph1194</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph1196</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph1197</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph1198</a>	Photo	John McEwan	41-42fl	ca. 1946
<a href="#">ph1199</a>	Photo	Ena McEwan Frank Cook	41-42fia 41-42fia.Sp.	

<a href="#">ph1200</a>	Photo	Donald MacDonald Betty McEwan MacDonald Ena McEwan Frank Cook	41-42fib.Sp. 41-42fib 41-42fia 41-42fia.Sp.	Wedding photo
<a href="#">ph1201</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph1202</a>	Family stories	James McEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph1203</a>	Family stories	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph1204</a>	Family stories	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph1205</a>	Family stories	James McEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph1206</a>	Family stories	George McEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph1207</a>	Family stories	Adam McEwan	41-42abe	
<a href="#">ph1208</a>	Photo	Eileen Simpson Hosick	41-42aaaac	
<a href="#">ph1209</a>	Photo	Lois Simpson Kipfer	41-42aaaad	
<a href="#">ph1210</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1211</a>	Family stories	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph1212</a>	Death Reg.	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	d. 01 August 1893
<a href="#">ph1213</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1214</a>	Family stories	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph1215</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1216</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1217</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1218</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1219.1</a>	Photo	Mae Clatworthy Langford		
<a href="#">ph1219.2</a>	Photo	Mae Clatworthy Langford		Reverse of ph1219.1
<a href="#">ph1220</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1221.1</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1221.2</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1222</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1223</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1224.1</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1224.2</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1224.3</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1225</a>	Obituary	Florence Bell Murray	41-42aceb.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph1226</a>	Wedding Announcement	Kathryn Simpson Struthers	41-42aaaaaa	m. 17 November 1982
<a href="#">ph1227</a>	Certificate	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph1228</a>	Newsclipping	Jean Lyoness Bain	41-42adbc	Top Citizen, Milverton Sun, March 1982
<a href="#">ph1229.1</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	

<a href="#">ph1229.2</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1229.3</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1231</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1232</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph1233</a>	Certificate	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	High School Certificate
<a href="#">ph1234.1</a>	Letter	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	16 August 1937
<a href="#">ph1234.2</a>	Letter	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	10 June 1939
<a href="#">ph1235.1</a>	Photo	Mary Babb Lois Hern McEwan Marie Crawford Simpson	26-27laa 41-42aaca 41-42aaaaa.Sp.	Stratford, ON, 1998
<a href="#">ph1235.2</a>	Photo	Lois Simpson Kipfer Sonya Simpson Tuer Sondra Simpson Buchner	41-42aaaad 41-42aaadb 41-42aaadc	Stratford, ON, 1998
<a href="#">ph1235.3</a>	Photo	Don Simpson Gladys Blacklock Babb	41-42aaaaa 26-27la	Stratford, ON, 1998
<a href="#">ph1235.4</a>	Photo	Gladys Blacklock Babb Verna Simpson Willows Fred Kipfer Eileen Simpson Hosick	26-27la 41-42aaaab 41-42aaaad.Sp. 41-42aaaac	Stratford, ON, 1998
<a href="#">ph1236</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Rural Critic Teachers photo, 1937.
<a href="#">ph1237</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	The Normal School Stratford, 1933. Debaters and public speakers.
<a href="#">ph1238</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	The Normal School Stratford, 1933
<a href="#">ph1239</a>	Photo	Don Simpson	41-42aaaaa	As a baby.
<a href="#">ph1240</a>	Photo	Betty Lou McEwan Cull	41-42aaca	As a baby.
<a href="#">ph1241</a>	Newsclipping	Ethel Ballantyne Robinson Agnes McEwan Blacklock Mary Aitcheson Murray Mary Ballantyne Aitcheson	20-21dgbb 41-42aab 41-42ace 20-21dgba	
<a href="#">ph1255</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	Graduating class, Stratford Collegiate, 1931.
<a href="#">ph1256</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	Rural Practice Teachers photo, 1942.
<a href="#">ph1257</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	Rural School

				Practice Teachers.
<a href="#">ph3471</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan Jack McEwan	41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph3481</a>	Photo	Arthur MacEwan Agnes Ballantyne McEwan	41-42ai 41-42a.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph3971</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph6501</a>	Photo	Bessie McEwan Agnes McEwan Armstrong Nettie McEwan Adam McEwan	41-42abg 41-42abd 41-42abf 41-42abe	McEwan home, ca. 1910.
<a href="#">ph9011</a>	Photo	Helen (Nellie) McEwan Baxter James Baxter	41-42aba 41-42aba.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9021</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock William Blacklock Betty Lou McEwan Cull	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aab 41-42aab.Sp. 41-42aacia	ca. 1940
<a href="#">ph9031</a>	Funeral Card	Alex Simpson	41-42aaa.Sp.	d. 1921
<a href="#">ph9041</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aac.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, Oxford County, ON. 1946.
<a href="#">ph9051</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson Elmer Armstrong Helen McEwan Baxter George Armstrong Mac Simpson June Simpson Agnes McEwan Armstrong Charlotte Simpson Percy Armstrong	41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42abdb 41-42aba 41-42abd.Sp. 41-42aaaa 41-42aaab 41-42abd 41-42aac 41-42abda	
<a href="#">ph9071</a>	Letter	George McEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph9091</a>	Photo	Adam McEwan	41-42abe	
<a href="#">ph9121</a>	Photo	Nellie McEwan Baxter	41-42aba	
<a href="#">ph9131</a>	Photo	Adam McEwan	41-42abe	
<a href="#">ph9151</a>	Photo	James McEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph9161</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Armstrong George Armstrong	41-42abd 41-42abd.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9171</a>	Photo	George MacEwan James MacEwan	41-42af 41-42ah	

<a href="#">ph9181</a>	Photo	Bessie McEwan Margaret Simpson Nettie McEwan Adam McEwan	41-42abg 41-42aaab 41-42abf 41-42abe	
<a href="#">ph9191</a>	Photo	Adam McEwan	41-42abe	
<a href="#">ph9201</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Armstrong Maggie McEwan Cosh George Armstrong Alex McEwan Agnes Ballantyne McEwan Mary Duff McEwan Percy Armstrong Verna Cosh McSherry Evelyn Cosh Moody	41-42abd 41-42ag 41-42abd.Sp. 41-42ab 41-42a.Sp. 41-42ab.Sp. 41-42abda 41-42age 41-42agd	McEwan farm, Downie Township
<a href="#">ph9211</a>	Photo	John McEwan Alice Ackerviller McEwan Dorothy McEwan Berger	41-42abb 41-42abb.Sp. 41-42abba	
<a href="#">ph9221</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Harriotte McEwan Simpson Alex Simpson Charlotte Simpson June Simpson	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aac 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph9231</a>	Photo	Thomas McEwan	41-42abc	
<a href="#">ph9241</a>	Photo	Vida McEwan Caldwell Bonnie McEwan Terry	41-41aec 41-42aed	
<a href="#">ph9251</a>	Photo	Maggie McEwan Cosh	41-42ag	
<a href="#">ph9171</a>	Obituary	Frank Arscott	41-42fg.Sp.	London Free Press, 1925.
<a href="#">ph9281</a>	Obituary	Frank Arscott	41-42fg.Sp.	London Free Press, 1925.
<a href="#">ph9301</a>	Gravestone	Margaret McEwan Cosh Newton Cosh	41-42ag 41-42ag.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9311.1</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.2</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.3</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.4</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.5</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.6</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9311.7</a>	Probate Will	George MacEwan	41-42af	1923
<a href="#">ph9341</a>	Photo	Marion Mallett MacEwan	41-42ai.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9361</a>	Obituary	George MacEwan	41-42af	

<a href="#">ph9391</a>	Photo	Mary Duff McEwan Ella Foster McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan John McEwan Bonnie McEwan Terry Vida McEwan Caldwell	41-42ab.Sp. 41-42ae.Sp. 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42ae. 41-42aed. 41-42aec.	
<a href="#">ph9411</a>	Photo	Earl Arscott John Bain Bill Bain Bessie McEwan Robarts Ina Arscott Chadwick Margaret Simpson Mary Bain Clarke Agnes Bain Wiley Lorne McEwan	41-42fgb 41-42adg 41-42ade 41-4abg 41-72fga 41-42aaab 41-42adf 41-42ada 41-42abi	
<a href="#">ph9421</a>	Attestation Paper	Elmer McEwan	41-42aea	
<a href="#">ph9431</a>	Attestation Paper	Elmer McEwan	41-42aea	
<a href="#">ph9441</a>	Gravestone	Elmer McEwan	41-42aea	
<a href="#">ph9451</a>	Census	John McEwan	41-42ae	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph9461</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock John McEwan Harriotte McEwan Simpson	41-42aab 41-42aac 41-42aaa	
<a href="#">ph9471</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Viola Hughey Levy	41-42aa 41-42aac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9491</a>	Photo	Louisa Hemsley Smith Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	30-31db 41-41aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9501</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Alex Simpson Harriotte McEwan Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aaa 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph9511</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9521.1</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson June Simpson Ruth McLean Charlotte Simpson Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Katie Sinek MacLean Rev. MacLean	41-42aaad 41-42aaab  41-42aaac 41-42aa.Sp.	

<a href="#">ph9521.2</a>	Photo	Katie Sinek MacLean Rev. MacLean		
<a href="#">ph9521.3</a>	Photo	Rev. MacLean		
<a href="#">ph9531</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph9541</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aa 41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9551</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Harriotte McEwan Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock John McEwan	41-42aa 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aab 41-2aac	
<a href="#">ph9561</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9571</a>	Photo	John McEwan Adam McEwan Thomas McEwan	41-42abb 41-42abe 41-42abc	
<a href="#">ph9581</a>	Family stories	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph9611</a>	Photo	Helen McEwan Baxter Alex McEwan Harriotte McEwan Simpson Mary Duff McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Alice McEwan Arscott Agnes Ballantyne McEwan John McEwan	41-42aba. 41-42ab. 41-42aaa. 41-42ab.Sp. 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42fg. 41-42a.Sp. 41-42a	
<a href="#">ph9621</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan Janet McEwan Aitcheson William Hemsley	41-42aa 41-42ac 30-31e	
<a href="#">ph9631</a>	Photo	John Bain	41-42ad.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9651</a>	Photo	Robert (Bob) Bain	41-42adb	
<a href="#">ph9661</a>	Photo	Agnes Bain Wiley	41-42ada	
<a href="#">ph9671</a>	Photo	Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ad	
<a href="#">ph9681</a>	Photo	Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ad	
<a href="#">ph9691</a>	Obituary	Alice McEwan Arscott	41-42fg	d. 13 May 1947. Article: London Free Press, May 1974.
<a href="#">ph9701</a>	Photo	Margaret McEwan Cosh	41-42ag	
<a href="#">ph9711</a>	Photo	Newton Cosh Maggie McEwan Cosh Olive Cosh	41-42ag.Sp. 41-42ag 41-42aga	
<a href="#">ph9721</a>	Census	John McEwan	41-42a	1861 Census of Canada

<a href="#">ph9731</a>	Census	Margaret McEwan Cosh	41-42ag	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph9741</a>	Photo	Maggie McEwan Cosh Verna Cosh McSherry Evelyn Cosh Moody Melvin Cosh Clarion Cosh Harold Cosh Newton Cosh	41-42ag 41-42age 41-42agd 41-42agc 41-42agf 41-42abg 41-42ag.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9751</a>	Photo	John McEwan Elmer McEwan Myrtle McEwan Ella Foster McEwan	41-42ae 41-42aea 41-42aeb 41-42ae.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9761</a>	Photo	George McEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph9771</a>	Letter	James Ballantyne McEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph9781</a>	Census	Susan McEwan Dear	41-42fb	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph9791</a>	Photo	Elmer McEwan Myrtle McEwan Vida McEwan	41-42aea 41-42aeb 41-42aec	
<a href="#">ph9811</a>	Photo	James MacEwan Mary Fisher MacEwan	41-42ah 41-42ah.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9821</a>	Photo	Mary Fisher MacEwan	41-42ah.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9831</a>	Photo	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph9871</a>	Photo	Arthur MacEwan Marion Hallett MacEwan Keith MacEwan Thelma MacEwan	41-42ai 41-42ai.Sp. 41-42aib 41-42aia	
<a href="#">ph9891</a>	Photo	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai	
<a href="#">ph9901</a>	Photo	Agnes Ballantyne McEwan Mrs Thompson Mary Duff McEwan Jane Ballantyne Ellen Thompson Ballantyne	41-42a.Sp.  41-42ab.Sp. 20-21dac 20-21dag.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9911</a>	Photo	Walter Aitcheson	41-42acf	
<a href="#">ph9921</a>	Photo	Thomas Aitcheson Mary Aitcheson Murray	41-42acg 41-42ace	
<a href="#">ph9931</a>	Photo	Thomas Aitcheson	41-42acg	
<a href="#">ph9941</a>	Photo	Thomas Aitcheson Mary Aitcheson Murray	41-42acg 41-42ace	
<a href="#">ph9951</a>	Photo	Mary Aitcheson Murray	41-42ace	
<a href="#">ph9961</a>	Photo	Janet McEwan Aitcheson	41-42ac	

<a href="#">ph9971</a>	Photo	James Aitcheson	41-42ac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9981</a>	Photo	James Aitcheson Janet McEwan Aitcheson	41-42ac 41-42ac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph9991</a>	Gravestone	Arscott family	41-42fg	Arscott family tombstone, Woodland Cemetery, London, ON.
<a href="#">ph10001</a>	Photo	Francis Arscott Earl Arscott Alice McEwan Arscott Ina Arscott		
<a href="#">ph10021</a>	Wedding Announcement	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	m. 28 March 1917
<a href="#">ph10081</a>	Census	Andrew McEwan	41-42fh	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph10091</a>	Photo	Agnes Ballantyne McEwan	41-42a.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10101</a>	Photo	Agnes Ballantyne McEwan	41-42a.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10111</a>	Marriage Record	John McEwan Agnes Ballantyne McEwan	41-42a 41-42a.Sp.	m. 10 March 1847
<a href="#">ph10141</a>	Photo	Peter Smith Laura Durst Smith Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Charlotte Simpson Hattie McEwan Simpson	30-31dbd 30-31dbd.Sp. 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aaac 41-42aaa	
<a href="#">ph10151</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Ena Arscott Chadwick Amy Ward McEwan Alice McEwan Arscott	41-42aaaa 41-42fga 41-42f.Sp. 41-42fg	
<a href="#">ph10161</a>	Funeral Card	Hattie McEwan Simpson	41-42aaa	d. 06 July 1920
<a href="#">ph10171</a>	Photo	Helen McEwan Baxter Bessie McEwan Robarts Janet McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock Agnes McEwan Armstrong	41-42aba 41-42abg 41-42abf 41-42aab 41-42abd	
<a href="#">ph10181</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock William Blacklock	41-42aab. 41-42aab.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10191.1</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock William Blacklock	41-42aab. 41-42aab.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, family Thanksgiving, taken 22 November 1947

<a href="#">ph10191.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aaca. 41-42aac.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, family Thanksgiving, taken 22 November 1947
<a href="#">ph10191.3</a>	Photo	Alice Irvine Ballantyne Rubina Irvine McEwan June Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock William Blacklock Charles Ballantyne Charlotte Simpson	20-21daf.Sp. 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaab 41-42aab 41-42aab.Sp. 20-21daf 41-42aaac	Dickson's Corners, family Thanksgiving, taken 22 November 1947
<a href="#">ph10191.4</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca. 41-42aaca.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, family Thanksgiving, taken 22 November 1947
<a href="#">ph10201</a>	Photo	Alex McEwan Mary Duff McEwan	41-42ab. 41-42ab.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10211</a>	Photo	Callum MacEwan	41-42ahabd	
<a href="#">ph10221</a>	Photo	Nellie McEwan Baxter Alex McEwan Robert McEwan Mary Duff McEwan Lorne McEwan John McEwan Nettie McEwan Thomas McEwan Bessie McEwan Robarts Adam McEwan Agnes McEwan Armstrong	41-42aba 41-42ab 41-42abh 41-42ab.Sp. 41-42abi 41-42abb 41-42abf 41-42abc 41-42abg 41-42abe 41-42abd	
<a href="#">ph10231</a>	Newsclipping	George McEwan	41-42f	dated 11 October 1912
<a href="#">ph10241</a>	Census	Alex McEwan	41-42ab	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph10251</a>	Newsclipping	George McEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph10261</a>	Census	George McEwan	41-42f	1891 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph10271</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10291</a>	Census	James MacEwan	41-42ah	1901 Census of Canada

<a href="#">ph10301</a>	Photo	Helen McEwan Baxter Agnes McEwan Armstrong Janet McEwan Bessie McEwan Robarts	41-42aba 41-42abd 41-42abf 41-42abg	
<a href="#">ph10321</a>	Photo	Newton Cosh	41-42ag.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10331</a>	Photo	Verna Cosh McSherry	41-42age	
<a href="#">ph10341</a>	Engagement Announcement	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai	
<a href="#">ph10351</a>	Photo	Thelma MacEwan Keith MacEwan	41-42aia 41-42aib	
<a href="#">ph10361</a>	Photo	Thelma MacEwan Keith MacEwan	41-42aia 41-42aib	
<a href="#">ph10371</a>	Photo	Myrtle McEwan Shortreed	41-42aeb.	
<a href="#">ph10381</a>	Newsclipping	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai.	
<a href="#">ph10391</a>	Obituary	James MacEwan	41-42ah.	
<a href="#">ph10401</a>	Census	John William McEwan	41-42fi.	
<a href="#">ph10411</a>	Newsclipping	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai.	1901 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph10421</a>	Newsclipping	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai.	
<a href="#">ph10431</a>	Photo	William MacEwan	41-42aha.	
<a href="#">ph10441</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan	41-42aa.	
<a href="#">ph10451</a>	Family stories	Robert McEwan Bessie McEwan Robarts	41-42abh 41-42abg	
<a href="#">ph10461</a>	Photo	John McEwan Ella Foster McEwan	41-42ae 41-42ae.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10481</a>	Photo	Elmer McEwan Myrtle McEwan Shortreed	41-42aea 41-42aeb	
<a href="#">ph10501</a>	Photo	Robert MacEwan (Mac) Simpson	41-42aaaa	d. 06 September 1979
<a href="#">ph10511</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	1917
<a href="#">ph10531</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson Bill Simpson Charlotte Simpson Mac Simpson June Simpson Harriotte McEwan Simpson	41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaad 41-42aaac 41-42aaaa 41042aaab 41-42aaa	
<a href="#">ph10541</a>		Floyd Willows	41-42aaaab.Sp.	Weekend Magazine, 13 January 1979.
<a href="#">ph10551</a>	Wedding Invitation	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock William Blacklock	41-42aab 41-42aab.Sp. 41-42aa.Sp.	m. 28 March 1917

<a href="#">ph10571</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph10581</a>	Funeral Card	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	d. 06 November 1981
<a href="#">ph10601</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek School, Downie Township, 1938.
<a href="#">ph10611</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek School, Downie Township
<a href="#">ph10621</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	ca. 1920
<a href="#">ph10631</a>	Wedding Invitation	Verna Simpson Willows	41-42aaaab	m. 01 September 1948
<a href="#">ph10641</a>	Photo			S.S. #3 Black Creek School, Downie Township. Built 1901.
<a href="#">ph10651</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca	ca. 1920
<a href="#">ph10661</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan Charles Ballantyne Alice Irvine Ballantyne	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca 20-21daf 20-21daf.Sp.	Jack McEwan home Downie Concession 3, Lot 19, ca. 1919.
<a href="#">ph10671</a>	Photo	Arthur McEwan	41-42ai	
<a href="#">ph10681.1</a>	Photo	Arthur McEwan Mac Simpson	41-42ai 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph10691</a>	Photo			Visitors to the Simpson home
<a href="#">ph10701</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson Harriotte McEwan Simpson June Simpson Mac Simpson Charlotte Simpson Bill Simpson Unidentified others	41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aaab 41-42aaaa 41-42aaac 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10711</a>	Photo	June Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaab 41-42aaad	

<a href="#">ph10721</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Harriotte McEwan Simpson Bill Simpson Charlotte Simpson June Simpson	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aaad 41-42aaac 41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph10731</a>	Photo	Ena Arscott Chadwick Hattie McEwan Simpson Helen McEwan Baxter Agnes McEwan Blacklock Louise Ballantyne Smith Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Alice McEwan Arscott Ruth Erb Charlotte Simpson Margaret Simpson Bill Simpson Tom Ballantyne Earl Arscott	41-42fga 41-42aaa 41-42aba 41-42aac 20-21dgbd 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42fg 41-42aaac 41-42aaab 41-42aaad 20-21dgbe 41-42fgb	Visit with the London McEwan family
<a href="#">ph10741</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Jimmy Murray Tom Moffat George Eckert George Arkle	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph10751</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Gertrude Smith Simpson	41-42aaad 41-42aaad.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph10761</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Margaret Simpson Charlotte Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaab 41-42aaac 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10771</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10781</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph10791</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Jeffery Ballantyne Robert McEwan Louise Ballantyne Ethel Ballantyne Bessie McEwan Nettie McEwan Mary Ballantyne Adam McEwan	41-42aaaa 20-21dgbc 41-42abh 20-21dgbd 20-21dgbb 41-42abg 41-42abf 20-21dgba 41-42abe	S.S. #3 Downie Township, 1902

<a href="#">ph10801</a>	Photo	Maggie Simpson Lorne McEwan Robert McEwan Mac Simpson Bessie McEwan	41-42aaab 41-42abi 41-42abh 41-42aaaa 41-42abg	S.S. #3 Downie Township, 1908
<a href="#">ph10811</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson	41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph10821</a>	Photo	Lou Monteith Simpson Mac Simpson Don Simpson Verna Simpson Willows Lois Simpson Kipfer	41-42aaaa.Sp. 41-42aaaa 41-42aaaaa 41-42aaaab 41-42aaaac	Family reunion St. Pauls, Ont.
<a href="#">ph10831</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aaad 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph10841</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10851</a>	Photo	Don Simpson Marie Crawford Simpson Bob Simpson Kathryn Simpson Struthers Margaret Simpson Green Laurie Simpson Smith Jane Simpson Rundle	41-42aaaaa 41-42aaaaa.Sp. 41-42aaaaac 41-42aaaaaa 41-42aaaaab 41-42aaaaae 41-42aaaaad	Family reunion St. Pauls, Ont.
<a href="#">ph10861</a>	Photo	Lois Simpson Kipfer Fred Kipfer Ron Kipfer Ray Kipfer Ross Kipfer Beth Kipfer Rick Kipfer	41-42aaaac 41-42aaaac.Sp. 41-42aaaaca 41-42aaaacb 41-42aaaacd 41-42aaaacc 41-42aaaacce	Family reunion St. Pauls, Ont.
<a href="#">ph10871</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan Terry McEwan Robert McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aaca.Sp. 41-42aacd 41-42aacc	Family reunion St. Pauls, Ont.
<a href="#">ph10881</a>	Photo	Gertrude Smith Simpson Sonya Simpson Tuer Jane Tuer	41-42aaad.Sp. 41-42aaadb 41-42aaadbb	Family reunion St. Pauls, Ont.
<a href="#">ph10891</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Mac Simpson	41-42aaca 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph10901</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan Charlotte Simpson Ruth Erb	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca 41-42aaac	

<a href="#">ph10911.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	McEwan home, Downie Township, Concession 3, Lot 19, ca. 1918.
<a href="#">ph10911.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	McEwan home, Downie Township, Concession 3, Lot 19, ca. 1918.
<a href="#">ph10921</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	ca. 1917
<a href="#">ph10941</a>	Army Recruitment Form	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	Draft paper
<a href="#">ph10951</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aac	SS #3 North Oxford ca. 1947
<a href="#">ph10961</a>	Photo	Tom Ballantyne Bill Simpson	20-21dgbe 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph10971</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Tom Ballantyne Byron Erb	41-42aaad 20-21dgbe	
<a href="#">ph10981</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Mac Simpson Margaret Simpson Gladys Blacklock Babb	41-42aaad 41-42aaaa 41-42aaab 26-27la	
<a href="#">ph11411.1</a>	Mortgage	John McEwan John Bain	41-42aac 41-42ad.Sp.	1919
<a href="#">ph11411.2</a>	Mortgage	John McEwan John Bain	41-42aac 41-42ad.Sp.	1919
<a href="#">ph11421.1</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11421.3</a>	Newsclipping	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11441</a>	Obituary	Mac McEwan	41-42aaaa	d. 06 September 1979
<a href="#">ph11442</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Pher: Maitland, Stratford, Ontario
<a href="#">ph11461</a>	Mortgage	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph11471</a>	Land Document	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph11481</a>	Deed	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aa.Sp.	Deed to cemetery
<a href="#">ph11491</a>	Note	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Jack McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aa.Sp.	Cemetery plot 1926
<a href="#">ph11551</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue

<a href="#">ph11561</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11571</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11581</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11591</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11601</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11611</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11621</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11631</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11641</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11651</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11661</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11671</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11691</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11701</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11711</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11721</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Christmas

				Concert Monologue
<a href="#">ph11731</a>	Marriage Certificate	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp.	Marriage certificate 1906
<a href="#">ph11741</a>	Grant	Jack McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aa.Sp.	1918 annuity
<a href="#">ph11751</a>	Funeral Book	John McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11761.1</a>	Will	John McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11761.2</a>	Will	John McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph11781.1</a>	Probate Will	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph11781.2</a>	Probate Will	Robert McEwan	41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph11811.1</a>	Mortgage	John McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph11811.2</a>	Mortgage	John McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph11861</a>	Grant	John McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph11871</a>	Deed	John McEwan Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aac. 41-42aa.Sp.	1918
<a href="#">ph11881</a>	Invoice	John McEwan	41-42aac.	1946
<a href="#">ph11891</a>	Letter	Annie Frame Rubina Irvine McEwan	30-31dbb. 41-42aac.Sp	1946
<a href="#">ph11911</a>	Invoice	John McEwan	41-42aac.	From the Greenwood-Gilbert Funeral Services. Dated 12 February 1946.
<a href="#">ph11921</a>	Invoice	Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aac.Sp.	From J.M. Riddell Q.C. Barrister, Solicitor, Etc. for the estate of Rubina McEwan.
<a href="#">ph11931</a>	Share Certificate	John McEwan	41-42aac	Shares in Monterey Coal Co., dated April 1909.
<a href="#">ph11941</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	"Died of Influenza after breif illness"
<a href="#">ph11951</a>	Obituary	Adam McEwan	41-42abe.	
<a href="#">ph14802.2</a>	Photo	Tom Douglas family		
<a href="#">ph14802.3</a>	Photo	Helen Douglas		
<a href="#">ph14802.4</a>	Photo	Tom Douglas family		

<a href="#">ph14802.5</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Ivan Hearn	41-42aac 14-15ebe	ca. 1941
<a href="#">ph20001</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson Tom Ballantyne	41-42aaab 20-21dgbe	
<a href="#">ph20011</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson	41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph20021</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20031</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Margaret Simpson	41-42aaca 41-42aaab	ca. 1917
<a href="#">ph20041</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Bill Simpson Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aaad 41-42aa.Sp.	ca. 1917
<a href="#">ph20051</a>	Photo	John McEwan Agnes Ballantyne McEwan	41-42a 74-42a.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20061</a>	Photo	Pat MacEwan Bill MacEwan Neven MacEwan	41-42ahab 41-42ahaa 41-42ahac	
<a href="#">ph20071</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aaab 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20081</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan Gordon McEwan	41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aaca	ca. 1915
<a href="#">ph20091</a>	Newsclipping	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph20101</a>	Photo	Agnes Ballantyne McEwan Mrs. Duff	41-42a.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20131</a>	Gravestone	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph20141</a>	Photo	Bob Bain	41-42adb.	
<a href="#">ph20161.1</a>	Newsclipping	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph20161.2</a>	Newsclipping	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph20181</a>	Gravestone	Stanley Chadwick	41-42ga.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20191</a>	Photo	Newton Cosh	41-42ag.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20201</a>	Photo	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	St. Marys, ON, ca. 1968.
<a href="#">ph20211</a>	Photo	Maggie McEwan Cosh	41-42ag	
<a href="#">ph20221</a>	Photo	H. Patrick MacEwan	41-42ahab	
<a href="#">ph20231</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20241</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan Viola Hughey Levy	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp. 50-51cea	
<a href="#">ph20251</a>	Gravestone	Ethel McEwan	41-42fl	
<a href="#">ph20261</a>	Photo	Allan Bain	41-42adba	

<a href="#">ph20271</a>	Photo	Isabel Bain Mardlin Lloyd Mardlin	41-42adec 41-42adec.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20281</a>	Photo	Isabel Bain Mardlin Lloyd Mardlin	41-42adec 41-42adec.Sp.	1946
<a href="#">ph20291</a>	Photo	John McEwan	41-42a	ca. 1980
<a href="#">ph20301</a>	Photo	John McEwan	41-42a	
<a href="#">ph20311</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson Ruby Bolton	41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph20321</a>	Photo	Charlotte Simpson	41-42aaac	
<a href="#">ph20331</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Margaret Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph20341</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Black Creek Cheese Factory, Cat Story
<a href="#">ph20361</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson June Simpson Charlotte Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaab 41-42aaac 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20371</a>	Photo	Hattie McEwan Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock June Simpson Charlotte Simpson	41-42aaa 41-42aab 41-42aaab 41-42aaac	
<a href="#">ph20381</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Alex Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20391</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Alex Simpson	41-42aaad 41-42aaa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20401</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 74-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20411</a>	Note	Keith MacEwan	41-42aib	Source: G. Beauchamp Mohawks Over Burma 1985
<a href="#">ph20421</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20431</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20441</a>	Photo	June Simpson	41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph20461</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaad	

<a href="#">ph20471</a>	Photo	Robert Simpson June Simpson Charlotte Simpson Mac Simpson Harriotte McEwan Simpson Bill Simpson Alex Simpson	41-42aaab 41-42aaac 41-42aaaa 41-42aaa 41-42aaad 41-42aaa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20481</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson Harriotte McEwan Simpson	41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaa	
<a href="#">ph20491</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock Charlotte Simpson	41-42aaad 41-42aab 41-42aaac	
<a href="#">ph20501</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20511</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20541</a>	Photo	June Simpson Alex Simpson Mary Duff McEwan James Baxter	41-42aaab 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42ab.Sp. 41-42aba.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20551</a>	Photo	Floyd Willows Murphy Babb Mac Simpson Gertrude Smith Simpson	41-42aaaab 26-27la.Sp. 41-42aaaa 41-42aaad.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph20561</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Margaret Simpson	41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph20571</a>	Photo	Audrey Simpson Don Simpson June Simpson Gladys Babb Gertrude Simpson Sonya Simpson Tuer	41-42aaada.Sp. 41-42aaada 41-42aaab 26-27la 41-42aaad.Sp. 41-42aaadb	
<a href="#">ph20581</a>	Photo	Margaret (June) Simpson Charlotte Simpson Robert (Mac) Simpson	41-42aaab 41-42aaac 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20601</a>	Gravestone	Lorne MacEwan (sic) Helen McEwan Baxter	41-42abi 41-42aba	
<a href="#">ph20611</a>	Photo	Charlotte Simpson	41-42aaac	
<a href="#">ph20621</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaaa 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph20631</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Ruth Erb	41-42aaaa	

<a href="#">ph20641</a>	Photo	Charlotte Simpson Ruth Erb Vera Smith	41-42aac 30-31dbde	
<a href="#">ph20651</a>	Photo	Betty McEwan MacDonald	41-42fjb	
<a href="#">ph20661</a>	Photo	Harry McEwan	41-42fjc	
<a href="#">ph20671</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aad 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20691</a>	Funeral Program	Bob Simpson	41-42aaaaac	1959-2002
<a href="#">ph20701</a>	Funeral Program	Bob Simpson	41-42aaaaac	1959-2002
<a href="#">ph20711</a>	Photo	Harriotte McEwan Simpson	41-42aaa	
<a href="#">ph20731</a>	Photo	Alexander McEwan Robert McEwan	41-42ab 41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph20741</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Lois Hearn McEwan Lou McEwan Cull Loiey McEwan Moir	41-42aaca 41-42aaca.Sp. 41-42aaca 41-42aacab	
<a href="#">ph20751</a>	Photo	Gladys Blacklock Babb Gertrude Smith Simpson Louise Monteith Simpson Mac Simpson Gordon McEwan	26-27la 41-42aad.Sp. 41-42aaaa.Sp. 41-42aaaa 41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph20761</a>	Photo	Byron Erb Bill Simpson Vera Smith	41-42aad	
<a href="#">ph20771</a>	Photo	Byron Erb Tom Ballantyne Bill Simpson Margaret Simpson	20-21dgbe 41-42aad 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph20781</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Charlotte Simpson Margaret Simpson Mac Simpson		41-42aad 41-42aac 41-42aab 41-42aaaa
<a href="#">ph20801</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Robert Simpson Charlotte Simpson June Simpson Alex Simpson Hattie McEwan Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aad 41-42aac 41-42aab 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20811</a>	Photo		41-42	Black Creek Cheese Factory

<a href="#">ph20821</a>	Census	John McEwan	41-42a	1881 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph20831</a>	Census	James MacEwan	41-42ah	1891 Census of Canada
<a href="#">ph20841</a>	Photo	Robert (Mac) Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20851</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20861</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph20871</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20921</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Robert Simpson Charlotte Simpson June Simpson Alex Simpson Hattie McEwan Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aaad  41-42aaac 41-42aaab 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20951</a>	Photo	Murphy Babb Mac Simpson	26-27la.Sp. 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20961</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph20971</a>	Photo	Gladys Babb Gertrude Smith Simpson Gordon McEwan	26-27la 41-42aaad.Sp. 41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph20981</a>	Photo	Avonton Ball Team		
<a href="#">ph20991</a>	Photo	Gladys Babb Bill Simpson Gordon McEwan Louise Hemsley Smith Charlotte Simpson Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Agnes McEwan Blacklock Alex Simpson Mac Simpson Hattie McEwan Simpson Rubina Irvine McEwan Bill Blacklock Jack McEwan	26-27la 41-42aaad 41-42aaca 30-31db 41-42aaac 41-42aa.Sp. 41-42aab 41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaaa 41-42aaa 41-42aac.Sp. 41-42aab.Sp. 41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph21001</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21011</a>	Photo	Rubina (Beanie) Irvine McEwan	41-42aac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21021</a>	Photo	Harriotte Hemsley McEwan Louisa Hemsley Smith	41-42aa.Sp. 30-31db	
<a href="#">ph21031</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21041</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph21061</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson	41-42aaa.Sp.	

<a href="#">ph21071</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21081</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph21101</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21111</a>	Photo	Caroline Hemsley Hamilton Louisa Hemsely Smith Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	30-31dd 30-31db 41-42aa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21121</a>	Photo	Elizabeth Martin Ballantyne Harriotte Hemsley McEwan	20-21dg 41-42aa	
<a href="#">ph21131</a>	Photo	Vida McEwan Caldwell Bonnie McEwan Terry	41-42aec 41-42aed	
<a href="#">ph21141</a>	Photo	Walter Murray Mary Aitcheson Murray	41-42ace.Sp. 41-42ace	
<a href="#">ph21161</a>	Photo	George MacEwan Arthur MacEwan James MacEwan	41-42af 41-42ai 41-42ag	
<a href="#">ph21171</a>	Photo	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai	
<a href="#">ph21181</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Ian MacEwan	41-42aaca 41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph21191</a>	Photo	June Simpson Charlotte Simpson Nettie McEwan Earl Arscott Bill Simpson Lorne McEwan Ena Arscott Chadwick Bessie McEwan Robarts	41-42aaab 41-42aaac 41-42abf 41-42fgb 41-42aaad 41-42abi 41-42fga 41-42abg	
<a href="#">ph21201</a>	Photo	Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ad	Identification uncertain
<a href="#">ph21221</a>	Gravestone	George MacEwan Arthur MacEwan	41-42af 41-42ai	Invarcargill, New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21231</a>	Gravestone	George MacEwan	41-42af	Invarcargill, New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21241</a>	Gravestone	Arthur MacEwan	41-42ai	Invarcargill, New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21251</a>	Photo	Evelyn Cosh Moody	41-42agd	
<a href="#">ph21331</a>	Newsclipping	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph21341</a>	Obituary	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph21351</a>	Photo	Nettie McEwan Percy Armstrong Bessie McEwan	41-42abf 41-42abda 41-42abg	
<a href="#">ph21361</a>	Letter	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	

<a href="#">ph21371</a>	Photo			Jack McEwan home Downie Concession 3, Lot 19.
<a href="#">ph21381</a>	Newsclipping	John MacEwan	41-42abb	From the Stratford Beacon-Herald, 16 August 1986.
<a href="#">ph21391</a>	Funeral Card	William Bain	41-42ade	d. 23 March 1981
<a href="#">ph21401</a>	Obituary	William Bain	41-42ade	d. 23 March 1981
<a href="#">ph21411</a>	Deed	John (Jack) McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph21421</a>	Photo	June Simpson Bill Simpson	41-42aaab 41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21431</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock Bill Blacklock	41-42aab 41-42aab.Sp.	Sebringville, ON
<a href="#">ph21441</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	With a dog in winter.
<a href="#">ph21451</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock Bill Simpson June Simpson Mac Simpson	41-42aab 41-42aaad 41-42aaab 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21461</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21471</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21481</a>	Photo	Ron Coulthard Don Simpson Mac Simpson Marie Simpson Gertrude Smith Simpson Bill Simpson Gladys Babb Murphy Babb	41-42aaaaa 41-42aaaa 41-42aaaaa.Sp. 41-42aaad.Sp. 41-42aaad 26-27la 26-27la.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21491</a>	Photo	Margaret (June) Simpson	41-42aaab	
<a href="#">ph21501</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21511</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson	41-42aaad	
<a href="#">ph21521</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21531.1</a>	Photo	James Wilson		Teacher at S.S. #3 Downie Township, 1910.
<a href="#">ph21531.2</a>	Student List		41-42	List of students from S.S. #3 Downie Township, 1910.
<a href="#">ph21551</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	

<a href="#">ph21561</a>	Photo	Alex Simpson Hattie McEwan Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aaa.Sp. 41-42aaa 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21571</a>	Photo	Ed Goettler Vera Switzer June Simpson Dorothy Goettler	58-59aagb  41-42aab 58-59aagc	
<a href="#">ph21581</a>	Photo	June Simpson Charlotte Simpson	41-42aab 41-42aac	Dickson's Corners, family Thanksgiving, taken 22 November 1947
<a href="#">ph21601</a>	Photo	June Simpson	41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21611</a>	Photo	June Simpson Mac Simpson Lou Monteith Simpson	4142aab 41-42aaaa 41-42aaaa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21621</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21631</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson	41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21641</a>	Gravestone	Hattie McEwan Simpson Alexander Simpson	41-42aaa 41-42aaa.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21651</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Charlotte Simpson Margaret Simpson	41-42aad 41-42aab 41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph21661</a>	Photo	Mac Simpson Gladys Blacklock Babb	41-42aaaa 26-27la	
<a href="#">ph21671</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21681</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Ian MacEwan	41-42aca 41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph21691</a>	Photo	Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21701</a>	Photo			S.S. #3 Black Creek, Downie Township
<a href="#">ph21711</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aca	ca. 1933
<a href="#">ph21721</a>	Photo	Ruth Erb Margaret Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock Mac Simpson	41-42aab 41-42aab 41-42aaaa	
<a href="#">ph21731</a>	Photo	Bill Simpson Charlotte Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aad 41-42aac 41-42aab	
<a href="#">ph21741</a>	Photo	Margaret Simpson Charlotte Simpson Agnes McEwan Blacklock	41-42aab 41-42aac 41-42aab	

<a href="#">ph21751</a>	Photo	Fred Kipfer	41-42aaaad.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21761</a>	Obituary	Gertrude Smith Simpson	41-42aaad.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21771</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan Percy Armstrong Elmer Armstrong Harold Murray George Murray	41-42aaca 41-42abda 41-42abdb 41-42aceb 41-42acec	Downie Township Softball Team, 1934. May have been a church team. On reverse: played Shakespeare,, Knox, Monkton, St. marys Presb. Churches.
<a href="#">ph21781</a>	Photo	Heather MacEwan Ian MacEwan Allan Bain	41-42aha.Sp. 41-42aha 41-42adba	New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21791</a>	Photo	Heather MacEwan Ian MacEwan Ann Packham Bain	41-42aha.Sp. 41-42aha 41-42adba.Sp.	New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21801</a>	Photo	Ann Packham Bain	41-42adba.Sp.	New Zealand
<a href="#">ph21821</a>	Mortgage	Jack McEwan William Bain	41-42aac 41-42ade	
<a href="#">ph21841</a>	Obituary	Lorne McEwan	41-42abi	d. 22 February 1980
<a href="#">ph21851</a>	Letter	Ella Foster McEwan Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ae.Sp. 41-42ad	
<a href="#">ph21861</a>	Photo			S.S. #3 Black Creek, Downie Township, class photo, 15 May 1911.
<a href="#">ph21871</a>	Photo	Charlotte Simpson Gretta Smith Vera Smith	41-42aac 30-31dbdb 30-31dbde	
<a href="#">ph21881.1</a>	Family stories			The McEwans and their relationship to the Cheese industry.
<a href="#">ph21881.2</a>	Family stories			The McEwans and their relationship to the Cheese industry.
<a href="#">ph21881.3</a>	Family stories			The McEwans and their relationship to the Cheese industry.

<a href="#">ph21881.4</a>	Family stories			The McEwans and their relationship to the Cheese industry.
<a href="#">ph21931</a>	Note	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph21961</a>	Photo	Ian MacEwan Heather Kerr MacEwan	41-42aha 41-42aha.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph21971</a>	Death Notice	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Evening Post New Zealand, 1941
<a href="#">ph21981</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Evening Post New Zealand, 1942
<a href="#">ph21991</a>	Wedding Announcement	Arthur MacEwan Marion Hallett MacEwan	41-42ai 41-42ai.Sp.	1908
<a href="#">ph22001</a>	Photo	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	Auckland Star 1934
<a href="#">ph22002</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22003</a>	Photo	George Murray Elmer Armstrong Allan Aitcheson David Aitcheson Peter Smith	41-42acec 41-42abdb 20-21dgbaa 20-21dgbac 30-31dbaa	#7 Ball Team, 1937
<a href="#">ph22005</a>	Photo	Peter Smith Gordon McEwan	30-31dbaa 41-42aaca	1937
<a href="#">ph22007</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp.	Students of S.S. #9 Downie Township, ca. 1940
<a href="#">ph22008</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Class photograph
<a href="#">ph22009</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Feeding chickens
<a href="#">ph22010.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22010.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	with a dog
<a href="#">ph22010.3</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22011</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	The New Dairy School Press, 21 June 1895

<a href="#">ph22012</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan Loiey Betty Lou Mildred Ballantyne Murray Gordon Boyes Murf Murray Eral Boyes Gordon Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp. 41-42ace.Sp. 41-42ace 41-42aace	at Murf and Mill's, 1941.
<a href="#">ph22013.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.3</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.4</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.5</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.6</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.7</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.8</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.9</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.10</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.11</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.12</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.13</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.14</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.15</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.16</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.17</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.18</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.19</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22013.20</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22014</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	
<a href="#">ph22021</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Auckland Star, 05 May 1897
<a href="#">ph22031</a>	Newsclipping	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph22041</a>	Newsclipping	George MacEwan	41-42af	North Advocate, 08 September 1923.
<a href="#">ph22051</a>	Obituary	Mary Fisher MacEwan	41-42af.Sp.	Evening Post, 29 June 1945.
<a href="#">ph22061</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Dairy Produce Expert Press, 02 October 1896
<a href="#">ph22071</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Evening Post, 22 July 1944

<a href="#">ph22081</a>	Photo	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	New Zealand Herald, 03 April 1934
<a href="#">ph22101</a>	Photo	James MacEwan	41-42ah	Free Lance, 29 April 1919
<a href="#">ph22111</a>	Death Notice	Mary MacEwan	41-42ahb	Evening Post, 14 September 1905
<a href="#">ph22121</a>	Family stories	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	
<a href="#">ph22131</a>	Gravestone	John Bain Mary McEwan Bain	41-42ad.Sp. 41-42ad	
<a href="#">ph22141</a>	Gravestone	Robert Clarke Mary Bain	41-42adf.Sp. 41-42adf	
<a href="#">ph22151</a>	Obituary	Verna Simpson Willows	41-42aaaab	
<a href="#">ph22161</a>	Gravestone	Agnes Bain Wiley	41-42ada	
<a href="#">ph22171</a>	Gravestone	Verna Simpson Willows Floyd Willows	41-42aaaab 41-42aaaab.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph22181</a>	Gravestone	Mary Aitcheson Murray Walter Murray	41-42ace 41-42ace.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph22191</a>	Gravestone	George Murray Doris Thompson Murray	41-42acec 41-42acec.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph22211</a>	Gravestone	Clarion Cosh	41-42ahg	
<a href="#">ph22221</a>	Gravestone	Melvin Cosh	41-42agc	
<a href="#">ph22241</a>	Newsclipping	Ian MacEwan	41-42aha	
<a href="#">ph22251</a>	Obituary	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph22261</a>	Photo	James MacEwan Ian MacEwan	41-42ah 41-442aha	
<a href="#">ph22271.1</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Barn raising, ca. 1920.
<a href="#">ph22271.2</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Barn raising, ca. 1920.
<a href="#">ph22271.3</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan	41-42aac	Barn raising, ca. 1920.
<a href="#">ph22291</a>	Photo	Robert McEwan Lorne McEwan	41-42abh 41-42abi	
<a href="#">ph22301</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph22311</a>	Newsclipping	George MacEwan	41-42af	
<a href="#">ph22321</a>	Newsclipping	James MacEwan	41-42ah	
<a href="#">ph22331</a>	Death Notice	John McEwan	41-42ae	
<a href="#">ph22341</a>	Newsclipping	Margaret McEwan Cosh	41-42ag	
<a href="#">ph22351</a>	Photo	Elmer McEwan	41-42aea	

<a href="#">ph22381.1</a>	Photo	Alice Irvine Ballantyne Lou McEwan Cull Loiey McEwan Moir Bob McEwan	20-21daf.Sp. 41-42aaca 41-42aacab 41-42a acac	Dickson's Corners, Oxford County ca. 1946
<a href="#">ph22381.2</a>	Photo	Rubina Irvine McEwan Charles Ballantyne Alice Irvine Ballantyne	41-42aac.Sp. 20-21daf 20-21daf.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, Oxford County ca. 1946
<a href="#">ph22391.1</a>	Photo			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22391.2</a>	Photo			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22391.3</a>	Photo			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22391.4</a>	Photo			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22391.5</a>	Photo			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22391.6</a>	Newsclipping			Ball game at Avonton, ON, ca. 1930.
<a href="#">ph22401</a>	Photo	Lois Hearn McEwan	41-42aaca.Sp.	Dickson's Corners, ON, 1945
<a href="#">ph22411.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Dickson's Corners, Oxford county ca. 1948.
<a href="#">ph22411.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	Dickson's Corners, Oxford County ca. 1948.
<a href="#">ph22421</a>	Photo	Alice Irvine Ballantyne Mrs. McGunigal Lois Ann McEwan Betty Lou McEwan Gordon Calder	20-21daf.Sp.  41-42aaca 41-42aacab	Dickson's Corners, Oxford County ca. 1943.
<a href="#">ph22431.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek school, Downie Township, ca. 1937.

<a href="#">ph22431.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek school, Downie Township, ca. 1937.
<a href="#">ph22441.1</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek school, Downie Township, 1938-1939.
<a href="#">ph22441.2</a>	Photo	Gordon McEwan	41-42aaca	S.S. #3 Black Creek school, Downie Township, 1938-1939.
<a href="#">ph96011.1</a>	Photo	John McEwan Rubina Irvine McEwan	41-42aac 41-42aac.Sp.	
<a href="#">ph96011.2</a>	Photo	Jack McEwan Robert Simpson	41-42aac	With one of Hattie Simpson's children.

**McEwan Photographs and Documents**



**ph01 Robert McEwan 41-42aa. original family home next to newly built brick home on C.3 L.19 Downie Township**



**ph02 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. with family dog**

## Trip to Niagara Falls 1937

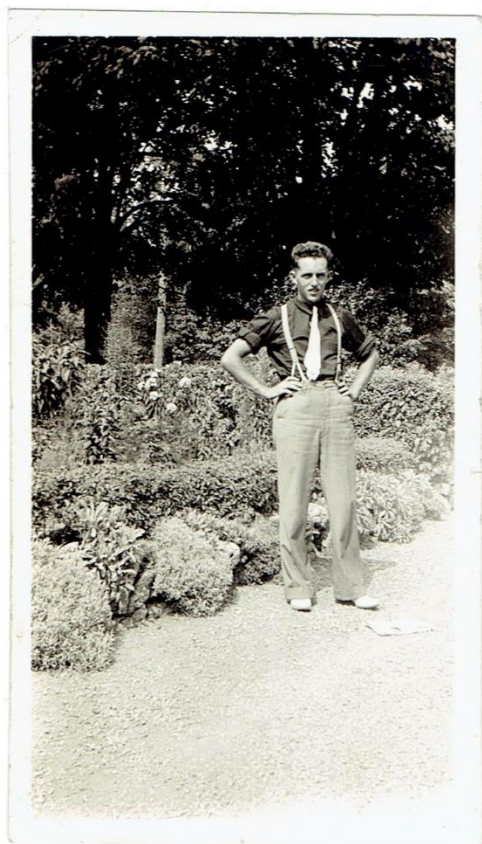
In the summer of 1937, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. invited Lois Hearn 14-15ebc. to go on a trip to Niagara Falls. This was before Gordon and Lois were married. Gordon didn't have a car of his own so he had to borrow his parents' car, which meant his parents wanted to come along too.

Lois' mother had been dead now for four years. Lois was acting as mother to her five brothers and one younger sister, two of whom were under the age of eight. It was a real treat to have a day's outing. Lois had no money, but she wanted something special to wear for her time away from home. She knit herself a dress, especially for the occasion.

At the time, Gordon was working at his first teaching job at the Black Creek school near Sebringville, just outside of Stratford, Ontario. Gordon had little money, but he had enough to put gas in the car to get them to Niagara Falls. Gordon's father Jack, on the other hand, had even less money than Gordon, and felt this fact keenly. When Gordon, Lois, Jack and Binnie (Gordon's mother) stopped to fill the car with gas along the way, Jack wanted to be able to pay for the gas. Gordon slipped the money to Jack, and Jack proudly went in to the station and paid for the gas himself.

We're not sure who owned the camera, but Gordon likely took the picture of Lois.

**ph03(1) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp.**



**ph03(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1937 Niagara Falls**



**ph03(3) Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. 1937**



**ph03(4) Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Lois Hearn  
McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.**



**ph03(5) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
Rubina IrvineMcEwan 41-42aac.Sp.  
Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Niagara Falls  
1937**



**ph03(6) Lois Hearn McEwan  
41-42aaca.Sp. 1937 in outfit she  
knitted for trip to Niagara Falls**



ph04 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp.  
late 1920's



ph04(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c. 1930



ph05 older woman uncertain, Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Agnes McEwan  
Armstrong 41-42abd. holding Elmer Armstrong 41-42abdb. front: Gordon McEwan 41-42aac. Percy Armstrong  
41-42abda. Armstrong farm c. 1917, Avonton Presbyterian Church in background.



**ph06 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp.  
Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. c 1938 McEwan home**



**ph07 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.**



ph08 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.



ph09 Inez Bennett Bell 20-21dabh. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1915



ph010 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (front right), bk row from right: Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp., Ethel Ballantyne Robertson 20-21dgb. (possibly), Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd., ?, William Robertson 20-21dgb. (possible), Jack McEwan 41-42aac., others uncertain



ph011 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c.1920



ph012 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. (on right) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (in front)  
Jack McEwan on left (likely) others uncertain c. 1920 McEwan farm



ph013 Ruth Erb on left, unidentified holding  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1915



ph014(1) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 4th from left



ph014(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph014(3) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. front row 3rd from left



ph015 Gordon McEwan  
41-42 aaca.



ph016 Gordon McEwan  
41-42aaca.



**ph025 SS#3 Black Creek c.1938 Mac Smith (2nd from left)  
Wilf Tuer (3rd from left) others uncertain**

THE CYCLOPEDIA OF NEW ZEALAND [TARANAKI, HAWKE'S BAY & WELLINGTON  
PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS]

**MERCHANTS, ETC**

**J. B. MACEWAN AND CO.** (James Ballantyne MacEwan), Dairy Produce Merchants and Exporters, Dairy Specialists, Dairy Machinists and Supply Importers, and Dairy Refrigerating Engineers. Head office at Wellington, and branches at Auckland, Dunedin, and New Plymouth. This well known firm was established in the year 1897, in Dunedin. In the following year it became necessary to remove the head office to Wellington, and the staff at Dunedin took charge of the South Island business. [PAGE 108](#)



**MESSRS J. B. MACEWAN AND Co.'s PREMISES.**

1901, owing to the immense development of the dairying industry, a Taranaki branch was opened in New Plymouth, and two years later the Auckland branch was established. The New Plymouth branch is situated in Egmont Street, and is the principal station for the machinery branch of the business. The building, which was erected by the firm, is a two-storied one of wood and iron, and has large floorage space. The offices and the dairy supply department are situated on the ground floor, and on the next floor dairying machinery of all kinds is kept in stock. Dairy factories are fitted up with the most modern machinery. At the Palmerston North show, in July, 1904, the firm were large exhibitors of all kinds of dairy machinery, and secured the first prize for the best collection of modern dairy machinery. Large shipments of butter and cheese are sent to Great Britain, Australia, Africa, and other markets. Mr. R. W. Robertson is manager of the Taranaki branch.

**MR. JAMES BALLANTYNE MACEWAN**, Founder of the firm of MacEwan and Co., was born in Canada, where he gained his early experience in connection with the dairy industry. He came to New Zealand in the year 1894, under engagement to the New Zealand Department of Agriculture, as Dairy Commissioner; but retired from the office in one year and eight months later, and founded his present business.

**ph036 James MacEwan 41-42ah.**



**ph042 "Sun. Mar. 17 1940 In front of Tp. Hall Chas Turner, Tom Roxborough, Andy Thom. Beverly Graham Marg Graham, Betty Lou" McEwan Cull 41-42aaca. in sleigh**



**ph043 SS#3 (Black Creek ) Downie Tp. Perth County, Ontario 1930's (likely)**



ph044(1) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph044(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph046 SS# 3 Downie twp. Perth Cty, no original identifications. Some possibilities:  
Front: Tuer brothers (left and 3rd from right) James Erb (4th from right), Mac Smith (3rd from left)  
Middle: Willie Erb, Bob Litt, others uncertain  
back: Gordon McEwan, 41-42aaca. teacher



ph049 Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Betty Lou, Lois Ann at Kelly Hearn's St. Marys c.1942



ph050 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Bob McEwan 41-42aacac. (likely) 1943 Kelly Hearn home St. Marys Ontario



ph060 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1930's SS # 3 Downie Twp. (Black Creek)



ph051 Betty Lou McEwan Cull 41-42aaca. 1940 St. Pauls, Ontario



ph052 SS # 3 Downie Twp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (right) , Mac Smith (2nd from left front row), Wilf Tuer (back right) others uncertain c. 1938



ph055 Ball team, 1935  
front: Wib Thompson, \_ Grey, George Lupton, \_ Miller, Mait Hammond, George Phillips,  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
standing: \_ Kasner (manager), Pete Lupton, George Murray 41-42acec. \_ Cluff, Ed Gale (coach),  
Eddie Odbert, Pete Smith 30-31dbaa., Bunshal (spelling may be inaccurate, manager)

They said he thought it was bed room  
 papers, I got 2 aprons from Alice & Jack got  
 1/2 lb of cold & 1/2 a doz oranges and I  
 no doubt sent one down an apron Jack a  
 lovely box of chocolate & cream etc. I wish  
 me were so good to see this summer  
 well till my little family I do hope  
 I and a I brings them a lot of  
 lovely things I wish I could be  
 there Saturday morning to see them  
 open them that is the best thing  
 all, well I wish you could  
 get up for New Year I am getting  
 a duck from Aldermore. I wish  
 it is also Mrs C's birthday I would  
 like to see them for New Year also. I asked  
 Jack if he had anything to say  
 and he said no only I would  
 like to see them.  
 Well I do hope you have a  
 lovely Xmas and get lots of  
 nice things now be sure and  
 write and let us know about  
 you self Gordon. Love to you all  
 from Mother & Dad.

Wednesday afternoon  
 Dear Gordon & Family  
 Well I got your letter Thursday  
 I didn't understand you wrote it  
 Wed and I didn't get it until  
 Monday. Well this is a stormy day  
 it is like concert at no 9 & I hope  
 well yours will be over and I hope  
 it was a big success. Well I hope  
 you are all over the flu but it  
 leaves you pretty miserable. This  
 is really the first day that I could  
 say I enjoyed my dinner, and  
 Jack has a very sore toe I never  
 get a night's sleep every night  
 I have to get up and do something  
 with it and then I can't sleep  
 any more I am just sick of it all  
 Well Gordon I guess by the time  
 you get this letter you will have  
 the other army one as Harold

ph056(1) Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.letter to her son Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. in Dec. 1943. This is the first and last page of the letter. Pages 2 and 3 are on ph056(2). By 1943 Jack and Beanie McEwan had sold the farm and were living in a house on the main corner of St. Pauls. Jack who was 67 had experienced progressively more serious cardiovascular and circulation problems to the extent that he slept with his foot in a box which was heated with a light bulb. Beanie makes reference to this in the letter. In 1942 Gordon had been hired as teacher in a rural school in Oxford County, a move which caused his mother great consternation. She expressed the view that "it was so far away that she would never see them again." When this letter was written it appears that Gordon would not be able to travel during Christmas because he was waiting for new car tires which were rationed during that period of the war.

<sup>3</sup>  
 Dave he was in here last evening  
 with the presents from Al & C had  
 well. He had been up to see Charles  
 yesterday but I have thought he was  
 some letter so I guess they have  
 had the - the. his Mayme was out to  
 see her mother Sunday afternoon she  
 came on the bus and she said  
 Charles wasnt at church. Mrs C  
 is going in today on the train and  
 coming back Monday. How do  
 the girls like the mitts I am sure  
 Betty Lou's arms wont be cold now  
 she dont a pair for Tommy & Val  
 but the worst is over. as long  
 well Mrs Watson is expecting  
 and are they ever tickled they  
 are running to the Mr every week  
 they dont want anything & happen  
 this one she is expecting in May  
 I Greg gave Emma a pocket & Chew  
 Mrs Turner a box of chocolates and a box  
 cigars and Ben gave Lillian something

<sup>2</sup>  
 I dont get our mail for us every  
 night. but last night he said  
 I'll have mail & know if you were  
 coming up for James or would she  
 send it on. so he went over and  
 told her to send it on. not as soon  
 as you know with you please  
 write and let us know as we are  
 so anxious. Ag & Bill & May were  
 here Sunday and they dont think  
 they can go down I am disappointed  
 but perhaps you will have your  
 girls by that time as this will be  
 the first year in thirty that we  
 have missed being to - gether.  
 but we have a lot of disappointment  
 now a days. Well I hope it will  
 for James and let your people get  
 down low as it is terrible to  
 get ready and they couldnt come  
 big was saying you had the best  
 was let worse than the others

ph056(2) Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aaca. letter to son Gordon 1943.

This is the middle two pages of a letter sent in 1943 to her son Gordon who was living at Dickson's Corners near Thamesford Ontario a distance of about 40 Km south of St. Pauls where his parents lived. The letter is filled with news of the health of various relatives, Christmas gifts received, plans for New Years and inevitable expressions of disappointment that the family would not be together for Christmas.



061 Students at SS # 3 Downie Twp. c. 1936 unlabelled. Possibilities: Wes Kant (2nd left) Bob Litt (3rd left) Audrey Erb (4th left) Betty Litt (2nd right), Willie Erb (right)



ph062(1) front: George Scheuerman, Alice Dawson, Betty Lou McEwan  
Cull 41-42aaca. back: William Scheuerman, Verna Scheuerman,  
Archie Dawson at Dawson home St. Pauls c. 1941



**ph062(2) frt: Verna Scheuerman, George Scheuerman, Archie Dawson, Betty Lou McEwan Cull 41-42aaca. back: William Scheuerman, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. St. Pauls c. 1941**



**ph063 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 3rd front row, Mait Hammond 2nd from right front row. unidentified group**



ph064 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Betty Lou McEwan Cull 41-42aaca. c 1939 McEwan farm home



ph069 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.



**GORDON McEWAN**

**June 19, 1914 – Nov. 6, 1981**

Gordon McEwan was an original and creative man. His was a multi-faceted and challenging life.

He was first, and foremost, a family man. He and Lois had four children, Betty Lou, Loiey, Bob and Terry. He was an interested and supportive grandfather to Peter, Mike, and Jenny Moir, Adam and Isaac Cull, Tony and Mark McEwan, and John and Jessica McEwan.

Gordon was an outstanding softball enthusiast both as a player and a coach. He was an active supporter of his grandchildren's many athletic interests.

He was a community man, a member of St. Marys Rotary Club, St. Marys United Church, and the P.A.R.Q.

He was an ardent local historian with an intimate and humanitarian knowledge of the social history of Perth County.

Gordon was a fine school teacher who touched many lives in a career which spanned four decades.

He faced his final challenge in a stoic, sensitive and courageous manner. He never lost his gentle sense of humour.

Lois; Lou, Loiey, Bob and Terry, grandchildren, relations and many friends will miss him.

**ph072 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.**



ph074 Lorne McEwan 41-42abi.



ph075 Lorne McEwan 41-42abi.



ph076 Lorne McEwan 41-42abi.



ph085 Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp.  
c. 1950



ph086 Myrtle McEwan Shortreed 41-42aeb.  
Elmer McEwan 41-42aea.

2291-C Via Puerta  
Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653  
March 8, 1978

Dear Mac and Lou:

All my letters start with an apology as I have developed into a terrible correspondent. I used to write a lot of letters and carried on quite a correspondence with Charlotte and Margaret for many years but have gradually gotten so I seldom write. Verna and I used to write at least once a week but now I let it go so long that I grab the telephone and call her instead. Since the cross-country rates have become so reasonable we talk quite often.

First I want to thank you for your very interesting letter. We were so sorry to hear about Margaret but under the circumstances one cannot grieve too much because we know she is better off. I hadn't heard from her for several years even before she went to Spruce Lodge but kept sending little notes at Christmas time.

Years ago - I think I was ten years old - Mother visited over in Canada and brought Verna and my youngest brother, Clarion, and me with her. We stayed part of the time with Grandma McEwan at Black Creek (I think it was called then) and she lived in a house that had two sides to it and Uncle Alex and his family lived in the other side so I got to meet that family at the time although they were all older than we were - both Nellie and Aggie were married and not there at the time altho she came over to see us and brought her baby, Percy, with her. Then part of the time we stayed with Aunt Mary Bain and got to know her family quite well. While we were there one time we went over to your home for the day and that is when I first met Charlotte and Margaret and of course you and Bill. After we came home I started writing to Charlotte and continued until she passed away, and then continued writing to Margaret so I heard a lot about your family over the years.

Verna and Mother visited over there again when Verna was about 18 and got to meet all you folks when you were older and she enjoyed it so much. I was away from home then and working so couldn't accompany them. On that same trip they went up to Bobcaygeon to visit the Cosh side of the family but I haven't had the chance to meet any of my cousins on that side. Verna keeps up a correspondence with one of them at Christmas time and also she and Minnie Bain always write at Christmas.

In 1954 Charlie and I were driving across country and crossed over into Canada at Detroit and stopped at Avonton to see Charlotte and Margaret. We tried to call them from Michigan and also from London but couldn't get them. We went into the store there at Avonton and inquired about the girls and found they were over visiting you folks for a few days. The lady there insisted on calling them and they came home that afternoon and that evening Margaret Hoy got quite a few of the relatives together at Aggie Armstrong's house - there were about fourteen cousins there and we had such a pleasant evening getting reacquainted with the ones we knew - Aggie, Minnie and Bill Bain were there, I remember. And I remember you were there, Mac, and you were a big help in keeping the conversation going smoothly, etc. because it really was like meeting a lot of strangers as I hadn't seen any of them since I was a kid.

ph0185(1) Evelyn Cosh Moody 41-42ag. letter to Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. 1978

- 2 -

It was a rainy evening and we certainly did appreciate so many of you making the effort to drive from so many places to be there. We stayed at Aggie Armstrong's house that night and it snowed during the night and we were so surprised to wake up next morning and find the snow. The next morning we went over to see Charlotte and Margaret's house and also called on Mary Aitcheson. When I was over there when I was just a kid we also visited with Mary Aitcheson and her family.

You mentioned that you didn't know too much about our part of the family. Mother and Dad had five children - three boys and two girls, Verna and I. My oldest brother, Harold was married and lived in New York State and had one daughter. She still lives in Buffalo and I'm ashamed that we haven't gotten up to see them in a long time. Harold died in 1962. When we used to drive East we got to visit along the way with our friends and relatives but the past few trips we have taken, we have flown back as it is a rather tiring drive and as I have a heart condition the doctor recommends that I fly. Harold's daughter, Diane, has four children.

Melvin never married - he lived in New York City for years and passed away in 1948 very suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage - he was only 48 years old.

Clarion, my youngest brother, died in 1967 - it was a big shock to all of us. He had a ruptured aorta artery and had no warning of any trouble of that kind. He was married and had three children and soon after his death, his wife Kathryn, decided to move to Denver to be near her son, who is a doctor and lives there. She persuaded her daughter, Sharon, to move out there too and eventually her other son, Dennis, moved there too so we have quite a bit of the family living in Denver now. We are quite close to all of them and are so fond of them. We never had any children but have so many nephews and nieces that we love and feel close to and they seem to feel the same about us, which makes it very nice for us.

Verna is the only one of the family left in New Jersey, where we all lived when we were young. Her husband died in 1967 just three weeks before my brother did, so that was a bad summer for all of us. She was working at the time and continued working until she reached retirement age. Her daughter, Eileen, was married and has a son 15 years old but her husband died suddenly of a heart attack two years ago this April. She and her son live with Verna and the daughter works. Eileen is our pride and joy and we love her very much - she is a lovely girl and very close to us. She has promised to come out and visit us in April and we are looking forward to it very much. We visited back there in October - Verna usually gets out here for a visit every summer but last year did not come out as she knew we were coming back there in the Fall.

Well, guess that brings you up to date about our family - looking back on it, it seems all I've written about are people dying but I'm covering a long period of time. We continue in pretty good health, considering our years. We like living here - it is a retirement community and has many advantages and we are lucky to be here. We keep quite active and have many friends here - have lived here since 1970 so are old-timers. Charlie is active in the many shops - that is, carpenter shop, Lapidary (polishing rocks and

- 3 -

making jewelry out of them, etc. We both are active in the Shuffle-board Club and play twice a week on two different teams and enjoy it. Charlie is on the Board of Directors of the club and is in charge of putting on the tournaments for the different teams, etc. and it takes up a surprising amount of time.

Guess you have heard about our drought and then the rain we have had this winter. This is the most rain I can remember since we have lived out here and we came out in 1929 - I think we have had 30 inches so far and our average is 12 or 14 and sometimes less than that. It is starting to rain right now but they have promised that this will be a light rain and wont do more damage. We are lucky where we live but most of the damage has been in the Canyons of the mountains and where people have built houses on steep hillsides and down too close to the beach along the ocean. There has been a lot of damage and I feel sorry for the poor people who have lost their homes. Old Mother Nature sure goes on a rampage sometimes and I've never heard of so many storms, both snow and rain, all over the country as there has been this year. Hope it hasnt been too bad where you live.

I sure do ramble on, dont I? When I write again I'll try to do better but I had a lot of territory to cover this time. Think I'll sign off for this time. Please excuse the terrible typing - I'm out of practice.

Love to you both,

*Edgar*

Copy of letter from Ramsay, Barrowclough & Haggitt.

April 8, 1924

Mrs Mary Bain  
RR #3, Stratford.  
Ontario  
Canada.

Dear Madam.

re. G. H. MacEwan deceased.

Under the instructions from the Executors we are forwarding to you herewith for your information a copy of the will of your late mother Mr. George H. MacEwan under which you are a beneficiary to the extent of a one eighth interest in his residuary estate. The value of the estate has been assessed at \$295:19:8 and the death & succession duties at \$002:18:6. Your interest in the residue will, of course, depend upon the result of the realization of the estate.

Yours faithfully,  
Ramsay, Barrowclough & Haggitt.

ph0186 Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad. letter re: George MacEwan 41-42af. will

Aug. 18/66  
 Gordon McEwan  
 Dad talked to Walter Bain <sup>41-42adga.</sup> (23-24ega) who in Aug 161 became aware of the fact that the estate of George MacEwan of New Zealand of which his grandmother Mary Bain <sup>41-42ad.</sup> (23-24ad.) was a 's beneficiary had never been settled. He contacted a <sup>law</sup> firm in New Zealand to investigate what happened and here in the story as nearly as I can figure out from the few letters that Mr Bain gave me (he has the complete record.):  
 George MacEwan died some time before April 8, 1924. A letter from Messrs. Robertson, Brent & Haggitt of Dunedin <sup>said</sup> that she had inherited some shares in the Waitaki Dairy Factory Limited (see George's last will). After this date she received annual dividends from the company for 4 years the last being received August 15, 1928 when she received 100 pounds, along with a financial statement showing the assets of the company at app. £43,000. Mr Bain wrote to Craig, Morgan & Henson, Harcourt Chambers, 43 Panama Street, Wellington, C.I., N. Zealand. who, in turn, contacted Robertson, Brent & Haggitt (original solicitors) who stated that their records of the MacEwan estate were incomplete and that the Waitaki Dairy Factory Ltd. company had gone into liquidation in 1939, and nothing remained.  
 Mr Bain then contacted the firm of Moore, Athin and Tobell, P.O. Box 547, Dunedin, New Zealand asking for further information. The story that came back was in 1937 the Waitaki Co. disposed of its main buildings to the Dairy and Peninsula Milk Supply Co. Ltd. & the Co-operative Dairy Co. of Otago Ltd. on Sept. 12 1938 the Co. voted to go into liquidation with 4 men appointed to do the liquidating: a Henry James Topless, Vernon Augustus Norris both of Christchurch and Arthur Hume Mackreel of Dunncargill & Samuel Brown of Dunedin.  
 During the liquidation it was found that Bowman's Mackreel had stolen large sums of money from the company before liquidation. Bowman had since died insolvent but while alive had lived in luxury. Mackreel had filed bankruptcy, examined & possibly tried & imprisoned. As of 1962 all the liquidators ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup>

dead. In the end the Co. had insufficient funds to  
to pay its creditors in full ∴ nothing was left for the  
shareholders.

It seems, nothing is left. Dad says that at the  
time when the funds stopped coming, it was discussed by  
the family but since they could not afford legal  
fees, nothing was done.

The last that was ever heard was on Aug 16, 1925 when  
an S. Bowman, General manager of the Waukegan Co.  
sent a list of the Profit & Loss ~~Sheet~~ of the Company.  
Mr Bain has copies of these things.

ph0187(2) George MacEwan 41-42af. will

DEATH OF JOHN M'EWEN.

One of the pioneers of Downie passed away Thursday morning, in the person of Mr. John McEwen. The deceased, who was in his eightieth year, had been a resident of Downie for the past forty-six years. Up to that time he had worked at his trade as a moulder. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1819, and came to Canada as a young man. Throughout his life he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and a staunch supporter in politics. He was married over fifty years ago, and besides an aged partner he leaves to mourn his death a family of seven. They are: Alexander, Downie; Mrs. Aitcheson, Avonton; John Muskoka; George and James, New Zealand; Mrs. Bain, Fullarton; Mrs. Kosh, Brantford, and Arthur, of Stratford. Hon. Thos. Ballantyne of this city was a brother-in-law of the deceased.

ph0188 John McEwan 41-42a.  
obituary unsourced

BAIN

BAIN: J. Allan Bain, age 82, of Hamlet Estates and formerly of RR 3, Stratford passed away at the Stratford General Hospital on Thursday, November 8th, 2001. He was born January 14, 1919, son of the late Robert and Ruby (Switzer) Bain. Loving husband of Anne (Packham) for 57 years. Proud father of Claire and Don Belluz, ThunderBay; Susan and Bill Allen, Guelph; Laurel and Bob McIntosh, Avonbank; and Bob Bain, Avonton. Devoted grandfather of Kevin (and wife Jodi) and Scott Belluz; Todd Allen; Dan, Andrea, Beth and Julia McIntosh; and Kendra Bain. Also survived by sister-in-law Jean Bain, Milverton. Predeceased by brother Maurice Bain and sister Gladys Bourke. From an early age Allan believed he was responsible for contributing to the place he called home by being actively involved in many farm and community activities. He was an elder of Avonton Presbyterian Church for 45 years. Allan was particularly pleased to be recognized as a Master Breeder by the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada and as Senior Volunteer of the Year from the Municipality of Perth South in 1999. Visitation took place at the W. G. Young Funeral Home Stratford. The funeral service was held at the Avonton Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 10, 2001, Rev. Catherine Calkin officiated. Interment Avondale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Avonton Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or the charity of one's choice may be made through the funeral home. (46)

ph0189 Allan Bain 41-42adba.  
St. Marys Journal Argus

This is the last will of me George Harrington MacEwan of Dunedin in the Provincial District of Otago in the Dominion of New Zealand Merchant.

1. I revoke all other wills & testamentary dispositions of me heretofore made.
2. I appoint my brother James Ballantyne MacEwan of Wellington to the said Dominion Merchant and Ernest Price of Dunedin aforesaid Stock & Station Agent (hereinafter called "my trustees") Executors & trustees of this my Will.
3. I bequeath to the said James Ballantyne MacEwan my "Encyclopaedia Britannica (24 Volumes) and "Dumas" Works to my brother Arthur MacEwan the twelve volumes of "Thomas Hardy" Works and to both of them equally the remainder of my book I declare that the said bequests shall be free of all duties payable in respect to my death.
4. I devise to the said James Ballantyne MacEwan my Iron Property on the Vermillion Range containing fifty acres and three roods being Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) of Section Thirty one (31) in Township Sixty three (63) in Minnesota United States of America which is at present being looked after on my behalf by Mr. John A. Stephenson Real Estate Agent Duluth. Minnesota aforesaid.
5. As to the rest of my estate and effects both real and personal I devise and bequeath the same unto my Trustees Upon Trust that my Trustees shall sell call in and convert into money such parts thereof as shall not consist of money and shall hold the said residue of my estate and effects until such sale calling in and conversion of the money arising from such sale calling in and conversion and all other money arising from or forming part of my residuary estate in trust for such of them ~~as~~ my brothers Alexander MacEwan, John MacEwan and Arthur MacEwan my sister Mary Bain wife of John Bain Margaret Losh wife of Reuben Losh, Harriet MacEwan wife of my deceased brother Robert McEwan and my niece Mary Murray <sup>daughter</sup> ~~wife~~ of my deceased sister Janet and wife of Walter Murray as shall be living at my death and if more than one in equal shares as tenants in common.

ph0190(1) George MacEwan 41-42af. will

8. I declare that my Trustees shall have a discretionary power to postpone for such period as to them shall seem expedient the sale calling in or conversion of any parts of my real or personal property, estate & in particular to continue all or any part of my personal estate in the state or upon the investments in or upon which the same shall be at the time of my death. However doubtful or hazardous, the description or nature of the property or investment may be.

I witnessed whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of July, One hundred thousand nine hundred and twenty.

G. H. MacEwan

Signed by the abovesaid Dictator as his last will in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses

Douglas Ramsay  
Solicitor  
Dunedin

W. A. Stuart  
Clerk to Messrs. MacGregor & Ramsay  
Solicitors  
Dunedin

ph0190(2) George MacEwan 41-42af. will



ph0191 Louis Kauffman 41-42fc.Sp. George Wear 41-42fa.Sp. Golden Kauffman 41-42fca. Mary McEwan Wear 41-42fa. Margaret McEwan Kauffman 41-42fc.

Mrs. George Wear, Sr.  
 Mrs. George Wear, sr., died at 1:45 o'clock this morning in her home, 701 west Fourth street. She had been sick for over a year with diabetes. She was taken with a cold last Thursday and pneumonia developed.

She was born in Ontario, Canada, Feb. 5, 1857. Thirty-six years ago her marriage to Mr. Wear took place in London, Ontario. They moved to Indiana in 1893, settling in Franklin. In 1892 they came to Michigan City and had resided here ever since. Besides the husband, she leaves two sons, Frank Wear and George Wear, Jr., four grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. L. G. Cauffman, of Traverse City Mich., and Mrs. William H. Dear, of London, Ontario, four brothers, Andrew McEwan of Detroit, John McEwan, Seattle, Wash., Andrew McEwan, Manitcha, Canada, and Murray McEwan of Ontario also, one step-sister Mrs. Frank Arcscott, of London, Ontario.

Mrs. Wear was well and favorably known here and she had many friends. She was a member of Jewel court, 334, Tribe of Ben Hur.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon from the Wear home.

ph0192 Mary McEwan Wear 41-42fa.

**LAPORTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
 LA PORTE, INDIANA  
*Certificate of Death Registration*

According to the records of the LaPorte County Health Department

Name Mary Abigail Wear

December 6th 1915 at Michigan City IN  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Street, Hospital or Rural)

Age at death 58 Sex Female Color White Widowed  
(Years) (Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced)

Primary cause of death given was Diabetes

Signed by Whitfield  
(Physician or Coroner) (Address)

Place of burial or removal \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Cemetery) (Address)

Date of Burial 12/1/15  
(Funeral Director) (Address)

Signed *[Signature]*  
(Address)

**SEAL**

Recorded locally in Book No. mc1915 Cert. No. 72

THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF 1  
 OF REGISTRATION ON FILE  
 LAPORTE COUNTY HEALTH D

ph0193 Mary McEwan Wear 41-42fa. Mary Abigail McEwan



ph0592 Allan Bain 41-42adba.



ph0593 Allan Bain 41-42adba. Gladys Bain Bourke 41-42adbb. Maurice Bain 41-42adbc.

When my son John McEwan was born in 1976 I asked my father Gordon McEwan 41-42aac. to write down some family stories about the first John McEwan. Here is an excerpt from "Family Stories" by Gordon McEwan

I never knew the first "John McEwan" so all my information is that which has been passed down by word of mouth. The original "John" was born in Gorbals which at one time was a separate burgh outside Glasgow. Later, as Glasgow expanded, Gorbals was absorbed into the large municipality. My friend, Donald Maciver, a native Glaswegian, speaks of Gorbals as an area where the Jews congregated so it would appear the McEwans were of very humble origin. The story is that John who was a moulder by trade boarded a ship with his brother and headed for Canada. Finally, reaching Goderich, they proceeded on foot towards the east. A story

1

which has never been proven is that the brother stopped at Clinton and John proceeded in his eastward trek until he arrived at Sebringville where the young Scot obtained employment on a farm in the area settled by a group of thrifty, intelligent Scots bearing the name of Ballantyne.

In a country where new men of marriageable age were scarce, John must have been something of a novelty and being acceptable because of his Scottish origin he wooed and married Agnes Ballantyne which enabled him to become "favoured by fortune" overnight. Acquiring the parcel of land directly south of the cheese factory (now levelled), he and Agnes began to raise their brood of children who appear to have been above average in industry and intelligence (see Ballantyne Family Tree). The oldest of their

ph01193 John McEwan 41-42a. Notes: the brother referred to is George McEwan 41-42f. I have no evidence that they were brothers but they were clearly related. I also have found no substantiating evidence that they first landed in Goderich. The reference to the relationship to the cheese factory is correct but misleading in that the cheese factory was built on land severed from land already owned by John.

In stature, John was short and stocky and in character a strange mixture of religion and earthiness. My chief source of information about him was my father, John, who talked about visiting his grandfather's place where his uncle Arthur lived. In those days, when large families were the usual pattern, it was often found that the oldest daughter who was married at a very early age was pregnant with her first child while her mother was in a similar physical state with the last of her offspring.

ph01194. John McEwan 41-42a. Family Stories by Gordon McEwan

However, like many men of this period, he was not prone to ignore strong drink. Pioneers who worked from dawn to dusk also required methods of "blowing off steam". Some attained this result through their dedication to the Lord; others obtained the same at the bar on their periodic visits to the settlements and John appeared to use both methods to

4

a degree. He was the only McEwan of whom I know who felt sufficiently free with his money to light his pipe with a \$1.00 bill. When such behavior reached the ears of his "in-laws", I am sure that eyebrows were raised and doubt expressed if Agnes should have been permitted to marry that wild "nobody" from Scotland.

ph01196 John McEwan 41-42a. Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan

Arthur who was the youngest of the family appears to have been one who enjoyed pranks and my father, being younger, was often the "fall guy" for Arthur. One day as the family bowed their collective heads over the dinner table and John began his impressive expression of thanks to God, Arthur placed his spoon in the hot tea which had been poured for cooling. At Arthur's side sat his nephew, little John, hands on table, head bowed dutifully. When his father's thanks to the Deity above had reached a point well known to him, Arthur quietly lifted the hot spoon from the tea-cup and placed it gently on the hand of his nephew who sat in pious concentration.

The scream of startled anguish which came from my father's lips, destroyed the calm of the family's "Holy of holies" and every eye shot up, read the situation and returned to its plate. The grace ended; Old John rose and in a wrath similar to that of Moses on his return from the mountain and seeing the Israelites offering penance to false gods, he took the culprit, Arthur, to the back woodshed and administered a dual penalty for irreverence--a sound flogging and a penalty of no dinner.

ph01197 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai. the joke was on Jack McEwan 41-42aac.  
excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



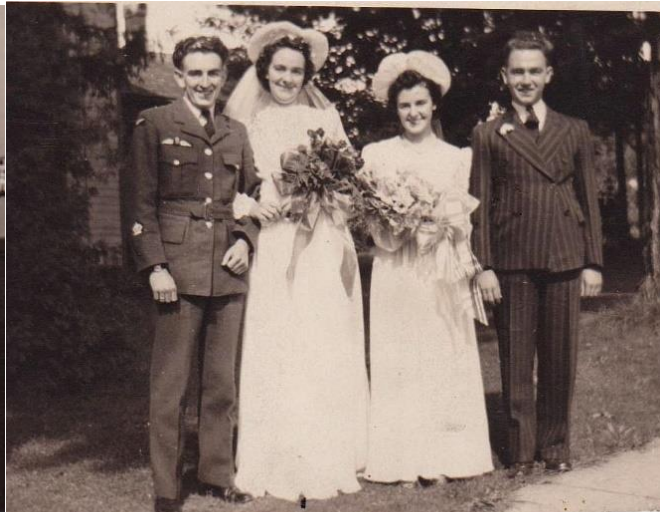
ph0594 Ruby Switzer Bain 41-42adb.Sp.



ph01198 John McEwan 41-42fi. c. 1946 Porcupine Plain Saskatchewan



ph01199 Ena McEwan Cook 41-42fia.  
Frank Cook 41-42fia.Sp.



ph01200 Donald MacDonald 41-42fib.Sp. Betty McEwan MacDonald  
41-42fib. Ena McEwan Cook 41-42fia. Frank Cook 41-42fia.Sp.

However, John's good-natured courage was not always so pleasingly evident when he had been drinking. When he came home late from the settlement, an anxious Agnes would often take him to task for worrying the family and leaving them with all the chores to do. Her scathing remarks aroused in the culprit a need to "put her in her place" and the sight of the rather unsteady John attempting to lay hands on the nimble-footed Agnes irked the boys who were entering the portals of manhood.

"The next time he comes home drunk and tries to lay hands on you, Mother," they promised. "we'll take care of

6

her sons. You can imagine the surprise of the pursuing John when he was seized by six strong hands and carried bodily to the watering trough. Despite numerous threats and protests he was dumped unceremoniously into the drinking place for horses, held there for a moment, brought to the surface for a breath of air and again pushed to the bottom. After a series of such dunkings, the boys brought him up for air, allowed him to cough up any of the tank's contents and when they were certain he was in condition to listen, they stated tersely, "Dad, if you ever come home and try to lay hands on Mother again, we'll take you to the tank and keep you on the bottom!"

The threat was sufficient to change John's belligerent habits and as my father expressed it "from then on, Grandma chewed at him for the rest of his life and he never spoke back to her once." A perfect example of the dangers of

ph01201 John McEwan 41-42a. Excerpt: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

The McEwan family was deeply involved in the cheese-producing industry and when Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, owner of the Black Creek Cheese Factory and Speaker of the Ontario House was asked to send someone to New Zealand to carry with him the secrets of the cheese-making industry, James McEwan accepted the challenge. It must have been difficult for John and Agnes to see first, Jim, and then George and Arthur depart for a far-away land and know that they would probably never see them again. Uncle Jim became a very respected and highly knowledgeable person in cheese and

---

7

butter manufacturing in New Zealand and used to return to Canada on business. I can recall him sitting on our front steps complete in Homburg hat, pearl-grey suit and black, shiny shoes on one of his periodic visits. On his own he began the manufacture of dairy equipment and Allan Bain, on a trip through New Zealand a few years ago, said the name of McEwan's Dairy Equipment was still prominently displayed.

ph01202. James MacEwan 41-42ah.

family--one son Ian, in his early years, appears to have had a surfeit of this world's goods. About three years ago, Ian came to North America as the first member of A.A. in New Zealand. As a young person, he was sent to a private school in Ontario, crossed the Atlantic and drank other young toffs under the table in regular fashion and suffered all the problems of having too much-too soon--eg. on reaching an airport one day, he discovered there was no seat for him on the plane. Immediately, he sought a private plane, paid for its use and met his travelling companions as they disembarked from the plane on which he had originally tried to travel.

ph01203 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

However, he was a very interesting story-teller and told us his alcoholic problems struck him like a bolt of lightning

---

after years of unlimited drinking. With his father and mother deceased, his craving for alcohol finally lost for him his wife and family who returned when he was able to conquer his problem. When he was with us, I took him with me to Rotary where he held the assembly spell-bound in a charming, witty, impromptu speech. He had a great gift of meeting people and talking with them.

ph01204 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. Excerpt: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

One story that he told of his father's knowledge of the dairy business was that he was called upon to act as a judge at the exhibition for New Zealand-made cheese. After carefully considering the products, Uncle Jim gave two exhibits a tie for first place and then a second and third. Because of this, the organizers of the exhibit were upset as only three prizes had been provided and they urged Uncle Jim to re-assess his judging and award only a first, second and third prize. Again testing the products, he turned to the committee and stated that they would have to have another judge as he could not find any difference between the two samples he had listed in first position. Reluctantly they agreed to award four prizes and then, to their amazement they discovered when they opened the exhibition tags that the two first prize samples had been cut from the same cheese. Jim McEwan's reputation as a master judge had been established.

ph01205 James MacEwan 41-42ah. Family Stories: Det. McEwan  
Ian McEwan 41-42aha. as told to Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

On the subject of the New Zealand McEwan's, Uncle George died and divided his estate among his brothers, sisters or their families. Grandma McEwan received her initial payment and I remember the wave of excitement that swept through the relationship that they might be the recipients of a large, overseas fortune. Grandma according to type gave a portion of her legacy to each of her children or children's children. I recall that she took my father into the front room at the Simpson house and handed him some money. To my father it must have been like a gift from the gods but even as a small boy I knew that he took it with reluctance as he must have felt the tiny, white-haired woman before him could well have retained the money for her own use. Those days of extreme self-denial are over in this state with its myread of goodies! The payments from New Zealand got less and

---

less--then stopped finally! No attempt was made at the time to discover what had happened because money was scarce and New Zealand somewhere south of Jupiter. However, Walter Bain of the next generation probed into the situation and found that there had been mishandling of funds and perpetration of fraud. However, hopes were dashed that a new life for the McEwans in Canada would arrive via New Zealand.

ph01206 George MacEwan 41-42af. Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

At the home farm

Adam, the second son, of Alex and Mary Cluff died at the time of the great 'flu epidemic following W.W. I. Everyone was in bed at the time and Adam, a short, stocky, red-faced young man was doing all the work. During the doctor's first

---

11

visit to the family, Adam came in from the barn. When he began a series of long racking coughs, Dr. Nichol of Sebringville ordered him to strip off his shirt so he could check his chest.

"Get into bed, Adam," he ordered "you're the sickest person here."

Two or three days later, Adam was dead! Often, the young and vigorous were the ones who were taken and Adam was among that number.

ph01207(nc) Adam McEwan 41-42abe. Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Correction: the maiden name of Adam's mother was Mary Duff.



ph01208 Eileen Simpson Hosick  
41-42aaaac.



ph01209 Lois Simpson Kipfer  
41-42aaaad.

Now, to turn to my father, John McEwan--your great grandfather. John was a round faced, blue-eyed man weighing about 175-180 lbs. As I sit here, I look upon his life as somewhat of a tragedy--a man willing to work but not in the role into which Fate placed him.

Preceded by two sisters, there is little doubt that he was received into his family with much love and affection. A story that has threaded its way down through the decades is that he climbed a ladder as a small boy who was to be guarded carefully by his sisters, Harriotte (Hattie) and Agnes. When his parents came into the yard, here were the two girls holding the bottom of the ladder tears streaming down their faces while little John was perched on the upper rungs of the same.

ph01210. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Excerpt: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

John's father, Robert, had lived in two other places before he came to his permanent "settling-place" on Lot 19 Concession 3 in the Township of Downie. He had lived on the Huron Road, east of Stratford, near where the Ali Baba restaurant is built. Later they moved to the Strasser Farm at Kastnerville on the north side of the road. On the 50 acre farm in Downie was a board house erected when the land was acquired from the Canada Company. Undoubtedly, Robert had to work hard to support his family.

ph01211 Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

SCHEDULE C.-DEATHS.					
County of <i>Perth</i>		Division of <i>Township of Alton</i>			
No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4		
<p><b>013931</b></p> <p><i>Ronald Staggart</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>January 20<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>M.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>58 years</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Labour</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Scotland</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>Pneumonia - one week</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. Smith</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>W. Armstrong - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>	<p><b>013932</b></p> <p><i>Alexander Redford</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>April 10<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>M.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>25 years</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Farmer</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Township of Alton - Ont.</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>Consumption - three years</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. Gray</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>James Redford - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>July 5<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>	<p><b>013933</b></p> <p><i>William Armstrong</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>June 27<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>M.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>10 yrs, 8 months</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Farmer's son</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Alton - Ont.</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>Subacute Meningitis - terminal</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. Smith</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>W. Armstrong - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>July 16<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>	<p><b>013934</b></p> <p><i>John Gordon Messer</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>September 7<sup>th</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>M.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>two years, 7 months</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Farmer's son</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Alton - Ont.</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>cholera Morbus - 3 days</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. Paul &amp; Fraser</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>Dr. Messer - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>11<sup>th</sup> September 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Methodist</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>	<p><b>013935</b></p> <p><i>Robert M. Ewan</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>August 1<sup>st</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>M.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>43 years</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Farmer</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Alton - Ont.</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>scarlet - two years</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. D.V. Fraser</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>Mrs M. Ewan - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>11<sup>th</sup> September 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>	<p><b>013936</b></p> <p><i>Mary Corbett</i></p> <p>When Died. <i>September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893</i></p> <p>Sex-Male or Female. <i>F.</i></p> <p>Age. <i>78 years</i></p> <p>Rank or Profession. <i>Farmer's wife</i></p> <p>Where Born. <i>Ireland</i></p> <p>Certified Cause of Death and duration of illness. <i>Cerebral Apoplexy - moment</i></p> <p>Name of Physician, (if any). <i>Dr. Smith</i></p> <p>Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. <i>Joseph Corbett - Alton</i></p> <p>When Registered. <i>30<sup>th</sup> September 1893</i></p> <p>Religious Denomination of Deceased. <i>Presbyterian</i></p> <p>Signature of Registrar. <i>P. Smith</i></p> <p>REMARKS.</p>

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Deaths returned to me for the half-year ending *31<sup>st</sup> December* 1893  
 Given under my hand, this *fourth* day of *January* A.D. 1894  
*P. Smith* Division Registrar *Alton*

From what I could surmise John was a good student, very proficient in arithmetic--mental and written and a good speller. John's wife,

ph01213 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Excerpt: Family Stories  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

Life, however, <sup>for</sup> John was to alter drastically. One night, his father, Robert, was returning home and lulled by the silence of the land and the quiet rhythm of the democrat wheels he fell asleep. The fast travelling horse startled by the reflection of the moon in a large puddle by the side of the road shied sharply to one side with the result the sleeping driver was catapulted over the wheel of the vehicle and landed on the gravelly surface of the road causing severe lacerations and bruises to his face.

Some time after that he began to have physical problems and when the doctor diagnosed his ailment as cancer of the jaw a terrible pall must have settled over the family. A portion of his jaw-bone was removed but one year later he passed away leaving his gritty widow, three children and fifty acres without his strength and guidance.

ph01214. Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Excerpt: Family Stories  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

At that time John was in his teens and madly in love with a sister of a cousin's wife--the cousin being Bob Crawford. As I say this, I am not certain of the first name. The family was moving to Berlin (Kitchener) and John headed out, too, and got himself a job with a cartage company which moved materials from the railroad to uptown by horses and dray. Some of these loads consisted of theatrical props as travelling companies went from town to town providing entertainment for a pleasure-hungry people. However, in the back of this boy's mind must have rested the thought that his mother and sister were living on the home farm which had been rented to a neighbor. Moreover, the fires of romance had probably cooled and one day John returned home on a bicycle after pedalling the whole distance from Berlin.

As I sit here to-day, over eighty years later, I am forced to think that by returning home, he committed the greatest economic error of his life. Prone to converse, he felt very lonely as he worked the land his father had left. Without money and without love of his work, he was caught in the knot of family loyalty and labour for which he was not suited.

ph01215 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. reference to period after his father's death 1893. The girl may be the sister of Helena Thomson Crawford 30-31daa.Sp. Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

John was not lazy and proved it by handling a job which had him drawing milk from W.W. Ballantynes which, at the end of the route, was five miles distant and the fact that he picked up this milk at 5:30 a.m. in the morning shows he was alert to his responsibilities. I am sure he enjoyed the fun at the factory and the races the

drivers would have to reach the corner first in order to be able to unload at the factory. Also, it took much dexterity to wheel the huge, milk cans from the stand to the wagon and I am sure that there was much conversation at the milk stands with the various neighbors. At the factory the cans were filled with whey as food for the hogs in the various farms.

ph01216 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. collecting milk for cheese factory  
Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

Every year the farmers of the locality gathered in gangs to aid one another thresh their grain which stood in stooks over the fields--an army of sheaves. The mistress of the house fed all the threshers who had ravenous appetites. I might add here that what I have described is stook threshing but prior to this there was barn threshing. Everyone took in one's own grain and stored it in the barn where it was threshed in the fall. When the threshing machine began to operate, the interior of the barn became filled with dust, flying sow-thistle seeds and other objects extremely irritating to the nose, throat and eyes. If a crop had suffered from grain smut, the men within the barn became ill and choked with the smut. I remember seeing my Dad come home, crawl into bed and go directly to sleep after a very dirty threshing.

ph01217 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. barn threshing. Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

However, there was another side to the threshing and that was the tremendous meals offered to the workers. Here, the women of the community had an opportunity to display their culinary prowess and it was a matter of pride that no one should leave the threshing table hungry. Imagine the number of young English, Irish and Scottish boys whose lives as hired hands suffered from a surfeit of menial jobs, being exposed day after day to a fare that even Henry VIII had never had the opportunity to enjoy. Behind each young man at the table was the housewife urging him on, to greater gastric endeavors while her daughters spruce and neat flitted

---

about the tables a bit unsure with so many young men present but able to withdraw into the pantry at intervals to rid themselves of a paroxysm of nervous giggles which welled up within them at this exciting and unusual happening. Contests arose between those at the table as to which one could eat the most pie and occasionally we would hear of some youth who surpassed the previous record by downing a whole pie by himself.

I should impress on you that these gastronomical accomplishments were welcomed by the housewife as news would spread through the community that as a cook the threshers had created a record of eating more pie than any other place along the route.

ph01218 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. threshing stories - meals  
Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph01219.1. Mae Clatworthy Langford

Mrs Mae (Clatworthy) McCall.  
later Mae Langford. She  
was a very close friend to  
my mother and father.

When my mother was  
expecting me, the three  
used to go driving in  
the buggy. One night, my  
Dad and Mae had a trees  
climbing contest while  
my pregnant mother  
sat in the buggy  
acting as judge as to  
which climbed higher.

When her husband ran  
away with her best friend,  
Gertie Kastner, she met an  
married a fine man,  
Norman Langford. I always  
called her, "Aunt Mae."  
S. McEwan

ph01219.2. Mae Clatworthy  
Langford (Reverse)

Caroline, however, did not hold a position of high esteem as a cook and many of the more squeamish came up with excuses that they had to go home at dinner time to give medicine to a sick cow or see a sow that was due at that moment. However, the hardy and those unwilling to arouse the ire of the "mistress of the dung fork" stayed and pushed down enough food to keep them going until the job was done. It is a certainty that even the laziest men in the community worked hard at the threshing in order to miss as many meals as possible at Caroline's.

Among those who attended Caroline's threshings was the patriarch of the community, Dilman Kenzie Erb, a strong willed, high-minded individual whose model farm was indicative of his energy and organization. One night, when John

came home after threshing at Caroline's, he remarked to his wife, Rubina, ("Beany"),

"My God, Bin, we got our eyes opened at Caroline's to-day! When we were sitting at dinner, Caroline asked whether we wanted tea or water. Mr. Erb was sitting at the head of the table and asked for milk, if Caroline had any. Caroline went over to a pail which I had noticed before, put in that long, dirty finger, whipped out the dead flies that were in it and served it to Erb at the end of the table."

"Good heavens!" replied the shocked Bin, "what did Mr. Erb do?"

John shook his head in admiration.

"My God," he said, "he never blinked an eye and downed it like a man but that young English kid who works up the road for Nieberlines had to be coaxed in, in the first place. He took one look, turned as white as a sheet, dashed out the door and threw up. He never came back in."

ph01220. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. D.K. Erb; Treshing stories - meals  
Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

Well, I've got away from the second John who as a youth participated in the summer soccer games--the league consisting of Black Creek, Avonton and Carlingford. Stratford was the nearest area of population and it was customary for the townspeople to feel they were in a higher notch of society than the country folk who lived about their rural metropolis. It appeared that often the smaller the metropolis the greater was their superiority affliction.

One evening, as the Black Creek team was practising, they were joined by a well-known soccer star from Stratford, an athlete of note, "Toad" Edmonds, who displayed a repertoire of dribbling skills that left the locals looking on with mouths ajar. On the Black Creek team was one, Geordie Frame, a ponderous, heavy-footed fellow whose main aim was to follow the ball from whistle to whistle. As the agile "Toad" was in possession of the leather sphere a great deal

of the time, George was always close at hand and it was he that the adroit Stratfordite used as a foil for the amusement of the crowd. In fact "Toad" used Geordie as a skillful matador uses a bull in the bull-ring. However, as a finale, "Toad" who had been sucking a lemon, after carefully avoiding a rush by the "difficult-to-discourage" Frame, stopped, pirouetted like a ballet dancer and with unerring aim threw the soggy peel full in the face of the frustrated Black Creek player who was readying himself for a return effort. The act was viewed by the Black Creek players partly with amusement and partly in anger as they knew the action while directed towards George was inclusive to all country dwellers as a gesture of contempt.

ph01221.1. Jack McEwan 41-42aac, George Frame Excerpt: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

However, the incident was not ended as it required more than the smart of lemon juice to stop George's bull-like rush which brought him train-like towards his opponent and his laughing face. Before Edmonds could escape, he saw a giant, ham-like fist cocked about one second before it exploded to wipe away the sneer. The effect of the punch was such that the agile Stratfordite left his feet completely and was deposited flat on his back looking at a sun which wobbled in concentric circles across the sky.

As two good Samaritans aided the rubber-legged, super athlete off the field, some of his team-mates questioned Geordie in awed tones.

"Did you hit him hard, Geordie?"

Modestly, George shook his shaggy locks and answered

---

25

in words dripping with modesty.

"Not hard," he replied in a heavy tone, "just about 2000 lbs. to the square inch!"

ph01221.2. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. George Frame  
Excerpt from: "Family Stories" by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

Young John did not get all his diversion from the sporting fields but was a patron of the bar and not adverse to the company of young ladies, one of whom he became sufficiently enamoured to offer her and have her accept an engagement ring. The lady in question was a Carrie Rouchier, a supposedly "easy to look at," Roman Catholic, French-Canadian doll who blew the roof off the habitant homestead when she displayed the jewellery to papa and mama who were dismal with grief and wild with anger that their daughter should think of marrying a Protestant farmer. However, I should believe that the Stratford tempest was no more severe than the cold, hard arguments against a mixed marriage as put forth by Harriotte on the 3rd concession of Downie Twp. The result was a tearful parting by Carrie to a heavy-hearted John as they saw her being steered to the altar as an offering for as John put it, "a red-headed bugger old enough to be her father by the name of Matt McGraw." Years later Peter Smith attending a hockey game in Stratford, sat near the two sisters, daughters of Carrie and Matt. One of the girls was being courted by Rene Fournier, a huge French-Canadian hockey player. When the girls went to leave, Pete told them, "Tell your mother that you were sitting beside Jack McEwan and he was asking about her."

ph01222 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Broken Engagement Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

The story of John's life outlines the tough, coarse-

ness of the period living beside the strong, Christian piety which was the bulwark of strength to many. I am sure that John, unhappy in his lot of farming and caring for his widowed mother spent a lot of time in the rough company at the bars. "Mum" White, an outspoken Christian, who sat in the front row of the Avonton choir for years, small hat sat primly above a wide, beefy, red face assessed John in language understood by all of the day.

"He's not worth a tinker's fart!" was Mum's pointed assessment. No doubt many agreed.

ph01223 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. view of community Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

One of John's close friends was a swashbuckler of the period, a husky young denizen of Stratford who toted a paint brush by day and a whiskey glass at night. Proud of his lithe, rippling muscles this young advocate of the swing-style of life, went to the Y.M.C.A. where, with other young advocates of the art of self-defence he became a noted figure in the manly art of fisticuffs--his name, Ed Cloney which smacks of Irish origin. How John and Ed became friends is unknown to me but one night the two cronies were in a local bar and Ed feeling no pain at the moment adopted a fighting pose and squared off to his friend John.

"If you want to fight," John suggested good-naturedly, "there's a fellow who will look after you."

He pointed across the room where a group was standing and there towering among them was a powerfully built, young Scot from Avonton--"Cromarty" Murray. Cromarty stood out among the hard working, industrious residents of Downie's

pattern of industrious, frugal people who lived on the fertile soil of Avonton. "Cromarty" was prone to travel more, drink more, fight more and be less dependable. As the amazed John looked on, Cloney like a lithe cat crossed the room, tapped "Cromarty" on the shoulder and as Murray turned around slapped him with full power on the side of the face. With a growl, "Cromarty" lunged toward his unexpected assailant only to have his head snapped back by a hard right cross.

ph01224.1. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Cromarty Murray, Bar Fight  
Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. page 1

Immediately the bar-keep came from behind the bar.

"No fighting in here," he ordered, "everybody outside!"

There was a rush for the exits, a ring was formed in the back yard of the hotel and in the twinkling of an eye eight to ten lanterns were throwing a golden glow within the circle. Both combatants had stripped to the waist and John assessed the wide shoulders and narrowed waist of his friend, Cloney, against the heavy torso and thick arms of his opponent. Mike Cleary, a man known for his fairness, stepped in as referee and both men came toward each other. Cloney, light as a cat, circled the ever advancing Murray flashed out his left and landed heavily with his right, but his opponent shook his head and kept coming on.

Soon blood showed on the Scotsman's face and a hard punch dropped him to one knee but his ability to take punishment began to sap the master boxer's strength. One time near the edge of the circle, Murray lowered his head and

charged, caught Cloney and the weight of their bodies broke the ring as they tumbled to the ground.

"Break 'em up," ordered Cleary and a dozen hands shot out to pull off the bulky Murray.

ph01224.2. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Ed Cloney, Cromarty Murray  
Bar Fight - Excerpt from Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

John realized now that some of the snap had gone from his friend's legs and when Murray flattened Cloney with a ponderous overhand right, he knew the end was in sight. Both men were breathing heavily but "Cromarty" sensing his opponent's weakness charged inside his guard, picked him up by the waist and slammed him to the ground. Kneeling astride Cloney's body he put both hands to his throat and began to squeeze. The downed gladiator's struggles to free himself became less and less resistant and finally Cleary tapped Murray on the shoulder

"That's it!," he stated and the crowd broke ranks to re-enter the hotel and drink to the victor's health. John backed his horse from the shed and drove up to the inn. Tommy Duggan and a few more close Cloney associates had applied water to his face and helped him into the buggy. The fight had lasted half an hour.

As they neared the modest Cloney home on Gore Street, Ed spoke,

"Drive me around to the back door, Jack. I don't want me Father and Mother to see me."

John realized the pride of the fallen gladiator!

Fortunately for John, he did not go to Sebringville the next day. "Cromarty" Murray was searching for him as

he had heard John had "set" Cloney on "Cromarty"!

ph01224.3. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Bar Fight (page 3) Excerpt from: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Addendum: in the 1901 census in Stratford Ontario Edward Cloney, age 22, listed as a painter lived with his mother and brother Tommy Duggan was a 19 yr old blacksmith who worked with his father.

**Florence Murray**

Florence Margaret Murray, a resident of Wildwood Nursing Home passed away peacefully at St. Marys Memorial Hospital on Sunday, May 15, 2005 in her 90th year. Born in Downie Township August 24, 1915, a daughter of the late Francis and Mary (King) Bell. Predeceased by her husband Harold (Ting) in 1995. They were married on March 19, 1938 and spent over 50 years on the Murray Century Farm at Lot 16 Concession 6 Downie Township known as Avonhill Farms. Florence was an active member of Avonton Presbyterian Church, the Ladies' Aid, the WMS as well as a life member of the Avonton Women's Institute. She took an active role in all aspects of the Avonton community. She especially enjoyed attending the many activities of her children and grandchildren. Loving mother of David (Linda) of Avonton and Keith (Karen) of New Dundee. Dear grandmother of Paula Stock (Leo) and Darren (Julie) of Avonton, Bentley (Pam) of Sebringville, Steven (Kate Stiefelmeyer) of Toronto, Kyle of South Korea. Missed by great-grandchildren Ashley, Jennifer, Dan, Ryan, Riley Murray and Carter Stock. Sister of Gordon Bell (Marg) and Adam Bell (Iva) of St. Marys. Sister-in-law of Doris Murray of Goderich. Predeceased by a sister Helen Debus, sisters-in-law Mildred Murray, Mabel Bell and Betty Bell, brothers-in-law Henry Debus, George Murray and Melbourne Murray. Friends and relatives may call at the W.G. Young Funeral Home, 430 Huron Street, Stratford on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday at 1 p.m. Rev. Catherine Calkin will officiate. Burial in Avonbank Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Avonton Presbyterian Church General Fund through the funeral home.

**W.G. Young Funeral Home**  
**430 Huron Street**  
**Stratford 271-7411**

ph01225. Florence Bell Murray  
 41-42aceb.Sp,



**SIMPSON - STRUTHERS**

Mardonholm Farm was the setting for the double ring ceremony of Kathryn M. Simpson and Ross E. Struthers on June 18, 1982 at 5 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Marie Simpson, RR 1 St. Marys; the groom is the son of Elwood and Olive Struthers, RR 2 Atwood.

Rev. Robert Rahn officiated at the ceremony and Jane Simpson, sister of the bride was the organist.


The matron of honour was Mrs. Peggy Green of RR 2 Embro, sister of the bride, and the best man was Gary Struthers of RR 1 Englehart, brother of the groom.

The families were ushered by the brides brother Bob Simpson.

After the reception at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre, the couple spent their honeymoon in Toronto and now reside in Hickson.

The bride is a residential counsellor at Oxford Regional Centre and the groom is manager of North Blenheim Mutual Insurance Company.

ph01226. Kathryn Simpson Struthers  
 41-42aaaaaa. St. Marys Journal Argus  
 17 Nov 1982

  
ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Interim First Class Certificate**

**This is to Certify** that Mr. Jack Gordon McEwan  
having attended the Provincial Normal School at Stratford during the Session 1932 1933, and having passed  
examinations prescribed by the Department of Education, is hereby granted an **Interim First Class Certificate**. Subject to  
Regulations, this certificate qualifies the holder for four years from the date hereof as a teacher in a Public or Separate School.

**Dated** at Toronto this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1933.

Registered Number 6813

J. Bowles Registrar. Geo. H. ... Minister of Education

Certificate Form No. 33—1500—January, 1933.

ph01227 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.

Jean Bain is Milverton's citizen of the year for 1981. Mrs. Bain was selected for the award last week by a panel of prominent Milverton citizens. The citizen of the year award, being presented for the first time this year, will be presented annually by Wenger Publications, publishers of The Milverton Sun.

"Oh, goodness gracious, no," was the way Mrs. Bain reacted when informed that she had won the award. "This is quite an honor."

Mrs. Bain was nominated for the award by Mrs. Archie White of Milverton who said, "Jean Bain has been an outstanding citizen of Milverton for the past 30 years . . . I'm delighted to have the opportunity to present her name as citizen of the year, or rather an outstanding and deserving citizen of many years."

She mentioned Mrs. Bain's work at Burns Presbyterian Church, local quilting groups and at Knollcrest Lodge.

"Jean Bain has given untiringly of her time for the benefit of Knollcrest Lodge. When the citizens of Milverton were planning to build Knollcrest, Jean worked diligently at a special craft program (making sewing baskets) and donated the money to buy furnishings," Mrs. White said. "One of the early organizers of Knollcrest Auxiliary, she has carried on without a break. Her contributions to the comfort of the residents at the Lodge is beyond measure. Her pleasant personality has brightened the day for many a weary soul."

The residents of Knollcrest Lodge were delighted that Mrs. Bain won. In fact, one resident told The Sun he had planned to nominate her but the deadline was passed by the time he heard about the contest.

"They really made a good choice," he said.

Mrs. Bain's husband, Maurice, has also been involved with Knollcrest Lodge ever since plans were first made to build the senior citizens' home in Milverton. He is presently chairman of the board of directors.

"I've been here every Thursday for the past 10 years," Mrs. Bain said last Thursday, taking a break from her duties as supervisor of the tuck shop there. "And, of course, I come up quite often in between times. When you work here all the residents get to be your friends."

Realizing that it is difficult for the residents to get downtown during the winter months, and because she lives near the Lodge, Mrs. Bain often picks up items for

Continued on Page 5



**Jean Bain is  
1981's top citizen**

them when she is in the stores.

She has also been a member of the Home Auxiliary to Knollcrest Lodge since its inception and was recently presented with a pin commemorating the years of service by the Residents' Council at the Lodge.

In addition, Mrs. Bain quilts each Monday afternoon with the Happy Hollow Helpers, a group of ladies who make dozens of quilts each year and donate the profits to charity.

"In fact, I actually thought of nominating that group for the (citizen of the year) award," Mrs. Bain said.

She is also an active member of Burns Presbyterian Church Women and sings in the choir at the church. For a number of years she worked with the Milverton Fall Fair Board.

"I guess I figure that if my husband can earn the bread and butter, then I can do volunteer work," she says. "I think you get a lot from your mother, too, and my mother was always doing something for someone else."

A native of Stratford, Mrs. Bain and her husband moved to Milverton 32 years ago when he purchased Bain's Hardware. They have two children, Gerald and Marilyn (Mrs. Dave Schultz), both of Milverton and three grandchildren.

"I really am quite honored to have won this award," Mrs. Bain said.

News swept the community that Charlie Ballantyne, a cousin, was getting married to a Fullarton girl he had met when Belle Edwards, a rather plump neighbor had joined in Holy Matrimony to a Fullarton resident, John "Posthole" Campbell. Weddings in those days were joyous events to which the whole community was invited and what is more important gave young people an opportunity to meet others from a distance. To-day, it is difficult to assess the limitations placed on travel which was restricted to horse-drawn vehicles and because of that there was a limited intermingling of the population which created tightly-interwoven groups living in each community.

Charlie, a rich, young farmer, was looking for a wife and at the Edwards' wedding, he had been attracted to the groom's cousin, Alice Irvine, a slim, vivacious, good-looking girl. A courtship had ensued and now the wedding was to be held that would bring the couple back to Charlie's farm on the 3rd Concession of Downie, opposite the Black Creek school. For the Irvines this was a tremendous match to be linked to the well-to-do Ballantynes with as Alice's waggish brother Bill would often remark, "All those Holstein cows!". You can imagine the hustle, bustle, planning and baking there would be about the Irvine home to arrange a fitting ceremony to impress the Ballantynes and the fun that would be had as the Ballantyne wedding company journeyed westward for the event.

**ph01229.1. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Meeting future wife  
Excerpt: Family Stories Gordon McEwan 41-42aac.**

... .., opposite the black  
Creek school. For the Irvines this was a tremendous match  
to be linked to the well-to-do Ballantynes with as Alice's  
waggish brother Bill would often remark, "All those Holstein  
cows!." You can imagine the hustle, bustle, planning and  
baking there would be about the Irvine home to arrange a  
fitting ceremony to impress the Ballantynes and the fun that  
would be had as the Ballantyne wedding company journeyed  
westward for the event.

After the wedding, the supper which was arranged by  
Grandma Irvine aided by Maggie, Mill, Bin, Viola and the  
Campbells, Fawcetts, Botterills, Nichols, Frenches and all  
the sundry friends and neighbors was completed; How! You  
can only guess! Then the dance began! John, a keen stepper,  
took the floor and accompanied by his cousin and friend,  
Peter Smith, distributed their charms among the various  
Fullarton girls who, no doubt, were all eyes and anticipa-  
tion with such a group of rich, young strangers who owned  
acres and acres of fertile farmland and hundreds and hundreds  
of cows, all black and white, giving tons and tons of milk  
which could be quickly exchanged for cash which practically  
filled the Sebringville bank! Of such material dreams are  
made!

John after coursing his way through the varied waltzs,  
quadrilles, two-steps and square dances found himself seeking  
the hand of Alice's younger sister, "Bee," "Bin," "Beany"  
or properly Rubina, a slim, lithe woman with a crown of  
reddish hair drawn up to the top of her head in an "upsweep,"  
blue eyes and as she expressed it herself a strong nose like  
"Daddy's"---"Daddy" Irvine. Quick on her feet with a good  
ear for rhythm, she moved through the measures of the dances

... .. John was impressed but as  
ph01229.2. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. meeting Rubina Irvine McEwan  
41-42aac.Sp.

acres and acres of fertile farmland and hundreds and hundreds of cows, all black and white, giving tons and tons of milk which could be quickly exchanged for cash which practically filled the Sebringville' bank! Of such material dreams are made!

John after coursing his way through the varied waltzs, quadrilles, two-steps and square dances found himself seeking the hand of Alice's younger sister, "Bee," "Bin," "Beany" or properly Rubina, a slim, lithe woman with a crown of reddish hair drawn up to the top of her head in an "upsweep," blue eyes and as she expressed it herself a strong nose like "Daddy's"--"Daddy" Irvine. Quick on her feet with a good ear for rhythm, she moved through the measures of the dances with poise and self-assurance. John was impressed but as "Beany" later expressed it--"I liked Pete Smith better."

However, John pressed his suit (no puns please) and undoubtedly when Bin visited her sister, Alice, John began his conquest. At last he followed the path taken formerly

---

31

by his cousin, Charlie Ballantyne, and there is no doubt he failed to bring with him the reputation of owning great herds in Downie. Also, his reputation as patron of the bars would be frowned upon by the Irvine female contingent as both "Daddy" and "Wull" were beset by bar plague which made the family's limited revenue flow in a direction not approved of by their most controlled members of the clan-- the Potts's and the Campbells.

**ph01229.3. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. meeting Rubina Irvine McEwan**

John's white horse became a familiar sight as it made regular trips up the Fullarton road in the search for matrimonial achievement. One night when John hastened his horse-drawn vehicle westward, he was dismayed when he came upon a huge steam-engine and separator crawling along the narrow, gravel road in the same direction as the ardent swain was moving. Late and realizing the bulky threshing outfit might go miles at its snail's pace before it turned off, John's nimble mind strove for a solution. Suddenly a plan flashed through his mind. Hopeful that his white horse and the dusk of the evening would be allies to his endeavor he stood up in the buggy and shouted,

"Mr. Seebach, can you hear me?"

John was delighted when a deep voice boomed back with an Alsatian accent, "Yes, vot do you vant?"

"Mr. Seebach, can you let me past. I'm Dr. Paul and I am on my way to see a very sick patient!"

"Yes, Dr. Paul, I'll do my best, chust a moment!"

Slowly and carefully, the sturdy thresher drew his

---

32

machine to the side of the road until it balanced precariously over the deep ditch by the road-side.

"How is that, Doctor? Can you make it?"

"I'll try, Mr. Seebach! I'm much obliged!"

The white horse picked its way carefully on its narrow section of road and when the road broadened, John slapped the horse with the lines and keeping his head away from the machine, waved his hand and shouted, "Thanks again."

For a moment the ruse seemed to have worked until he heard over the rattling of the wheels and the pounding of the horse's hooves

"My God, Eddie, that isn't Dr. Paul. That's that damned young McEwan!"

I asked Mac to write any incidents he knew pertaining to his family and he wrote the following excerpt concerning John McEwan, my father and your great grandfather.

"Before I started school, Mother and Grandma decided I should stay at Grandma's so I wouldn't have so far to walk to school. Uncle Jack, at that time, was a Chinese puzzle. I don't think he ever really loved farming. He was the hardest man I ever knew of to get out of bed in the morning. I never knew if he were just tired or wanted to tease Grandma but when he did get up it was "clear the track or get run over."

Uncle Jack got married and had one son. What a pity! That man should have fathered at least ten children as he could entertain wee folk better than any man I ever knew.

My father and Uncle Jack worked to-gether in haying and harvest when I was young. In haying, I had to drive old Polly raking the hay. Now old Polly was born tired! I think she must have been raised on sedatives: it took a lot of urging to keep her ahead of the men coiling hay. I was given a switch. I can still remember Uncle Jack yelling,

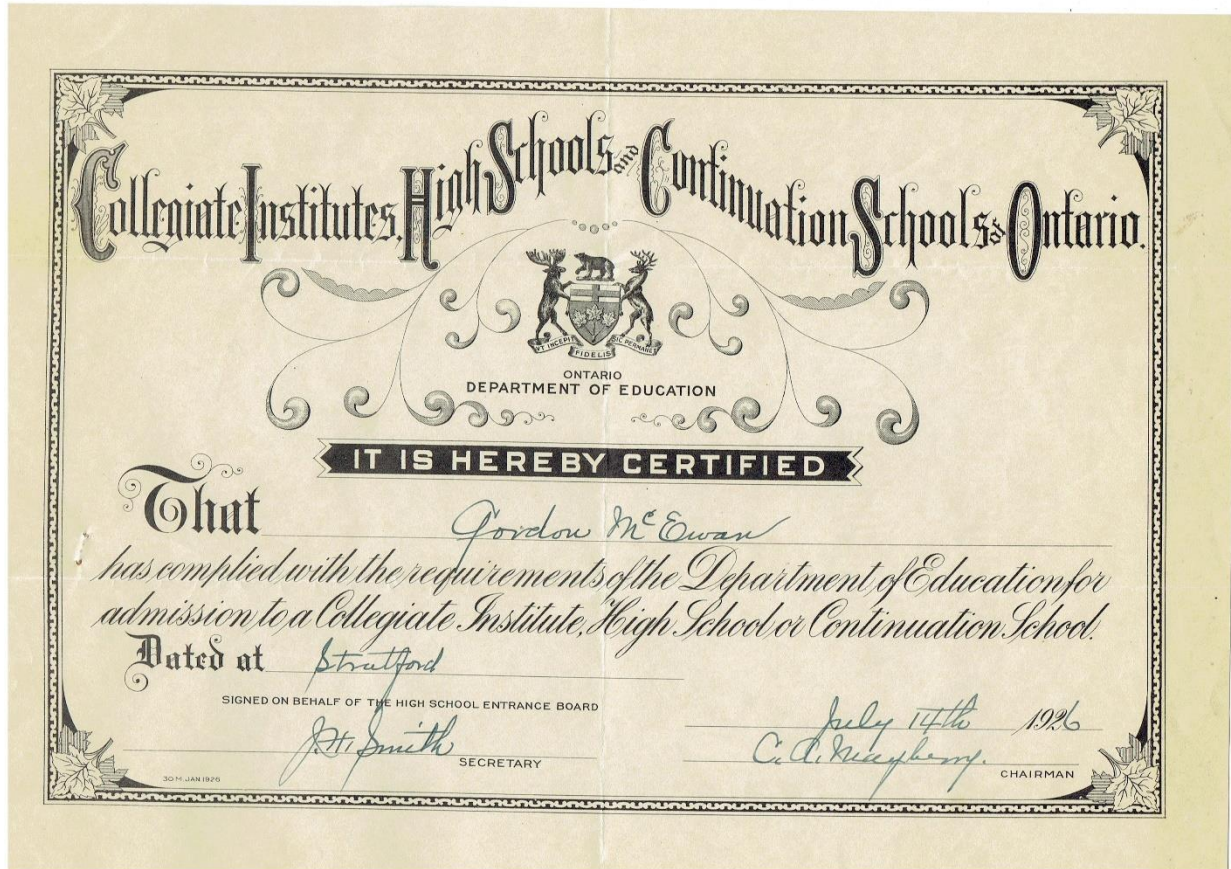
---

34

"Use the whip, we can't see whether you're moving or not!"

Use the whip! That was a laugh! Old Polly's hide was made of India rubber!"

**ph01232. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
Excerpt: Family Stories by Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.**



ph01233 Gordon McEwan 41-42aac. Graduation Certificate 1926

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CITY OF STRATFORD AND PERTH SOUTH

J. H. SMITH, B.A.  
INSPECTOR

STRATFORD, ONT., Aug 16, 1937

To whom it may concern:-

This is to state that Mr. Gordon McEwan taught in a large rural school in South Perth for a period of four years and during that time I found his work highly satisfactory.

Mr. McEwan is an energetic and enthusiastic teacher who is very much interested in his work. He is an excellent disciplinarian. In his school he taught all classes from Primer to Fifth Class and on tests and examinations his pupils always made an excellent showing. I can recommend him to any Board of Education as a very competent and reliable teacher.

J. H. Smith J.P.  
Perth South

Jan. 10, 1939.

To Whom it may Concern:

This is to certify that we heartily endorse Inspector Smith's statement and that Gordon McEwan taught in our school for a continuous period of 6 years.

We can recommend him to any board of trustees as a reliable teacher.

Board of Trustees S.S. No. 3, Down

Edwin Erb secy  
George Eckert  
Sam Jerman

This is to certify that we agree with the above statement and that Gordon McEwan has taught in our school from 1939-42.

Earl Richardson  
John Vanstone  
Ingram Prindle

ph01234.2. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



**ph01235.1. Mary Babb 26-27laa. Lois Hearn McEwan  
41-42aaca.Sp. Marie Crawford Simpson 41-42aaaaa.Sp.**



**ph01235.2. Lois Simpson Kipfer 41-42aaaad. Sonya  
Simpson Tuer 41-42aaadb. Sondra Simpson Buchner  
41-42aaadc. Stratford. Ontario 1998**



**ph01235.3. Don Simpson 41-42aaaaa. Gladys Blacklock Babb 26-271a. home of Lois Simpson Kipfer 41-42aaaad.**



**ph01235.4. Gladys Blacklock Babb 26-271a. Verna Simpson Willows 41-42aaaab. Fred Kipfer 41-42aaaad.Sp. Eileen Simpson Hosick 41-42aaaac.**



RURAL CRITIC TEACHERS  
 G. McEwan, J. MacKenzie, H. Crawford, K. Egchoetz, W. H. Pollard,  
 Absent—J. Rice.

ph01236 Source: The Classc 1937.

Page Eleven

THE NORMAL SCHOOL OF STRATFORD



DEBATERS AND PUBLIC SPEAKERS  
 G. Mason, O. Quinton, H. Baeker, George Hiltz  
 D. Bettger, S. Tuck, G. McEwan, J. Norman.

ph01237 Gordon McEwan 41-42aac. Normal School 1933



ph01238. Gordon McEwan  
41-42aaca. The Classic 1933.  
Stratford Normal School



ph01239. Don Simpson 41-42aaaaa.



ph01240 Betty Lou McEwan Cull 41-42aaca.



*What's new in the Archives?*

Picture No. 38. Shown here is a group entitled "Avonton Jubilee Choir" in a photograph by A. G. Westlake of Stratford. The word jubilee has Hebrew origins, meaning blast of a ram's horn in a special celebration, originally every 50 years, when remission of many misdeeds were granted. In recent history the term Silver Jubilee (25 years) and Diamond Jubilee (60 years) have been used. Perhaps some reader can explain why this choir was given its title. The original photograph contains only the first initial instead of the given name of each person, an annoying fashion of about 80 years ago. Fortunately, someone has written a little more on the reverse side. The members identified are as follows: Front row — Jack Wood and George Wallace; second row — Margaret (Redford) Neill, organist, Alex Hoy, D. Neill, Choirleader, Homer B. McClellan (area teacher) and Clara (Cowan) Morrow; Third row — Edith (Ballantyne) Robertson, Agnes (McEwan) Armstrong, Mary (Aitcheson) Murray, Mary (Rae) Hailey, Margaret

*Blacklock*

Anderson and B. (Wallace) Hoegy; Back row — S. Mark, soloist, Jack Anderson and M. (Ballantyne) Aitcheson. The clothing is especially interesting, all of it handmade, probably by local seamstresses who often went from house to house working on orders. Any of these garments shown here would be a museum piece today. Until you handle old garments, you do not realize how thick and heavy cotton and wool cloth used to be for wear in the colder houses of yesteryear. This is one of a series about items preserved in the Perth County Archives located in the Court House. The collection contains photographs, scrapbooks, maps, tapes, movies, letters, documents, diaries, and much more. The staff of the Archives feels too much history is being put out with the garbage, and suggests that people call the archives for advice before they start housecleaning. Additional information concerning things shown here would be appreciated. Visitors are welcome at the archives any weekday afternoon. 273-0399.

**ph01241 Ethel Ballantyne Robinson 20-21dgb. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace. Mary Ballantyne Aitcheson 20-21dgba. Identification above contains two errors.**



GRADUATING CLASS OF 5-B

ph01255 Gordon McEwan 41-42aac. top row 2nd from left  
Graduating class Stratford Collegiate 1931

10

*THE CLASSIC, 1942*



RURAL PRACTICE TEACHERS

Back Row—Miss Freeborn, Miss Pauli, Mrs. Scrimgeour, Miss Sanderson, Miss Wetzel,  
Miss Elligsen.

Front Row—Miss McCutcheon, Mr. McEwan, Mr. Pollard, Miss Hazlewood.

ph01256. Gordon McEwan 41-42aac.



RURAL SCHOOL PRACTICE TEACHERS  
Standing, left to right—Mr. McEwan, Mrs. Scrimgeour, Miss McCutcheon,  
Mr. Pollard.  
Seated—Miss Wetzel, Miss Wilker, Miss Freeborn, Miss Hazlewood, Miss Johnson.  
**ph01257. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.**



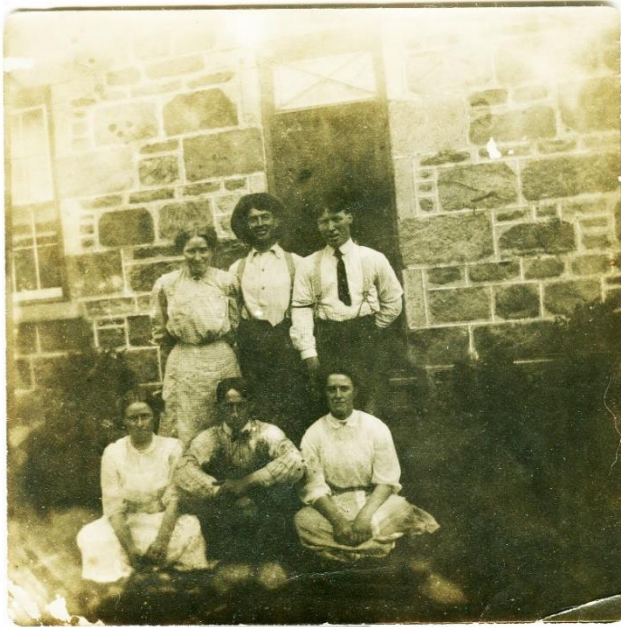
**ph3471 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Jack McEwan 41-42aac.**



ph3481 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai. Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp.



**ph3971 Harriotte Hemsley  
McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.**



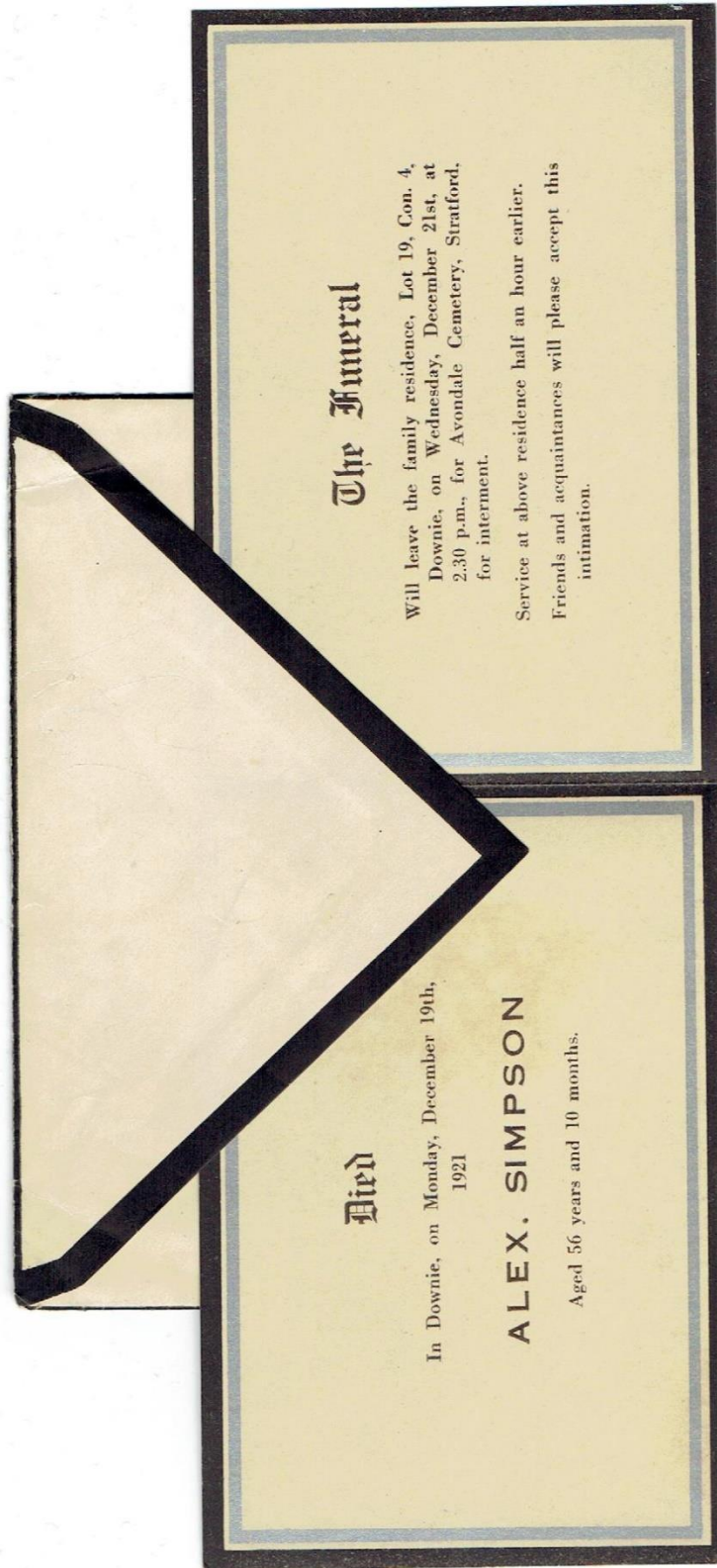
ph6501 Front: Bessie McEwan 41-42abg. unidentified Agnes McEwan  
Armstrong 41-42abd. Bk; Nettie McEwan 41-42abf. unidentified Adam  
McEwan 41-42abe. McEwan home, 1910's



ph9011 Helen (Nellie) McEwan Baxter  
41-42aba. James Baxter 41-42aba.Sp.



ph9021 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Rubina Irvine McEwan 40-41aac.Sp.  
Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. William Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp.  
Betty Lou McEwan Cull 41-42aaca. c. 1940



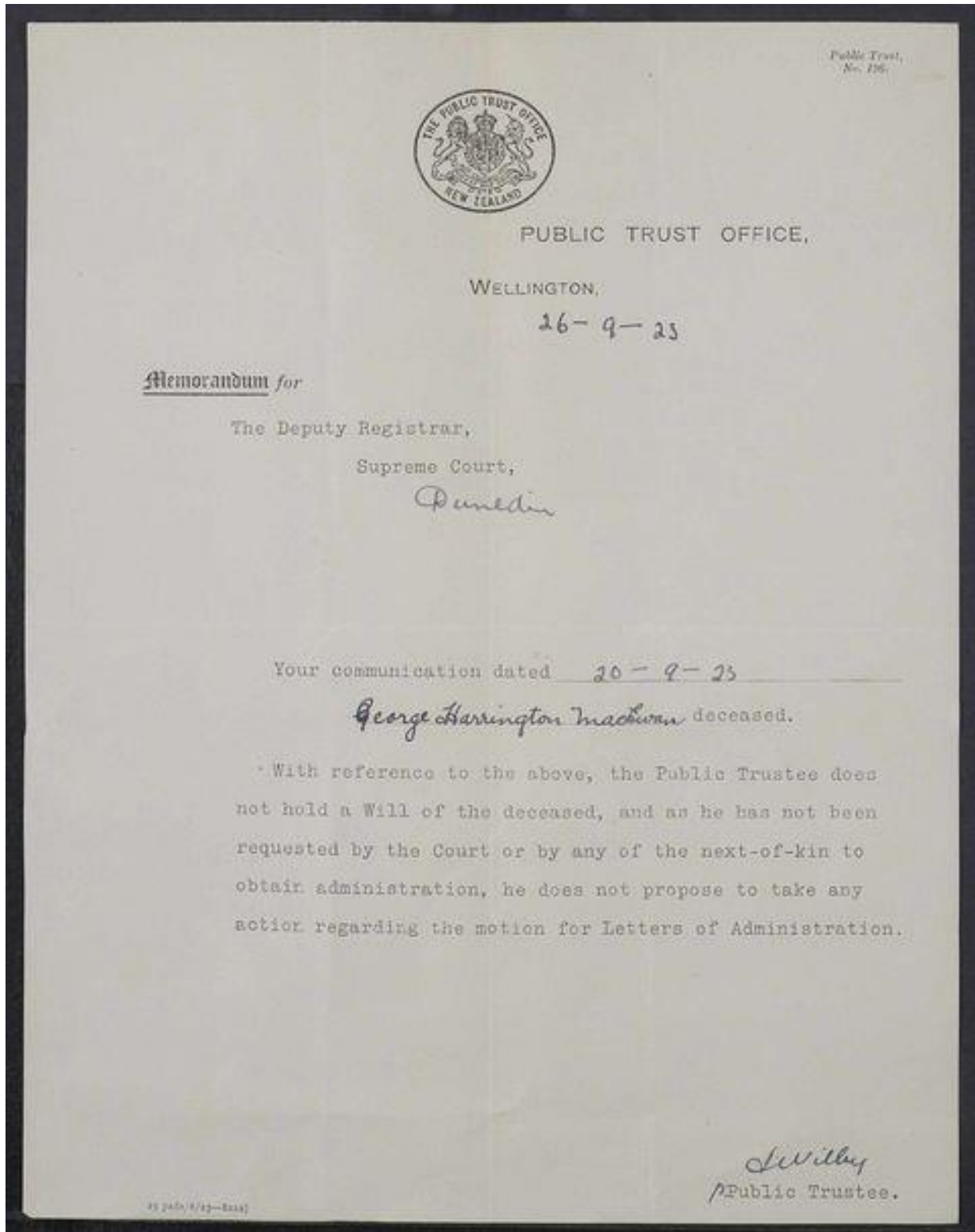
ph9031 Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.



**Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Dickson's Corners,  
Oxford County, Ont.**



**ph9051 Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. holding Elmer Armstrong 41-42abdb., Helen  
McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. George Armstrong 41-42abd.Sp. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. with Percy Armstrong 41-42abda. Agnes McEwan  
Armstrong 41-42abd. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. (in chair)**



ph9071 George MacEwan 41-42af. Letter Public Trust



ph9091 Adam McEwan 41-42abe.



ph9121 Nellie McEwan Baxter 41-42aba.



ph9131 Adam McEwan 41-42abe.



ph9151 James  
MacEwan 41-42ah.



ph9161 Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd. George Armstrong  
41-42abd.Sp.



**ph9171 George MacEwan 41-42af.  
James MacEwan 41-42ah.**



**ph9181 Bessie McEwan 41-42abg. Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Nettie McEwan  
41-42abf. Adam McEwan 41-42abe.**



ph9191 Ruby McEwan Jackson 41-42abbb. Alice Ackerviller McEwan 41-42abb.Sp., Dorothy McEwan Berger 41-42abba.



ph9201 Back: Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd. , uncertain, Maggie McEwan Cosh 41-42ag. (likely), George Armstrong 41-42abd.Sp. Middle: Alexander McEwan 41-42ab. Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp. Alex Simpson's father (likely) Front : Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. holding Percy Armstrong 41-42abda. (likely), Verna Cosh McSherry 41-42age. (possibly) Evelyn Cosh Moody 41-42agd. (likely)



ph9211 John McEwan 41-42abb. Alice Ackerviller  
McEwan 41-42abb.Sp. Dorothy McEwan  
Berger 41-42abba.



ph9221 front Unidentified woman, Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab.  
back: Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. unidentified couple, Harriotte McEwan Simpson  
41-42aaa. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.



ph9231 Thomas McEwan 41-42abc.



ph9241 Vida McEwan Caldwell 41-42aec.  
Bonnie McEwan Terry 41-42aed.



ph9251 Maggie McEwan Cosh  
41-42aq.

ant Cemetery.

**ARSCOTT**—Suddenly, at his late residence, 127 Ann street, Francis Arscott, beloved husband of Alice E. Arscott and father of Ena and Earl M. Arscott, in his 59th year. Funeral from the above address on Sunday, March 29. Services at 2 p. m. Funeral at 2.30. Interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**FOUNTAIN**—In this city on Tuesday  
Free Press, London, March 27 1925  
ph927

## FUNERAL OF FRANK ARSCOTT

Remains of Well-Known Londoner  
interred at Woodland.

The funeral of Frank Arscott, a life-long resident of this city, was held from his late residence, 127 Ann street, yesterday afternoon. The services, which were conducted by Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, of Talbot Street Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, were attended by the members of Forest City Lodge, No. 672, of the Loyal Orange Order of this city, to which Mr. Arscott belonged. Friends and acquaintances filled the house to pay their last respects to one who was so well known in this city and district.

The many and large floral tributes, which covered the grave in Woodland Cemetery, where interment was made, spoke for themselves of the high esteem in which Mr. Arscott was held by his friends, relatives and business acquaintances in the city.

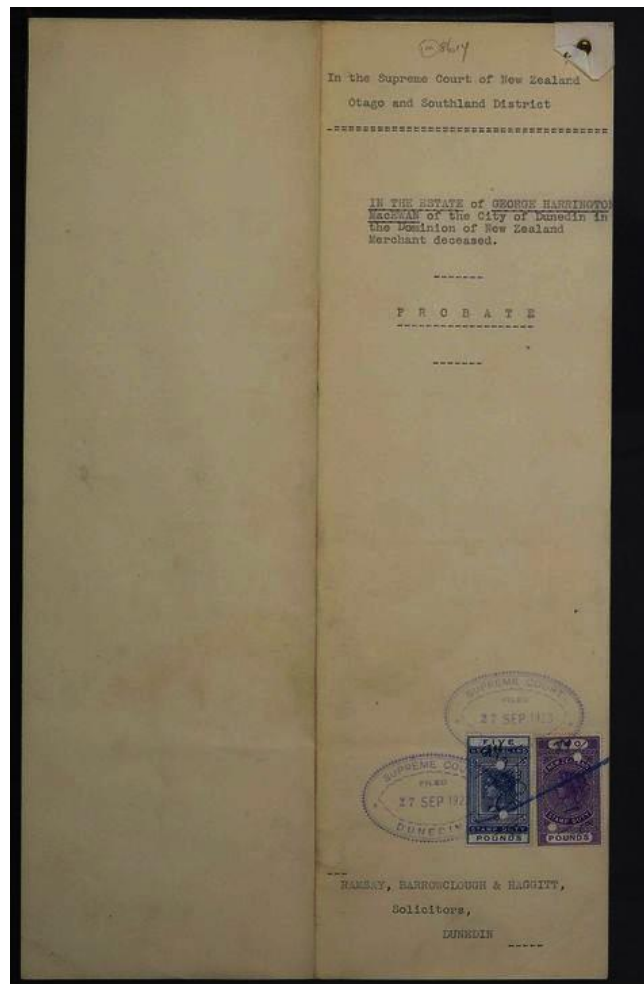
For many years Mr. Arscott carried on his business of hide buyer on the local market, where he was well known and made many friends. He was well known in athletic circles in the old days of the Alert Club ball team of 1892, and many old residents of this city played on the same team with Frank Arscott.

ph928

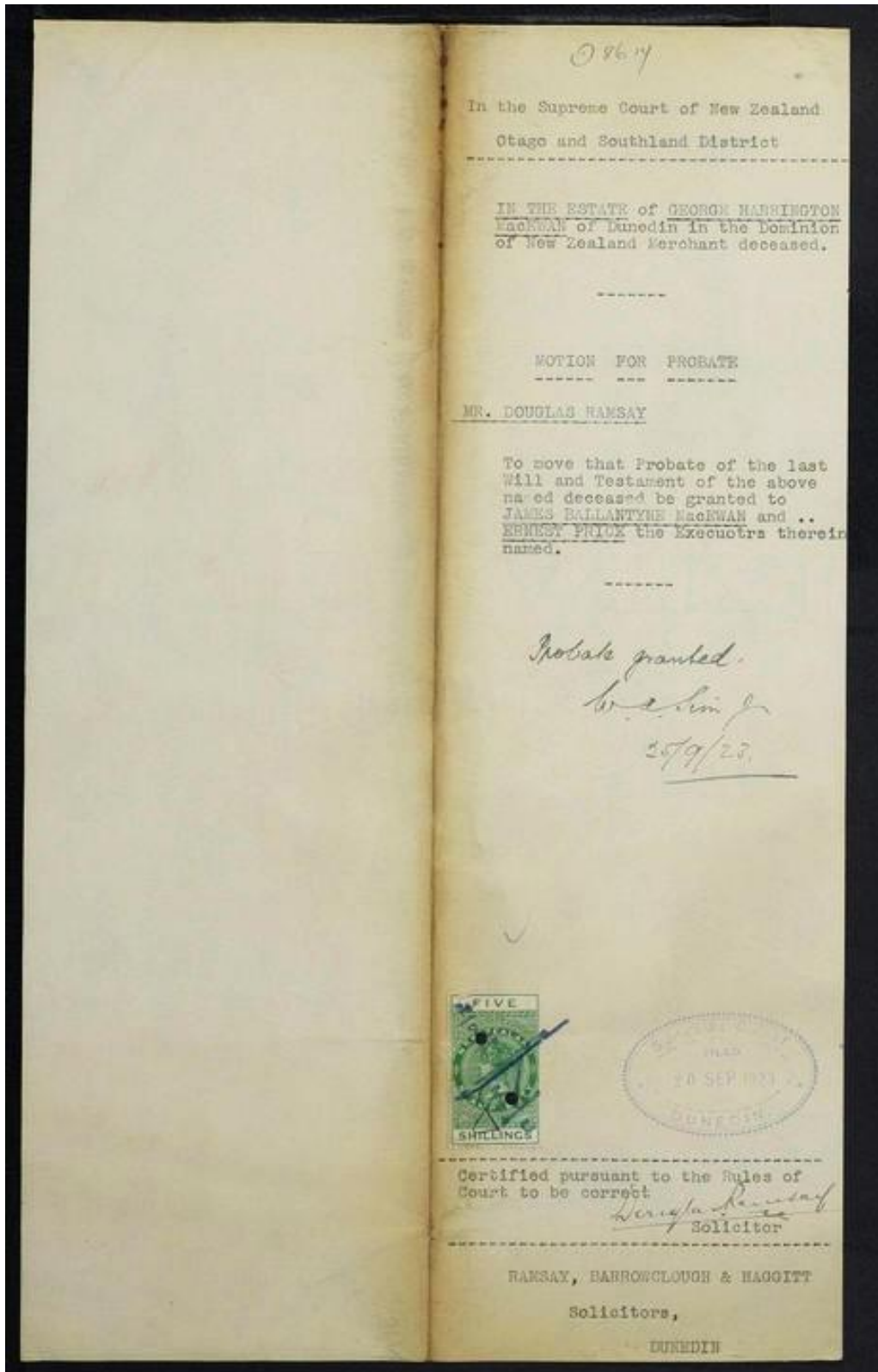
Free Press, London, 30 March 1925 p.3



ph9301 Margaret McEwan Cosh 41-42ag. Newton Cosh 41-42ag.Sp.



ph9311 George MacEwan 41-42af. Will(1)



ph9311(2) Geoge MacEwan 41-42af.

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand }  
 Otago and Southland District }

IN THE ESTATE of GEORGE HARRINGTON  
MacEWAN of the City of Dunedin in  
 the Dominion of New Zealand Merchant  
 deceased.

N E JAMES BALLANTYNE MacEWAN of the City of Wellington  
 in the Dominion of New Zealand Merchant and ERNEST PRICE of  
 the City of Dunedin in the said Dominion Stock and Station  
 Agent severally make oath and say as follows:-

1. THAT we knew George Harrington MacEwan of the City  
 of Dunedin aforesaid Merchant now deceased when alive and that  
 the said George Harrington MacEwan was domiciled at Dunedin  
 aforesaid within this judicial district and that the nearest  
 Registry Office of this Court to the place where the said  
 George Harrington MacEwan was domiciled is at Dunedin aforesaid

2. THAT the said George Harrington MacEwan died at  
 Invercargill in the said Dominion on or about the Twelfth day  
 of August One thousand nine hundred and twenty three as we  
 are able to depose from having seen his dead body after death.

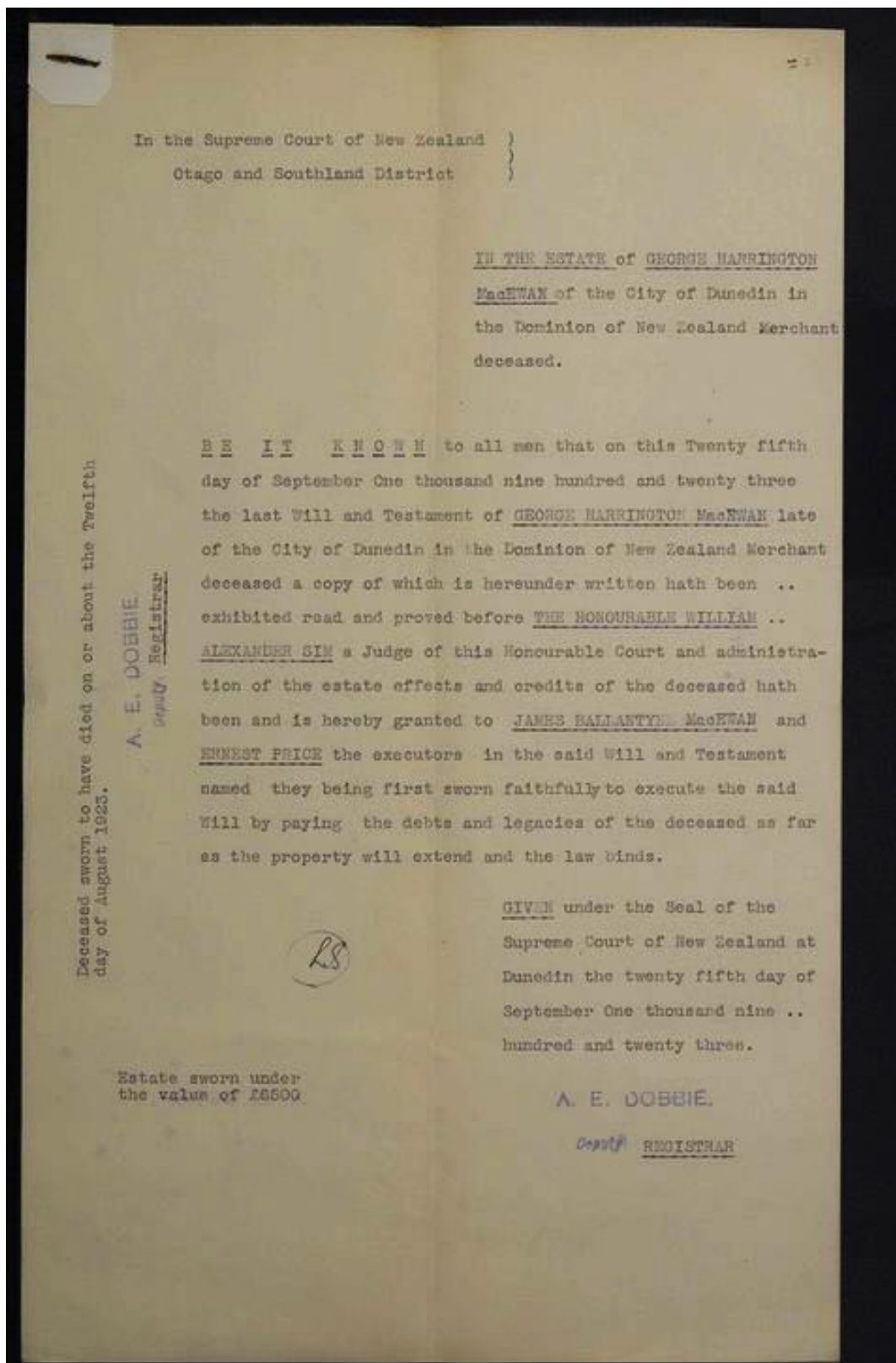
3. THAT we believe the written document now produced  
 bearing date the fourteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred  
 and twenty to be the last will and testament of the said deceased  
 and that we are the executors therein named.

4. THAT we will faithfully execute the said Will by paying  
 the debts and legacies of the said deceased as far as the  
 property will extend and the law binds.

5. THAT according to our knowledge and belief the estate  
 and effects of the said deceased in respect of which probate  
 is sought to be obtained are under the value of Six thousand  
 five hundred pounds (£6500)

*Jew*  
*Page 1 BSR*

**ph9331(3) George MacEwan 41-42af.**



ph9311(4) George MacEwan 41-42af.

'A'

*This is the written document executed by George MacEwan and shown to James MacEwan, James MacEwan of the same place, bearing an affidavit this 17th day of September 1883 before me*  
*James MacEwan*  
*A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.*

*This is the written document executed by George MacEwan and shown to James MacEwan, James MacEwan of the same place, bearing an affidavit this 3rd day of September 1883 before me*  
*John Penon*  
*A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.*

This is the last Will of me George Harrington MacEwan of Ouedin in the Provincial District of Otago in the Dominion of New Zealand Merchant.

1. I revoke all other wills and testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made.
2. I appoint my brother James Ballantyne MacEwan of Wellington in the Provincial District of Wellington in the said Dominion Merchant and Ernest Price of Ouedin aforesaid Lark and Tabou Agent (herein after called my Trustees) Executors and Trustees of this my will.
3. I bequeath to the said James Ballantyne MacEwan my "Encyclopaedia Britannica" (24 Volumes) and Oumas' works To my brother Arthur MacEwan the twelve Volumes of "Thomas Hardy's" works and to both of them equally the remainder of my books I declare that the said bequests shall be free of all duties payable in respect of my death.
4. I devise to the said James Ballantyne MacEwan my Iron Property on the Vermillion Range containing fifty acres and three rods being Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) of Section Thirty one (31) in Township Sixty three (63) in Minnesota United States of America which is at present being looked after on my behalf by Mr John A. Stephenson Real Estate Agent Duluth Minnesota aforesaid.
5. As to all the rest of my estate and effects both real and personal I devise and bequeath the same unto my Trustees Upon trust that my Trustees shall sell call in and convert into money such parts thereof as shall not consist of money and shall hold the said residue of my estate and effects until such sale calling in and conversion and the moneys

ph9311(5) George MacEwan 41-42af.

arising from such sale calling in and conversion and all other moneys arising from or forming part of my residuary estate in trust for such of them my brothers Alexander MacEwan John MacEwan and Arthur MacEwan my sisters Mary Bain wife of John Bain Margaret Gosh wife of Newton Gosh Harriet MacEwan wife of my deceased brother Robert MacEwan and my niece Mary Murray daughter of my deceased sister Janet and wife of Walter Murray as shall be living at my death and if more than one in equal shares as tenants in common.

G. I declare that my Trustees shall have a discretionary power to postpone for such period as to them shall seem expedient the sale calling in or conversion of any parts of my real or personal estate and in particular to continue all or any part of my personal estate in the state or upon the investments in or upon which the same shall be at the time of my death however doubtful or hazardous the description or nature of the property or investment may be.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of July one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

*George MacEwan*

Signed by the above named Testator as his last will in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses.

*Donald Ramsay*  
Solicitor  
Ottawa

*W. A. Stuart*  
Clerk to Messrs MacEwan & Ramsay  
Solicitors  
Ottawa



**ph9311(7) George MacEwan 41-42af.**



ph9341 Marion Mallett MacEwan 41-42ai.Sp.

Mr. George Harrington MacEwan, of the firm of Messrs. J. B. MacEwan, produce merchants, died at Invercargill on Sunday. Mr. MacEwan, who was born at Stratford, near Toronto, Canada, was one of a large family. He came to New Zealand about 1900. His brother, Mr. J. B. MacEwan, was Government dairy expert in New Zealand for a time, and when he retired from that position the deceased joined him in partnership, managing the Dunedin branch of the business. On the occasion of a visit to Australia some years ago, Mr. MacEwan had the misfortune to suffer a paralytic stroke, but fortunately it was not very serious, and he recovered to some extent. He subsequently went for a trip to Canada, and when he returned to the Dominion his health was considerably better, though he never fully recovered. The deceased was one of the directors of the Waitaki Dairy Company since its formation in 1911. Outside of his business Mr. MacEwan, who was a single man, was best known as an enthusiastic golfer. He won the championship of the Otago Golf Club on four occasions—in 1900, 1904, 1905, and 1906—and at the New Zealand tournament, which was played in Dunedin in October, 1904, he was runner-up to Mr. A. H. Fisher, who defeated him by 3 up and 2 to play, after a very interesting contest.

ph9361 George MacEwan 41-42af. Evening Post, vCVI(38)  
14 August 1923



ph9391 bk: Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. Ella Foster McEwan 41-42ae.Sp.  
 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. John McEwan 41-42ae.  
 front: Bonnie McEwan Terry 41-42aed. Vida McEwan Caldwell 41-42aec.



ph9411 ft: Earl Arscott 41-42f gb, John Bain 41-42adg. Bill Bain 41-42ade.  
 2nd row: Bessie McEwan 41-42abg. Ina Arscott 41-42fga, Margaret Simpson 41-42aab.  
 Mary Bain Clarke 41-42adf.  
 back: Agnes Bain Wiley 41-42ada. Lorne McEwan 41-42abi.  
 at John Bain 41-42ad.Sp. home

Description of Elmer McEwan on Enlistment.

Apparent Age <u>22</u> years ..... months.		Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. <small>(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)</small>	
<small>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</small>			
Height.....	<u>5</u> ft. <u>8</u> ins.	<u>Large deep scar on palmar surface of right thumb</u>	
Chest measurement {	Girth when fully expanded.....		<u>37</u> ins.
	Range of expansion.....		<u>3</u> ins.
Complexion.....	<u>Reddy</u>		
Eyes.....	<u>Blue</u>		
Hair.....	<u>Light Brown</u>		
Religious denominations.	Church of England.....		
	Presbyterian.....		
	Methodist.....	<u>yes</u>	
	Baptist or Congregationalist.....		
	Roman Catholic.....		
Jewish.....			
Other denominations.....	<small>(Denomination to be stated.)</small>		

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him\* fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date..... Mar 25 1916

Place..... Emisdale

A. S. Paton Medical Officer.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Elmer McEwan having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Date..... Mar 25 1916

Arthur (Signature of Officer)  
132nd O. B. Bato, C. E. F.

*Duplicate*

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 657744

162nd O. S. Batt'n, C. E. F.  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

- (ANSWERS)
1. What is your surname? ..... *McEwan*
  - 1a. What are your Christian names? ..... *Elmer Ballantyne*
  - 1b. What is your present address? ..... *Novar*
  2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? ..... *Novar*
  3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? ..... *Ella McEwan*
  4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? ..... *Novar, N.S.*
  - 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? ..... *mother*
  5. What is the date of your birth? ..... *Mar 3. 1894*
  6. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... *Labourer*
  7. Are you married? ..... *no*
  8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? ..... *yes*
  9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? ..... *no*
  10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? ..... *no*  
If so, state particulars of former Service.
  11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? ..... *yes*
  12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } ..... *yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Elmer B. McEwan*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *Mar 25* 191*6* *Elmer Ballantyne McEwan* (Signature of Recruit)  
*ABM Kelvey* (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Elmer B. McEwan*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *Mar 25* 191*6* *Elmer Ballantyne McEwan* (Signature of Recruit)  
*ABM Kelvey* (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

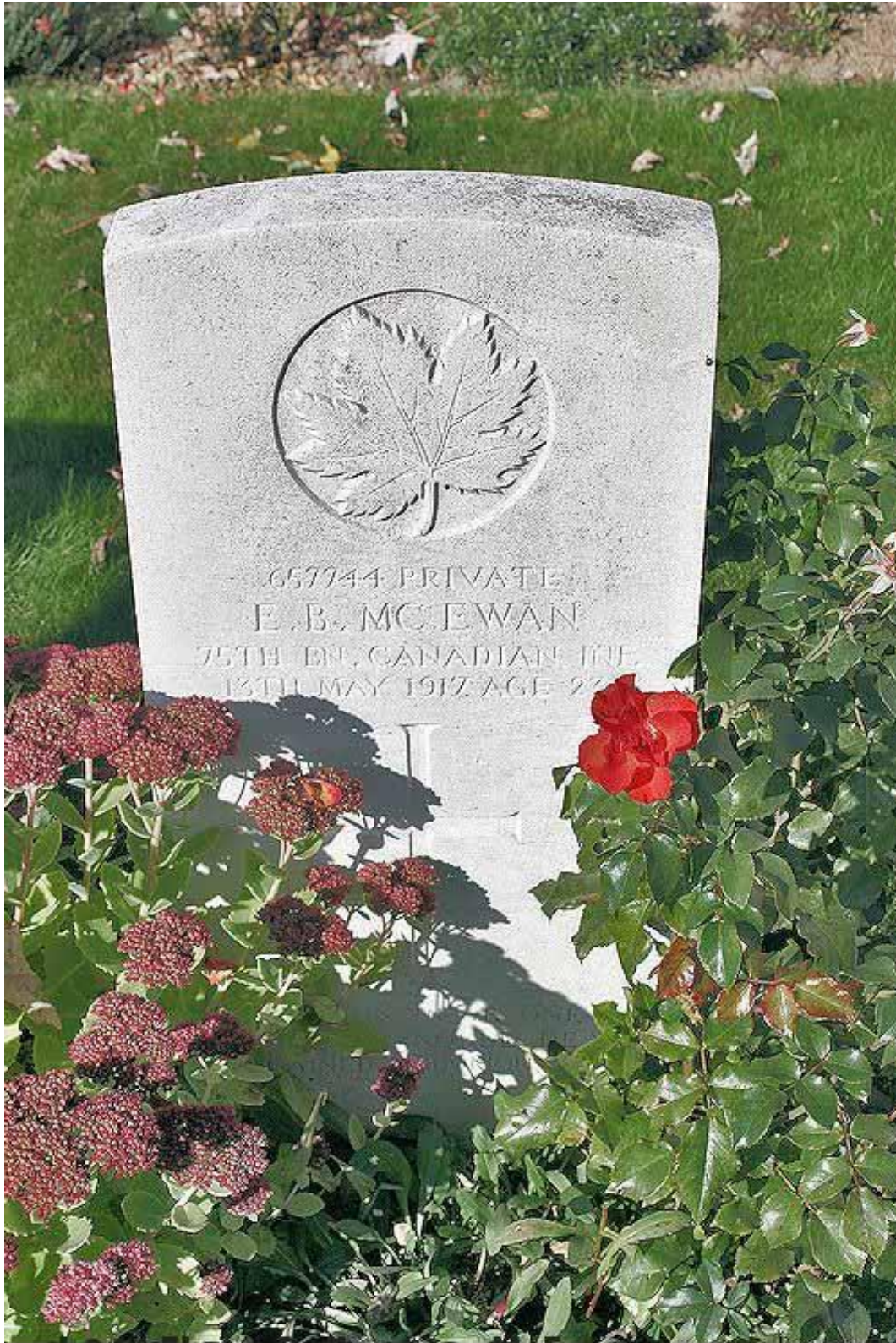
The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.  
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Ensdale* this *25* day of *Mar* 191*6*.  
*[Signature]* (Signature of Justice)

M. F. W. 22.  
FORM - 21A.  
H. Q. 1772-29-541.

162nd O. S. Batt'n, C. E. F.

ph9431 Elmer McEwan 41-42aea. Attestation paper 1916 (front)



ph9441 Elmer McEwan 41-42aea.

FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901		SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1. POPULATION															QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901										
Province: <u>Ontario</u> District No. <u>11 Muskoka &amp; Parry Sound</u> S. District No. <u>K1</u>		(Towns, Villages, Hamlets or Places) No. <u>145</u> (Date) <u>1901</u>															(City, Town, Village, Hamlet or Place) No. <u>145</u> (Date) <u>1901</u>										
Page 4		Municipal Rating of Living Persons by Townships or Sub-Townships <u>145</u>															Page 4										
Description of the person in French or English	Personal Description									Ethnicity, Nativity and Religion					Principal Profession or Trade					Wages Earned			Education and Language of each person				Industries
	Sex	Color	Relationship to head of family or to person with whom living	Married within year	Single and date of marriage	Years of age	Years of residence in Canada	Change of place of birth	Place of birth	Year of immigration	Country of birth	Parents' country of birth	Religion	Deaf or blind	Language spoken at home	Language spoken outside home	Days of work in year	Amount of wages earned	Kind of work	Months of schooling	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Can speak French	Can speak other language	Occupation	
3838	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3839	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3840	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3841	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3842	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3843	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3844	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3845	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3846	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3847	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3848	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3849	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			
3850	John McEwan	M	W			1878		Scot	Scot	1878	Scot	Scot			Eng	12	1200		12	12	12			Farmer			

ph9451 John McEwan 41-42ae. census Muskoka 1901



**ph9461 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.**



**ph9471 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.  
Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.  
Viola Hughey Levy**



**ph9491 Louisa Hemsley Smith 30-31db.,  
Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.**



**ph9501 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.  
Harriotte (Hattie) McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Agnes McEwan Blacklock  
41-42aab.**



ph9511 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.



ph9521( ) front: Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. Back: Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Ruth Maclean, Harriotte Hemsley Simpson 41-42aa.Sp. Katie MacLean held by mother Katie Zinek MacLean, Rev. MacLean



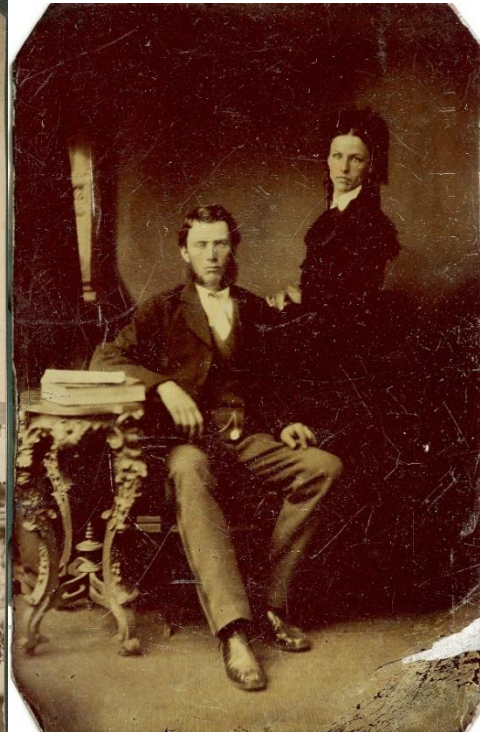
ph9521(2) Note on reverse "Rev. MacLean 1914-1918 Sky Pilot in Europe from Avonton Married his second wife in England (Katie Zinek). They are shown here with child from first marriage, Ruth. On return they stayed for awhile at Alex Simpsons with Ruth and new baby Katie Constance Alberta."



ph9521.3. Rev. MacLean



ph9531 Robert McEwan 41-42aa.



ph9541 Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.



ph9551 Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. John McEwan 41-42aac. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp., in front: Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.



ph9561 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.



ph9571 John McEwan 41-42abb. Adam McEwan 41-42abe. Thomas McEwan 41-42abc.



ph9611 bk: Helen McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Alex McEwan 41-42ab. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. Frt: Alice McEwan Arscott 41-42fg. Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp. John McEwan 41-42a. home Downie twp

From: Dicksons Corners blog 14 October 2017

The McEwans who lived in Perth County in the second half of the 19th century were deeply connected to the cheese making industry. In the next several blogs I will attempt to recount what I know about that connection. However, before I begin, it may be useful to provide some context. In 1845 John McEwan, a 26 year old iron moulder from Scotland leased 100 acres of land to the south of the Stratford-to-Goderich road in Perth County. Fortunately, John's land had a good source of water. Winding through the McEwan property is the Black Creek which originates in the huge Ellice swamp to the north. From the swamp the creek meanders through the flat lands of Perth County, moving in a slow westerly direction through Sebringville, past the school house, on to the Ballantyne and McEwan land and then westwardly toward Mitchell where it connects to the Thames river and ultimately Lake Erie. By the 1840's when John arrived, the land to the east of his property had almost all been taken up. His future in-laws the Ballantynes, for example, who lived nearby, had already been on the land for 12 years, and the previous year Robert Ballantyne, John's future brother-in-law had leased the 100 acres adjoining John's property on the north. I don't know if John had any prior connection to the Ballantynes or why he moved into Perth County but two years after he first leased the land John married 21 year old Agnes Ballantyne the daughter of the original Ballantyne settler. John and Agnes built a classic Scottish style stone house of dressed field stone, and in 1850 John added another 50 acres of land to his property. [I have attached two pictures of John's property as it appears nowadays. First, the picture of the rich farm land that he cleared (ph914) and second, the situation of the house back from the road and overlooking the Black Creek (ph912). You need to look closely to see the house back among the trees and if you would like to see a close-up view of the house with its immaculately proportioned dressed field stones I refer you to ph1015.] It is evident from the 1861 agricultural census that John and Agnes became prosperous farmers. On the 1861 census record sheet which contains the McEwan statistics there are 49 names. I have used the records on the census sheet to compare the McEwans to their neighbours. The McEwans owned 150 acres of land (only 6 owned more), the McEwans had 80 acres under cultivation (only 5 had more), the McEwans had 54 acres under crops (only 7 had more) and the property was valued at \$4 000 (only 7 properties on the list were worth more). John had 32 acres in wheat, 10 acres in oats and 3 acres in peas. He was also growing potatoes and turnips. To sum up: the evidence suggests that John and Agnes McEwan were doing as well in 1861 - if not better - than many of their neighbours.

**ph9581 John McEwan 41-42a. Family Stories**



ph9621 Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Janet McEwan Aitcheson 41-42ac. William Hemsley (possibly) 30-31e.



ph9631 John Bain 41-42ad.Sp.



ph9651 Robert (Bob) Bain 41-42adb.



ph9661 Agnes Bain Wiley 41-42ada.



**ph9671 Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad. on right**



**ph9681 Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad. Gourlay relative on right.**

London Free Press 15 May 1947 p 26

At her late residence 127 Ann Street on Tuesday May 13 1947 Alice E beloved wife of the late Francis Arscott in her 75<sup>th</sup> year. Resting at her late residence where the funeral service will be held on Saturday May 17 at 3 p.m. Interment in Woodland Cemetery.

London Free Press Sat. 17 May 1947 p. 16

Mrs. Alice E. Arscott

Nephews of the deceased were pall bearers at the service for Mrs. Alice E. Arscott held from her residence 127 Ann Street this afternoon. She died on Tuesday at her home in her 75<sup>th</sup> year. Pallbearers were Frank and Harry McEwan, Roland and Harry Dear, Wilfred and George Arscott. Dr. A. C. Archibald, Talbot Street Baptist Church conducted the service. Interment was in Woodland Cemetery.

**ph969 Arscott, Alice McEwan**



ph9701 Margaret McEwan Cosh 41-42ag.



ph9711 Newton Cosh 41-42ag.Sp. Maggie McEwan Cosh 41-42ag. Olive Cosh 41-42aga. (likely)



**SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1. POPULATION.**  
**QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901.**

Province: *Ontario* District No. *22 Middlesex South* S. District No. *12* No. of Polling sub-division *12* Sub-division de vote *12* No. of Households *12* in date *Westminster* (City, town, village, locality or parish) *Westminster*  
 (City, town, village, name or parish) *Westminster* Date of Enumeration *June 16 April 16* Page *8*

No. of the individual in the household	Sex	Color	Relationship to head of family or to other person in household	Married and date of birth	Year of birth	Country or place of birth	Ethnicity, Nationality and Religion			Principal Professions or Trades			Males 18 years of age and over			Education at longest of male persons 14 years of age and over			Institutions attended (if any)
							Origin	Naturalized	Religion	Profession or Trade	Employment	Profession or Trade	Education	Profession or Trade	Employment	Profession or Trade	Education	Profession or Trade	
76	Walter	M	Head	1859	1859	England	English	Methodist	Farmer									English	
77	Walter	M	Wife	1863	1863	England	English	Methodist										English	
78	Richard	M	Son	1881	1881	England	English	Methodist										English	
79	Richard	M	Son	1883	1883	England	English	Methodist										English	
80	Richard	M	Son	1885	1885	England	English	Methodist										English	
81	Richard	M	Son	1887	1887	England	English	Methodist										English	
82	Richard	M	Son	1889	1889	England	English	Methodist										English	
83	Richard	M	Son	1891	1891	England	English	Methodist										English	
84	Richard	M	Son	1893	1893	England	English	Methodist										English	
85	Richard	M	Son	1895	1895	England	English	Methodist										English	
86	Richard	M	Son	1897	1897	England	English	Methodist										English	
87	Richard	M	Son	1899	1899	England	English	Methodist										English	
88	Richard	M	Son	1901	1901	England	English	Methodist										English	

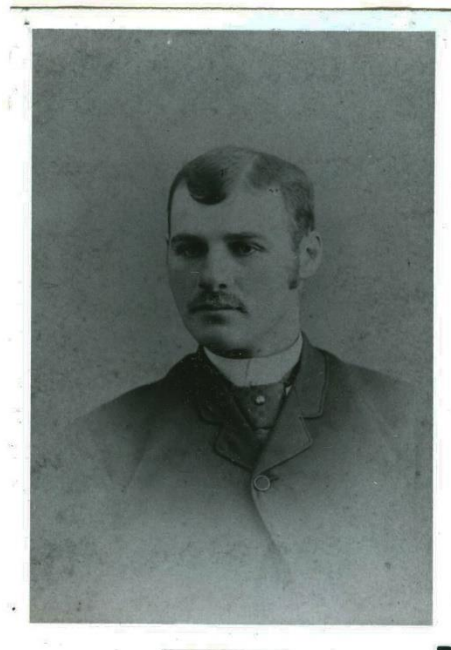
ph9731 Margaret McEwan Cosh 41-42ag. census 1901



ph9741 front: Maggie McEwan Cosh 41-42ag. Verna Cosh McSherry 41-42age. Evelyn Cosh Moody 41-42agd., Melvin Cosh 41-42agc. Clarion Cosh 41-42agf. Harold Cosh 41-42agb.



ph9751 Johnnie McEwan 41-42ae. Myrtle McEwan Shortreed 41-42aeb. Elmer McEwan 41-42aea. Ella Foster McEwan 41-42ae.Sp.



ph9761 George MacEwan

**Office of the DAIRY Commissioner.**

**OZZAWA.**

**MR. J. B. MAC EWAN.**

*Dear Mac.*

In learning of your intention to leave your native land, we must confess to a feeling of genuine regret.

As fellow workers for some three and a half years on behalf of Canadian farmers, our esteem for you as a friend has grown as we have seen more of the many estimable qualities which you possess, and which have impressed themselves into the work in which you have been engaged.

Sorry as we are to part from you, we unite most heartily in wishing you a pleasant and safe journey to the land of the Maories; to which you have been called by the Government as an expert instructor and leader in dairying, and where we trust you will continue to worthily represent Canadian energy, intelligence and integrity in the public service.

We pray that good health and prosperity may ever be yours.

Though deeming it quite unnecessary to ask you to think now and then of the boys you have left behind you; we ask you to accept with every good wish the accompanying cane, knowing it may serve to remind you of warm friends and fellow travellers in this part of the globe, who with you, eye true on towards the ideal of good true work as a servant of the commonwealth.

When you sometimes lean on it, may it assure you that you may more certainly rely on the hearts of its givers for a friendly support by the way.

<i>J. A. Raddick</i>	<i>J. E. Hopkine</i>	<i>James Robertson</i>	<i>Thos. J. Dillon</i>
<i>J. W. Ellsby</i>	<i>P. Mackinnon</i>	<i>W. A. Kay</i>	<i>R. W. Rupert</i>
		<i>C. Whitley</i>	Oct. 6, 1894.

ph9771 James Ballantyne MacEwan 41-42ah.

**SCHEDULE | No. 1. POPULATION.**  
**TABLEAU | No. 1. POPULATION.**

Province: *Ontario* District No. *H. London* S. District No. *13* Polling sub-division (population de recensement) No. *42* (Sheet) *London City*

Trained Return of Living Persons by Households in 1901  
Renseignements des Personnes vivantes par Ménages en 1901

(City, town, village, locality or parish) (City, ville, village, paroisse ou paroisse)  
Page *102*

Numbered in the order of families		Personal Description										Citizenship, Nativity and Religion					Principal Profession or Trade					Wage Earned					Education and Literacy of each person					Infirmities		
Family No.	Serial No.	Sex	Color	Married	Age	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Country of Birth	Naturalized	Citizenship	Nativity	Religion	Profession or Trade	Employed	Wage	Literate	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Can speak French	Can speak other language	Can read and write English	Can read and write French	Can read and write other language	Leprosy	Paralysis	Other							
																												1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	18	McEwan, John	M	White	Married	48	1853	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
16	19	McEwan, Mary	F	White	Married	45	1808	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
17	20	McEwan, William	M	White	Single	25	1876	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
18	21	McEwan, Elizabeth	F	White	Single	22	1879	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
19	22	McEwan, James	M	White	Single	20	1881	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
20	23	McEwan, Margaret	F	White	Single	18	1883	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
21	24	McEwan, Robert	M	White	Single	16	1885	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
22	25	McEwan, Anne	F	White	Single	14	1887	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
23	26	McEwan, John	M	White	Single	12	1889	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
24	27	McEwan, Mary	F	White	Single	10	1891	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
25	28	McEwan, Elizabeth	F	White	Single	8	1893	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
26	29	McEwan, James	M	White	Single	6	1895	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
27	30	McEwan, William	M	White	Single	4	1897	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
28	31	McEwan, Margaret	F	White	Single	2	1899	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										
29	32	McEwan, Robert	M	White	Single	1	1900	Scotland	Yes	British	Scottish	Farmer	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes										

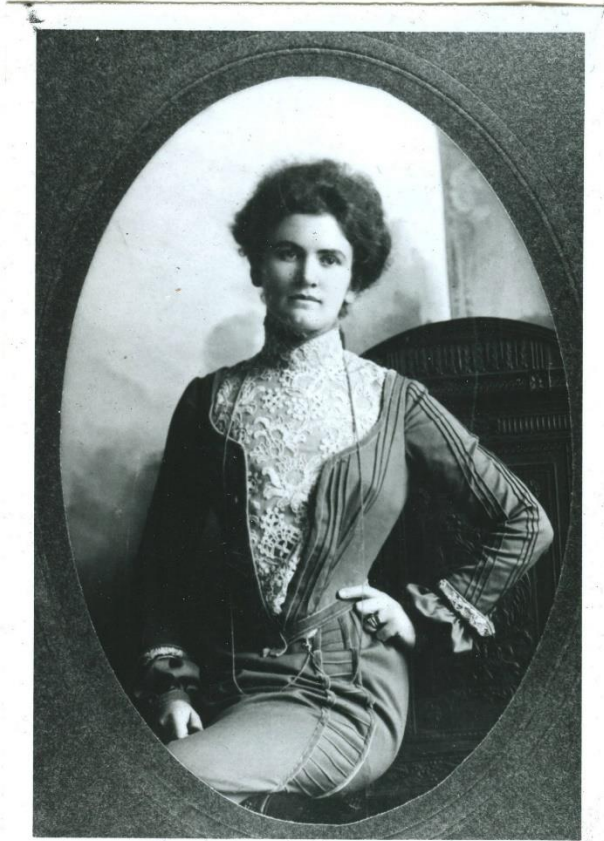
ph978 Dear, Susan McEwan



ph9791 Elmer McEwan 41-42aea. Myrtle McEwan Shortreed 41-42aeb. Vida McEwan Caldwell 41-42aec.



ph9811 James MacEwan 41-42ah. Mary Fisher MacEwan 41-42ah.Sp.



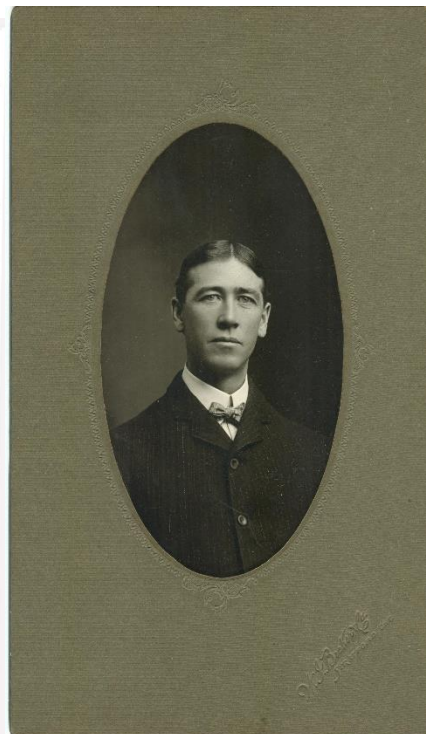
ph9821 Mary Fisher MacEwan 41-42ah.Sp.



ph9831 James MacEwan 41-42ah.



ph9871 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai. Marion Hallett McEwan 41-42ai.Sp. Keith MacEwan 41-42aib. Thelma McEwan 41-42aia.



ph9891 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai.



**ph9901 front: Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp. Mrs Thompson back. Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. Jane Ballantyne 20-21dac. Ellen Thompson Ballantyne 20-21dag.Sp. in front of the McEwan home**



ph9911 Walter Aitcheson 41-42acf.



ph9921 Tom Aitcheson 41-42acg. Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace.



ph9931 Thomas Aitcheson 41-42acg. with unidentified child



ph9941 Thomas Aitcheson 41-42acg.  
Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace.



ph9951 Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace.



ph9961 Janet McEwan Aitcheson 41-41ac. ph9961



ph9971 James Aitcheson 41-42ac.Sp.



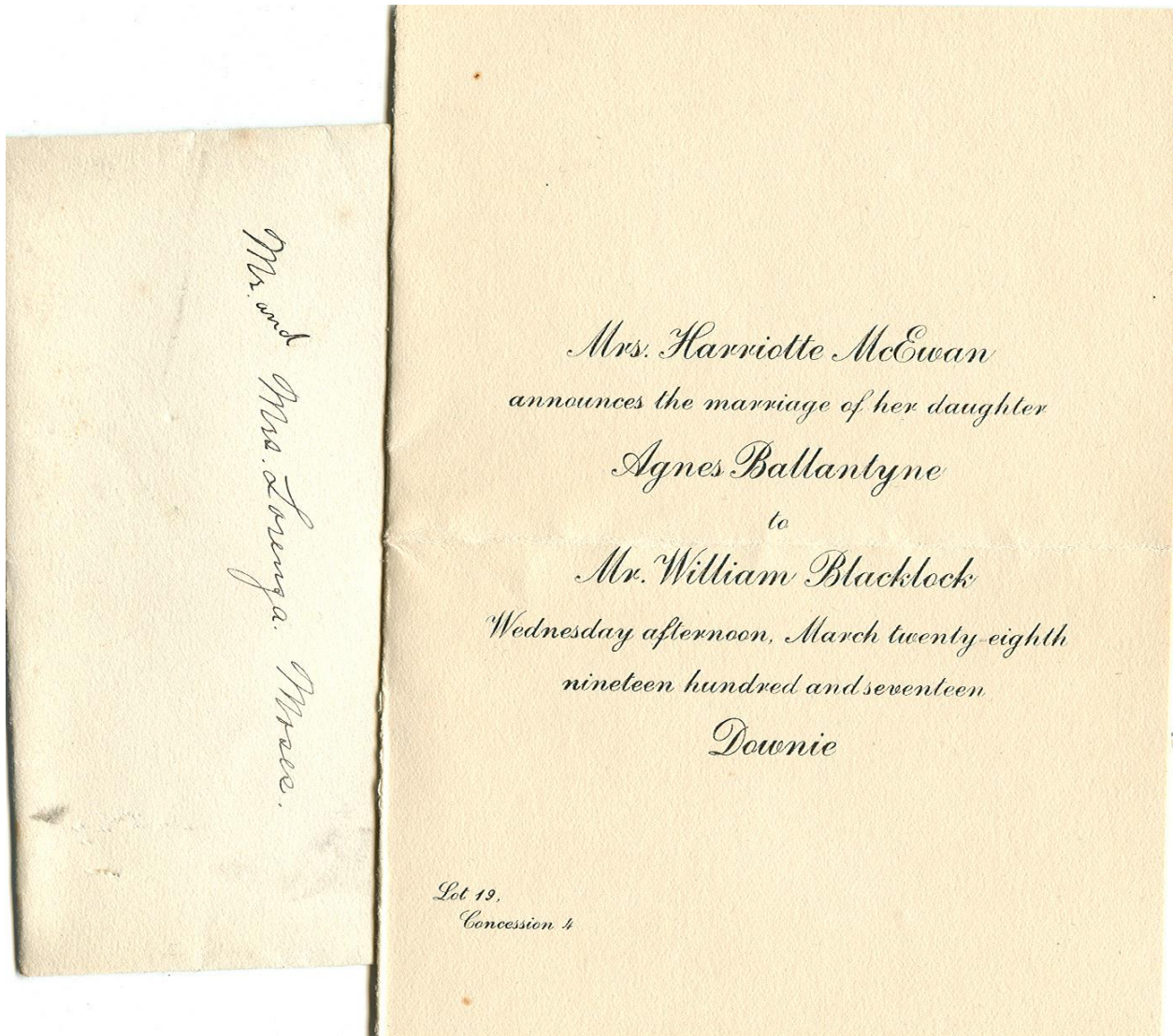
ph9981. Janet McEwan Aitcheson 41-42ac.  
James Aitcheson 41-42ac.Sp.



ph999 Arscott tombstone Woodland Cemetery London Ontario



ph 1000 Francis Arscott, Earl Arscott, Alice McEwan Arscott, Ina Arscott (standing)



*Mrs. Harriotte McEwan*  
announces the marriage of her daughter

*Agnes Ballantyne*

to

*Mr. William Blacklock*

*Wednesday afternoon, March twenty-eighth*  
*nineteen hundred and seventeen*

*Downie*

*Lot 19.*  
*Concession 4*

ph10021 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.

**SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1. POPULATION.**

**QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901.**

Province: *Ontario* District No.: *74* S. District No.: *W* Riding Sub-division (Municipality in relation to the census): *Richmond* (City, town, village, locality or parish.) (City, town, village, locality or parish.)

Page: *6* of *11*

Personal Description		Citizenship, Nativity and Religion				Profession, Trade or Occupation				Marital Status				Education and Language of each person				Indefinite						
Name of each person in family or household on the 31st Dec., 1901.	Sex	Color	Relationship to head of household	Single, married, widowed or divorced.	Married and how long.	Year of birth.	Age at last birthday.	Country or place of birth.	Place of birth.	Year of immigration.	English spoken at home.	French spoken at home.	Other languages spoken at home.	Religion.	Profession, trade or occupation.	Employed.	Wages or salary.	Months of school attendance.	Can read English.	Can write English.	Can read French.	Can write French.	Other languages spoken at home.	Indefinite.
<i>McEwan, Andrew</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>1838</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>1858</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Presb.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>a. Head of household.</i>
<i>McEwan, Agnes</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>1838</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>1858</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Presb.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>b. Wife.</i>
<i>McEwan, James</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Presb.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>c. Son.</i>
<i>McEwan, Mary</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Presb.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>d. Daughter.</i>
<i>McEwan, Elizabeth</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Presb.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>e. Daughter.</i>

ph10081 Andrew McEwan 41-42fh.



ph10091 Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp.



ph10101 Agnes Ballantyne McEwan 41-42a.Sp.

John McEwen (sic) of Toronto to Agnes Ballantyne of Downie 10 March 1847. Rev. Allan.  
(Rev. Daniel Allan, Presbyterian Minister, North Easthope) Wit. John McGaelin of Toronto &  
Robert Ballantyne of Downie”  
Marriage Records Huron District 1841-1870. pg. 16.

Marriages from [District Marriage Registers](#) 1800-1870, Ontario Archives microfilm MS248 Reel  
3. Transcribed from the microfilm by Kathie McCutcheon-Gawne

Marriage performed by Rev. Daniel Allan, Presbyterian Church

March 10, 1847 John MCEWEN, Toronto, to Agnes BALLANTYEN, Downie, by license. Wit:  
John McGadine?, Toronto, Robert Ballantyne, Downie.

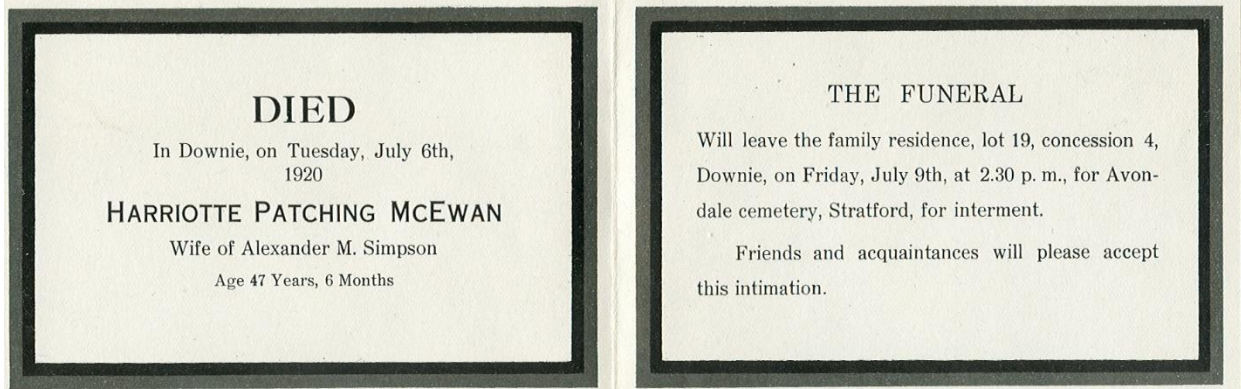
ph10111 John McEwan 41-42a. Agnes Ballantyne 41-42a.Sp.



**ph10141 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac.  
Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Laura Durst Smith 30-31dbd.Sp. Peter Smith  
30-31dbd.**



**ph10151 Ina Arscott Chadwick 41-42fga. Mac Simpson  
41-42aaaa. Amy Ward McEwan 41-42f.Sp. (likely)  
Alice McEwan Arscott 41-42fg.**



ph10161 Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.



ph10171 bk: Helen McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Bessie McEwan Roberts 41-42abg. Janet McEwan 41-42abf. ft: Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd.



ph10181 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Bill Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp.



ph10191 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Bill Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp.  
Dickson's Corners



ph10191(2) Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Gordon McEwan  
41-42aaca. Dickson's Corners, Oxford County



ph10191(3) Alice Irvine Ballantyne 20-21daf.Sp. Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. William Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp. Charles Ballantyne 20-21daf. front: Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac.



ph10191(4) Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Dickson's Corners Oxford County



ph10201 Alexander McEwan 41-42ab. Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp.



ph10211 Callum MacEwan



ph10221 front: Helen (Nellie) McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Alex McEwan 41-42ab. Robert McEwan 41-42abh. Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. Lorne McEwan 41-42abi. Back: John McEwan 41-42abb. Nettie McEwan 41-42abf. Thomas McEwan 41-42abc. Bessie McEwan 41-42abg. Adam McEwan 41-42abe. Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd.

## PATENT RIGHTS.

Judgment was given by his Honour the Chief Justice to-day in the case of George Harrington MacEwan and J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., against Joseph Hopkirk, engineer, of Hawera.

Plaintiffs claimed £250 damages for infringement of the patent rights of an apparatus for agitating milk and the like for cheesemaking.

His Honour found that there had been an infringement, and on Saturday last he conducted an enquiry for the purpose of assessing damages. As a result of the enquiry, judgment was given for plaintiff for £134 18s, with costs on £300 scale, £15 15s for second day, £5 5s for second counsel, £7 7s for costs of hearing as to damages, and witnesses' expenses and disbursements for both hearings. An order as to the validity of plaintiffs' patent was granted.

Sir John Findlay, K.C., with him Mr. D. M. Findlay, appeared for plaintiffs; and Mr. J. C. Peacock, with him Mr. D. R. Hoggard, for defendant.

---

## AGITATING APPARATUS

Evening Post, Volume LXXXIV, Issue 89, 11 October 1912, Page 8  
George MacEwan 41-42f. ph10231

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

Province: Ontario District No.: Perth No. of Subdivisions: 1  
 (No. town, village, hamlet or parish)  
 (No. ville, village, hameau ou paroisse)  
 Municipal District of Livingstone by Division No. Perth  
 (Municipalité des Vivants par Division No. Perth)

Page: 14 Page: 14

Line Ligne	Personal Description										Nationality, Naturalization and Religion								Profession or Trade								Marital Status								Education and Languages of each person				Remarks	
	Sex and Age		Color of Hair	Color of Eyes	Complexion	Height	Weight	Build	Habit	Occupation	Religion	Naturalized	Religion	Profession	Trade	Married	Widow	Single	Orphan	Unmarried	Years of Schooling	Years of Reading	Years of Writing	Years of Arithmetic	Years of Music	Years of Drawing	Years of Other	English	French	Other	Other	Other	Other							
	M	F																																Y	M	F	M	F	M	F
126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126				

ph10241 Alex McEwan 41-42ab. family census 1901

*Evening Post Vol LXXXIV, Issue 18,  
20 July 1912 Page 6*

An interesting judgment concerning a patent was delivered to-day by the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout). The case was heard in Wellington in May last. The parties were George Harrington MacEwan, exporter, of Dunedin, and J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., of Wellington, plaintiffs; and Joseph Hopkirk, engineer, of Hawera, defendant. Sir John Findlay, K.C., with him Mr. D. M. Findlay, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. C. Peacock, with him Mr. D. R. Hoggard, appeared for Joseph Hopkirk.

The facts of the case were that on 8th June, 1908, George Harrington MacEwan patented an invention entitled "Improvements in agitating apparatus for milk and the like"—an instrument employed in stirring the curd during the process of making cheese. He consigned the letters-patent to MacEwan and Co., Ltd. It was alleged that Hopkirk had infringed the patent, and that, when requested to desist, he had declined to do so. Plaintiffs, therefore, asked for an injunction to restrain Hopkirk from any further infringement. They also claimed £250 damages or an enquiry as to the damages sustained, or an account of the profits made by Hopkirk in connection with the alleged infringement. The defence was a general denial.

His Honour, after extensively reviewing the evidence and the law of patents, said that the defendant relied much on the fact that his machine allowed the curds and whey to go through more freely. The mere fact that it was a slight improvement could not be held to excuse the infringement of the plaintiffs' patent. It was only in fact making the holes in the beaters a little larger. He thought this was not sufficient to establish for the defendant's machine a right to utilise all the other parts of the plaintiffs' machine which

**ph10251 George MacEwan 41-42af.**

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891. RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1891.

Province of Ontario District No. 9, Middlesex North S. District of Village of Ardenburg

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Annual Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891.

PAGE 7 TABLEAU No. 1.—Annuaire des Vivants. Enumérés par moi le jour de . . . 1891. PAGE 7

NOM	SEX	AGE	COLORE DE LA PEAU	LIEU DE NAISSANCE	PROFES- SION, OCCUPATION ou MÉTIER	RELIGION	MARIE	ÉTAT	VOCAL	SUFFRAGE	LITTÉRATURE		REMARQUES											
											Canadien	Anglais												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	M	45	W	England	Farmer	Presb.	M	M	1	1														
2	F	43	W	England	Housewife	Presb.	M	M	1	1														
3	M	21	W	Ont.					1	1														
4	M	70	W	England					1	1														
5	M	28	W	England					1	1														
6	M	25	W	Scotland					1	1														
7	M	28	W	England					1	1														
8	M	79	W	Ont.					1	1														
9	M	28	W	Ont.					1	1														
10	M	69	W	Scotland					1	1														
11	M	38	W	Scotland					1	1														
12	F	21	W	Ont.					1	1														
13	M	4	W	Ont.					1	1														
14	M	77	W	Scotland					1	1														
15	M	60	W	Scotland					1	1														
16	M	49	W	Ont.					1	1														
17	M	27	W	England					1	1														
18	M	16	W	Scotland					1	1														
19	M	28	W	Scotland					2	2														
20	M	26	W	Scotland					1	1														
21	M	11	W	Ont.					1	1														
22	M	1	W	Ont.					1	1														
23	M	47	W	England					1	1														
24	M	44	W	England					1	1														
25	M	14	W	Scotland					1	1														

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891. RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1891.

Province of Ontario District No. 9, Middlesex North S. District of Village of Ardenburg

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Annual Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891.

PAGE 8 TABLEAU No. 1.—Annuaire des Vivants. Enumérés par moi le jour de . . . 1891. PAGE 8

NOM	SEX	AGE	COLORE DE LA PEAU	LIEU DE NAISSANCE	PROFES- SION, OCCUPATION ou MÉTIER	RELIGION	MARIE	ÉTAT	VOCAL	SUFFRAGE	LITTÉRATURE		REMARQUES											
											Canadien	Anglais												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	M	16	W	England					1	1														
2	M	12	W	Ont.					1	1														
3	M	5	W	Ont.					1	1														
4	M	2	W	Ont.					1	1														
5	M	25	W	Scotland					1	1														
6	F	44	W	Ont.					1	1														
7	M	18	W	Scotland					1	1														
8	M	16	W	Scotland					1	1														
9	M	13	W	Scotland					1	1														
10	M	11	W	Scotland					1	1														
11	M	9	W	Scotland					1	1														
12	F	6	W	Scotland					1	1														
13	M	52	W	Scotland					1	1														
14	M	52	W	Scotland					1	1														
15	M	23	W	Ont.					1	1														
16	M	24	W	Scotland					1	1														
17	M	27	W	Scotland					1	1														
18	M	20	W	Ont.					1	1														
19	M	19	W	Scotland					1	1														
20	M	18	W	Scotland					1	1														
21	M	13	W	Scotland					1	1														
22	M	10	W	Scotland					1	1														
23	M	2	W	Ont.					1	1														
24	M	23	W	Ont.					1	1														
25	M	18	W	Scotland					1	1														

ph10261 George MacEwan 41-42f. Family census 1891 ph10261

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891. Province of Ontario District No. 107. Perth North S. District 3. City of Stratford. RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1891.

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Returns of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 9 day of April 1891. J. J. Nagarty, Enumerator.

PAGE 14. TABLEAU No. 1.—Énumération des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce jour de 1891.

NOMENCLATURE DES VIVIANTS					SEX	AGE	MARRIED	RELIGION	COUNTY OR PROVINCE OF BIRTH	ETHNIC ORIGIN	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR TRADE	EMPLOYED	WAGE	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED
Male	Female	Total	Single	Married																							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
<p>Wm. McEwan 75 5 20 Ont Ireland Ont Congregation</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 70 W Ireland " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 62 L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 50 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 48 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 47 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 45 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 44 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 43 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 42 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 41 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 40 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 38 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 37 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 36 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 35 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 34 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 33 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 32 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 31 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 30 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 29 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 28 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 27 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 26 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 25 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 24 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 23 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 22 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 21 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 20 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 19 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 18 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 17 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 16 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 15 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 14 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 13 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 12 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 11 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 10 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 9 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 8 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 7 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 6 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 5 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 4 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 3 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 2 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 1 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p>																											

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891. Province of Ontario District No. 107. Perth North S. District 3. City of Stratford. RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1891.

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Returns of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 9 day of April 1891. J. J. Nagarty, Enumerator.

PAGE 15. TABLEAU No. 1.—Énumération des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce jour de 1891.

NOMENCLATURE DES VIVIANTS					SEX	AGE	MARRIED	RELIGION	COUNTY OR PROVINCE OF BIRTH	ETHNIC ORIGIN	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR TRADE	EMPLOYED	WAGE	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED	MARRIED
Male	Female	Total	Single	Married																							
<p>Wm. McEwan 75 5 20 Ont Ireland Ont Congregation</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 70 W Ireland " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 62 L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 50 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 48 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 47 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 45 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 44 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 43 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 42 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 41 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 40 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 38 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 37 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 36 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 35 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 34 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 33 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 32 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 31 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 30 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 29 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 28 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 27 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 26 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 25 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 24 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 23 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 22 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 21 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 20 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 19 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 18 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 17 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 16 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 15 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 14 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 13 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 12 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 11 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 10 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 9 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 8 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 7 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 6 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 5 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 4 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 3 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 2 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p> <p>Wm. McEwan 1 M L " " " " " " " " " " " "</p>																											

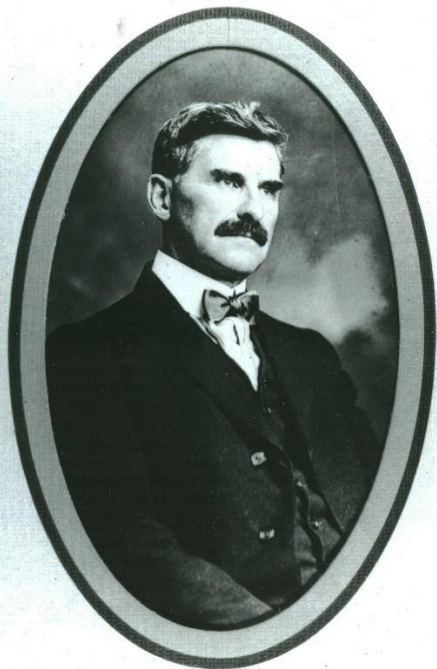
ph10291 James MacEwan census 1901



ph10271 Bill Simpson 41-42aad.



ph10301 Helen McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Agnes McEwan Armstrong 41-42abd. Janet McEwan 41-42abf. Bessie McEwan 41-42abg.



ph10321 Newton Cosh 41-42ag.Sp.



ph10331 Verna Cosh McSherry 41-42age.

Observer, Volume XXVII, Issue 46, 3 August 1907, Page 8

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=TO19070803.2.11>

The engagement is announced of Mr Arthur C. MacEwan, of the firm of Messrs MacEwan and Co., of New Plymouth, to Miss Marion Hallett, of Auckland.

ph10341 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai.



ph10351 Thelma MacEwan 41-42aia. Keith MacEwan 41-42aib.



ph10361 Thelma MacEwan 41-42aia. Keith MacEwan 41-42aib.



**ph10371 Myrtle McEwan Shortreed 41-42aeb.**

A case of interest to dairy companies and to the dairy farming community generally was held in the Supreme Court at New Plymouth yesterday before His Honor Mr Justice Chapman, the litigation concerning the much-published sale of 150 boxes of the Mangorei Dairy Company's butter in August last at the price of 1s 4½d per lb. The case was one in which the Mangorei Co-operative Dairy Co. sued J. B. MacEwan and Co. on a claim for £163 13s 5d damages for breach of contract. The loss was occasioned, it was claimed, by the failure of the defendants to carry out an agreement to purchase 150 boxes of butter from the plaintiff company at 1s 4½d per lb. This should have returned to the company £568 15s, but owing, it was alleged, to the breach of contract, the butter fetched only £403 1s 7d.

Mr C. P. Skerrett, K.C., with him Mr Quilliam, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr D. Hutchen for the defendants. Mr Skerrett said he would submit that the parties were bound by the verbal contract of sale, and not by defendant's written confirmation of the purchase and sale.

E. W. Garner, secretary to the Mangorei Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., stated that on 8th August last Mr Arthur MacEwan, representing the firm of J. B. MacEwan and Co., asked if they could sell him any August butter, saying that he required 150 boxes, and asked the price. The Chairman said the price was 1s 4½d per lb, and he

## OBITUARY

Mr. J. B. MacEwan

PROMINENT IN DAIRYING  
INDUSTRY

Mr. J. B. MacEwan, governing director of J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., died in Wellington yesterday. He was one of the founders of the dairying industry in New Zealand, and thereafter one of its most prominent figures. He was 75 years of age.

Born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, Mr. MacEwan, after receiving his education, entered the Agricultural Department of Canada, undergoing special instruction in the Canadian Experimental Dairy Schools. In 1894 he was selected by the Government of New Zealand as Dairy Commissioner. On taking up his appointment he did excellent work in promoting dairy schools throughout the country and educating factory managers in practical and technical work in the production of butter and cheese.

After two years' service with the Government, Mr. MacEwan decided to enter into business on his own account, starting at Dunedin. In 1896 he came to Wellington and founded the well-known firm of J. B. MacEwan and Co., of which he was governing director. In 1906 the business was formed into a limited company. Mr. MacEwan played a prominent part in establishing many butter and cheese factories throughout the country, arranging for their erection and equipment and also financing many of them. In 1920 Mr. MacEwan and two partners established the well-known Friesian stud cattle farm at Orini, Waikato. This, the largest of its kind in New Zealand, was subsequently taken over by the company. From 1900 onward he also did much in the establishment, not only of co-operative dairy companies, but also of proprietary concerns.



MR. MacEWAN.

In 1917 as another branch of the business Mr. MacEwan established dairying and agricultural engineering works at Freeman's Bay, Auckland—a business which became so expanded that it was transferred to new and larger works at Penrose, employing often as many as 100 men. Mr. MacEwan figured largely in the dairy export trade, handling the output of many co-operative factories and proprietary concerns, and also dealt largely with local distribution.

He was an early member of the Dairy Produce Export Control Board, and served on many business committees affecting national and local interests. He was among the founders of the New Zealand Taxpayers' Federation, the New Zealand Welfare League, the National Club, and the Rotary Club, and from 1921 to 1923 represented payers of dues other than on ships on the Wellington Harbour Board.

On the sports side his main interest was in golf. He was one of the original members of the Miramar Golf Club, captain at one time of the Wellington Golf Club (Heretaunga) and a member of the New Zealand Golf Council.

Mr. MacEwan is survived by his wife (a daughter of the late Hon. Geo. Fisher) and by one son, Mr. Ian MacEwan, who lives at Nelson. The funeral, which will be held at 11.30 a.m. today, will be private.

ph10391 James  
MacEwan 41-42ah.



[http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/imageserver/imageserver.pl?oid=HNS19090323.2.56&area=5&width=431&color=32&ext=gif&key=)

[bin/imageserver/imageserver.pl?oid=HNS19090323.2.56&area=5&width=431&color=32&ext=gif&key=](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/imageserver/imageserver.pl?oid=HNS19090323.2.56&area=5&width=431&color=32&ext=gif&key=)

**Cross-examined by Mr Skerrett:**  
There was no direct reference to the quality of the butter at the interview, but it was always understood in a purchase, unless otherwise mentioned, that the butter was to be first grade.

Arthur MacEwan, of New Plymouth, of the defendant firm, stated that in buying butter his firm bought on the basis of first grade. He remembered negotiating with the Mangorei Co.'s directors for the purchase of 150 boxes of August bulk butter at 1s 4½d per lb, f.o.b., New Plymouth breakwater. There was no mention of July butter, and nothing was said about sixpence a box being allowed. He suggested that in the event of any direct shipments being made the company allow the firm the rebate of any charges saved by butter not passing through the works. The directors refused. This request was made upon the assumption that the plaintiffs were to bear the cost of grading or storing at New Plymouth.

---

ph10411 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai.

Dr. McClelland, Deputy Coroner, and a jury of six, held an inquest at the Courthouse, New Plymouth, last night concerning the death of Mary Annie Hallett, sixty-three, widow, who died suddenly on board the s.s. Rarawa during the journey from Onehunga to New Plymouth early the same morning. Agnes Brown, stewardess on board the s.s. Rarawa, stated that the boat left Onehunga on Thursday night for New Plymouth, arriving here yesterday morning. They had a passenger by the name of Mrs Hallett on board. Witness attended her up to half-past ten on Thursday night. She then seemed to be in good health and was very cheerful. Witness went to Mrs Hallett in the social hall about 5.10 the next morning and spoke to her but got no answer and therefore thought she was asleep. She visited her again about twenty minutes later to give her some tea. Again Mrs Hallett did not answer and witness then found she was dead. She had been sick during the night. There was no appearance of any struggle. The indications were that deceased had passed away quietly in her sleep. She appeared to be asleep. Lewis Ferrier, employed on the Rarawa, stated that he was on watch from 11 o'clock on Thursday night until 5 on Thursday morning. He saw the deceased at midnight and again at 1.40 a.m. in the second hall. He then spoke to her. She appeared well and asked witness the time. About 3.50 a.m. witness again saw the deceased who then complained that she had been sick, and felt sore. She asked witness to put the pillows behind her as she wanted to sit up. She told him not to call the stewardess. Several times after this when he saw the deceased she appeared to be asleep. Lachlan McDonald, second officer of the Rarawa, stated that the steamer arrived at New Plymouth about 6.30 yesterday morning. He was on watch from midnight until 4 a.m. Deceased spoke to him about 4.30 a.m. when he went to clear the late letters box. She asked him if they were far from New Plymouth. She did not complain of being ill, but said she had been sick. The body was taken ashore by friends on arrival at the wharf at New Plymouth. Dr. Fookes, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, stated that death was due to heart failure. Arthur C. MacEwan, of New Plymouth, son-in-law of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. Generally the deceased appeared to be a very healthy woman. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

Taranaki Herald, Rōrahi LV, Putanga 13859, 9 Kohitātea 1909, Page 7

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=TH19090109.2.60&l=mi&e=-----10--1----0->

ph10421 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai.



**ph41431 William  
MacEwan 41-42aaa.**



**ph10441 Robert McEwan 41-42aa.**

## The Lost Digit

From:

<https://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID=6002424361647504808#editor/target=post;postID=412520984920537>

Like all good story-tellers Gordon had an ability to create a verbal-movie with sufficient drama and tension to make the story truly memorable. Here is one such story that has been repeated several times over the years. While, certainly, I enjoyed the sense of horror the story creates, I sometimes questioned whether it was factually true. The story involves two of my grandfather Jack's first cousins - the children of Alexander McEwan who lived on the original family farm next to Black Creek Cheese Factory. The protagonists are Bessie and Robert the second and third youngest of Alex's nine children. One day Bob and Bessie were in the woodpile presumably chopping wood for the family cook stove. As Gordon wrote it "Bob placed his fingers on a block and looking up at Bess who had the axe in her hand he uttered an unusual request: "Cut



them off, Bess!" he dared. No sooner said than done -- and from then on Bob had a problem doing up his shirts with that hand." As I have said already, I sometimes wondered whether the story was actually true or whether it was told to explain a bigger truth about the hardship of farm life in the late 1890's. Recently I came across a family photo of Alex McEwan and his family. I have attached both the photo and a close-up of Bob's hands. You can judge for yourself whether there is a digit missing on the pointing finger of his right hand and whether that is sufficient evidence to verify Gordon's story.

**ph10451 Robert McEwan 41-42abh., Bessie McEwan 41-42abg.**



ph10461 John McEwan 41-42ae. Ella Foster McEwan 41-42ae.Sp.



ph10481 Elmer McEwan 41-42aea. , Myrtle McEwan Shortreed 41-42aeb.

### Entered Into Rest

At Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, on Thursday, September 6th, 1979

**Robert MacEwan (Mac) Simpson**  
of R.R. 1, St. Marys, age 83 years.

Beloved husband of Edith Louise Monteith; dear father of Donald, Blanshard Township, Verna (Mrs. Floyd Willows), Stratford, Eileen (Mrs. Wallace Hosick), Toronto, and Lois (Mrs. Fred Kipfer), R.R. 2, Tavistock; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive. Predeceased by 1 brother and 2 sisters.

ph10501 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.

### The Funeral

Resting at the L. A. Ball Funeral Chapel, St. Marys, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 8th at 2 p.m. Interment in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford.

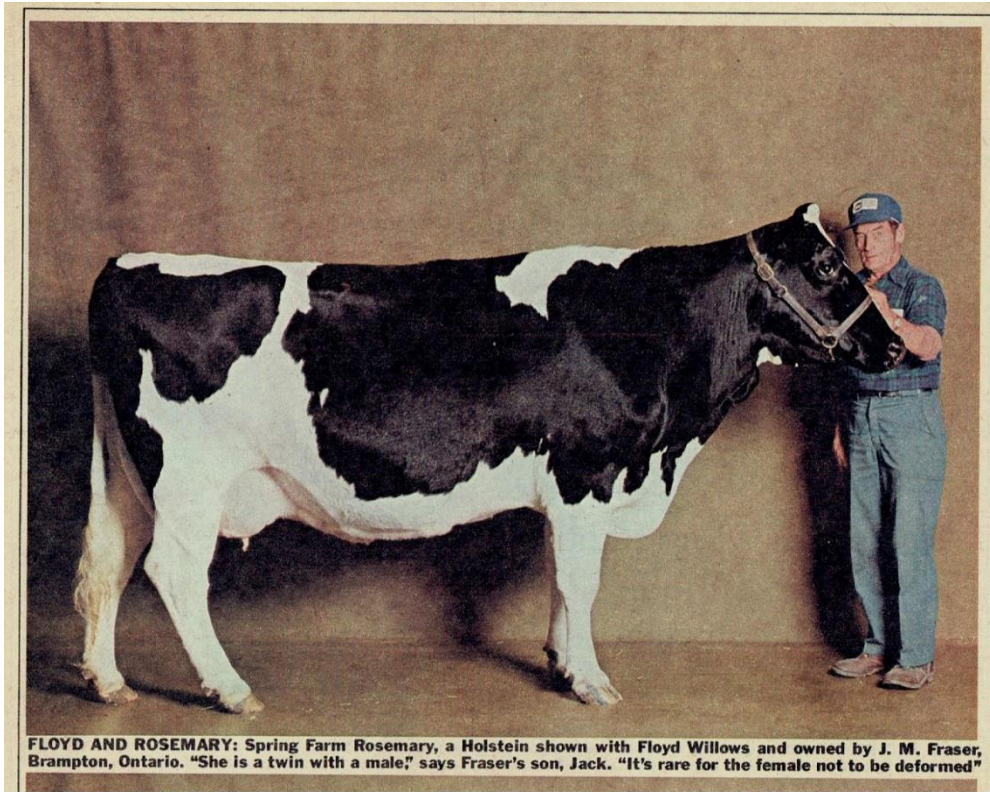
Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.



ph10511 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1917

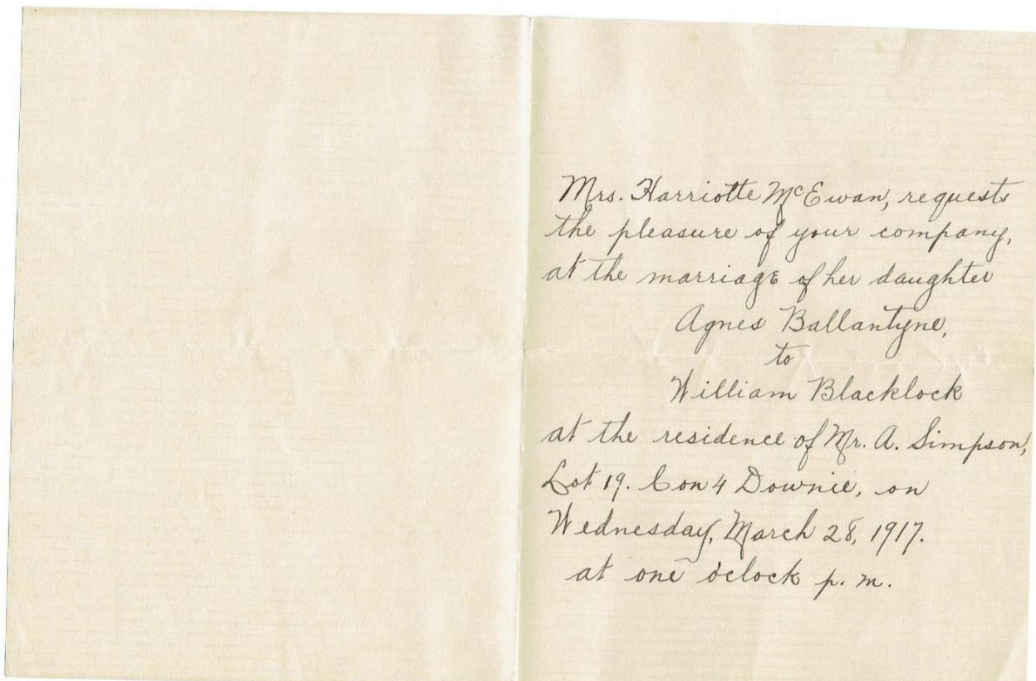


ph10531 Alex Simpson, Charlotte, Robert, Harriotte McEwan  
Simpson 41-42aaa. back: William, Margaret



FLOYD AND ROSEMARY: Spring Farm Rosemary, a Holstein shown with Floyd Willows and owned by J. M. Fraser, Brampton, Ontario. "She is a twin with a male," says Fraser's son, Jack. "It's rare for the female not to be deformed"

ph10541 Floyd Willows 41-42aaaab.Sp. Weekend Magazine 13 January 1979



ph10551 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. William Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.



ph10571 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.

**Entered Into Rest**

At University Hospital, London, on Friday,  
November 6th, 1981

**J. GORDON McEWAN**  
of 23 St. George St. N., St. Marys, in his 68th year.

Beloved husband of Lois (Hearn) McEwan. Father  
of Betty Lou & John Cull, New Hamburg; Loiey & Ken  
Moir, New Dundee; Bob & Jean McEwan, London; Terry  
& Linda McEwan, Medina. Grandfather of Peter, Mike  
& Jenny Moir; Adam & Isaac Cull; Tony & Mark McEwan;  
John & Jessica McEwan.

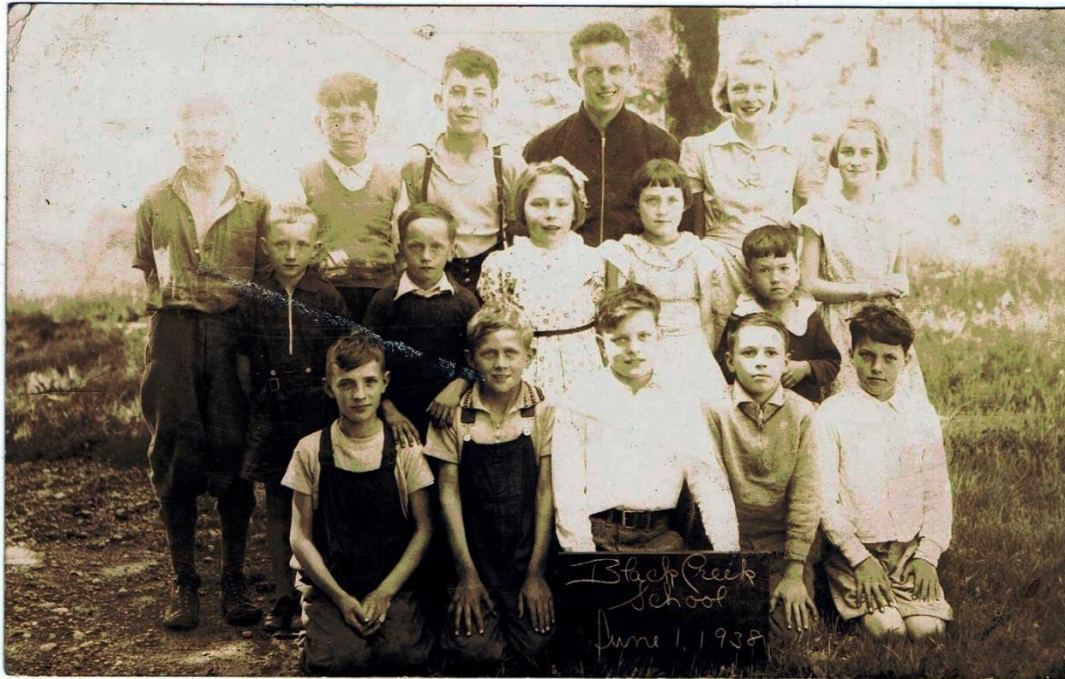
**The Funeral**

Resting at the L. A. Ball Funeral Chapel, St.  
Marys, where the funeral service will be held  
on Monday, November 9th at 2.00 p.m., Rev.  
Wm. Moore and Dr. R. D. Crosby officiating.  
Interment in St. Marys Cemetery.

Donations to the charity of your choice would be  
appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

ph10581 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph10601 SS#3 Black Creek School Downie Twp. Perth Cty. 1938  
Back row: Glen Eckert, Walter Apel, Mac Smith, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Marion Herman, Audrey Erb  
Middle row: Harold Erb, Wes Kant, Betty Litt, Ilene Apel, Clifton Apel  
Front row: Bob Litt, Austin Herman, Gordon Smith, Willie Erb, Eddie Apel





ph10621 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Simpson

request the pleasure of your company at the  
marriage of their eldest daughter

Verna Harriotte

to

Mr. Floyd Stanley Willows

on Wednesday, September the first

nineteen hundred and forty-eight

at three o'clock at their residence

Science Hill, Ontario.

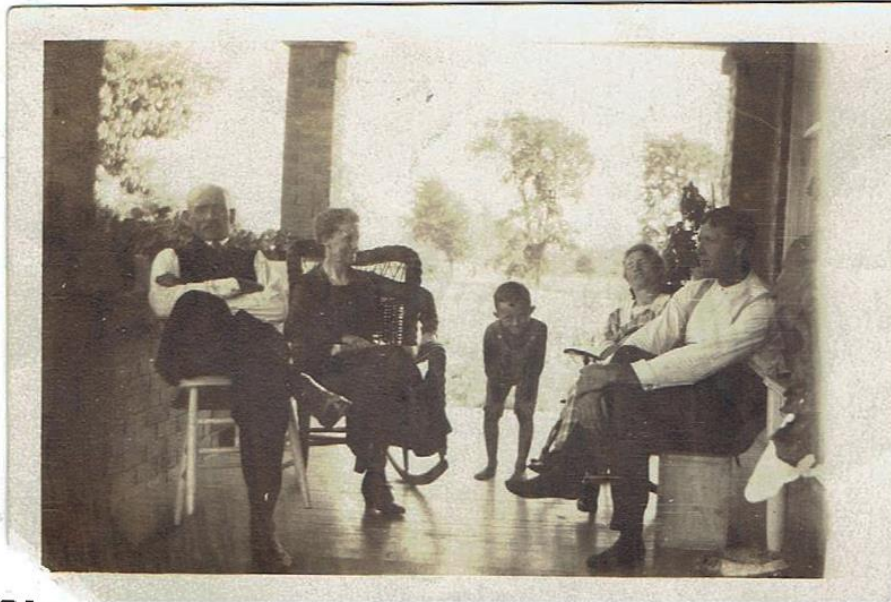
ph10631 Verna Simpson Willows 41-42aaaab.



ph10641 SS # 3 (Black Creek School) Downie Twship. Perth County

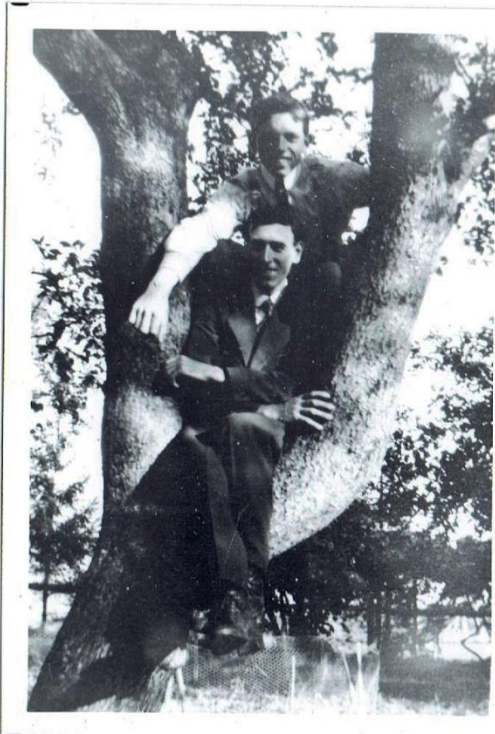


ph10651 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Jack McEwan 41-42aac. c.1920



ph10661 Charles Ballantyne 20-21daf. Alice Irvine Ballantyne 20-21daf.Sp.  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Jack McEwan  
41-42aac. c. 1919 at McEwan home





ph10681 Arthur McEwan 41-42ai. (likely)  
Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph10691 Unidentified visitors to Simpson home



ph10701 front: Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. unidentified boy  
standing: unidentified 2 women, Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp., Harriotte McEwan  
Simpson 41-42aaa. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph10711 Bill Simpson 41-42aac. Margaret (June) Simpson 41-42aab.



ph10721 Front: Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. standing: Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp., Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.



back: Ina Arscott Chadwick 41-42fga. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Helen McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Louise Ballantyne Smith 20-21dgbd. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. Alice McEwan Arscott 41-42fg. Middle: Ruth Erb, Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Front: Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe. Earl Arscott 41-42fgb.



ph10741 1. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. 2. Jimmy Murray, 3. Tom Moffat, 4. a son of Red Jack Ballantyne, 5. George Eckert, 6 George Arkle or Arkel



ph10751 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Gertrude Smith Simpson 41-42aaad.Sp.



ph10761 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. June Simpson 41-42aaab. Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac.



Bill Simpson

ph10771 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad.



ph10781 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



Ph10791

Front: Walter Litt, Jeffery Ballantyne 20-21dgbc, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa, George Eckert, Edwin Erb, Alfred Sanderson, Robert McEwan 41-42abh, James Edward  
 2nd row: Jean Murray, Sadie Murray, Louise ballantyne20-21dgbd., Mary Edward, Tena Ballantyne, Hannah Erb, Ambrosine Boos, Annie Vanstone, Edna Knechtel, Mary Vanstone, Dianne Litt  
 3rd row: George Murray, Ethel Ballantyne 20-21dgbb, Bessie McEwan 41-42abg, Lizzie Klein, Nettie McEwan 41-42abf, Mabel Erb, Minnie Klein, Jessie Ballantyne, Agnes Ballantyne, Florence Litt, Mary Ballantyne 20-21dgba.  
 4th row: May Ballantyne, Wesley Knechtel, Jack Peake, James Ballantyne, Maurice Erb, Ezra Switzer, Adam McEwan 41-42abe, John Erb, Bob Thompson

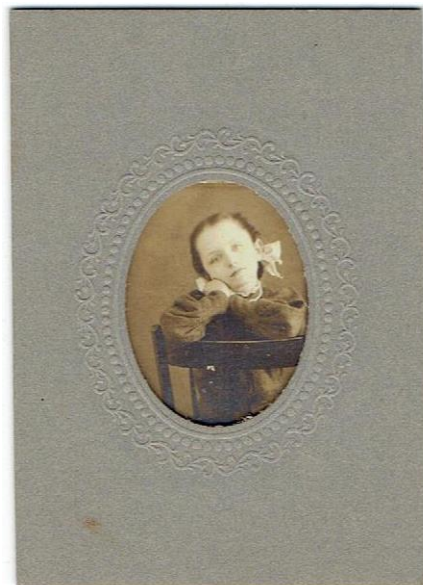


**ph10801 SS # 3 (Black Creek) Downie Tp. Perth Cty. 1908**

Row 1: Mary Murray, Maggie Green, Ruby Bolton, Moira Aitcheson, Florence Foerter, Ruth Erb, Maggie Simpson 41-42aab, Annie Ballantyne, May Murray, Hannah Ballantyne, Byron Erb, Tom Ballantyne 20-21 dgbe, Garfield Foester

Row 2: Lottie Murray, Olive Ballantyne, Fred Pierce, Lorne McEwan 41-42abi, George Ballantyne, Lincoln Foester, Lloyd Cuthbertson, Bert Eckert, Fred Vanstone, Louise Ballantyne 20-21 dgbd, Jim Wilson

Row 3: James Edward, Bob McEwan 41-42agh, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa, Edwin Erb, Hannah Erb, May Ballantyne, Mary Edward, Bessie McEwan 41-42abg, Tena Ballantyne, Mary Vanstone, Velma Cuthbertson



**ph10811 Margaret Simpson 41-42aab.**



front: Lou Monteith Simpson 41-42aaaa. Sp. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. bK: Verna Simpson Willows 41-42aaaab. Don Simpson 41-42aaaaa. Lois Simpson Kipfer 41-42aaaad.



ph10831 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. unidentified boy and man, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph10841 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad.



**ph10851 Laurie Simpson Smith 41-42aaaaae, Marie Crawford Simpson 41-42aaaaa.Sp. Don Simpson aaaaa. Jane Simpson Rundle 41-42aaaaad. bk: Bob Simpson 41-42aaaaac. Kathryn Simpson Struthers 41-42aaaaaa. Margaret Simpson Green 41-42aaaaab.**



**ph10861 bk: Ron Kipfer, Ross Kipfer, Ray Kipfer  
ft: Rick Kipfer Lois Simpson Kipfer 41-42aaaaad.  
Fred Kipfer, Beth Kipfer**



**ph10871 Lois Hearn McEwan, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Terry McEwan 41-42aacad. Robert McEwan 41-42aacac.**



ph10881 Gertrude Smith Simpson 41-42aaad.  
Jane Tuer 41-42aaadbb. Sonya Simpson Tuer  
41-42aaadb.



ph10891 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Family  
Reunion St. Pauls Ontario



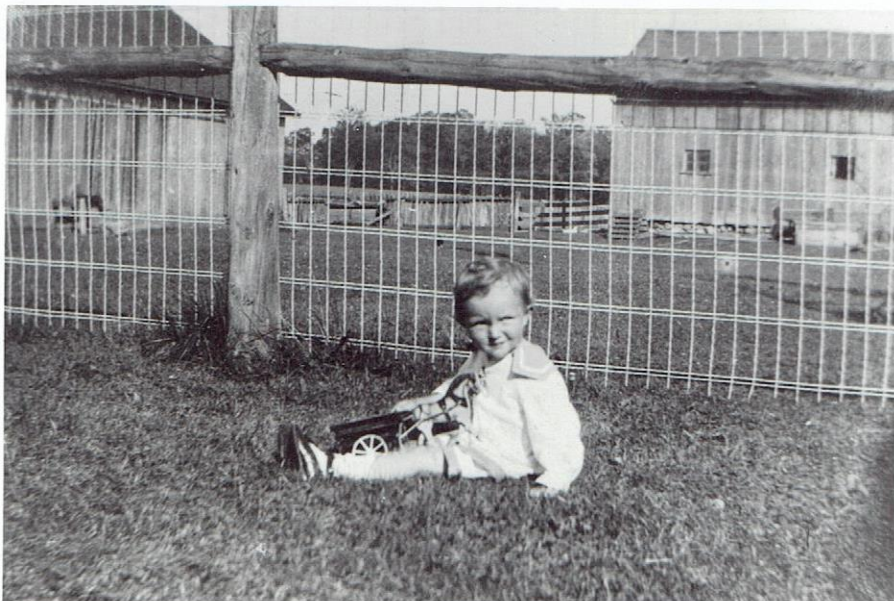
ph10901 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. with Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. uncertain, Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Ruth Erb, Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. (in chair) unidentified with dog. c. 1915



ph10911(1) Gordon McEwan (front row, 2nd from right) c1917 neighbourhood children unidentified.



ph10911 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
(in circle) others unidentified.



ph10921 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c 1917

TRIPPLICATE

M. D. \_\_\_\_\_ Depot Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Depot Batta., W. C. I. Regiment  
 Regtl. No. 2/3522

**PARTICULARS OF RECRUIT**  
 DRAFTED UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917

W.E.N. (Class ONE)

1. Surname S I M P S O N.  
 2. Christian name Robert McEwan.  
 3. Present address R. R. No. 5., Stratford, Ont.  
 4. Military Service Act letter and number 745901 AC.  
(If man is defaulter, i.e., has not registered under Proclamation, this fact should be stated, together with date of apprehension, or surrender)  
 5. Date of birth April 6th, 1896.  
 6. Place of birth Stratford, Ont. (Perth Co.)  
(town, township or county and country)  
 7. Married, widower or single Single.  
 8. Religion Presbyterian.  
 9. Trade or calling Farmer.  
 10. Name of next-of-kin Mr. Alexander Simpson,  
 11. Relationship of next-of-kin Father.  
 12. Address of next-of-kin R. R. No. 5., Stratford, Ont.  
 13. Whether at present a member of the Active Militia No.  
 14. Particulars of previous military or naval service, if any None.  
 15. Medical Examination under Military Service Act :-  
 (a) Place Stratford, Ont. (b) Date Oct. 6th, 1917. (c) Category A.

**DECLARATION OF RECRUIT**

I, Robert McEwan Simpson., do solemnly declare that the above particulars refer to me, and are true.

June 12th, 1918. Robert McEwan Simpson (Signature of Recruit)

**DESCRIPTION ON CALLING UP**

Apparent age	<u>22</u> yrs.	<u>2</u> mths.	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.
Height	<u>5</u> ft.	<u>7</u> ins.	
Chest measurement	fully expanded	<u>37</u> ins.	
	range of expansion	<u>34 1/2</u> ins.	
Complexion	<u>Fair.</u>		
Eyes	<u>Blue</u>		
Hair	<u>Brown.</u>		

**Slight linear scar 1" base surface index finger, left hand.**

RIGHT EYE D 40 LEFT EYE D 20  
20 20

HEARING R Normal, L Normal.

John L. Young Lieut. Colonel  
 o. 1st Depot Batta. Depot Btm.

Place LONDON, ONT. Date JUN 11 1918 Regt.

M. F. W. 133.  
 5094—5-18.  
 1772—35—118

ph10941 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



**ph10951 Gordon McEwan  
SS#3 North Oxford, Dickson's  
Corners c. 1947**



**ph10961 Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe. Bill  
Simpson 41-42aaad.**



**ph10971 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe. Byron Erb**

# This Indenture,

made (in duplicate) the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord  
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

In Pursuance of the Short Forms of Mortgages Act :

## Between

JOHN McEWAN of the Township of Downie in the County  
of Perth and Province of Ontario, Farmer, h

herein called the Mortgagor of the First Part

JOHN W. BAIN of the Township of Fullarton in the Count  
of Perth and Province of Ontario, Farmer

herein called the Mortgagee of the Second Part, and

ROBINA McEWAN , wife of the Mortgagor

of the Third Part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of

Two thousand Dollars  
of lawful money of Canada, now paid by the said Mortgagee to the said Mortgagor (the  
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged), the said Mortgagor Doth Grant and Mortgage unto  
the said Mortgagee his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.

All and Singular th at certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being  
in the Township of Downie in the County of Perth and Province of Ontario

ph11411(1) John McEwan 41-42aac. John Bain 41-42ad.Sp.

Dated February 4th 1919

John McEwan,  
et ux

— TO —

John W. Bain

---

## Mortgage

TO SECURE

\$ 2000.00

No 11268 Downie

NOT TO BE RECORDED IN FULL

JOHN BROWN  
AGENT FOR MORTGAGEE

*I certify that the within instrument is duly entered and registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the South Riding of the County of Perth, in Book P for the Township of Downie at 10:02 o'clock, A.M., of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1919.  
Number 11268.*

H. Fred Thompson  
Registrar

---

JOHN BROWN  
24 DOWNIE STREET, STRATFORD

-15676-

ph11411(2) Jack McEwan 41-42aac.  
John Bain 41-42ad.Sp.



ph10981 Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. unidentified couple, Mac Simpson 41-42aaa. Glays Blacklock Babb in front



ph11421(1) Jack McEwan 41-42aac. 4th from left top row. See 11421(3) for names

The Beacon Herald / Saturday December 6 / 1980 17



### What's new in the Archives?

FIGURE No. 39: Shown here is a photograph of teacher and pupils of S.S. 3 Downie about 1893. It is an unusual photograph in that it was taken in a studio and not on the school grounds. Often a hard gate was leaned against the wall and pupils arranged themselves on it precariously. Usually they stood by the side of the school with the teacher in a captain's chair. Some groups have arches of cedar strung around for effect. You can usually tell from the general deportment whether or not the teacher was in charge of the discipline. In this picture everyone is sitting patiently and dutifully still "waiting for the birdie". The teacher is resting her head on the boy in front of her and a girl in the front row has a boy's hand leaning on her knees. They don't look overly happy about the occasion. They are all wearing their best clothes and many of the children have lace starbursts around their necks. The names applied are: First row — William Boyes, Isaac Erb, Ezra Weitzer, and Harry Gale; Second row — Louisa Volker, Annie Walter Gensmere, Mary Smith, John A. Ballantyne, Margaret Erb, Oliver Thompson, Ella Schneider, John Klein, and Emily Frame; Third row — Jean Ballantyne,

Jessie Volker, Clara Kreh, Kate Schneider, Gideon Kreh, Annie Thompson, John Schneider, Ethel Steinhoff, Ida Kreh, Maggie Klein and Elliott Ballantyne; Fourth row — Louis Goettler, Wm. F. Ballantyne, Harry Kreh, Fred Pommel, Andrew Herman, Tom Murray, George Herman, John Goettler, Wm. Martin, Harry Schneider and Louis Herman; Back row — John Boyes, Geo. Goettler, Charlie Frame, Jack McEwan, Miss Sinclair (teacher), Christina Klein, Mary Edwards, unknown, Nettie Ballantyne and Susan Herman. The school was located in the north-west area of the township near the Fullarton boundary. This is one of a series of photographs about items preserved in the Perth County Archives located in the Court House. The collection contains photographs, scrapbooks, maps, tapes, movies, letters, documents, diaries, and much more. The staff of the Archives feels too much history is being put out with the garbage, and suggests that people call the Archives for advice before they start housecleaning. Additional information concerning things shown here would be appreciated. Visitors are welcome at the Archives any weekday afternoon. 273-0399.

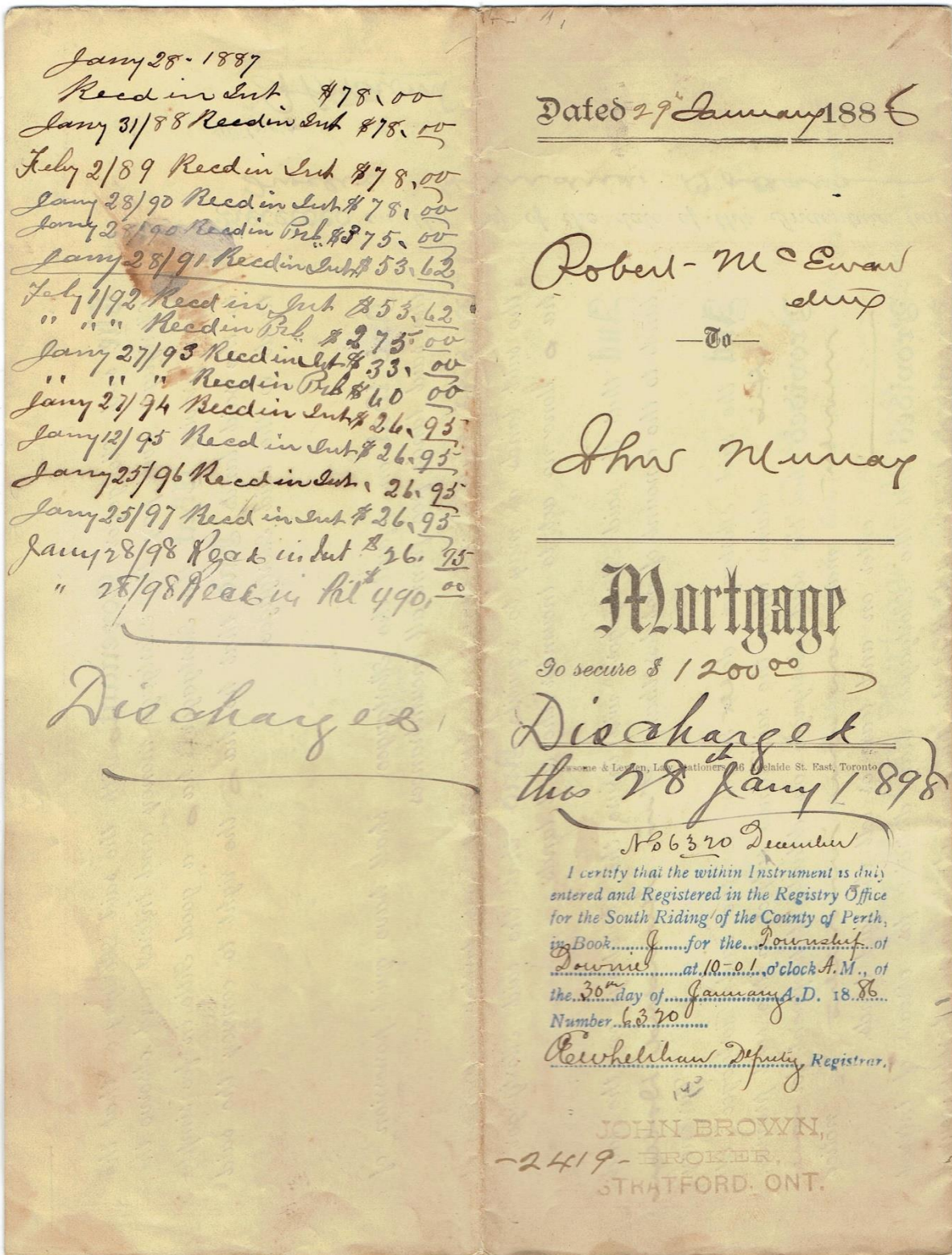
**ph11421(3) SS#3 (Black Creek school) Downie Township  
Perth County**

**SIMPSON**  
 At Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, on Thursday, September 6, 1979, Robert MacEwan Simpson, of RR 1, St. Marys, age 83 years. Beloved husband of Edith Louise Monteith. Dear father of Donald, Blanshard Twsp., Verna (Mrs. Floyd Willows), Stratford, Eileen (Mrs. Wallace Hosick), Toronto and Lois (Mrs. Fred Kipfer), RR 2, Tavistock. 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive. Predeceased by one brother and two sisters. Resting L. A. Ball Funeral Chapel, St. Marys, where the funeral service will be held Saturday, September 8 at 2 PM. Interment in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford.

ph11441 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
 London Free Press, clipping not dated



ph11442 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.



ph11461 Robert McEwan 41-42aa.

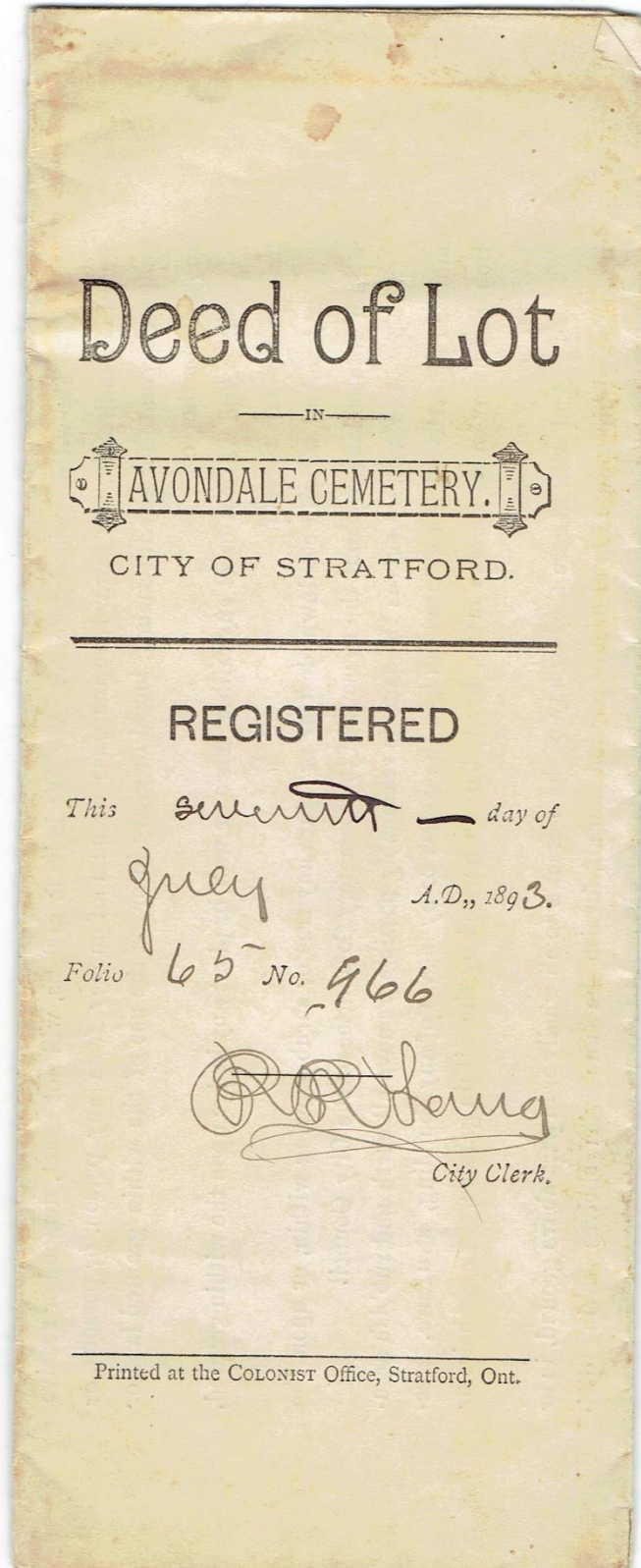
*No 6323 Downie*

*I certify that the within Instrument is duly  
entered and Registered in the Registry Office  
for the South Riding of the County of Perth,  
in Book..... for the Township of  
Downie at 10-02 o'clock A.M., of  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1886  
Number 6323*

*Rewhelilham Dehuely Registrar.*

140

ph11471 Robert McEwan 41-42aa.



ph11481 Harriotte Hemsly McEwan  
41-42aa.Sp.

Carlingford Nov. 18. 1926.  
After my burial I hereby bequeath  
the remainder of Lot 966 in  
Arondale Cemetery to my son  
John McEwan.  
Mrs Harriette McEwan

ph11491 Harriette Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa. John McEwan 41-42aac.

did not have more of these qualities. He would have more directness, more sincerity, and less evasion, double dealing, and duplicity, not to use any harsher expressions. Then it would not be necessary to hold a second meeting or write another letter to explain what they said or intended to say.

To be sure he does not always use the choicest of King's English. There is nothing very polished or refined in his diction; and it is very apparent that he never had any opportunities of so called culture, or if he had them they were sadly neglected.

I am sorry to have to admit that many of his expressions would hardly be considered permissible in a Sunday School story book even by the most liberal of censors; and it must further be conceded that some of his utterances come very near to and even across the borders of profanity. After his marriage, his estimable help meet, whom I am happy to see with us this evening, made some very commendable efforts to improve his language and to polish off his manners. But I very much regret to be compelled to say that after several years of effort in this unpromising looking vineyard, and seeing no appreciable results she at last gave up trying.

However a few weeks ago she made one more attempt at his improvement, after a lapse of some twenty years. Jack and his spouse received an invitation to a party and dinner in Stratford by people in the upper circles of society. It was to be a very select, classy and swell affair; a lot of style. You know what I mean. So she set about to give him some (as she no

doubt, supposed, and I think she had just cause reasons for supposing so) very much needed in-struction in table manners, and society con-versation. She took great pains to enlighten him as to the particular uses of the various spoons which he would be likely to find parked in a certain order at the side of his plate; ditto about the forks and knives; instructed him very minutely what to do, and above all what not to do with the contents of a certain glass dish, which in all probability would be brought and set down at his right towards the latter part of the supper. She also showed him the functions of a table napkin and how to adjust it and secure it to some part of his apparel, so as to serve the purpose for which it was intended, and not use it as a floor mat. Having made sure that Jack was now thoroughly posted as to how he should comport himself, she began to feel well pleased with her efforts and was quite certain he would not disgrace the family.

At last the eventful evening arrived. They were ushered into the room usually used for such purposes, and formally introduced to the other guests — the high ups, the elite, the upper crust people; in short the cream of Stratford Society; the very recherche. At last they found themselves seated at table and had ample opportunity of examining and comparing the dress of the other guests, and noting the quality, color and cut of the same, as well as to admire the lovely effects produced by lip-stick, rouge, and other facial powders; the effects also of the wig makers and hair dressers art, of paint  
manufacturers

manufacturers, and of dealers in all sorts of  
 Paraphernalia, so necessary and dear to those  
 lady members of high fashionable society.

And then they surveyed the tables fairly  
 groaning ~~with~~ under their loads of beautiful  
 and costly China, glistening cutlery, lovely  
 vases of flowers, as well as other colorful and  
 pleasing decorations. Add to this the effects  
 of the brilliant colored lights, the scent and  
 perfume, and the strains of sweet and pleasing  
 music in an adjoining room - music so  
 captivating, so charming, so delightful - and then  
 the delicious and delectable smells and odors  
 coming from the various dishes, in various  
 stages of preparation in the office, that is  
 to say in the adjoining kitchen.

Now any one who knows Jack McEwan as well  
 as I do, will believe me when I say that in  
 the presence of all this style and color, and  
 scent and ~~color~~ <sup>odor</sup>, and all the rest of it, and in  
 such close proximity to all these fashionable  
 people, Jack sat there and looked about him  
 as cool, as unemotional, as unmoved and  
 undemonstrative, as serene and to all appear-  
 ances as unconcerned, as though this was  
 an every day experience of his. So calm,  
 so collected, so full of nerve and assurance, and  
 so void of embarrassment and excitement, as  
 to be truly remarkable - it was wonderful.

And the same when the first courses were  
 served. During the earlier courses he acquitted  
 himself with such very creditably observing with  
 much decorum and great nicety all the points  
 of etiquette, in such manner as to crush with

The unqualified approval of even the most exacting of critics. And the heart of his wife began to expand with justifiable pride and satisfaction, and she began to pat herself on the back as it were, at these evidences of the efficiency and efficacy of her instructions. Everything passed off very nicely, and very satisfactorily until the fourth course was brought on the board. This was one of the most substantial courses, at least in the eyes of a farmer or a working man, and consisted of meat <sup>and</sup> which on this occasion was roast goose, and its customary trimmings. The chunk of goose on Jack's plate — upon reflection I do not think the word chunk is quite the proper word to use — as the word chunk to most people suggests something rather bulky, and bulk was one of the properties of this particular piece of meat more conspicuous by its absence, at any rate I think you will all understand what I mean when I speak of this slice or piece or morsel of goose on Jack's plate. This particular piece of goose happened not to have any bone in it. Now I am not at all ashamed to admit that I am not much of an authority on the anatomy of a goose. I had been under the impression rightly or wrongly, that it was physically impossible to get from the carcass of an over-sized goose, a sizeable piece of meat that had ~~not~~ or attached to it a piece of bone. So I think <sup>he</sup> was very fortunate in getting a piece without any bone. But unfortunately Jack failed to profit by this piece of good fortune for this is what happened. He selected the

the knife and fork which he considered the proper ones to use and turning the piece of meat over on its back, by that I mean the flattest side, the side having the greatest area or amount of surface, and therefore the most extensive base - he set his fork on it, for no amount of pressure would make the fork go into it; then with his right <sup>hand</sup> he proceeded to cut it, but in spite of the fact that he used what was supposed to be the cutting edge of the knife and despite the fact that he put a lot of pressure on it when sawing to and fro, he made no impression on it. Then he turned the piece over on the other side and tried again but with no better results. Then he set it up on edge and attacked it, but with no greater success. Then he conceived the idea, for Jack is very resourceful, of setting or standing it up on end and trying to split or cleave it. It is my firm conviction that it was his intention, in case he failed this time, to reverse, that is to stand it on the other end and try once more, for persistence is one of his strong points. I do say most of you have at some time or other, watched the proceedings of a wood splitter in trying to split an unusually tough block of wood: how ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> would turn and change its position and attack it from every angle. So Jack in dealing with this piece of goose.

But before he had quite exhausted all his versatility, this piece of meat began to show some signs of resentment, at being so familiarly treated and so humiliatingly exposed to view from every side and direction.

Some just at this moment, when Jack was thinking  
trying to set it "together and up" it slipped off  
his plate onto the table cloth, thence down  
to the floor, where for a brief time we will let it lie.

Then suddenly, as if by a preconcerted signal  
the activities of all the other guests came to a  
sudden and abrupt standstill. Dickens  
in one of his many inimitable ~~his~~ stories  
describes a somewhat similar occurrence  
on a somewhat similar occasion: How that  
every one stopped and for a brief time remained  
in the very position he was in when the cause  
of interruption occurred: how that the man at the  
head of the table was in the very act of conveying  
or transporting or transferring a morsel of food  
from his plate to his mouth with a fork, and  
had just succeeded <sup>in covering</sup> half the distance, and actually  
had his mouth half open ~~to~~ in preparation  
to receive it when this break took place and for  
a moment set thus entirely motionless with the  
said morsel of food suspended in mid air as  
it were, on the end of the fork aforesaid. Well  
so on this occasion. It is altogether needless  
to say that by this time all eyes were directed  
to that part of the table where the commotion  
occurred, and in fact focussed on Jack McEwan.  
A few were filled with consternation and alarm.

A number - not many I admit - I am happy  
to say in the interests of humanity and charity  
bore evidences of pity and commiseration, of a  
sort of fellow feeling, of sorrow and sympathy, at  
his sad plight, which, could Jack but have  
seen it, might have acted as a soothing, a healing  
balm to his wounded feelings and pride.

But alas for the frailty and depravity of man - even educated, civilized, Christianized, cultured, and refined man - truth impels me to say that the countenances of the great majority of the guests gave unmistakable evidence that the owners of said countenances, secretly and inwardly were very much amused and filled with pleasure the signs of which they could not altogether suppress and conceal - in short that they very much enjoyed this part of the entertainment, inasmuch as it was <sup>not</sup> included on the bill of fare and was <sup>wholly</sup> unexpected.

I have told you before how serene, how cool, how placid, with what an air of self sufficiency Jack had borne himself during the progress of the earlier part of the dinner, even up to the time when he, to my mind, needlessly and foolishly began to monkey with that piece of meat. But now a change had occurred - a very noticeable change. He began to show unmistakable signs of embarrassment; that serene, placid and self satisfied look began to seep, to ooze, and to leak away; his composure seemed to melt and fade away; there was an absence of that air of composure, that very and unexcitable bearing of his, which gradually disappeared, and finally vanished altogether; a tinge of redness suffused his face and spread to his ears and neck. He was disconcerted, hopelessly rattled and flabbergasted. I have told you that I think Jack unnecessarily tackled that piece of meat, and shall now proceed to enlighten you as to the reasons of my thinking so.

Firstly this was a fashionable, stylish affair of about twelve courses. That class of dinners is invariably <sup>done</sup> in style and etiquette and generally short on eatables, in the language of Market Reports. Now I do not mean to convey the impression that the guests do not get enough to eat, not at all. But when you consider the vast number of dishes served at these meals, while the aggregate contents of all the dishes served to each is quite ample and adequate, yet the contents of any one dish taken singly would not impress one very much as to its bulk. Hence I conclude it could not have been a large piece of goose that Jack had on his plate. Secondly as you all know, Jack is a man considerably above the average for size. And I think it is quite safe to assume that in his growth and development his mouth would expand and develop in practically the same proportion, and at the same rate as the rest of him, so that his mouth would be considerably above the average for capacity. You will I am sure by this time understand what I am aiming at. To put the matter short and make plain what I mean (as I am sure Jack would do under similar circumstances - re an undersized piece of meat and an oversized mouth) I will here and now most emphatically, deliberately, wilfully, and intentionally, without hesitation or qualification, without pervarication, mental evasion or mental reservation, and without the slightest fear of successful contradiction say, declare, assert, affirm, and asseverate,

that Jack McEwan could have, and (had he been at his own home and table), undoubtedly would have dispatched and disposed of that piece of meat in one mouthful and then not overtaxed his capacity. So I repeat there was not the shadow of an excuse for him to try to bisect or subdivide it into smaller dimensions. Had he thus disposed of it as I think he should have, he would have saved himself <sup>from this god-awful predicament</sup> this exhibition of humiliation and of discomfiture. Having said this we will now resume the history of that piece of meat which Jack now stooped over to recover. But at this time his good wife, with the most laudable motives of coming to his relief and assistance, gave him a not too gentle tick or poke on his leg with her foot to draw his attention. Then she whispered in his ear "Apologize Jack apologize, say something Jack." Now it is altogether unnecessary for me to say that by this time he was in that state of mental excitement, and in that mood, that it was wholly superfluous on the part of his spouse to prompt him to say something. He was already prepared to say something and immediately proceeded to say it. And he didn't whisper it, nor did he try to say it with flowers. Regardless of his surroundings and seemingly oblivious of the fact that there were cultured and refined ladies, several clergymen, as also some children within hearing, he blurted out, with the frankness, the vigor, and directness so characteristic

of him By Gee whizz Jimminy crickets  
 That is the doggondest - the blantest  
 blanketest, toughest old goose I ever had any  
 thing to do with - must have been the  
 identical goose that Noah took into the  
 ark. I'll be ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>and so God damn slipping</sup> but he did not finish that  
 sentence. He stopped abruptly, very abruptly;  
 instantaneously as it were - his brake adjust-  
 ments must have been in perfect working  
 order: for at that psychological moment his  
 eyes met the gaze of his wife, hence the  
 stop. What there was in that gaze that could  
 produce such an immediate and paralyzing  
 effect I do not pretend to know, and can-  
 not say. Her gaze must have been one of those  
 menacing, threatening, withering, blasting and  
 penetrating kind we sometimes read of in books:  
 that kind of fierce, burning, fiery and glowing  
 kind ~~and~~ <sup>that</sup> some women are said to look east at  
 presumably their husbands, and that are de-  
 scribed as penetrating to their very souls: so  
 intense and glowing as to almost melt the  
 glass in their spectacles. Whatever it was it  
 had the effect of stopping Jack at once in  
 the middle of a sentence, and he stayed  
 stopped; the first and only time that Jack  
 stopped before he had had his say out <sup>to the finger</sup> to the  
 very end of the chapter.

Now what further he intended to say; or  
 what further he would have said but for the  
 timely interruption caused no doubt by  
 that gaze of his spouse I do not know.  
 But knowing what he is capable of saying  
 even on occasions of far less provocation,

I shudder even to think of it. I have often listened to those fervid and fiery outbursts of eloquence and I will be honest enough to admit that I am human enough, and perhaps I should say depraved enough to really and truly get a deal of enjoyment, genuine pleasure and entertainment, real unadulterated joy and satisfaction from these impromptu speeches. He uses such soul stirring, such hair raising, such blood curdling expressions, and his speeches are so exquisitely embellished with the choicest specimens of profanity, capable of being expressed in the English language, and which he releases in such copious, almost unlimited quantities; so intensely hot, so frying, so roasting, so sizzling, so comfortably suggestive, so reeking, and so soothingly reminiscent of fire and brimstone, cayenne pepper and asafoetida: which terms were frequently used by a noted & loved preacher, (long since dead and gone to his reward) in depicting and portraying in such vivid, lurid and glowing terms, the future abodes of the souls of those who in this life were not notably conspicuous for piety or saintliness. These speeches Jack would occasionally deliver, presumably for their edification and entertainment, to or at his horses, his cattle, sometimes his dog, and on very very rare occasions his amiable wife. I therefore come to the conclusion, that that restraining paralyzing look she gave him was timely and was the means of preventing one

entry at least in that book of books in which we are told all our vain and idle words (not to use any harsher terms) are said to be recorded, and which in this case would have been entered on the debit side of Jack's account; and I trust another star was placed to the credit side of his wife's account for ~~I firmly believe~~ by the recording angel: for I truly believe we get credit not only for the good things we say and do, but also for the bad things which we prevent being said or done.

By intercepting that timely gaze I am convinced Jack was restrained and prevented from saying some of the hottest things it would have been possible to think of.

Hell in due course of time the banquet came to an end, like all things mundane and sublunary; the guests took their departure to their respective homes and we may be sure Jack and his wife were not the last ones to leave the scene of his discomforture. They survived, got home safely and we are all pleased to see them with us this evening; and I doubt not are enjoying like the rest of us this concert gotten up by their promising son. I sincerely trust and hope they may be spared many many years, and enjoy the privilege of being present at all ~~this~~ future concerts and <sup>that</sup> in coming years their hearts may be gladdened and they may be made happy by seeing <sup>their son</sup> making a grand success of his chosen calling and that he may in due time, as I believe and hope he will, become an eminent educationist.

17.

In conclusion permit me to say that although I have already passed the three score and ten and am nearing the four score span of life mentioned by the psalmist, I yet have the desire, and I hope I may be permitted by a kind and merciful Providence, to live many years yet, if only to hear those eloquent speeches of ~~his~~ Jack McEwan.

And now we will take up the next number on the program which is a recitation by Bobby Litt.

ph11671 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Christmas Concert Monologue pg 17

from Ellice

On that day his people moved into their house which stood almost directly across the road from the house in which I then resided. <sup>Many of</sup> ~~As you all no~~ doubt are aware both these houses have since been replaced by more modern structures. As you see we were very near neighbors. He was then a boy about eight years of age, fairly big for his age. Although he was then a good sized youngster, and generally fairly well behaved, I seem to have a somewhat hazy, vague, and indistinct recollection of having heard on several occasions during that first year a commotion coming from across the way, sounding very much as if someone were wielding a strap or switch, accompanied by what appeared to be muffled sob and noises as if some one were in pain. As this was so many years ago, and as the recollection of it is somewhat foggy I will ask you for sweet charity's sake not to give it too much credence.

Well, I have seen Jack grow from childhood to youth, from youth to manhood, from manhood to husbandhood, from husbandhood to parenthood, and so on until now when his only son and heir has arrived at the age of manhood, and is now the teacher before us this evening, and of whom I am proud to say I have great hopes and expectations. Jack's father like myself, was a farmer, and like <sup>neighbors</sup> ~~farmers~~ whose relations and business transactions with each other are as they ought to be, we exchanged work back and forward and became intimately acquainted with each other. I remember in those days we even used to cut each others hair. You will readily understand therefore that I had many and varied opportunities of seeing Jack both in and outside his home.

I confess that when Mr McEwan was first spoken of as a possible prospect as teacher in our school, I was not impressed with the idea. My experience as a scholar, a teacher, and a trustee for many of years, and observation lead me to the conviction that as a rule it is not in the best interests of teacher or pupils to have a young teacher beginning to teach in a school in which he himself was a scholar not many years before. I need not here enlarge on my reasons for this conviction, some of which I think are almost self evident. But we frequently hear "there are exceptions to every rule", and it affords me much pleasure and gratification, to say now, after he has had charge of our school for a year and a half, and having due regard to the Reports of the Inspector, I am now firmly convinced that this particular case is one of the very few exceptions, and that I have no hesitation in saying that I believe that he is going to make good.

What puzzles me however is to know where he inherited those qualities and disposition, so necessary in my humble opinion for a successful teacher. We are frequently told that the good and successful teachers, like musicians, are born and not made. Now when I consider his parentage, particularly on his father's side, I am I confess wholly at a loss to solve this riddle. His father as all of you know full well is Jack McEwan, who lives over the Hill here a little east of the school. You all have known him, some for shorter, some for longer periods. I think though I can truthfully say that I have known him longer and more intimately than any of you. I have known him for nearly half a century - think of it. To be exact it will be fifty years on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March next at 2 p.m. that I first laid eyes on Jack McEwan.

ph11701 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Christmas Concert Monologue pg 2

It affords me the very highest degree of pleasure and satisfaction, and I am sure it must be equally pleasing and gratifying to all present here tonight, to observe the <sup>evidences</sup> of good-will, of mutual appreciation, and of harmony that prevails between the pupils and teacher; of the existence of which this presentation on the part of the pupils and the reply of the teacher give ample evidence.

The teacher, whom we all know, for he was born and raised right here in this locality, in my opinion is a promising young man, possessing to a marked degree many of the qualifications, which are so necessary and desirable in the making of a good and successful teacher. Possessing an amiable, mild, sunny and cheerful disposition, he also possesses the happy faculty of being able to adapt himself to all the varied circumstances that arise in dealing <sup>not only</sup> with the pupils under his charge, but also the young people of the community. He takes a very active interest in all their varied plans for recreation and amusement and which invariably tend to make a teacher popular.

Even some of the younger married women of the section (may I be permitted to say in their presence) are showing a great interest in his work, and are giving him no inconsiderable assistance, in training some of the younger pupils for this concert. At considerable inconvenience, and sacrifice of time they so whole heartedly entered into the spirit of the occasion, and helped in making the necessary preparations for this, (in the minds of the children at least) very important event.

We are now only about half through the program and judging by the evidences of your appreciation, I am convinced that I am justified in saying at this stage, that it will be a very successful and satisfactory affair.

ph11711 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Christmas Concert Monologue pg 1

I got to understand his moods, could tell when he was pleased or otherwise; found out at an early age what he thought of the people in the immediate neighborhood, as well as of things in general; for he was wonderfully communicative, and even at an early age had acquired a vocabulary, and an ability of forceful expression truly wonderful. Thus he grew up to man's estate. I may say generally speaking I have always had a high regard for Jack McEwan, and have a sincere and genuine admiration for him. In my judgment he has some qualities and characteristics worthy of our admiration and esteem. One quality I very much admire is his openness, his candor, his frankness, his honesty in saying what he thinks and meaning what he says; the firmness with which he holds to his convictions. He won't go behind any man's back to say what he thinks. He does not beat about the bush; no pussy-footing or side-stepping. He believes in pulling a spade a spade. And what he has to say he says most forcefully and emphatically — direct to the point and no circumlocution — and as if he meant it, no half-hearted stuff. And he does not care a tinker's curse whether you agree with him or not. In fact I have come to the conclusion that he had rather you did not agree with him as then he would have more cause and opportunity to show off as it were his capabilities. It is exceedingly refreshing to hear how forceful, how positive, and how unswervingly he sticks to his assertions, and what an air of finality he gives to his conclusions. I cannot help thinking sometimes, it is a pity that some of our politicians

**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.**  
THE PEOPLE RELIEFING COMPANY, PERITH.

Registered at Perth, Ontario

I hereby certify that on Wednesday the nineteenth  
day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and six

John McEwan of the Township of Downie in the  
County of Perth Province of Ontario Dominion of Canada;  
and Rubina Irvine of the Township of Hullerton in the  
County of Perth Province of Ontario Dominion of Canada,  
were by me united in the Bonds of **Matrimony**, at Mitchell  
in the County of Perth Province of Ontario Dominion of  
Canada aforesaid.

Witness my hand this nineteenth day of September 1906.

Witnesses: { A. P. Armstrong James D. W. Joseph M.A.  
James D. W. Joseph M.A. OFFICIATING MINISTER.

ph11731 John McEwan 41-42aac. Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.

Dated March 1st, A.D. 1918.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1919  
 Received payment in full  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920  
 Received payment in full  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921  
 Received payment in full  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1922  
 Received payment in full

John McEwan,  
 et ux  
 to  
 Harriotte McEwan.

Received 1923 \$50 \$50  
 Received 1924 \$30870  
 Received 1925 \$100 \$100  
 Received 1927 \$100 \$100  
 Received 1928 \$100 \$100  
 Received 1929 \$100 \$100  
 Received 1930 \$100 \$100

GRANT OF ANNUITY.

No 11139 Downie

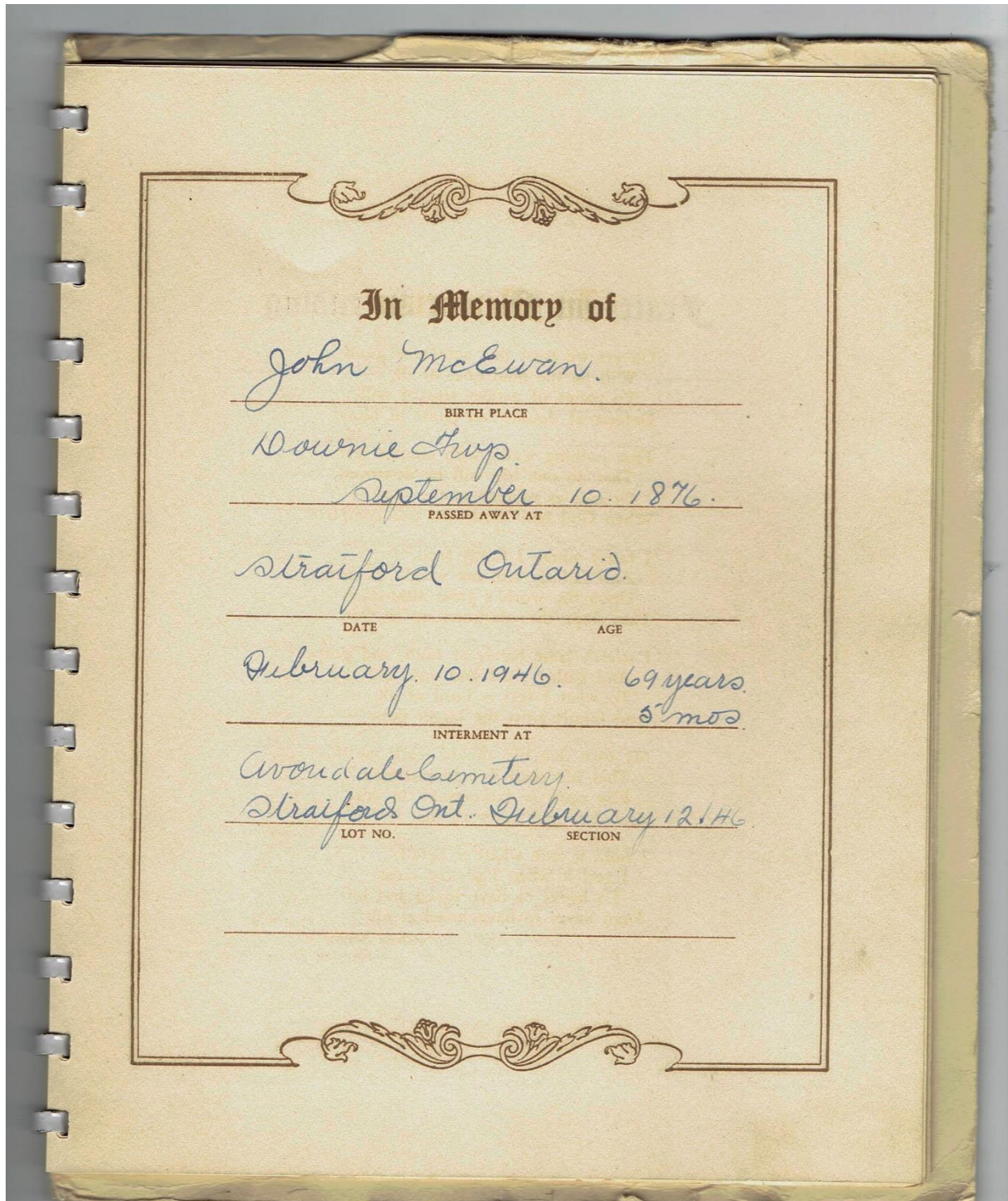
I certify that the within instrument  
 is duly entered and registered in the  
 Registry Office for the Registry Division  
 of the South Riding of the County of Perth,  
 in Book 0 for the Township  
 of Downie  
 at 10:04 o'clock A.M. of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of March A. D. 1918.  
 Number 11139

Tom Brown.

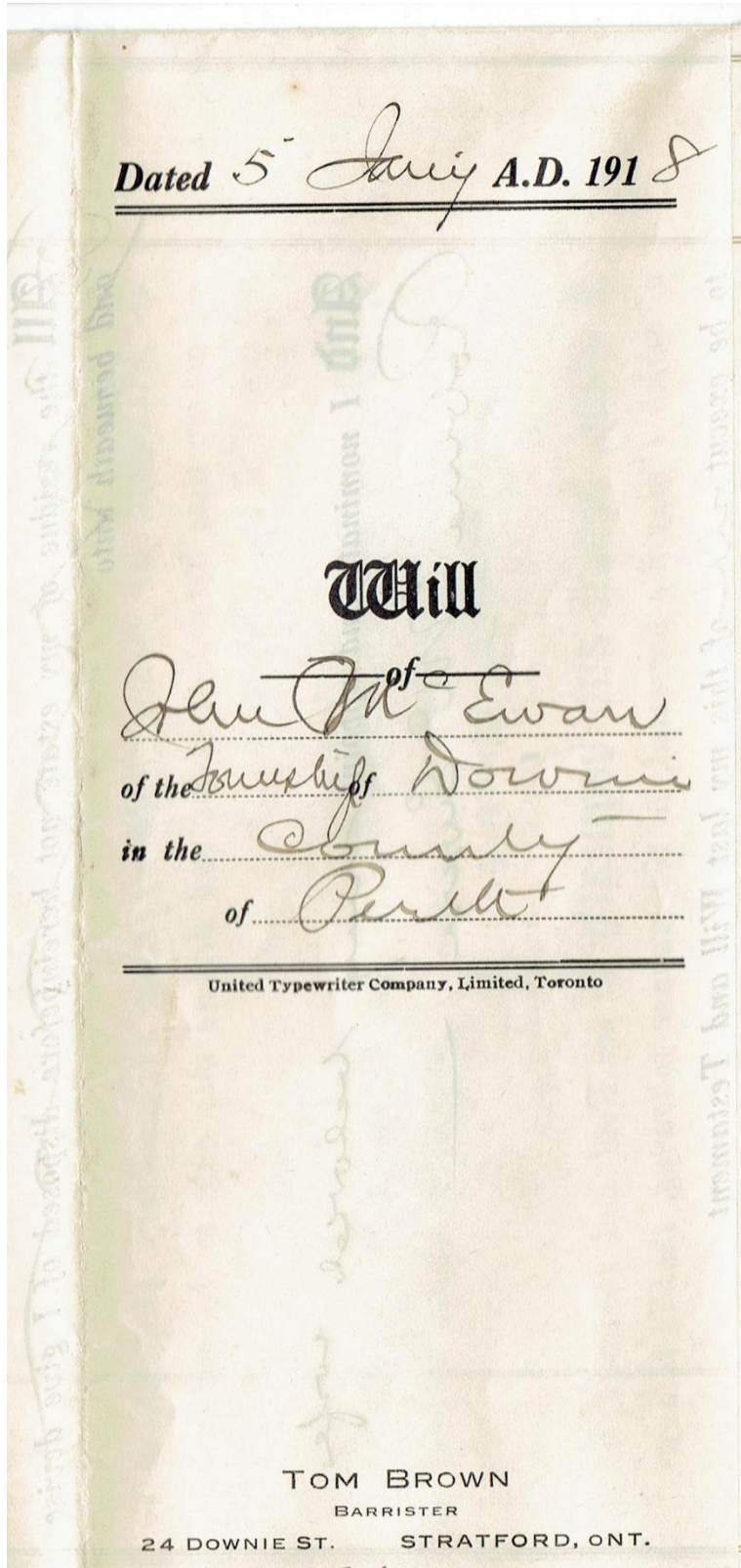
H Fred Sharp  
 Registrar.

- 15262 -

ph11741 John McEwan 41-42aac. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.



ph11751 John McEwan 41-42aac.



ph11761 John McEwan 41-42aac.

Form 140c

United Typewriter Company, Limited, Toronto. L-416-22270

## This is the last Will and Testament

of me *John McEwan* of the  
 Township of *Donnie* in the County  
 of *Perth* — and Province of  
*Ontario* *Canada* —  
 made this *19th* day of *January*  
 in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *Eighteen*

**I Revoke** all former Wills or other Testamentary Dispositions by me at any time heretofore made, and declare this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament.

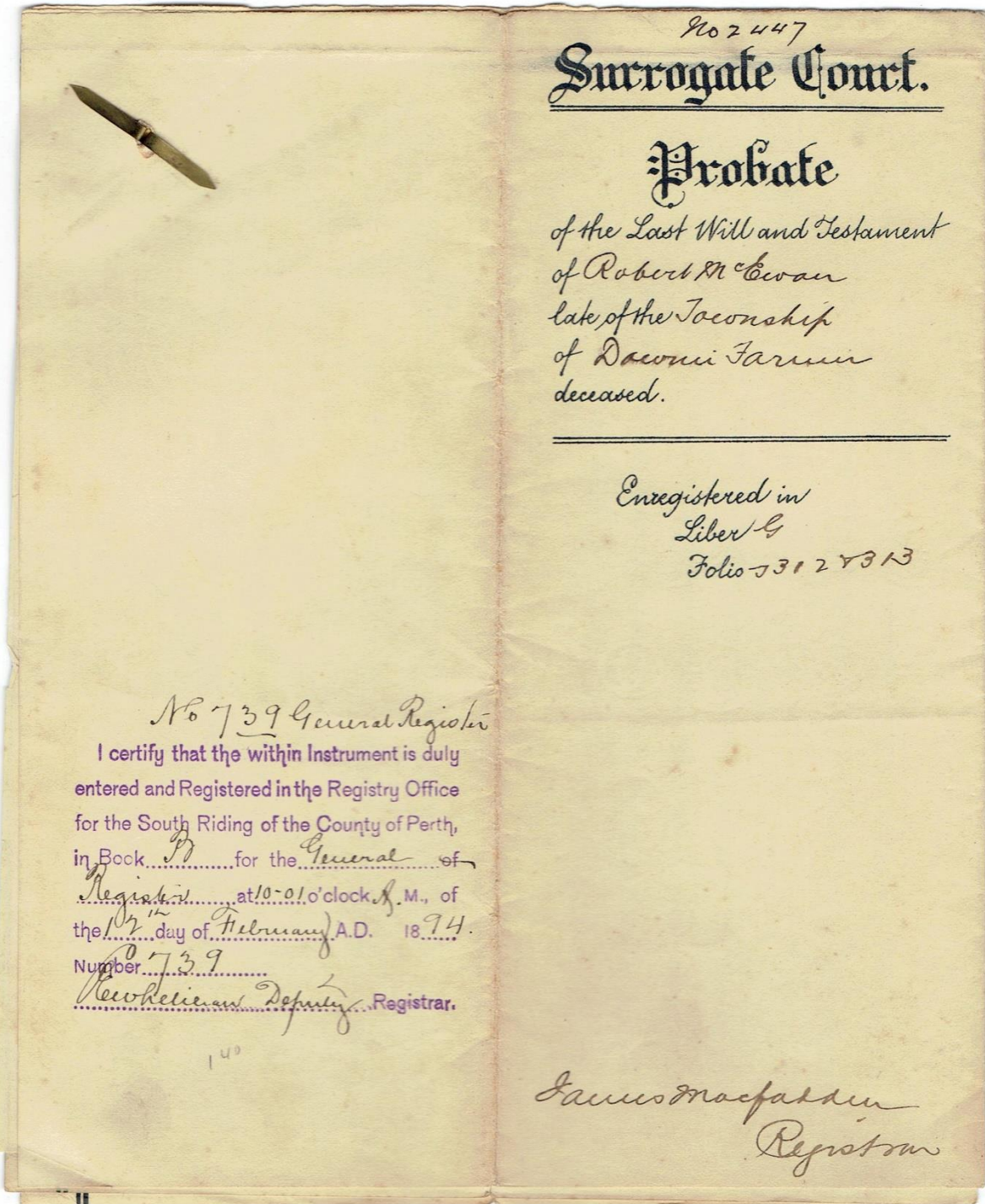
**I Direct** all my just debts funeral and Testamentary expenses to be paid and satisfied by my *Executors* hereinafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

**I Give, devise and bequeath** all my Real and Personal Estate of which I may die possessed, in the manner following, that is to say:  
 unto my wife *Robina McEwan*  
 for her own absolute use and  
 benefit —

In witness whereof

I have written

Signed, published and declared by the



No 2447

Surrogate Court.

**Probate**

of the Last Will and Testament  
of Robert McEwan  
late of the Township  
of Dawson Farmer  
deceased.

Enregistered in  
Liber G  
Folio 5312 Y313

No 739 General Register

I certify that the within Instrument is duly  
entered and Registered in the Registry Office  
for the South Riding of the County of Perth,  
in Book *B* for the *General* of  
*Register* at 10-01 o'clock A.M., of  
the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *February* A.D. 18 *74*.  
Number *739*  
*James Macfadden* Deputy Registrar.

140

*James Macfadden*  
Registrar

ph11781 Robert McEwan 41-42aa.

I, Robert McEwan of the Township of Downie in the County of Perth farmer, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

I. I revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

II. I direct my executors herein named to pay my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of this my will.

III. I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Harriotte McEwan all my real and personal estate of every kind and nature whatsoever, subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of this my will.

IV. I nominate and appoint my wife Harriotte McEwan and Robert Hamilton of Fullarton, shoemaker, the executrix and executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of August 1892.

Signed published and declared by the testator Robert McEwan as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who both present together at the same time, in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

“Peter Smith” ]  
Witnesses:  
“D. K. Erb” ]

“Robert McEwan” [seal]

ph11781(2) Robert McEwan 41-42aa. Will 1894

Dated February 28 1918

John McEwan,  
et ux

— TO —

Harriotte McEwan

# Mortgage

TO SECURE

\$ 800.00

No 11138 Downie

NOT TO BE RECORDED IN FULL

TOM BROWN  
SOLICITOR FOR MORTGAGEE

I certify that the within instrument  
is duly entered and registered in the  
Registry Office for the Registry Division  
of the South Riding of the County of Perth,  
in Book... Downie for the Township  
of Downie  
at 10.03 o'clock AM., of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of March, A. D. 1918.  
Number 11138.  
H. Fred Sharp  
Registrar.

TOM BROWN  
BARRISTER  
24 DOWNIE STREET, STRATFORD

- 15261 -

ph11811 John McEwan 41-42aac.  
Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.

# This Indenture

made (in duplicate) the 28th day of February in the year of our  
one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen

In Pursuance of the Short Forms of Mortgages Act :

Between JOHN MCEWAN of the township of Downie in the county of  
Perth, Yeoman,

herein called the Mortgagor of the First Part

HARRIOTTE ELIZABETH MCEWAN of the township of Downie in the  
County of Perth, Widow,

**Lorem Ipsum**

herein called the Mortgagee of the Second Part

ROBINA MCEWAN of the township of Downie in the county of  
Perth, wife of the said John McEwan

of the third part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred-----

**John McEwan 41-42aac. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan  
41-42aa.Sp. ph11811(2)**

# This Indenture,

made the . Twenty-eighth day of February

one thousand nine hundred and Eighteen

In pursuance of The Short Forms of Conveyances Act :

~~Witness~~ HARRIOTTE ELIZABETH McEWAN of the Township of Downie in  
the County of Perth, Widow, hereinafter called the Grantor

of the First Part,

JOHN McEWAN of the Township of Downie in the County of  
Perth, Yeoman, hereinafter called the Grantee

of the Second Part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of Eight hundred dollars-----

now paid by the said Grantee to the said Grantor the receipt whereof is hereby  
by her acknowledged, she the said Grantor DOth GRANT unto the said  
Grantee in fee simple

**ph11861 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan  
41-42aa.Sp. John McEwan 41-42aac.**

Dated February 28 A.D. 1918

Harriotte Elizabeth McEwan

—TO—

John McEwan

# Deed of Land

SITUATE

in Downie.

The Beacon Job Print

*No 11137 Downie*

*I certify that the within instrument is duly entered and registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the South Riding of the County of Perth, in Book Downie for the Township of Downie at 10:02 o'clock A.M. of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March A. D. 1918.  
Number 11137.*

*H. Fred Sharp*  
Registrar.

*Please Register  
at Downie*

JOHN BROWN

24 DOWNIE ST., STRATFORD, ONTARIO

- 15260 -


1400  
**ph11871 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan  
41-42aa.Sp. John McEwan 41-42aac.**

Stratford, Ont., February 11, 1946

Mr. John McEwan - Estate  
St. Pauls, Ontario

**To The City of Stratford General Hospital Trust Dr.**

<u>Feb. 8 - Feb. 10</u>		
<u>2 days @ \$2.25</u>	<u>6.50</u>	
<u>&amp; Ambulance to hospital</u>	<u>6.00</u>	
	<u>12.50</u>	
<u>&amp; X-ray - Portable in home</u>	<u>12.00</u>	
	<u>24.50</u>	



ph11881 John McEwan 41-42aac.

Glenspey Farm Feb 19<sup>1946</sup>  
 RR 3 Milton

My Dear Beanie

I felt so sorry to hear of Jack's passing but I suppose in his weak condition it was more than his system could stand - I was so pleased that I saw him out at Aggie's that night as it was a long time since I really had a talk with him and we had a nice talk that night in the den.

You will feel very lonely as you have had a lot of care with him for a long time. I was sorry I couldn't be at the funeral but it wasn't easy to come as Jack is away just now on a holiday to Florida. I have been staying out at the farm with Dick all winter. Hattie was here this week and just went back yesterday on the early train - hope you are keeping well yourself.

With Love and sympathy  
 Annie Frame

ph11891 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. John McEwan 41-42aac. Annie Smith Frame 30-31dbb. (i.e., Jack's first cousin)

WE AIM AT COURTEOUS and EFFICIENT SERVICE. OUR EQUIPMENT IS MODERN. EXCELLENT FUNERAL PARLOR FACILITIES.

### Greenwood-Gilbert Funeral Service

46 ERIE STREET  
PHONE 1760

Funeral of the late  
John McEwan.

*Stratford, Ont.,*

February 12, 1946.

Embalming & Preparing.  
Casket Outside case complete.  
Use of Hearse & Car.  
With our Services.

\$ 235.00

Cash Disbursements.

Notice, Beacon-Herald.  
Opening grave.

\$ 1.00  
8.00

9.00

\$ 244.00

*February 12, 1946*

*By Cheque \$ 244.00*

*Settlement in full*

*Thank you*

Greenwood-Gilbert Funeral Service

PER *Wesley Gilbert*

INTEREST CHARGED AT THE RATE OF SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

ph11911 John McEwan 41-42aac.

Estate of Rubina McEwan,  
c/o Gordon McEwan,  
St. Marys, Ontario.

STRATFORD, ONTARIO  
51 ALBERT STREET

October 31, 1955.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

J. M. RIDDELL, Q. C.  
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.

1955			
Sept	21	- Fee drawing all necessary affidavits, inventories and schedules on application for letters probate	\$75.00
		- Fee drawing all necessary affidavits, inventories and schedules under Ontario Succession Duty Act	35.00
		- Fee drawing all necessary affidavits, inventories and schedules under Dominion Succession Duty Act	20.00
		- Paid Surrogate Court fees	\$33.80
		- Registered Postage	
		- Letter to Department of National Welfare	1.00
Oct	12	- Letter to Department of National Welfare	1.00
"	13	- Drawing notarial copy of letters probate and certificate for registration and attending to register	6.00
		- Paid registration	5.65
		- Paid registration certificate	2.00
"	19	- Letter to Department of National Revenue	1.00
"	27	- Letter to Mr. McEwan	.50
		- Drawing notarial copy of letters probate of will and declaration of transmission for use in transferring British Mortgage account and Guaranteed Investment Certificate	6.00
			<hr/>
			\$145.50
			41.45
			<hr/>
		Total . . . .	\$186.95

This is our bill herein

.....*Riddell Mountain*.....

*Received payment with thanks,  
November 9/55  
Riddell Mountain  
per J. J. Irwin*



ph11931 John McEwan 41-42aac.



ph11941 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.

ington, and three sons, Mr. Sydney Kerr, Gull Lake, Sask.; Fred., of Calgary, Alta., and Maurice, of Moose Jaw Sask.

The funeral will be held privately from the home of Mr. J. M. Smith, St. Vincent-st., on Wednesday.

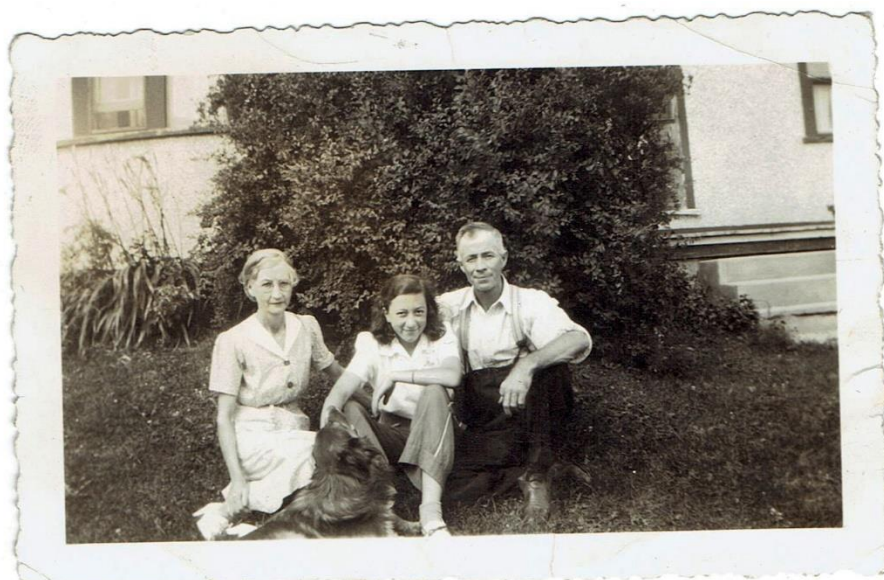
**DIED OF INFLUENZA  
AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS**

The death occurred in Downie on Friday evening last of Adam Bell McEwan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McEwan, after but a week's illness which developed into double pneumonia. The late Mr. McEwan was born in Downie where he had resided all his life. He was in his 31st year.

Besides his sorrowing parents the late Mr. McEwan is survived by four sisters and four brothers: Nellie, of Brampton; Mrs. Armstrong, Downie; Thomas, of Saskatchewan; John, of Ellice; Robert, of Exeter, and Nettie, Bessie and Lorne at home.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon.

ph11951 Adam McEwan 41-42abe. Stratford Beacon 27 Jan. 1919



ph14802(2) Agnes Douglas, Helen Douglas, Tommy Douglas, c 1942 St. Pauls, Ontario



ph14802(3) Helen Douglas, c 1942 family home  
St. Pauls, Ontario



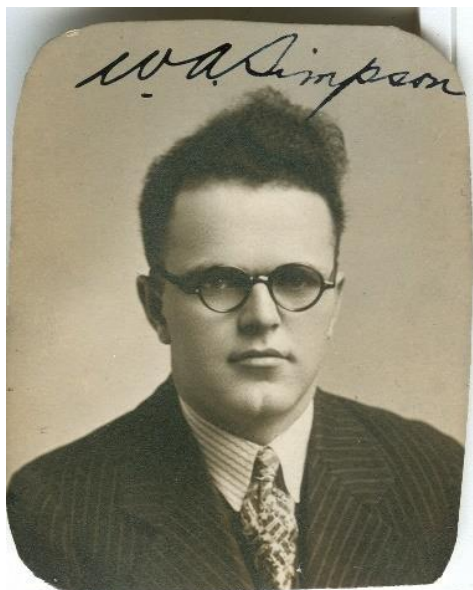
ph14802(4) Mae Douglas, Helen Douglas, Tom Douglas St. Pauls Ontario



ph14802(5) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Ivan Hearn 14-15ebe. ph14802(5) c.1942 home of Tom Douglas St. Pauls Ontario



ph20001 Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe.



ph20011 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad.



ph20021 Margaret (June) Simpson 41-42aaab. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



ph20031 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (in front) c. 1916



ph20041 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. held by Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa .Sp. c. 1916



ph20051 John McEwan 41-42a. Agnes Ballantyne 41-42a.Sp.



ph20061 Pat MacEwan 41-42ahab. Bill MacEwan 41-42ahaa. Neven MacEwan 41-42ahac.



ph20071 Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Robert (Mac) Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph20081 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. c.1915

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/4552421/AA-back-to-its-NZ-birthplace>

The national Alcoholics Anonymous convention will be held in Nelson this weekend, the first time the organisation has returned to its Nelson roots.

Stuart said the southern convention was usually held in Christchurch, but it was time to take it back to its birthplace. In 1946, Hope resident Ian McEwan, who was in Ngawhatu Psychiatric Hospital at the time, wrote to AA's New York office and received the book Alcoholics Anonymous. After leaving Ngawhatu, Mr McEwan went on to carry the message of sobriety throughout New Zealand.

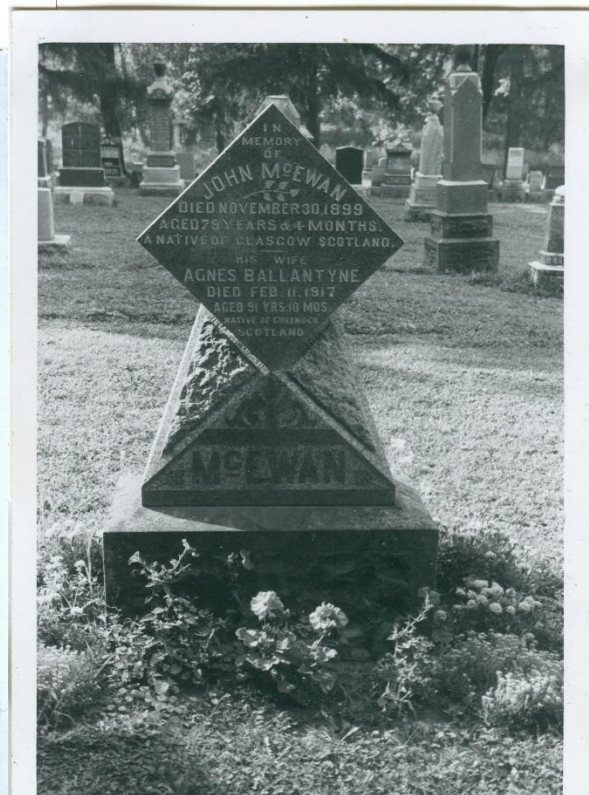
"When he started travelling the country speaking to anyone who would listen about the fact that there was help for alcoholics, it just mushroomed from there," Stuart said.

This year's convention would have a four-speaker panel sharing the story of the organisation, including one man who had Mr McEwan as his sponsor.

### ph20091 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. AA convention



ph20101 Mrs. Duff, Agnes Ballantyne McEwan  
41-42a.Sp.



ph20131 John McEwan 41-42a. Avondale  
Cemetery, Stratford, Ontario

#### The Murderer At The Door

In a recent article in the London Free Press it was reported that human bones had been uncovered outside the wall of the jail in Stratford, Ontario. "The discovery didn't come as a complete surprise" noted the columnist who speculates that the bones belong to Almeda Chattle the first man hanged in Perth County. Chattle's execution, in the spring of 1895, attracted a large group of onlookers who stood on top of the collegiate to witness the event. Almeda Chattle, the murderer, was once a dinner guest in the home of the widow Harriotte McEwan. According to Gordon's account, the famous incident occurred when John (i.e., Gordon's father and Harriotte's son), Harriotte (Gordon's grandmother) and sister Agnes (Gordon's aunt) "were on the farm at lot 19, concession 3 in the Township of Downie. One afternoon John had gone to town and the two women were busying themselves about the kitchen preparing supper when a loud, insistent knock was heard at the front door of the house. The woman's hearts must have skipped a beat when they looked out for there stood a huge, hulking, bestial type of individual and in a day before the invention of the telephone, the homesteads were isolated from their neighbours. I should think the people would have been more concerned at that particular time because an unusually brutal murder had taken place near Listowel. A young girl, Jessie Keith, had been picking strawberries along the railroad track and had disappeared. You can easily imagine the consternation of the neighbourhood, and the organization of a man hunt that began in the anxious community. Tracking dogs were brought in and the local constabulary was led to a pile of brush which they removed and there they found the dismembered body of Jessie Keith who had before death suffered the fearsome experience of rape. Undoubtedly, the press at that period would dwell on the lurid details of the happening and Harriotte and Agnes had read the weekly paper.

Messrs. Idington & Palmer received a message this afternoon about 4 o'clock notifying them of an awful tragedy near Listowel.

About 3 o'clock the body of an 18-year-old daughter of Mr. William Keith was found in the woods of her father's farm, about one and a half miles from Listowel. It was stripped of nearly all the clothing, and marks on the body indicated that the girl had been ravished and then murdered. The crime must have been committed early in the afternoon, as the young lady was seen entering the woods from the direction of Listowel shortly before 12 o'clock.

Afraid to refuse their unwelcome guest's request for a meal, they hurriedly set the table and placed before him a sample of their fare. His roving eyes and surly speech increased their uneasiness. Agnes took the kettle and placed it on the back of the stove but the quick-thinking Harriotte used the action to their advantage.

**ph20161(pg 1) The murderer at the door. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan  
41-42aa.Sp. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.**

"Don't put the kettle at the back of the stove, Aggie," she remonstrated, "the men will be in at any time from the hay field!"

At the mention of the word, "men" the visitor gulped down the last remnants of food and asked where work might be obtained. When the flax-mill at Sebringville was suggested, he trod off down the road and disappeared from the sight of the two anxious women who had been sufficiently upset to watch him disappear from their position at the front-gate.

When the weekly paper was placed by the McEwan house that week by the carrier in his sulky and horse, Agnes ran out to obtain it. As she raced back, her mother knew something of importance and interest was in the news.

Breathlessly, Agnes thrust the paper at her mother and pointed to a picture on the front page. It was a picture of their supper guest that week and below it sat the caption: "Chatelle. accused murderer of Jessie Keith, apprehended and lodged in Stratford jail."

No doubt both women experienced a surge of physical weakness because of the news!"

## Toronto Daily Mail.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1894. TWENTY PAGES.

PRICE FIVE

was completely a few moments, mistake, they an to the zeal, hundred people ng all over the street. At the shouring houses adjacent, build-also contempt-impatience the r.

### PRISONER.

every kind was that down, and in a body. In-ld the proceed-istness was not nder of the day, s, and five min-ure up at the offered the price- as heavily he dense crowd rance by reason The officers ex- were

### PRISONER.

"Yes, sir; that's right," said the prisoner, calmly.

The witness said prisoner told him he had been writing fifteen miles away. Prisoner had remarked to him in the course of about three-quarters of an hour's conversation, in a Mr. Crozier's shop, that he was sixty years of age, though he didn't look it. He had a parcel with him about a foot by six inches in size.

Mr. William McCaffrey, a farmer, living in Ellice, three miles from Stratford, swore he saw the prisoner about twenty minutes to twelve o'clock noon on the Tuesday before the murder. He had asked for something to eat, and stayed about an hour. He said he was going to Stratford. Witness identified the lined shoes worn by the prisoner as those he was wearing when he saw him on the Tuesday mentioned. While the prisoner was haying his shoes examined by witness for identification he had a faint expression of amused interest.

the half-closed lids. The huge hands were clasped together, but not convulsively, and no tremor shook the prisoner's frame. The only motion was a constant swinging of his right leg, which was crossed over the left. Witness said the cause of death was due to loss of blood from the cut in the throat. He had found blood on the overalls, which belonged to the mammalia order, but he could not say it was human blood. As already published, the witness stated that the external genital organs and other internal organs were missing.

Dr. Geo. H. Watson, who assisted Dr. Rutherford in making the post-mortem, agreed with the evidence just furnished.

Mr. Lyle Tatham was next sworn, and testified to finding the girl's clothes, as has been published.

Mr. E. M. Alexander, who found the valise and contents near the scene of the tragedy on Sunday morning last, followed, and related the circumstances as has been described.

This story of how the McEwan

women entertained the murderer of Jessie Keith must have been told often enough in the McEwan kitchen that Gordon remembered it 80 years later. But, how close to the actual truth is Gordon's rendition of an incident that happened in 1894, at least 20 years before he was even born? A survey of the newspaper accounts such as that above in the Toronto Daily Mail confirms that the essence of the story is remarkably accurate. Amelda Chattelle did murder Jessie Keith. The evidence shows that Chattelle travelled from St. Marys to Gad's Hill on October 18 and then on to Milverton and toward Listowel where he happened upon Jessie Keith. After the murder Chattelle headed east where he was apprehended in Erin. This sequence of events means that he visited the McEwans before the murder rather than after. Furthermore, the event happened in the fall rather than earlier in the season during haying as suggested by Gordon's story. Gordon's description of Almelda as a big heavy man is confirmed by the newspaper accounts. In Gordon's story there is a dramatic scene where Aggie opens the newspaper to see their dinner guest identified as the murderer of Jessie Keith. Although I have been unable to locate that picture of Amelda, one newspaper claims that Chattelle's picture was sent to the police in England because the manner in which Jessie Keith was disfigured had similarities to the Whitechapel murders perpetrated by Jack the Ripper. Even though the newspapers went into great detail in retracing Chattelle's journey from Alsia Craig through St. Marys and on to Listowel there is no mention of his visit to the McEwan's kitchen. Nonetheless, it is very likely that Almelda Chattelle did knock on the McEwan's door, that he did come in and was offered food, and furthermore, it is equally probable that Gordon's grandmother did frighten off the tramp by telling her daughter Aggie to move the kettle to the front of the stove because the men would be coming in from the fields.

Source: *Dicksons Corners* blogspot 27 Feb., 2010

**ph20161(pg2) The murderer at the door. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.**



ph20141 Bob Bain 41-42adb.



ph20181 Stanley Chadwick 41-42fga.Sp.



ph20191 Newton Cosh 41-42ag.Sp. not certain which children



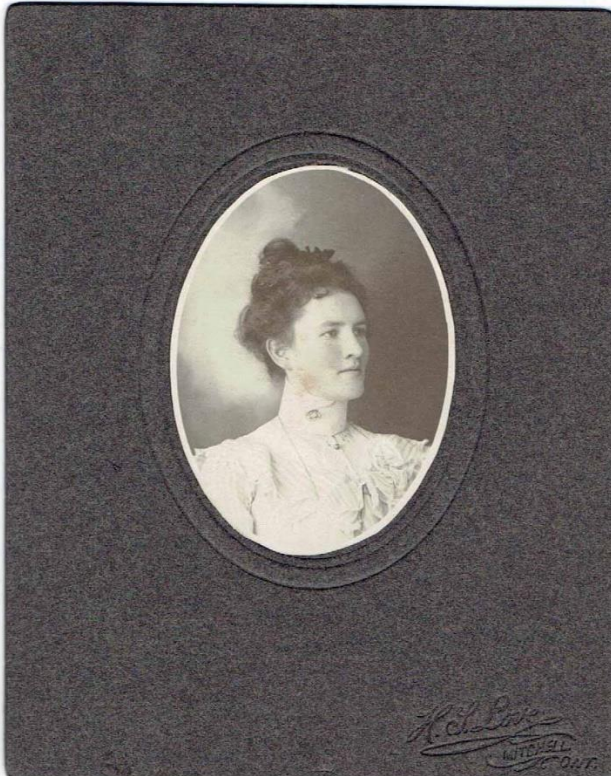
ph20201 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. St. Marys Ont. c1968



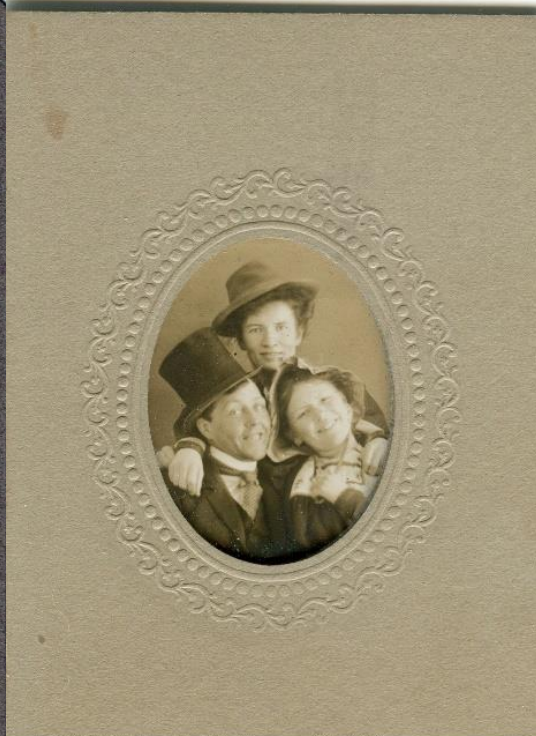
ph20211 Maggie McEwan Cosh 41-42ag.



ph20221 H. Patrick MacEwan  
41-42ahab.



ph20231 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.



ph20241 Jack McEwan 41-42aac.  
Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp. (rear)  
Viola Hughey Levy 50-51cea.



Ethel A  
youngest  
daughter of Geo.  
& Amy A  
McEwan, born  
Sept 2, 1884  
died Nov 10, 1901

ph20251 Ethel McEwan 41-42fl. Woodland Cemetery London Ontario



ph20261 Allan Bain 41-42adba.



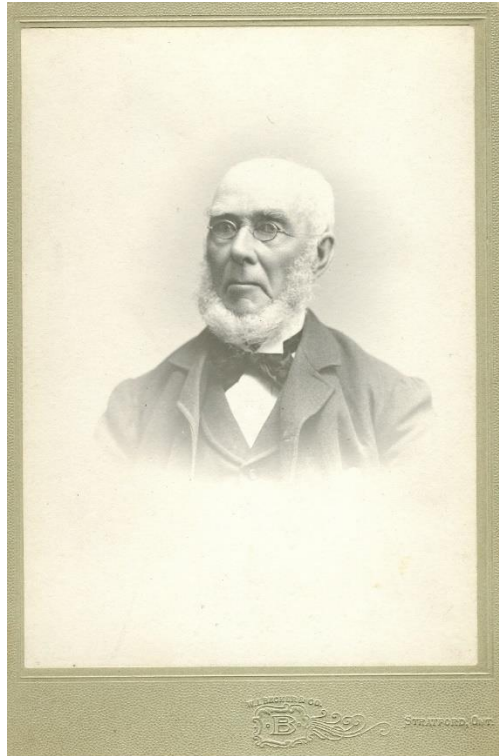
ph20271 Isabel Bain Mardlin 41-42adec.  
Lloyd Mardlin 41-42adec.Sp.



**ph20281 Isabel Bain Mardlin 41-42adec. Lloyd Mardlin 41-42adec.Sp. 1946**



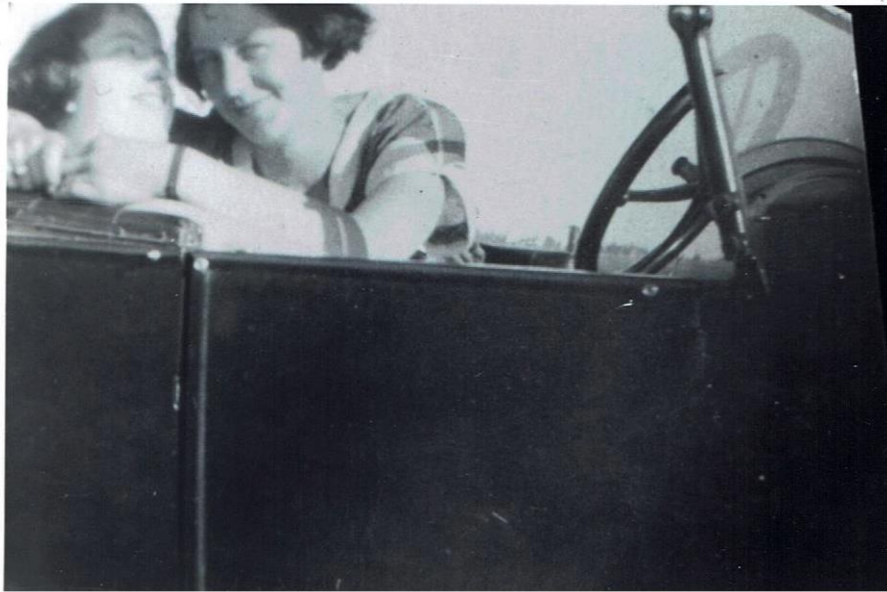
**ph20291 John McEwan 41-42a. home as it appeared in the 1980's**



ph20301 John McEwan 41-42a.



ph20311 unidentified, Ruby Bolton, Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. unidentified



ph20321 Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. unidentified friend



ph20331 Unidentified, Mac Simpson 40-41aaa. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab.

### Stories of Jack McEwan. From Dickson's Corners blog

The Black Creek cheese factory was originally a cooperative with the local farmers providing the capital. "in 1868 the price of cheese dropped suddenly and the industry briefly contracted. As the number of Black Creek's patrons tumbled from 120 to 30, Ballantyne sold his farm and with the help of a provincial grant, bought the factory outright" (Dictionary of Canadian Biography). Of course, it would be interesting to know whether John McEwan and all the Ballantyne connections were patrons of the factory and whether they lost money in the contraction of 1868 but I have never heard any stories of disagreements over the factory. During this period there was potential for a large export market to Britain but only if cheese of consistent quality and volume could be produced. The factory system was central to this vision and Ballantyne became a strong advocate for training skilled cheesemakers and demanding the highest standard of cleanliness and sanitation. Gordon's father John drew milk from neighbouring farmers to the Black Creek Factory. Here is a story told by Gordon many years later. It illustrates the challenges that Thomas Ballantyne faced in insuring the highest quality of professionalism in his factory. "On John's (i.e. John McEwan the grandson of the original John) route was a half-mad woman, who had won for herself acclaim by chasing the tax collector to the road at the end of a pitch-fork. My fearful recollection of her was a slim, supple-looking woman with gray hair piled in a myriad of wisps about her face and tied in a knot at the back of her head. Wild eyes indicated the dangers to be discovered in this strange and dangerous woman who appeared to wear the same apparel at all times – a woollen upper-garment, a pair of rubber boots and a piece of filthy sacking strapped to her waist by binder-twine. One morning, John picked up her milk as usual but when the cheesemaker was examining the first can, he discovered an errant cat had tumbled in to meet a milky death. The cheesemaker holding the milk-drenched feline gingerly turned to John and said. "Well, Jack, you have the welcome job of taking her milk back to her. We'll bury the cat." You can imagine that John quickly deposited the cans on her milk-stand that day and sped the horses on their way. However, the story is not done because the next morning as his team trotted westward, he noted her cans plus the mistress of the estate gathered by her milk-stand. As the team was pulled to a halt, she went straight to the point: "McEwan, why did you bring my milk home yesterday?" John told the story attempting, if possible, to mollify her and let her see the reason of the happening. When he had finished, she summarized her position clearly and finally: "McEwan, if you ever bring my milk home again, I'll put the dung fork through you." Then, having stated her case, she strode into the house. John, however, found a way of placating her. When her milk was considered unfit by the factory, John dumped it into the ditch and filled the cans with whey and because she could neither read nor do mathematics she simply cashed her cheque" and life carried on. The attached internet picture from an unknown factory is what it may have looked like as the driver's pulled up to unload their milk at the cheese factory.

Addendum: I now realize that Gordon's cat story above is from a later period when the factory had been transferred in ownership to Thomas' son William Wallace Ballantyne.

## **ph20341 John McEwan 41-42aac. Black Creek Cheese Factory Cat Story**



ph20361 Front: Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. unidentified boy  
back: unidentified girl, Mac Simpson 41-42aaa. Margaret Simpson 41-42aab.



ph20371 two unidentified woman, Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aa. Margaret Simpson  
41-42aab. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. (in front)



ph20381 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. Bill Simpson 41-42aaad.



ph20391 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.



ph20401 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Tom Ballantyne  
(possibly) Bill Simpson 41-42aad.

From *Mohawks Over Burma* by Gerry Beauchamp 1985

“On the morning of 6 April, a convoy was attacked by three Japanese cruisers and their seaplanes. During the course of one of these attacks, a Nakajima E8N2 ‘Dave’ floatplane from the cruiser *Kumano* was attacked by a patrolling No5 Sqn Mohawk without result.

Two more Mohawks were scrambled, and Flt Lt Keith MacEwan in BS795/QO-W spotted a floatplane as it was about to alight ahead of *Kumano*. Diving down, MacEwan fired and reported that the ‘Dave’ had ditched in the sea. Lt Itoh’s E8NS had, in fact, alighted with only slight damage. Nonetheless, the Mohawk had been blooded with the RAF.” Pg. 76

Pg. 77 photo of MacEwan and his plane. Caption: “Flt Lt Keith MacEwan surveys the bullet riddled rear fuselage of his Mohawk at Dinjan after an attack on Myitkyina on 8 July 1942. It was whilst flying this aircraft that MacEwan ‘blooded’ the Mohawk in RAF service when he attacked, and damaged, an E8N2 ‘Dave’ floatplane from the IJN cruiser *Kuman* over the Bay of Bengal (A K MacEwan)

ph20411 Keith MacEwan 41-42aib.



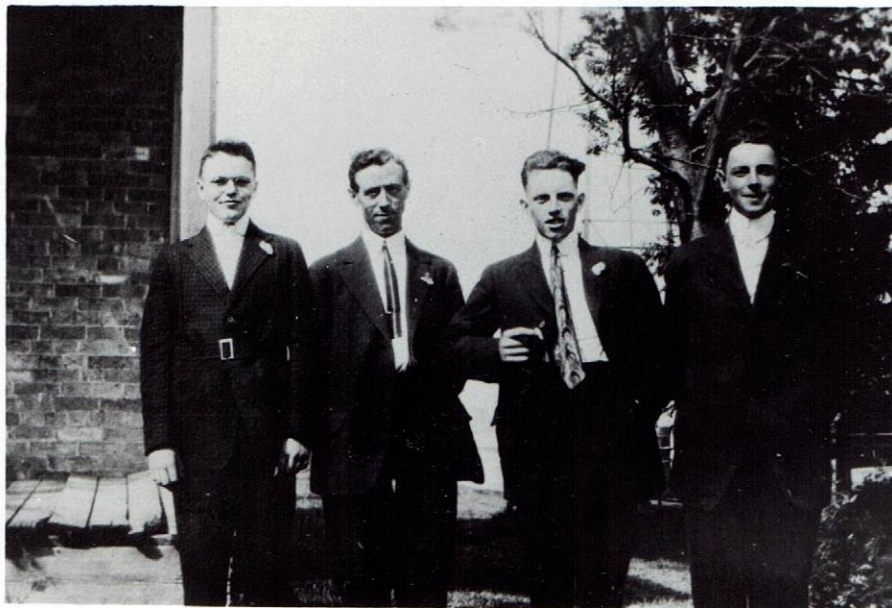
ph20421 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. with unidentified boy



ph20431 unidentified boy, Grandfather Simpson, William Simpson 41-42aad.



ph20441 Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab.



ph20461 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. unidentified, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
Tom Ballantyne (possibly)



ph20471 Simpson Family: Robert Simpson, June Simpson 41-42aab.,  
Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac., Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa., Harriotte McEwan  
Simpson 41-42aaa. Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.



ph20481 Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.



ph20491 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Charlotte Simpson 40-41aac. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.



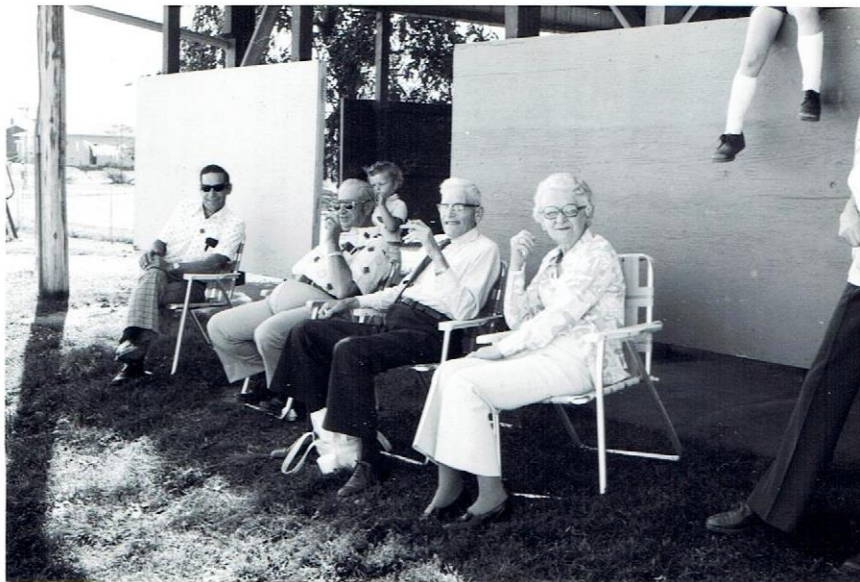
ph20501 unidentified boy, William Simpson 41-42aaad.



ph20511 Bill Simpson 41-42aac.



ph20541 June Simpson 41-42aaab. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp.  
Mary Duff McEwan 41-42ab.Sp. James Baxter 41-42aba.Sp.



ph20551 Floyd Willows 41-42aaaab.Sp. , Murphy Babb, Mac  
Simpson 41-42aaaa. , Gertrude Smith Simpson 41-42aaad.Sp.



**ph20561 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.  
Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab.**



**ph20571 Audrey Simpson 41-42aaada.Sp. Alex Simpson 41-42aaada.  
Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Gladys Babb, Gertrude Smith Simpson  
41-42aaad.Sp., Sonya Simpson Tuer 41-42aaadb.**



ph20581 Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac.  
Robert (Mac) Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph20601 Lorne McEwan 41-42abi. Helen McEwan Baxter 41-42aba. Avonbank Cemetery, Perth County



ph20611. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac.



ph20621 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. (front right), Bill Simpson 41-42aad. (back right), others unidentified.



ph20631 Ruth Erb (3rd fr. left) Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. (on right)  
others unidentified



ph20641 Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. (in chair)



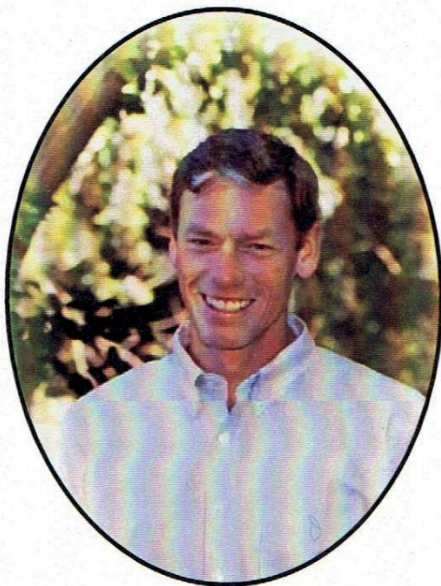
**Ph2065 Betty McEwan MacDonald  
41-42fb.**



**Ph2066 Harry McEwan 41-42jc.**



**ph20671 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. unidentified,  
Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. unidentified**



Bob Simpson  
1959 - 2002

ph20691 Robert Simpson 41-42aaaaac.

*Simpson - Suddenly as the result of an accident on Monday, April 1, 2002. Robert Monteith (Bob) Simpson, age 42 years, of Perth South (Blanshard Twp.).*

*Beloved husband of Theresa (McGee) Simpson and loving father of Kaitlynn, Carter, Shauna and Shayne.*

*Cherished son of Don & Marie Simpson of Perth South and beloved son-in-law of Lawrence & Betty McGee of Park Hill. Dear brother of Kathy (Ross) Struthers, Peggy (Doug) Green, Jane (Larry) Rundle, Laurie (Paul) Smith.*

*Dear brother-in-law of Ann Marie (Doug) Beaudoin, Debbie (Marty) Kelders, Glynn (Bonnie) McGee, Larry McGee, David (Veronika) McGee, Shawn McGee, Kevin McGee & Jeff (Cathy) McGee.*

*Sadly missed by many nieces & nephews.*

*Resting at the L.A. Ball Funeral Chapel, 7 Water St. N., St. Marys on Thursday 2-4 & 7-9 pm. The funeral service will be held at St. Marys Presbyterian Church on Friday April 5, 2002 at 11 am. Spring interment will be in Avonbank Community Cemetery.*

*In his memory, donations to the "Simpson Children's Fund" would be appreciated.*

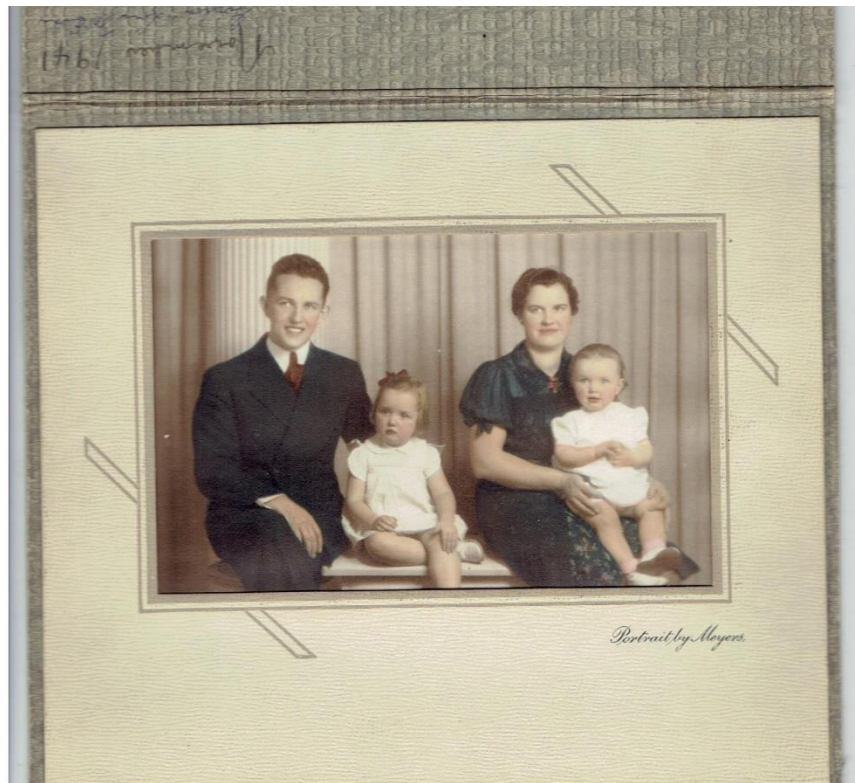
**ph20701. Bob Simpson 41-42aaaaac.**



ph20711 Harriotte (Hattie) McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.



ph20731 Alexander McEwan 41-42ab. (likely), Robert McEwan 41-42aa.



ph20741 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. family 1941



ph20751 Gladys Babb, Gertrude Smith Simpson 41-42aaad.Sp. Lou Monteith Simpson 41-42aaaa.Sp. Mac Simpson 42-42aaaa. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Family Reunion St. Pauls Ontario



ph20761 Byron Erb, Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. others unidentified



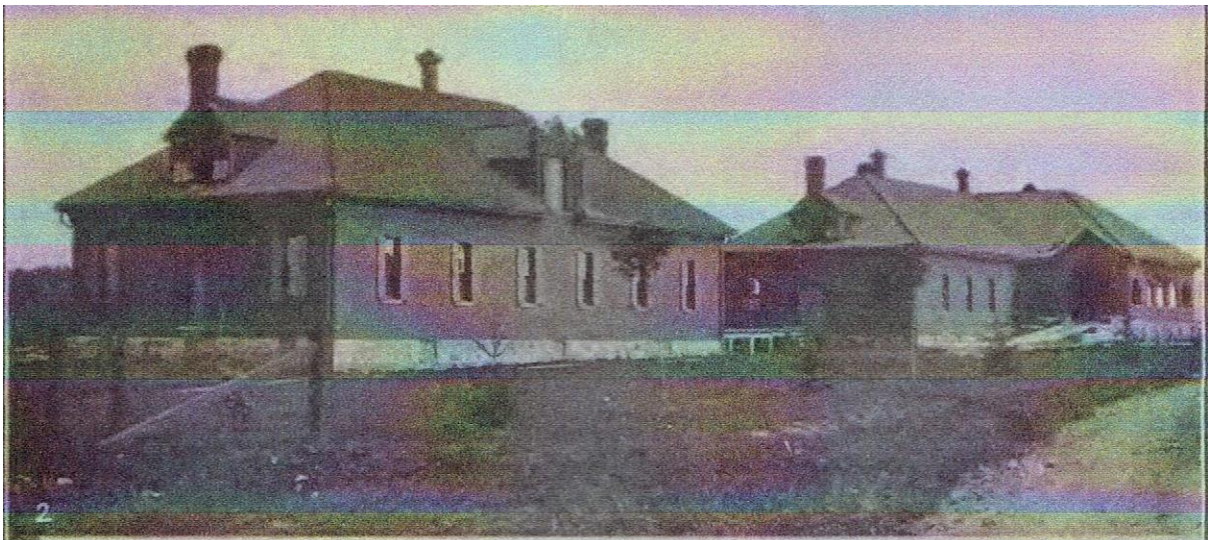
ph20771 Boys in front: Byron Erb, Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe. Bill Simpson 41-42aad.  
Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. 3rd from left button dress



ph20781 Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac.  
Margaret Simpson 41-42aab. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. (standing)



ph20801 front: Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Robert Simpson, Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. unidentified boy, Standing: Unidentified, Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp., Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa., Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab.



ph20811 Black Creek Cheese Factory

CENSUS 1881—RECENSEMENT. Province of *Ontario* District No. *171* S District *Fort St. John's*

SCHEDULE No. 1—Nominal Return of the Living. TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants.

PAGE *27* *Jaed-Bummer* PAGE *27*

STATISTICS OF THE SEXES OF NATIVES					NAMES	SEX	AGE	RELIGION	OCCUPATION	PROFESSION, TRADE OR BUSINESS	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	
Male	Female	Total	Under 15	15 and over															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					<i>Lewis</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>21</i>												
					<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>32</i>		<i>Lutherian</i>	<i>Farmer</i>									
					<i>Katherine</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>32</i>												
					<i>Henry</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>1</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>												
					<i>William</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>3</i>												
					<i>George</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>1</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Lutherian</i>	<i>Hotel</i>									
					<i>John</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>55</i>												
					<i>Mary</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>23</i>												
					<i>Mary</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>20</i>												
					<i>George</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>												
					<i>Marjorie</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>17</i>												
					<i>Robert</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>15</i>												
					<i>Robert</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>13</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>23</i>												
					<i>Mary</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>21</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>Lutherian</i>	<i>Farmer</i>									
					<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>42</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>												
					<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>13</i>												
					<i>John</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>16</i>												
					<i>Katherine</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>11</i>												
					<i>William</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>9</i>												
					<i>George</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>												

ph20821 John McEwan 41-42a. census 1881

	15	16	17	18
<i>Out</i>	<i>C E</i>	<i>Hotel Keeper</i>	<i>96</i>	
<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Pres</i>	<i>Chase Bank</i>	<i>92</i>	
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	<i>Pres of ...</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>1</i>

ph20831 James MacEwan 41-42ah. census Stratford 1891 occupation category



ph20841 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph20851 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. unidentified boy



ph20861 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c. 1920



ph20871 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph20921 Front: Margaret Simpson 41-42aaab. Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac.  
behind: Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Robert Simpson, Alex Simpson  
41-42aaa.Sp.



ph20951 Murphy Babb, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



**ph20961 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Family Reunion St. Pauls Ont.**



**ph20971 Gladys Babb, Gertrude Smith Simpson 41-42aad.Sp. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Family Reunion St. Pauls Ontario**



ph20981 Avonton Ball Team. left squatting: Tom Aitcheson 41-42acg. , front left sitting: Jack Wallace, front, 2nd from right: George (Howdy) Armstrong



ph20991 front: Gladys Blacklock Babb, Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
 2nd row: Louise Hemsley Smith 30-31db. (likely) Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.  
 3rd row: Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
 Harriotte McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa. Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.  
 back: William Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp. unidentified man, Jack McEwan 41-42aac.  
 c. 1918 Alex Simpson farm



ph21001 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



ph1011 Beanie Irvine McEwan 41-42aacc.Sp.



ph21021 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.  
Louisa Hemsley Smith 30-31db.



ph21031 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad.

Taken 2018 from

<https://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID=6002424361647504808#editor/target=post;postID=5276203737010627900;onPublishedMenu=allposts;onClosedMenu=allposts;postNum=0;src=link>

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BEING REPORT OF THE  
DAIRY COMMISSIONER  
Ottawa 30th January 1891

To the Honourable The Minister or Agriculture

From the report of the Dairy Commissioner here is a sample of the report writing of James MacEwan:

" REPORT OF J B MacEWAN

Ottawa April 29th 1893

Prof Jas. W. Robertson Dominion Dairy Commissioner Ottawa

Sir

I have the honour to submit my second annual report of work carried on under your supervision during the year 1892 and up to the present time of 1893. During the early months of 1892 the series of milk tests were continued the object being to show if it were possible to increase the percentage of fat or total solids in milk from a number of cows by increasing the amount of meal fed daily. A full report of the work was delivered to you and the conclusions went to indicate .... These tests together with office work occupied my time up to the 9th of May at which time an application having been made to you by Mr D Derbyshire President of the Creameries Association of Ontario and Mr Wm Eager President of the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario for a person to take up the Dairy School work for Eastern Ontario I at your request and in accordance with arrangements made by you with Messrs. Derbyshire and Eager reported at Brockville on the 9th of May and for the next five months my time was occupied in carrying out the work as mapped and supervised by the executive of the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario. The object of the work for which a grant had been made by the Ontario Government was the establishment of a Dairy School at a central point in Eastern Ontario where all cheese makers dairymen and all persons interested could attend and receive instructions in the most approved methods of making cheese in the different months of the season, the testing of milk with the Babcock and lactometer, and any other desired information. Owing to the large area to be covered extending from Lancaster on the east to Port Hope, Lindsay and Peterborough on the west it was not deemed advisable to establish this school at any one point but to have the school go from one centre to another and thus bring it within reach of every one. It was also arranged to hold meetings of dairymen wherever desired and we were thus enabled to give some practical talks on this most important home end of the industry along the lines of lessening the cost of production by a better system of feeding and breeding the care of milk by thorough aeration and the absolute necessity for cleanliness in all matters pertaining to the dairy. .... I covered the ground twice visiting Brockville, Morrisburg, Gananoque, Kingston, Napanee, Belleville, Campbellford, Peterborough, Lindsay, and Port Hope districts visiting in all 184 factories met with 244 cheese makers and held 20 meetings at which nearly 1,500 dairymen attended. I am hopeful that the money and time spent were and will be productive of good results. ...."

**ph21041 James MacEwan 41-42ah. Report of the Dairy  
Commissioner**



ph21061 Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. farm horses



ph21071 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. with unidentified couple

Taken Feb. 2018

from:<https://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID=6002424361647504808#editor/target=post;postID=7012650510897479934;onPublishedMenu=allposts;onClosedMenu=allposts;postNum=1;src=link>

James Ballantyne MacEwan the seventh child of John and Agnes McEwan was 15 at the time of the 1881 census. He was living in the fieldstone house overlooking Black Creek along with his parents and six other siblings including his married 28 year old brother Alexander whose wife Mary was expecting their first child in the Fall. John McEwan the originator of the clan was now 60 and his wife Agnes was 55. The census listed James and his younger brother Arthur as attending school. I suspect that meant the local elementary school. (The closest secondary school would have been in Stratford, and given the distance and the expense of boarding in town, I imagine that secondary school was not possible.) There is evidence that the McEwan boys spent much time at the Black Creek cheese factory which was built on the corner of their property. Some years later James reminisced: "I started to learn the business of cheese making when a mere boy. I was in the Ingersoll district and was taught to cool the milk. I remember that one season our maker never put water to the milk or cooled it in any way and the cheese had that beautiful nutty flavor so much desired and so seldom realized."

By the spring of 1891 James was living in Stratford in a Hotel where he was one of close to 20 lodgers. The census lists his occupation as a Cheese B\_\_er. ( I cannot decipher the word. See ph2083. Any ideas?) By this time James' uncle Thomas Ballantyne was a member of the Ontario Legislature and a leader in the Dairymen's Association where he continued his strong advocacy for an apprenticeship system for cheese makers, the creation of dairy schools for training and an inspection and supervision system for cheese factories. As part of his continued involvement in cheese making Thomas Ballantyne was the first to introduce the Babcock system for testing the butterfat content of milk. It may be that Thomas Ballantyne had a part to play in the job in Ottawa for which James (Mac) MacEwan was hired in 1891. In a report to the federal Minister of Agriculture prepared by the Dairy Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada dated Ottawa, 30th January 1891. The Commissioner notes that the paper would also contain an report from J B MacEwan in which:

- "1. Mr MacEwan reports on the work of testing milk by the Babcock tester at the dairy on the Central Experimental Farm
2. He was released from his engagement as one of my assistants for five months of the summer in order to act as dairy instructor for the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, He visited 184 cheese factories met 244 cheese makers and held 20 meetings
3. He reports on certain faults which he found prevalent in connection with cheese factories and cheese making, He states that he observed the effects of very much carelessness as to condition and appearance of the buildings and that he found a tendency on the part of cheese makers to over ripen the milk before adding the rennet
4. He reports on the work at the butter making station at Wellman's Corners Ont of which he was put in charge after he returned from his leave of absence. The Dairy Station was used in some measure as a school of instruction during the winter. Twenty three cheese makers visited it during the winter to learn something of the art of making butter He attended 12 meetings. Reference to the work which they severally did in Ontario during part of the season will be found also in the reports of Messrs T J Dillon PEI C C Macdonald Quebec and E Cornett Manitoba".

## **ph21081 James MacEwan 41-42ah.**



**ph21101 Bill Simpson 41-42aad. (left back) school group**



**ph21111 Caroline Hemsley Hamilton 30-31dd. Louisa Hemsely Smith 30-31db. Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa.Sp.**



ph21121 Harriotte Hemsley McEwan 41-42aa. (black dress) Elizabeth Martin Ballantyne 20-21dg. on left (likely)



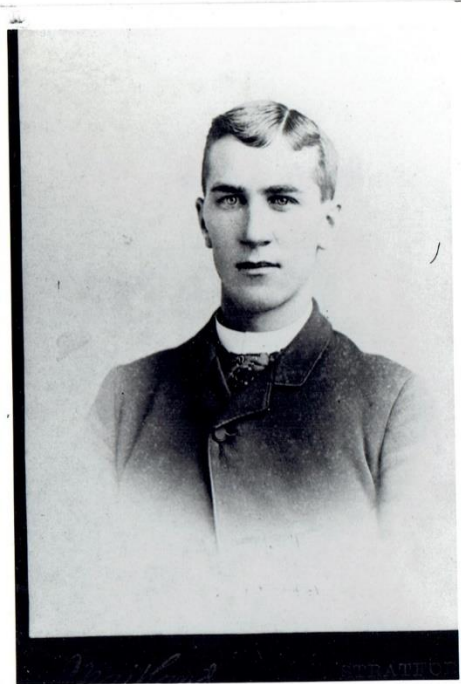
ph21131 Vida McEwan Caldwell 41-42aec.  
Bonnie McEwan Terry 41-42aed.



ph21141 Walter Murray 41-42ace.Sp.  
Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace.



ph21161 George McEwan 41-42af. (likely), Arthur McEwan 41-42ai., James McEwan 41-42ag.



ph21171 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai.



ph21181 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. McEwan home 23 St. George St. St.Marys Ont. c. 1968



**ph21191 June Simpson 41-42aab. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. Nettie McEwan 41-42abf. Earl Arscott 41-42fgb. Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Back: Lorne McEwan 41-42abi. Ina Arscott 41-42fga. Bessie McEwan 41-42abg.**



**ph21201 Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad. on right possibly (from Mary Bain Clarke collection)**



ph21221 George MacEwan 41-42af. Invarcargill, New Zealand



ph21231 George MacEwan 41-42af. Invarcargill , New Zealand



ph21241 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai. Saint Johns Cemetery Invercargill. N.Z.



ph21251 Evelyn Cosh Moody 41-42agd.

## TRADE WITH CANADA

(SPECIAL TO "THE PRESS.")

DUNEDIN, October 17.

Mr George MacEwan, of the firm of  
J. B. MacEwan and Co., has returned

to Dunedin from a visit to Canada. He was asked this morning by a "Star" reporter to detail his impressions of the big Dominion. "As far as Vancouver is concerned," he opened, "it looks as if there is going to be a big trade with New Zealand in butter. The merchants were all very keen on getting all the information they could. At Montreal I was informed by an exporter that no butter was being shipped out of Canada this year, but was being stored for local requirements." Another merchant stated that, in his opinion, Canada's export of cheese would be very small, because of the large numbers of people going to Alberta and Saskatchewan. These drew the surplus supplies of cheese and butter from the East.

Mr MacEwan thought, however, that this latter estimate was a little overstated. "I believe," he continued, "that their local trade in butter and cheese is going to increase to such an extent that New Zealand is bound to secure a better market at Home on ac-

count of the decreased Canadian ex-

port of butter and cheese."

"What do you think of the steamboat facilities offered between Canada and New Zealand?" he was asked.

"Well," Mr MacEwan replied, "there's one point I think I might touch on in that connection. I think,

especially seeing that we are paying a subsidy to the Canadian-Australian line, and that (as far as I am aware) Australia is not doing so, some provision should be made to incorporate New Zealand in the name of the line. At present you can do the whole trip in a 'Canadian-Australian' steamer, and never hear New Zealand mentioned."

Press, volume XLVIII issue 14489, 18 October 1912

ph21331 George MacEwan 41-42af.

EVENING POST, VOLUME CVI,

ISSUE 38, 14 AUGUST 1923

**MR. G. H. MACEWAN**

Mr. George Harrington MacEwan, of the firm of Messrs. J. B. MacEwan, produce merchants, died at Invercargill on Sunday. Mr. MacEwan, who was born at Stratford, near Toronto, Canada, was one of a large family. He came to New Zealand about 1900. His brother, Mr. J. B. MacEwan, was Government dairy expert in New Zealand for a time, and when he retired from that position the deceased joined him in partnership, managing the Dunedin branch of the business. On the occasion of a visit to Australia some years ago, Mr. MacEwan had the misfortune to suffer a paralytic stroke, but fortunately it was not very serious, and he recovered to some extent. He subsequently went for a trip to Canada, and when he returned to the Dominion his health was considerably better, though he never fully recovered. The deceased was one of the directors of the Waitaki Dairy Company since its formation in 1911. Outside of his business Mr. MacEwan, who was a single man, was best known as an enthusiastic golfer. He won the championship of the Otago Golf Club on four occasions—in 1900, 1904, 1905, and 1906—and at the New Zealand tournament, which was played in Dunedin in October, 1904, he was runner-up to Mr. A. H. Fisher, who defeated him by 3 up and 2 to play, after a very interesting contest.

**ph21341 George MacEwan  
41-42af. obit**



**ph21351 Nettie McEwan 41-42abf. Percy Armstrong 41-42abda. (likely)  
Bessie McEwan 41-42abg.**

6 January 1967

81 Campbell St.,  
Wellington W3 New Zealand

Dear Robert,

Your letter of Aug. 24 1966 addressed to J.B. MacEwan & Co. Ltd. has been passed on to me. I am sorry I have been so long in answering.

Briefly-I am the only child of James Ballantyne MacEwan who founded the company after returning to New Zealand after the completion of his contract with the Dairy Division of the Dept. of Agriculture here. None of the family are now connected with the firm which was bought after my Father's death by other farm machinery interests.

I married a Scotch girl Ivy Kerr who I met on a ship on the way to England in 1929. We had 4 sons now all married: James William age 34 a dairy farmer with a family of 2 boys and 2 girls: Patrick Hugh a school teacher with a family of 2 girls and 2 boys (Hamish-Heather-Neven and Grant): Neven Ian in the Shaw Savill & Albion Shipping Co. who has 3 boys (Douglas, Bruce and Angus) and Michael John with no family yet.

My uncle George MacEwan died many years ago-a bachelor. Arthur married and had 2 children- Keith who had a fine War record in the Air Force and is now a banker and has one son. Keith had a sister whose name eludes me-she is living in Auckland.

My father died about 1942.

I have had some correspondence over the years with the Ballantyne side of family which seems most interested and active in keeping records of their family "tree". I would like to know something of the "MacEwan" connections in Scotland and when the "Mac" came into the name-I note you are "Mc".

I was taken to Canada in 1914 when 11 years old to be shown to the family and we went to the old home. I was a year at Upper Canada College Toronto when the 1914 War started and Father came home at once to see how things developed. I used to stay with the Adam Ballantyne's in Toronto and was a close friend of their son Burleigh who I have not heard of or from since he married and went to live in Niagara Falls.

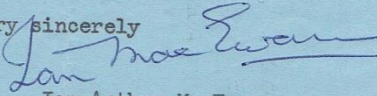
I am 63 and still healthy and active and live here with my wife who is also very well.

I hope this is of some interest to you and if you want more information I will supply what I can if you let me know what you want.

I had some correspondence with another MacEwan a few years ago and I have the letter somewhere but cannot put my finger on it at the moment.

Every good wish to you and yours,

very sincerely



Ian Arthur MacEwan

ph21361 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. 1967



ph21371 Jack McEwan home C3 Lot19 Downie Twp. Perth County

6 The Beacon Herald / Saturday August 16 / 1986

## MacEwan reunion held

The third annual reunion of the family of the late John and Alice

MacEwan who had resided at Sebringville was held at the park in St. Pauls on Aug. 10. Daughters, Ruby Jackson, of RR 4 Stratford, and Dorothy MacDonald, of 188 Wellington St., Stratford, attended the reunion. Conveners for the event were John Berger, of Keswick, and daughters, Debbie, of Ajax, and Susan, of Keswick. The 37 family members attending came from Ajax, Keswick, Kitchener, Tavistock, London and Stratford.

Following an afternoon of races and games, supper was served at 5 p.m. The next reunion will be held Aug. 9, 1987.

ph21381 John McEwan 41-42abb.

IN MEMORY OF

**WILLIAM A. BAIN**

Beloved husband of Marion G. B. Warder of Church St. South, St. Marys, and the late Freida M. Boyes (1958); and dear father of Mrs. Edith Mardlin of Denfield, Gordon of Toronto, and Isabel (Mrs. Lloyd Mardlin) of St. Marys. Also survived by his twin sister Minnie (Mrs. Robt. Clarke) of Mitchell and Jack of Stratford, and 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by a brother Robert and sister Agnes Wiley.

DIED

At St. Marys Memorial Hospital on  
Monday, March 23, 1981

In his 83rd year.

FUNERAL

Resting at the Lindsay Funeral Home, Wellington St. S., St. Marys, where the funeral service will be held Wed., March 25 at 3.30 p.m.

INTERMENT

St. Marys Cemetery.

ph21391 William Bain 41-42ade.

*Globe & Mail Mar 25 1981*

**BAIN, William A.**

At the St. Marys Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, Ontario on Monday, March 23, 1981. William A. Bain, of Church St., St. Marys, beloved husband of Marion G. B. Warder and the late Freida M. Boyes (1958). In his 83rd year. Dear father of Mrs. Edith Mardlin of Denfield, Gordon of Toronto and Isabel (Mrs. Lloyd Mardlin) of St. Marys. Also survived by his twin sister, Minnie (Mrs. Robert Clarke) of Mitchell and Jack of Stratford. Also ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Predeceased by a brother, Robert and a sister Agnes Wiley. Resting at the Lindsay Funeral Home, Wellington St., St. Marys where the funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. Interment St. Marys Cemetery. Donations to the Cancer or the Heart Foundation would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

ph21401 William Bain  
41-42ade.

John Mc Ewan of the Township of Downie in  
the County of Perth, Farmer,  
hereinafter called the Vendor  
OF THE FIRST PART

EARL P. BOYES, of the said Township of Downie,  
farmer,  
hereinafter called the Purchaser  
OF THE SECOND PART

THE part of the First Part agree to sell, and to convey to the  
Second Part agree to purchase Seventeen (17) Acs. and 31/100ths of the  
the Township of Downie, containing 50 acres of land, be the same more or 1  
for the Sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars payable One Thousand Dollars in  
cash on or before Dec, 15th, 1943 as soon as title can be arranged at which  
time deed clear of all encumbrances shall be give, The balance being \$1500.  
by giving a mortgage to the Vendor at the time deed is given for 5 years  
with interest at the rate of Four (4) per cent per annum payable yearly  
and said interest to be charged from the first day of July on the said  
\$1500.00. The mortgagor may pay \$50.00 or any multiple thereof on account  
of the principal sum at any interest date,, It is agreed by the parties her  
that the purchaser has and has had possession of the said lands as verbally  
arranged, The Vendor agrees to pay the taxes on the said lands to Dec, 31st  
1943.

The Vendor shall not be required to furnish any Abstract or Title or  
procure or show any Deed or transfer or evidence of title not in his  
possession, or any copies of Deeds or papers. The Deed or Transfer to be  
given at the expense of the vendor and to contain only the ordinary  
statutory covenants and the land to be conveyed free from all dower  
and incumbrances.

THE Purchaser to be allowed 10 days to investigate the title at his  
own expense, and if within that time he shall furnish the Vendor in  
writing with any valid objection to the title which the Vendor shall  
be unable or unwilling to remove, this agreement shall be null and void  
and the deposit money returned to the purchaser without interest. Time  
to be the essence of this agreement. The Vendor to pay the proportion of  
insurance premiums, taxes, local improvement assessment, sewer rates, etc,  
of whatever kind to ~~xxxxxxx~~ after which date the Purchaser  
will assume them. Dec, 31st 1943

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties of these presents have hereunto set  
their hands and seals

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED  
in the presence of

*John Mc Ewan*  
*Earl P. Boyes*

*8 1/2 1943*

ph21411 John (Jack) McEwan 41-42aac.



**ph21421 June Simpson 41-42aab. Bill Simpson 41-42aad.**



**ph21431 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.  
Bill Blacklock 41-42aab.Sp. Sebringville, Ont.**



**ph21441 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.**



ph21451 Agnes McEwan blacklock 41-42aab. Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. June Simpson 41-42aaab. Mac Simpson 4142aaaa.



ph21461 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.  
unidentified friend



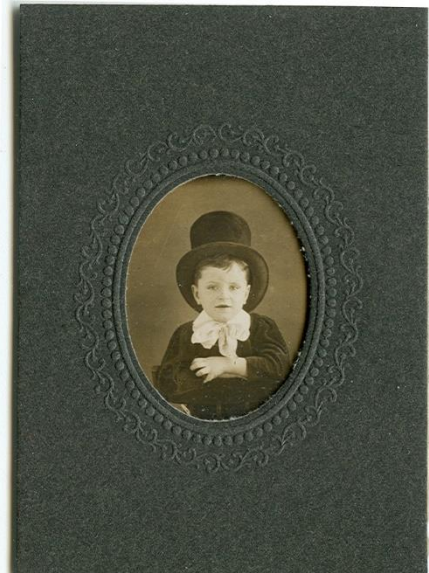
ph21471 Bill Simpson 41-42aad.



ph21481 Ron Coulthard (possibly), Don Simpson 41-42aaaa.  
Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. uncertain, Marie Crawford Simpson  
41-42aaaa.Sp. uncertain, Bill Simpson 41-42aad. (possibly),  
uncertain, uncertain, Gladys Babb, Murphy Babb, Gertrude Smith  
Simpson 41-42aad. standing (possibly)



ph21491 June Simpson 41-42aab.



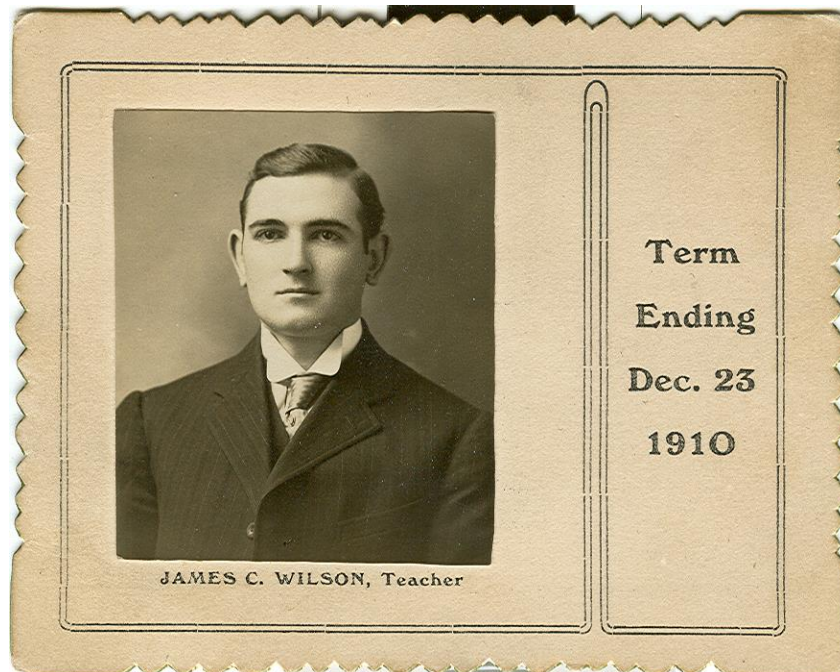
ph2151 Bill Simpson 41-42aad.



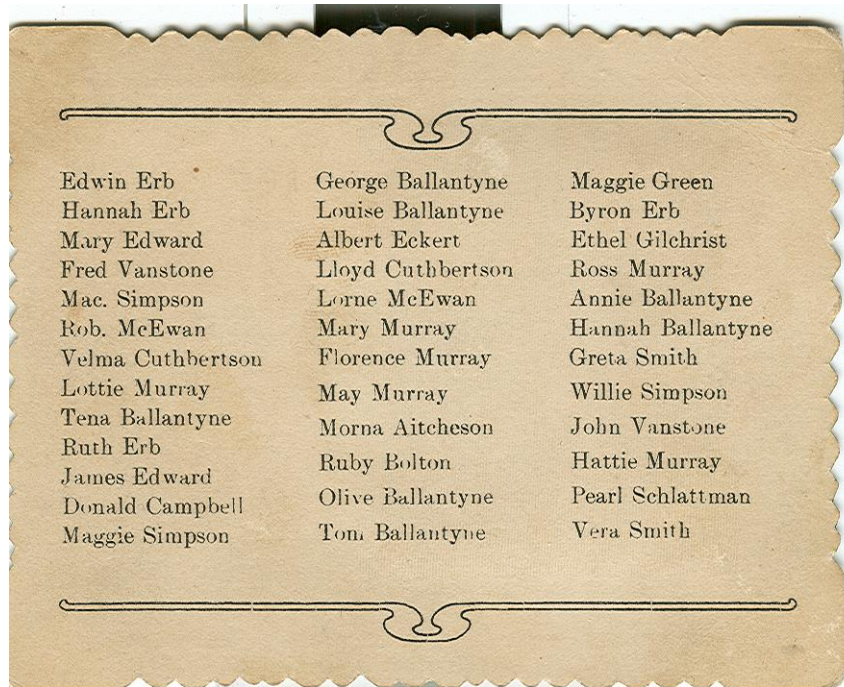
ph21511 Bill Simpson 41-42aad.



ph21521 Jeffery Ballantyne 20-21dgb. (possibly) other friend unidentified.



ph21531(front) SS # 3 Downie Township school 1910



ph21531(back) SS # 3 Downie township pupils 1910



ph21551 unidentified, Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



**ph21561 Alex Simpson 41-42aaa.Sp. Harriotte McEwan Simpson  
41-42aaa. unidentified, Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. unidentified**



**ph21571 Ed Goettler, Vera Switzer, June Simpson 41-42aaab. Dorothy  
Goettler**



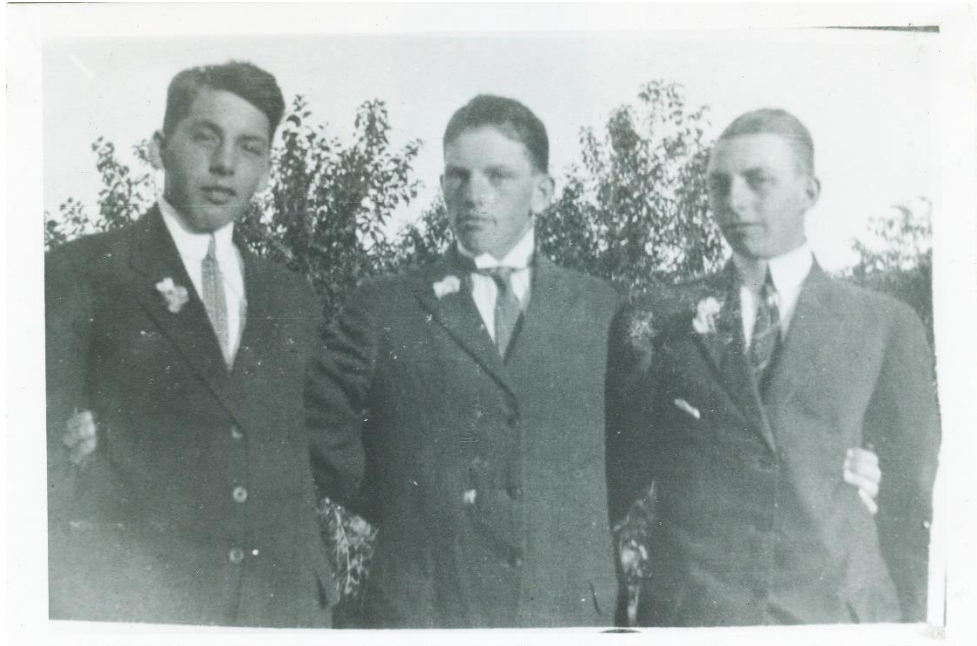
ph21581 Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. Margaret (June) Simpson 41-42aab.



ph21601 Unidentified, June Simpson 41-42aab.



ph21611 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. Louise Monteith McEwan 41-42aaaa.Sp.



ph21621 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. in middle - others unidentified



Mac Simpson

ph21631 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa.



© Patty Robinson  
<http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org>

ph21641 Hattie McEwan Simpson 41-42aaa.  
Alexander Simpson 41-42aa.Sp.



ph21651 Bill Simpson 41-42aaad. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. June Simpson 41-42aab.



ph21661 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. with Gladys Blacklock Babb



ph21671 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.



ph21681 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Ian MacEwan 41-42aha.



ph21691 Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. 3rd from left standing, others unidentified.



ph21701 SS # 3 Downie Township, Perth County (Black Creek School)



ph21711 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
c. 1933



**ph21721 Mac Simpson 41-42aaaa. (front left) back: Ruth Erb, June Simpson 41-42aab. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab. (back right) others unidentified.**



**ph21731 Bill Simpson 41-42aad. Charlotte Simpson 40-41aac. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.**



**ph21741 June Simpson 41-42aaab. Charlotte Simpson 41-42aac. Agnes McEwan Blacklock 41-42aab.**



**ph21751 Fred Kipfer 41-42aaaad.Sp.**

Milverton Sun 18 Nov 1981  
Mrs. Gertrude Simpson and  
Mrs. Gertrude Viola Wi  
Simpson, 72, formerly of 6 so  
Edward St., Milverton, died c  
Sunday at the Rehabilitation  
and Extended Care Unit of  
Stratford General Hospital.  
Born in Ellice Township,  
she was a daughter of the  
late Samuel Smith and  
former Mabel Headon.  
Her husband, William  
Simpson, died in 1963.  
Mrs. Simpson was a  
retired public school teacher  
and had taught at Fernbank  
and Milverton public  
schools.  
She was a member of  
Burns Presbyterian Church.  
Surviving are one son,  
Alex of Goodells, Mich., two  
daughters, Sonya Tuer of  
Mitchell and Sondra  
Buchner of London, 16  
grandchildren and two great  
grandchildren.  
Also surviving are four  
brothers, Robert of  
Flesherton, Roy of Peter-  
borough, Lloyd and Don,  
both of Milverton and three  
sisters, Mrs. Luella Coucill  
and Mrs. Daisy Watson, both  
of Toronto and Mrs. Evelyn  
Wright of Baden.  
Mrs. Simpson was  
predeceased by one son,  
Neill, one brother, Arthur,  
and one sister, Mrs.  
Margaret Stoughton.  
Friends were received at  
the Mark Jutzi Funeral  
Home, Milverton Chapel,  
where a service was held  
Tuesday.  
Burial was in Greenwood  
Cemetery. Rev. J. Ferguson  
officiated.

**ph21761 Gertrude  
Smith Simpson  
41-42aad.Sp.**



## ph21771 Downie Township Softball Team 1934

**bk:** Art Ballantyne 20-21adec. Percy Armstrong 41-42abda. Gordon McEwan 41-42aac;  
Martin Ballantyne 20-21adeab.

**Middle:** Evelyn Aitcheson Monteith 20-21dgbab. Florence Bell Murray 20-21ageab.

Elmer Armstrong 41-42addb., Will Smith, 30-31dbaa (likely) Helen Struthers

Marie Ballantyne Boyes 20-21adecb.

**Front:** Mildred Ballantyne Murray 20-21dega.Sp. Robert Ballantyne

20-21addaa. (possibly), Harold Murray 41-42aceb. George Murray 41-42acec.

Margaret Ballantyne (relationship uncertain) Helen Struthers 18-19baadd. lived in Stratford.



*Heather & Ian MacEwan & Allan Bain*

ph21781 Heather MacEwan 41-42aha.Sp. , Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. Allan Bain 41-42adba.



*Heather & Ian MacEwan & Ann Bain*

ph21791 Heather & Ian MacEwan 41-42aha.  
Ann Bain 41-42adba.



ph21801 Anne Packham  
Bain

*Interest in full to Dec 12/40  
Wm a Bain*

*Paid on Principal \$500.00  
(the hundred dollars) on  
Apr 12/41*

*Int. on same to date (1/4/41  
the 600) = \$5.00 paid - Apr 12/41  
Wm a Bain*

*Dec 12/41 Interest to date 7/41  
Mortgage # 1821  
\$500.00*

I certify that the within instrument  
is duly entered, and registered in the  
Registry Office for the Registry Division  
of the County of Perth, in Book No. ....  
for the ..... of  
..... of the ..... day  
o'clock, P.M. of the ..... day  
of September, A.D. 1937.  
Number 13261.  
M. C. Clifford  
Registrar

*Dec 12/41  
to interest 108  
Principal 200  
308 - w.a.B.*

Dated Sept. 10th A. D. 19 37.

John McEwan et Ux.

TO

William A Bain Jr.  
Stratford, Ont.

**Mortgage**  
(DOWER)

To secure \$ 3500.00  
Newcomb & Gilbert, Limited, Toronto

NOT TO BE RECORDED IN FULL.

*paid  
principal  
\$350*

CLAUDE HORNE  
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.  
MITCHELL, ONT.

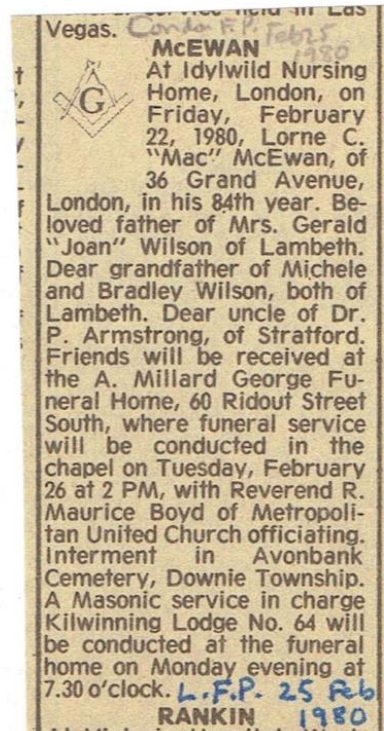
In Witness Whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands  
and seals.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
IN THE PRESENCE OF

*blancloume*

*John McEwan*  
*Rubina McEwan*

ph21821 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. Bill Bain 41-42ade. 1937



**ph21841 Lorne McEwan  
41-42abi.**

Letter to Mary Bain attached to photograph of Bonnie and Vida McEwan:

Dear Mary

We are sending you pictures of Bonnie and Vida. I have been going to write you long before this. I do hope that Aggie is feeling better. We often think of her and talk about her. Write us to let us know. We received your nice card at Xmas. Thanking you very much. What do you think of one of my babies fair as a lily and Bonnie is so dark. Her hair is black as coal. Vida is a very large child for her age. We call her the moose. Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain as ever your sister.

Ella

**ph21851 Ella Foster McEwan 41-42ae.Sp. , Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad.**



ph21861  
 Front: 1. George Ballantyne, 2. Lloyd Cuthbertson, 3. Howard Bender, 4. Alfred Sanderson, 5. Willie Simpson 41-42aaad.  
 6. Byron Erb, 7. Tom Ballantyne 20-21dgbe. 8. Lorne McEwan 40-41abi.  
 Middle: 9. Esther Bender, 10. Schlattman, 11. Hannah Ballantyne, 12. Gretta Smith 30-31dbda. 13. Maggie Green, 14. Ethel Gilchrist,  
 15. Lora Ballantyne, 16. unidentified, 17. Vera Smith 30-31dbdb. 18. Annie Ballantyne, 19. Lora Fuller,  
 Back: 20. Harold Bender, 21 Ruth Erb, 22. Margaret Simpson 40-41aaab. 23 Olive Ballantyne, 24. Louise Ballantyne Smith  
 20-21dgbd. 25. Pearl Schlattman, 26. Morna Acheson, 27. Ruby Bolton



ph21871 Charlotte Simpson 41-42aaac. (in chair) unverified names added  
 Gretta Smith 30-31dbdb. Vera Smith 30-31dbde.

From Dickson's Corners blog: October 2017

### M(a)cEwans and Cheese

The McEwans who lived in Perth County in the second half of the 19th century were deeply connected to the cheese making industry. In the next several blogs I will attempt to recount what I know about that connection. However, before I begin, it may be useful to provide some context. In 1845 John McEwan, a 26 year old iron moulder from Scotland leased 100 acres of land to the south of the Stratford-to-Goderich road in Perth County. Fortunately, John's land had a good source of water. Winding through the McEwan property is the Black Creek which originates in the huge Ellice swamp to the north. From the swamp the creek meanders through the flat lands of Perth County, moving in a slow westerly direction through Sebringville, past the school house, on to the Ballantyne and McEwan land and then westwardly toward Mitchell where it connects to the Thames river and ultimately Lake St. Clair. By the 1840's when John arrived, the land to the east of his property had almost all been taken up. His future in-laws the Ballantynes, for example, who lived nearby, had already been on the land for 12 years, and in the previous year Robert Ballantyne, John's future brother-in-law had leased the 100 acres adjoining John's property on the north. I don't know if John had any prior connection to the Ballantynes or why he moved into Perth County but two years after he first leased the land John married 21 year old Agnes Ballantyne the daughter of the original Ballantyne settler. John and Agnes built a classic Scottish style stone house of dressed field stone, and in 1850 John added another 50 acres of land to his property. [I have attached two pictures of John's property as it appears nowadays. First, the picture of the rich farm land that he cleared and second, the situation of the house back from the road and overlooking the Black Creek. You need to look closely to see the house back among the trees and if you would like to see a close-up view of the house with its immaculately proportioned dressed field stones I refer you to the 4/16/09 blog.] It is evident from the 1861 agricultural census that John and Agnes became prosperous farmers. On the 1861 census record sheet which contains the McEwan statistics there are 49 names. I have used the records on the census sheet to compare the McEwans to their neighbours. The McEwans owned 150 acres of land (only 6 owned more), the McEwans had 80 acres under cultivation (only 5 had more), the McEwans had 54 acres under crops (only 7 had more) and the property was valued at \$4 000 (only 7 properties on the list were worth more). John had 32 acres in wheat, 10 acres in oats and 3 acres in peas. He was also growing potatoes and turnips. To sum up: the evidence suggests that John and Agnes McEwan were doing as well in 1861 - if not better - than many of their neighbours.

## **ph21881(pg1) McEwans and their relationship to the Cheese industry**

From: Dickson's Corners blog October 2017

M(a)cEwans and cheese (pt.2)

Without doubt, any discussion of the McEwan connection to the cheese industry must lead directly to Thomas Ballantyne. Thomas Ballantyne and Agnes Ballantyne McEwan were doubly related. First, Agnes' father Robert was the younger brother of Thomas' father James, and second, Thomas married Agnes' younger sister Mary. This means that Thomas was both first cousin and brother-in-law to Agnes McEwan. This double relationship may explain why John McEwan was willing to transfer to Thomas Ballantyne five acres of land on the north-west corner of Lot 25 Concession 4 in Downie Township at the point where the Black Creek takes a lazy bend to the east as it skirts the high rise of land on which John McEwan built his stone house.

Here is what I know about Thomas Ballantyne. Several years after his Uncle Robert left Scotland in 1839 to settle in Canada, Thomas' two older brothers emigrated and took up land near Robert. Then in 1852, Thomas, his parents and his older sister Agnes left Scotland to live in Canada. Shortly after he arrived in Canada Thomas was hired as a teacher in one of the newly established schools in the community. He was 24 years old. The year was 1853. Almost immediately, Thomas became involved in municipal politics. In 1855 Thomas became the township auditor and in the next year he was the township clerk. In the same year he married his first cousin Mary Ballantyne, the daughter of his Uncle Robert, and Thomas and Mary went to live in a log house near the school where he taught. Six years later, in 1861 Thomas quit teaching (there may have been a dispute about salary) and he returned to farming. However, it appears that farming was not totally satisfying to Thomas. During this period, new business opportunities were opening up in the dairy industry for settlers in this fertile land of Upper Canada which I will write about next time.

## **ph21881(pg2) The McEwans and their relationship to the cheese industry**

From: Dickson's Corners blog November 2017

### The M(a)cEwan's and cheese in Perth County (pt.3)

By the 1860's the initial land-clearing/setting-up-home phase of pioneer settlement was largely complete in Downie Township in Upper Canada. The Agriculture and Personal Census of 1861 creates a portrait of an establishing community with solid farms, a range of denominational churches, tuition-free public schools and a growing urban society able to pay for farm produce. John McEwan who had married into the Ballantyne clan in 1847 as a 28 year old Scottish moulder, now owned 150 acres of land, at least a third of which was cleared and on which he grew a variety of crops. He was the father of growing family ranging in age from Robert who was 12, Alex (age 9), Janet (age 7), Mary (age 4), and Johnnie who was a baby. It is very likely that John owned several Ayrshire cows, a breed which originated in Scotland and had been steadily developed in Canada West. The milk from the cows would be churned by Agnes into butter for home consumption. On some farms the milk was also used to produce cheese. Of course, there was a ready market for any excess butter or cheese in the growing urban centre of Stratford. There are family stories of Fordyce Murray (Agnes McEwan's younger sister) regularly walking from Avonton to Stratford, a distance of about 12 kl. to sell her butter at the Stratford market. Already, in Oxford county to the south there were examples of two farm women with herds of cows who were producing cheese on a relatively large scale for sell in the surrounding urban centres of London or Woodstock. The huge British market was also a potential export market for cheese.

In 1861 Thomas Ballantyne (Agnes McEwan's brother-in-law) had recently resigned his position as a school teacher and had bought a 50 acre farm in the eastern part of Downie Township. He was 31 years old and the father of two children. He was active in municipal politics being first the auditor and later the clerk of the township. In July, 1867 he travelled south to Ingersoll in Oxford County to attend a gathering at which he was elected as a vice-president of the newly-formed Dairymen's Association. Among other things the association was dedicated to the improvement of the science of cheese making in Canada West. The same year - 1867- Thomas established the Black Creek Cheese Factory on McEwan property in Downie Township. During this period several members of the Ballantyne clan played significant role in the breeding and improvement of Ayrshire cows which, of course, was central to the development of the dairy industry in Canada West. I have attached a picture of several prize Ayrshire cows owned by Robert Ballantyne and sold at the Guelph market in a later era.

## **ph21881(pg3) The McEwans and their relationship to the cheese making industry**

From Dickson's Corners blog January 2018

M(a)cEwans and cheese (pt. 4)

The Black Creek cheese factory was originally a cooperative with the local farmers providing the capital. "in 1868 the price of cheese dropped suddenly and the industry briefly contracted. As the number of Black Creek's patrons tumbled from 120 to 30, Ballantyne sold his farm and with the help of a provincial grant, bought the factory outright" (Dictionary of Canadian Biography). Of course, it would be interesting to know whether John McEwan and all the Ballantyne connections were patrons of the factory and whether they lost money in the contraction of 1868 but I have never heard any stories of disagreements over the factory. During this period there was potential for a large export market to Britain but only if cheese of consistent quality and volume could be produced. The factory system was central to this vision and Ballantyne became a strong advocate for training skilled cheesemakers and demanding the highest standard of cleanliness and sanitation. Gordon's father John drew milk from neighbouring farmers to the Black Creek Factory. Here is a story told by Gordon many years later. It illustrates the challenges that Thomas Ballantyne faced in insuring the highest quality of professionalism in his factory. "On John's (i.e. John McEwan the grandson of the original John) route was a half-mad woman, who had won for herself acclaim by chasing the tax collector to the road at the end of a pitch-fork. My fearful recollection of her was a slim, supple-looking woman with gray hair piled in a myriad of wisps about her face and tied in a knot at the back of her head. Wild eyes indicated the dangers to be discovered in this strange and dangerous woman who appeared to wear the same apparel at all times – a woollen upper-garment, a pair of rubber boots and a piece of filthy sacking strapped to her waist by binder-twine. One morning, John picked up her milk as usual but when the cheesemaker was examining the first can, he discovered an errant cat had tumbled in to meet a milky death. The cheesemaker holding the milk-drenched feline gingerly turned to John and said. "Well, Jack, you have the welcome job of taking her milk back to her. We'll bury the cat." You can imagine that John quickly deposited the cans on her milk-stand that day and sped the horses on their way. However, the story is not done because the next morning as his team trotted westward, he noted her cans plus the mistress of the estate gathered by her milk-stand. As the team was pulled to a halt, she went straight to the point: "McEwan, why did you bring my milk home yesterday?" John told the story attempting, if possible, to mollify her and let her see the reason of the happening. When he had finished, she summarized her position clearly and finally: "McEwan, if you ever bring my milk home again, I'll put the dung fork through you." Then, having stated her case, she strode into the house. John, however, found a way of placating her. When her milk was considered unfit by the factory, John dumped it into the ditch and filled the cans with whey and because she could neither read nor do mathematics she simply cashed her cheque "and life carried on." Addendum: I now realize that Gordon's cat story above is from a later period when the factory had been transferred in ownership to Thomas' son William Wallace Ballantyne.

## **ph21881 (pg4) The McEwans and their relationship to the cheese making industry**

From: Dickson's Corners blog February 2018

### James Ballantyne MacEwan and the move to New Zealand

In 1911, J. A. Ruddick published an article entitled *An Historical and Descriptive Account of the Dairying Industry in Canada*. Here is a quote from that article: "In 1894, Mr. J. B. MacEwan, who was then a member of the Dairy Commissioner's staff, received and accepted an offer to go to New Zealand, as Chief Dairy Expert. Mr. MacEwan was only two years in the dairying service of New Zealand, but to the writer's personal knowledge, he left a most excellent record behind him." (p. 56). Attached (i.e., ph977) is the farewell testimonial dated October 1894 from James' colleagues in the Office of the Dairy Commissioner in Ottawa presented to him as he prepared to travel to New Zealand. A small sidelight: I notice that he is addressed as "Mac" a nickname that many other McEwans have carried over the years. The next piece of evidence related to James' career development is an article from the *Otago Witness* in New Zealand dated 8th October 1896. The article notes that James had passed through Auckland on his way to America. The writer then goes on to explain: "The desirability of one of our experts visiting Europe about this time was mooted at the Dairy Conference held in Dunedin in June last, and Mr MacEwan made his plans for the trip under the impression that the Government would offer no objection to the tour of inspection, which he considered necessary in the interests of the colony. But the Cabinet, after discussing his application decided that the department could not easily dispense with his services at this moment. Mr MacEwan accordingly resigned."

**ph21931 James MacEwan 4142ah.**



**ph21961 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. Heather Kerr  
MacEwan 41-42aha.Sp.**

General regret was expressed throughout the mercantile community today at the death of Mr. J. B. MacEwan, governing director of J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., which took place at his residence this morning. He was 75 years of age.

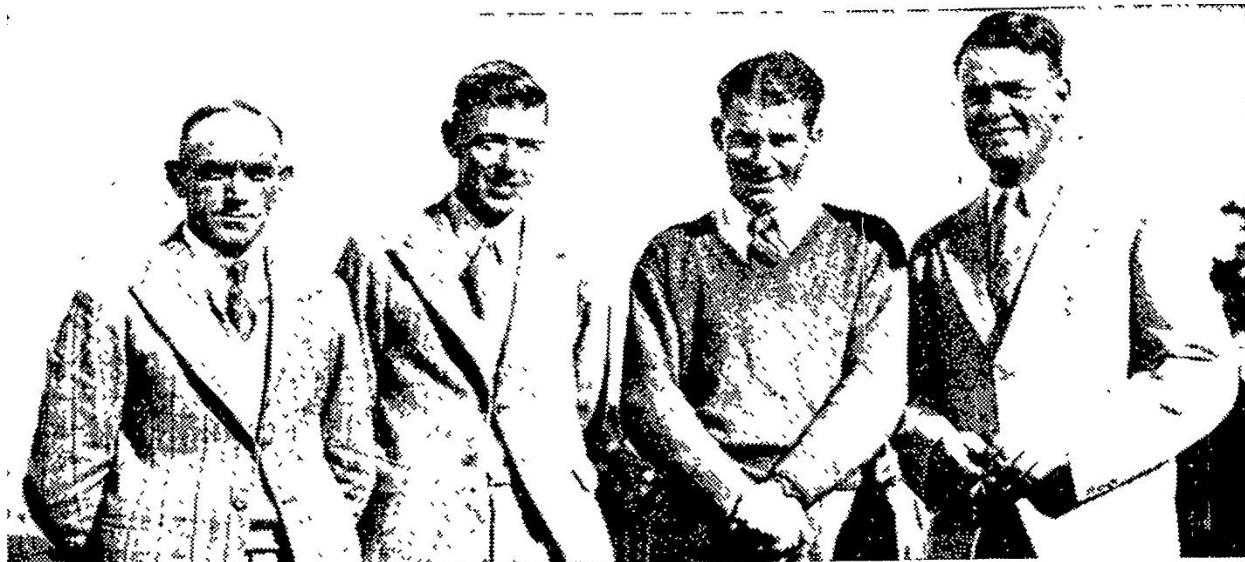
ph21971 James MacEwan 41-42ah. EVENING POST, vol. CXXII  
Issue 106 9, May 1941

The hearing of the appeal against the valuation by the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, for purposes of assessing death duty, of shares held by the late Mr. J. B. MacEwan in the firm of J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., is being continued in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Blair. Evidence is being given by the appellant, the Guardian Trust and Executors Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. R. Hoggard). Mr. J. Byrne appears for the Commissioner.

ph21981 James MacEwan 41-42ah. MACEWAN ESTATE  
EVENING POST, VOL.C. ISSUE 16, 19 July 1944

**MacEWAN—HALLETT. — On February 24th, 1908, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by the Rev. George MacMurray, Arthur MacEwan, of New Plymouth, to Marion Emerson Hallett, of Auckland.** .....

ph21991 Arthur MacEwan 41-42ai. Marion Hallett MacEwan 41-42ai.Sp.



ph22001 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. on right New Zealand amateur golf championship, semi-finalists. AUCKLAND STAR, VOL. LXV, issue 242, 12 Oct. 1934



ph22002 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. Valedictorian Stratford Normal School, May 1933 "Gordon started to teach Sept 1933 for \$450.00 a year: He taught at SS # 3 Downie Township, Perth County in the school he attended.



ph22003 #7 Ball Team 1937 front: Wib Thompson, George Murray 41-42acec. Wilf Tuer, Tom McKay, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. John Hoy (manager, coach, Elmer Armstrong 41-42abdb. back: Allan Aitcheson 20-21dgbaa. David Aitcheson 20-21dgbac. Vernon Tuer, Chester Oliver, Bill Smith, Peter Smith 30-31dbaa. (possibly), Grant Oliver



ph22005 Peter Smith 30-31dbaa. (likely) back left, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (back right) 1937



ph22007 Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. (white dress) uncertain of location in Downie, labelling by Gordon McEwan c. 1940



**ph22008 school picture. uncertain of location. Gordon McEwan may be child 2nd from right in second row.**



**ph22009 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.**



ph22010(1) Gordon McEwan  
41-42aaca.



ph22010(2) Gordon McEwan  
41-42aaca.



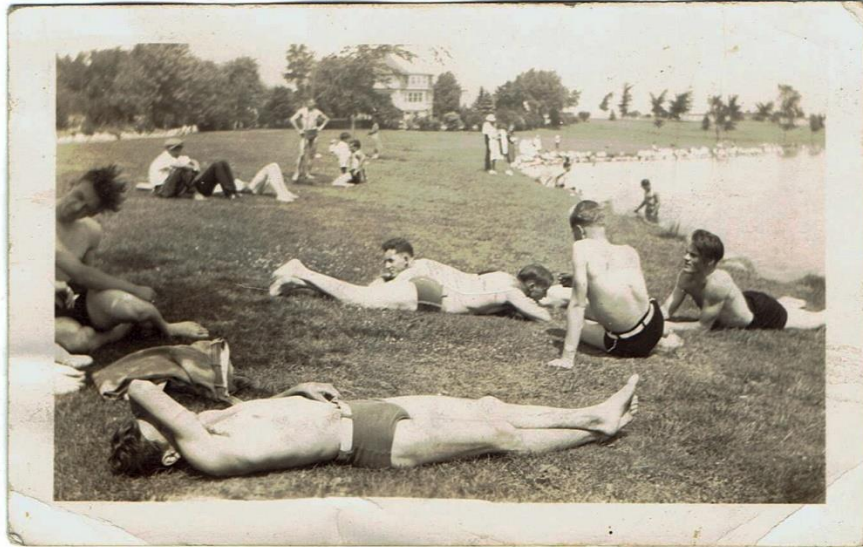
ph22010(3) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
c. 1919

**The Government Dairy Instruction School was opened at Edendale on Wednesday. The course of instruction is to be conducted by Messrs MacEwan, Robbins, and three other assistants. Messrs MacEwan and Robbins are Canadian trained experts in the dairy produce business. It is expected that at least fifty students will enroll themselves.**

ph22011 James MacEwan 41-42ah. THE NEW DAIRY SCHOOL, PRESS  
V.LII, issue 9136, 21 June 1895



ph22012 Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. holding Loiey with Betty Lou, Mildred Ballantyne Murray 41-42ace.Sp., Gordon Boyes, Murf Murray 41-42ace. Earl Boyes holding Gordon, Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. 1941 at Murf and Mill's



ph22013(1) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (middle facing left)  
summer school Guelph



ph22013(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. on left OAC Guelph



**ph22013(3) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. softball team OAC Guelph summer school**



**ph22013(4) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (middle) OAC summer school**



ph22013(5) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (right) OAC



ph22013(6) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (top)



**ph22013(7) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. OAC summer school ball team**



**ph22013(8) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. OAC summer school Guelph**



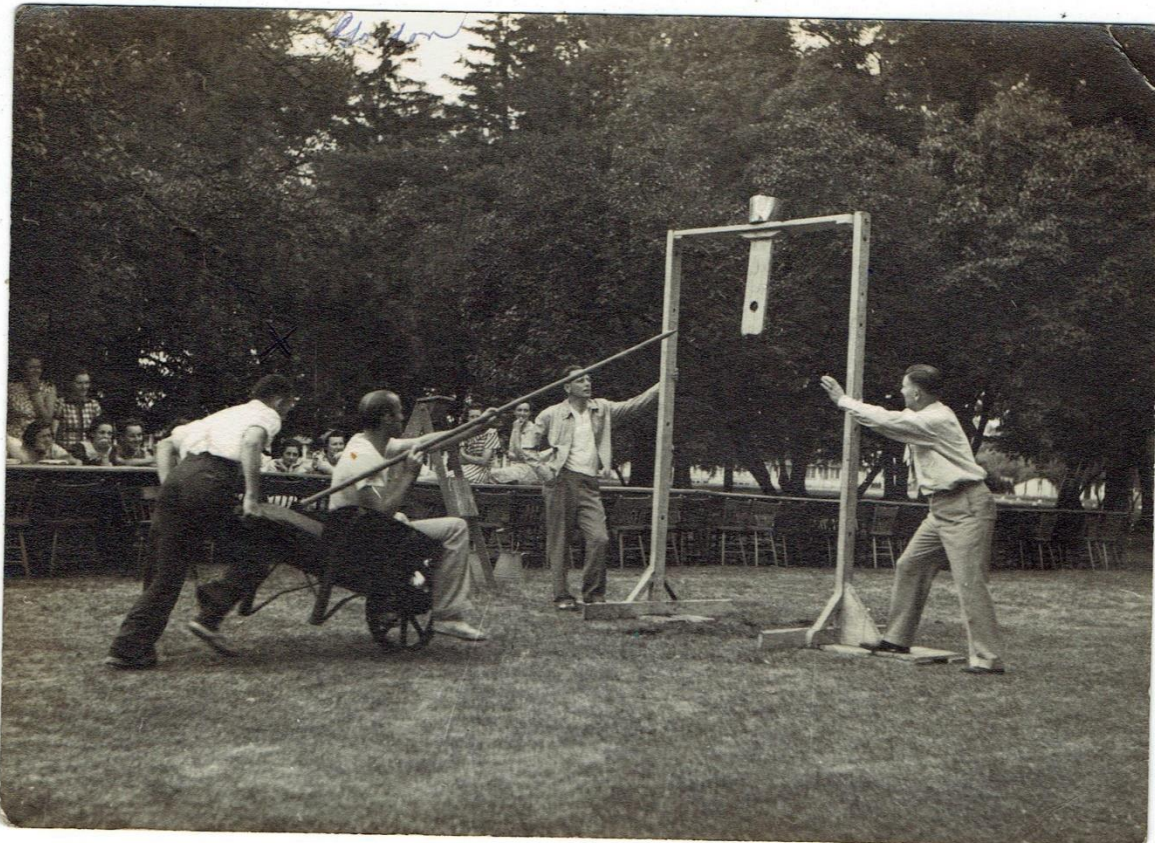
**ph22013(9) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
left head stand**



**ph22013(10) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
Guelph unidentified others**



**ph22013(11) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
on right**



**ph22013(12) Gprdpm McEwan 41-42aaca. (possibly one pushing wheel barrow)  
Summer School in Guelph**



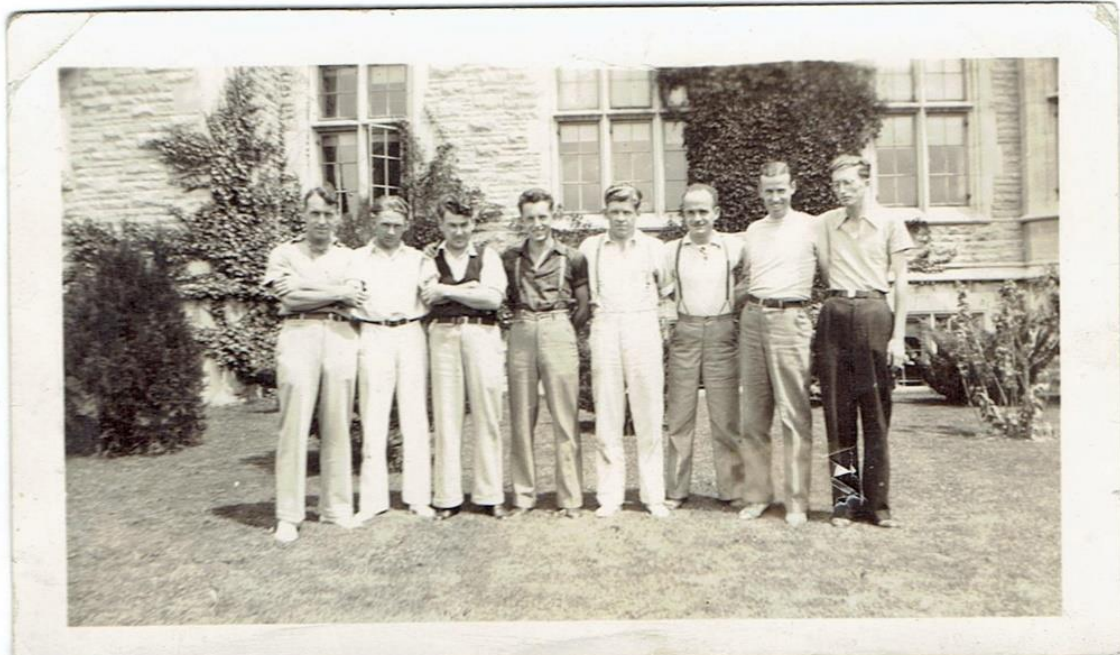
**ph22013(13) Gordon McEwan 3rd in front Guelph summer school**



**ph22013(14) Gordon McEwan others unidentified OAC summer school**



**ph22013(15) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. front row 4th from left with braces**



ph22013(16) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. (dark shirt) Guelph summer school



ph22013(17) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. front middle OAC



**ph22013(18) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
(middle)**



**ph22013(19) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. on right Summer  
School guelph**



**ph22013(20) Gordon McEwan 41-41aaca. OAC summer school**



**ph22014 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. unidentified friend**

Mr MacEwan, New Zealand Government dairy expert, was a passenger by the Hauroto to-day. While in Europe, Mr MacEwan visited the principal butter and cheese centres, and inquired into the methods of manufacture and manner of distribution.

ph22021 James MacEwan 41-42ah. DAIRY PRODUCE. AUCLAND STAR VOL XXVIII, ISSUE 103  
5 May 1897

---

## OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

(BY TELEGRAPH-PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

DUNEDIN, 2nd January.

The Otago Golf Club's New Year tournament concluded to-day, when the final of the championship was decided. A. L. Marshall (Timaru) beat G. H. MacEwan (Dunedin) at the 19th hole. B. J. Smith, last year's champion, was defeated in the semi-final by MacEwan, 5 up and 4 to play.

---

ph22031 George MacEwan 41-42af. Lorem Ipsum

## MAC EWAN DEFEATS DUNCAN.

ROTORUA, Sept. 7.

The golf tourney championship, with 46 entries, was won by J. B. MacEwan (Wellington), who defeated Duncan in the final by two up at the 17th hole. The "Davis Cup" prize was presented to MacEwan.—Press Assn.

ph22041 George MacEwan 41-42af. Golf Tourney Final, Northern Advocate  
8 September 1923

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth MacEwan, who died in Wellington today after a brief illness, was a member of an old and well-known family. Born in 1873, she was a daughter of the late Mr. George Fisher, M.H.R., who was five times Mayor of Wellington, and was the widow of Mr. J. B. MacEwan, founder of the firm of J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd., and a well-known Wellington merchant.

The late Mrs. MacEwan took an active part in patriotic work during the war of 1914-18, when her particular interest was the visiting of soldiers' widows and dependants. She was always a generous contributor to worthy causes, and was one of Wellington's most popular hostesses. Her beautiful home in Fitzherbert Terrace was always open to her many friends.

ph22051 Mary Fisher MacEwan 41-42ah.Sp. Obituary EVENING POST  
Vol. CXXXIX Issue 152, 29 June 1945

*The Wyndham Farmer* learns that Mr J. B. MacEwan, the Government dairy expert, has booked his passage to England by the *Monowai*, leaving Auckland to-morrow. It would thus appear that the Government has approved of the suggestion of the Middle Island Dairy Association executive, that Mr MacEwan should go Home to enquire into important matters concerning the management and development of the colony's dairy produce trade in Britain. As Mr MacEwan goes in the same steamer as the Manchester delegates, it will not be surprising to find that something of much import to the trade relations between Great Britain and New Zealand will emanate from the visit of the delegates.

ph22061 James MacEwan 41-42ah. DAIRY PRODUCE  
EXPERT PRESS VOL LIII, ISSUE 9537, 2 OCT. 1896

## MACEWAN SHARES CASE

After a hearing lasting five days, decision was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice Blair in the litigation over the value of shares in J. B. MacEwan and Co., Ltd.

The Guardian Trust and Executors Co., Ltd., appealed against the valuation by the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, for purposes of assessing death duty, of shares held in the company by the late Mr. J. B. MacEwan. Mr. D. R. Hoggard appeared for the appellant, and Mr. J. Byrne for the Commissioner.

ph22071 James MacEwan 41-42ah. VERDICT LATER EVENING  
POST, VOL CXXXVIII, ISSUE 19, 22 July 1944



ph22081 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha.  
NEW ZEALAND HERALD,  
vol LXXI, iss 21765, 3 April 1934  
Private interment.

ph22101 James MacEwan 41-42ah. FREE LANCE, VOL. XVIII,  
ISSUE 981, 29 April 1919

**MACEWAN.**—On the 13th September, at 37, Pipitea-street, Wellington, Mary Valerie, daughter of Mrs. J. B. MacEwan, aged 2 months.

ph22111 Mary MacEwan 41-42ahb. Deaths EVENING POST  
Vol. LXX Issue 65, 14 September 1905

From: <http://dicksonscorners.blogspot.ca/> 31 March 2018

In a previous blog I proposed that the standard of the teaching in the rural schools of late 19th century Perth County may have been of high quality. As support for my position, I pointed to the written reports submitted to the federal government by James B. MacEwan when he worked for the Dairy Commissioner's Office in Ottawa during the early 1890's. I speculated that James would have been unlikely to have had any formal education beyond that provided by the teachers in SS # 3 Downie. (To be sure, he likely attended a dairy school but I suspect that was of very short duration focussing on the practical aspects of cheese making.) However, other stories about the quality of the education offered in rural schools are much less positive. Here is a story told by Gordon McEwan related to him by his father Jack who also attended SS # 3 Downie a few years after his Uncle Jim. When referring to Jack and his two older sisters Gordon wrote: "The children went to S. S. No. 3, Downie Township where the mysteries of learning were unfolded to them by varied types of teachers. One of these was a unique individual by the name of David McNeil who boarded at Goettlers and every morning went to the straw stack to fortify himself with a drink before meeting his scholars. Another stop at a towering willow shading Black Creek permitted him to enter the portals of learning with a visible incentive.

When McNeil entered the school room and called the class to attention, he staged quite a show in depositing the willow gad in a prominent position.

"That won't last long," John whispered slyly to his friend and cousin, Peter Smith, who acknowledged the remark with a nod and a smile.

"What are you smiling about, Peter!" thundered McNeil happy to have an opportunity to put the class in place.

Afraid of the dictatorial pedagogue, Peter replied, "John said that it wouldn't last too long, sir."

McNeil bared his teeth slightly. "You don't think so, John! come up here!"

Whereupon, the schoolmaster proceeded to smash the willow branch over the back of the suffering John. Next morning, as John was readying himself for school, his mother Harriotte seeing him toying with the edge of the wash cloth in a manner common to growing boys, questioned:

"Have you cleaned your ears thoroughly, John?"

"Yes, mother," was the rejoinder.

As a mother beset by the principle of cleanliness, Harriotte stepped up to her son, put her hand on his shoulder and attempted to peer into the suspected auditory appendage. However, she did not get the opportunity. As soon as her hand touched her son's shirt, he moved as though he had been jolted by an electric battery.

"What's wrong, John?" questioned the startled mother.

"Nothing, mother," returned John who knew the rules of the pioneer day -- rules which stated that if you were beaten at school, you were punished at home, too.

Harriotte again resumed her examination of the suspected ear but when she laid her hand on the bank of her offspring, he responded with a violent jerk.

"Take off your shirt!" she ordered and when she saw the angry criss-cross welts forming an ugly pattern across the back of her son, she went to the door and called for her husband. Robert looked carefully at John's back and made a remark that he probably deserved what he got but when John took off for school that morning, he carried a note written by his father asking Mr. McNeil to come to the McEwan farm after school.

That afternoon, John's back was again bared -- this time by his father for the purpose of showing the visiting school master his handiwork. McNeil was profuse in his apologies but when he left that afternoon, he, too, had a lesson in mind.

"Mr. McNeil," Robert stated, "I expect you to keep order in our school but if you ever beat my boy like you did yesterday, I'll break your neck."

John continued school -- at the end in the winters only, until at last he said "Farewell," to formal learning."

This story is about John (Jack) McEwan 41-42aac.

**ph22121 John (Jack) McEwan 41-42aac.**



ph22131 John Bain 41-42ad.Sp. Mary McEwan Bain 41-42ad. Carlingford Cemetery , Carlingford, Ontario



ph22141 Mary Bain Clarke 41-42adf. Robert Clarke 41-42adf.Sp. Carlingford Cemetery

**WILLOWS, Verna** - Verna Harriotte Willows (nee Simpson) of Stratford, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at the age of 91. Born in Stratford on March 22, 1926; daughter of the late Robert Simpson and the former E. Louise Monteith. Beloved wife of the late Floyd Willows (1993). Loved mother of Lynn Fraser (George Wood), Elaine Standeaven (Glen) and Gail Willows. Dear sister of Eileen Hosick and Lois Kipfer and sister-in-law of Marie Simpson, Donna Willows, Patricia Willows (Meade Stull) and Charleen Barfield (Howard). Also survived by her grandchildren; Jacquelyn Fraser (Derek Roberts), Steve Fraser (Jackie), Jennifer Edwards, Sarah Oliver (Chad), Heather Bergeron (Patrick), Joe Standeaven (Carrie), Dave Standeaven (Dana), Lisa Lankhof (Phil) and Christine Boynton (Allan) and 14 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her sister-in-law Earleen Willows, her brother Don Simpson, brothers-in-law Wallace Hosick, Fred Kipfer, Gerald 'Bud' Willows and Ron Willows. Family and friends may gather at the W.G. Young Funeral Home, 430 Huron St., Stratford on Sunday, November 26 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, November 27 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception. A private interment will be held in Carlingford Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Stratford Perth Museum or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church through the funeral home. 519.271.7411 [www.wgyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.wgyoungfuneralhome.com)

ph22151 Verna Simpson Willows 41-42aaaab.



ph22161 Agnes Bain Wiley 41-42ada. Carlingford Cemetery, Perth County



ph22171 Verna Simpson Willows 41-42aaaab. Floyd Willows 41-42aaaab.Sp.



ph22181 Mary Aitcheson Murray 41-42ace. Walter Murray 41-42ace.Sp. Avonbank Cemetery Avonbank, Ont.



ph22191 George Murray 41-42acec. Avonbank Cemetery, Ontario



ph22211 Clarion Cosh 41-42ahg.

[Papers Past — Hawera & Normanby Star — 16 August 1923 — PERSONAL ...](#)  
[paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=HNS19230816.2...](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=HNS19230816.2...)

Mr George Harrington MacEwan, of the firm of Messrs J. B. MacEwan, produce merchants, died at Invercargill on Sunday. Mr MacEwan, who was born at Stratford, near Toronto, Canada, was one of a large family. He came to New Zealand about 1900. His brother, Mr. J. B. MacEwan, was Government dairy expert in New Zealand for a time, and when he retired from that position the deceased joined him in partnership, managing the Dunedin branch of the business. Outside of business Mr MacEwan, who was a single man, was best known as an enthusiastic golfer.

**ph22251 George McEwan 41-42af.**



**ph22221 Melvin Cosh 41-42agc.**

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, February 28.

Mrs J. B. MacEwan (Wellington) who has recently arrived in London, has taken Sir Howard Spicer's flat at 10 Hanover square, where she will remain for a short time with her son. The latter hopes to enter Cambridge in October, and in the meantime he will take up a course of study. Mr F. M. B. Fisher lives close by. Relative to Mr MacEwan the "Evening Standard" the other evening had the following paragraph:—"J. MacEwan, a nephew of the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, the well-known lawn tennis player, has just reached London from New Zealand. The youngster is the typical New Zealand athletic giant, and declares he has come to 'take' lawn tennis and rowing at either Oxford or Cambridge. He has already devoted some attention to both subjects at Waitaki High School, a thriving factory of good games players."

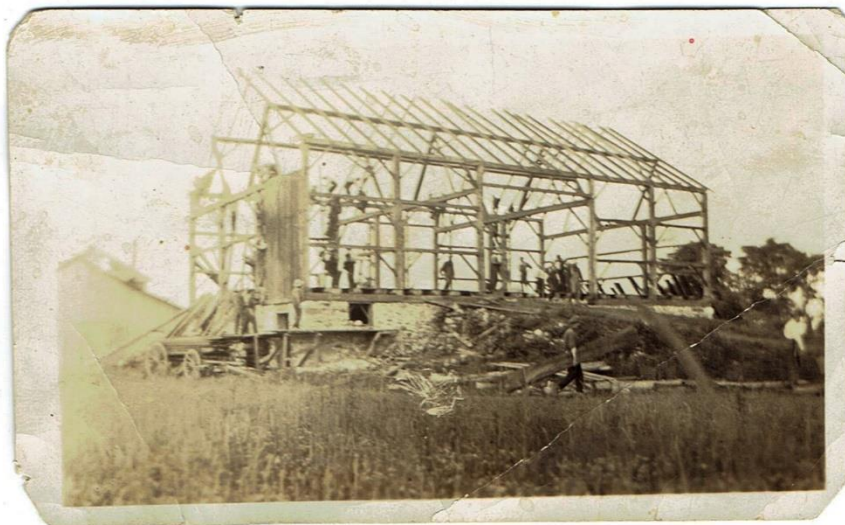
ph22241 Ian MacEwan 41-42aha. PRESS,  
Vol. LVIII, iss. 174426, 10 April 1922



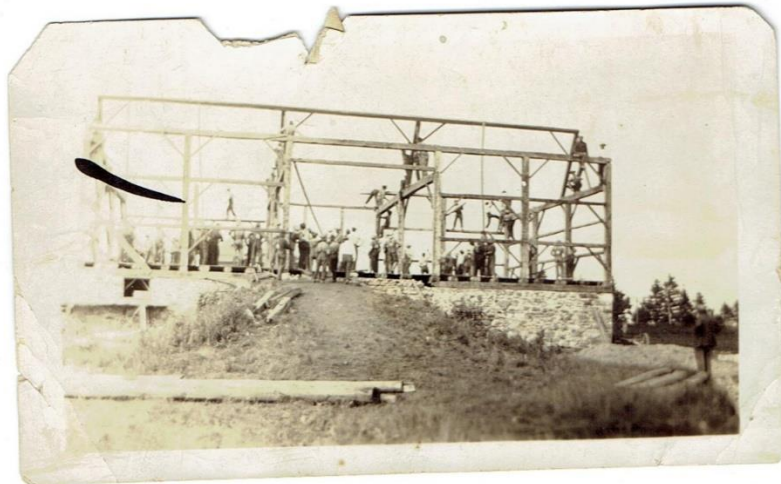
**ph22261 James MacEwan 41-42ah.  
Ian MacEwan 41-42aha.**



ph22271(1) Jack McEwan 41-42aac. barn raising



ph22271(2) Jack McEwan 41-42aac. barn raising



ph22271(3) Jack McEwan 41-42aac. barn raising 1920



ph22291 Robert McEwan 41-42abh. Lorne McEwan 41-42abi.

---

## QUEBEC EXPERIMENT.

---

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, April 5.

Mr J. B. MacEwan has returned from his trip to England and the Continent by way of America, with the impression that the Quebec system of liquor control contains much that is worthy of consideration by the people of New Zealand. His stay in Quebec itself was not long enough to allow him to make anything like an exhaustive investigation of the system, but many of the business men and personal friends he met while passing through Canada were loud in its praise. Following upon a long period of prohibition, which his friends told him had not been altogether satisfactory, commissioner control was introduced, and during the first completed year of its existence had done away with most of the evils of the licensed trade, and with the worst evils of the illicit traffic. The change was brought about, Mr MacEwan explained, when discussing the subject to-day, by an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly early in 1921, and actually came into operation on May 1st of that year. The avowed purpose of its promoters was to effect by disciplinary measures administered in a reasonable manner a reform in the habits of the people which had not resulted from the imposition of arbitrary restrictions.

The Act vested the control of the traffic in five commissioners appointed by Order-in-Council, and holding office during the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor. The Commissioners exercise very wide powers in the discharge of their responsible duties, and are paid adequate salaries, the chairman being required to forego any other occupation. The first Commissioners appointed, and now holding office, are gentlemen of the very highest standing and repute in the province, and apparently their administration of the law has met with the general approval of the public. They exercise the exclusive right of selling alcoholic li-

ph22301 James MacEwan 41-42ah. PRESS Vol LIX  
issue 17731, 6 April 1923

Mr George Harrington MacEwan, of the firm of Messrs J. B. MacEwan, produce merchants, died at Invercargill on Sunday. Mr MacEwan, who was born at Stratford, near Toronto, Canada, was one of a large family. He came to New Zealand about 1900. His brother, Mr J. B. MacEwan, was Government dairy expert in New Zealand for a time, and when he retired from that position the deceased joined him in partnership, managing the Dunedin branch of the business. Outside of his business Mr MacEwan, who was a single man, was best known as an enthusiastic golfer.

ph22311 George MacEwan 41-42af. HAWERA & NORMANBY STAR volXLII, iss. XLII 16 Aug. 1923

Mr. J. B. MacEwan has been granted six months' leave of absence by the Wellington Harbour Board, in view of his impending journey abroad.

ph22321 James MacEwan 41-42ah. New Zealand Herald  
LIX (18077) 29 April 1922

Former Downie Man  
Buried At Huntsville 1946

ST. PAULS, Nov. 5.—Word has been received of the death of John MacEwan in Novar, Muskoka, on Oct. 24. Mr. MacEwan was in his 87th year and a native of Downie township. He was a son of the late John MacEwan and Agnes Ballantyne of Black Creek. He was predeceased by five brothers and three sisters, also one son, Elmer, who paid the supreme sacrifice in the First Great War, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert Shortreed, Toronto. Surviving are his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Theodore Caldwell, London and Mrs. Bruce Terry, Toronto, and three grandchildren. The largely attended funeral and many floral tributes showed the high esteem in which Mr. MacEwan was held. The funeral service was held in Novar United Church with interment in Huntsville cemetery.

ph22331 John McEwan 41-42ae.

#### Wedding Bells at Sebringville.

A Sebringville correspondent writes: The neat and comfortable residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McEwan, Downie, was the scene of a very interesting event on the evening of April 11th, it being the occasion of the marriage of their youngest daughter, Maggie, to Newton Cosh, of Frelton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Avonton. The bride was very prettily attired in a gown of fawn henrietta cloth and was assisted by her cousin, Miss Ballantyne, while the groom was supported by Mr. R. Gray, of Stratford. After the wedding supper was partaken of the guests spent the remainder of the evening in amusements of various kinds. The bride was the recipient of a beautiful assortment of presents, testifying to the high esteem in which she is held by her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Cosh left for their home in Frelton on Friday, carrying with them the best wishes of hosts of friends for their future prosperity.

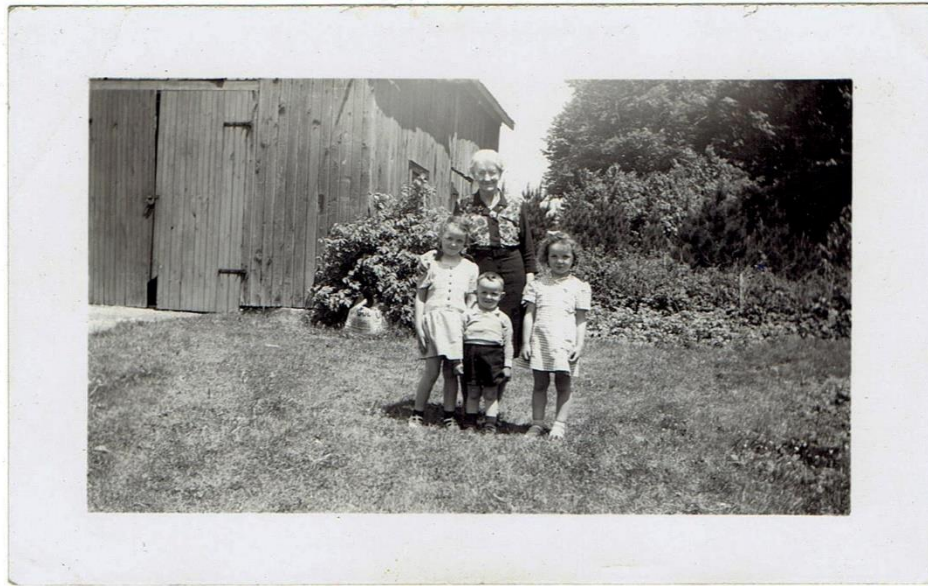
ph22341 Margaret McEwan Cosh 41-42ag.



ph22351 Elmer McEwan 41-42aea. (2nd from right)



ph22381(1) Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp., Charles Ballantyne 20-21daf., Alice Irvine Ballantyne 41-42daf.Sp. Dickson's Corners Oxford County c1946



ph22381(2) Alice Irvine Ballantyne 20-21daf.Sp. Betty Lou McEwan  
Cull 41-42aaca. Robert McEwan 41-42aacac. Lois Ann McEwan  
Moir 41-42aacab. Dickson's Corners c. 1946



**ph22391(1) Ball game Avonton Ontario 1930's**



**ph22391(2) ball game Avonton, Ontario**



**ph22391(3) Ball game Avonton, Ontario**



ph22391(4) Ball tournament, Avonton, Ontario



ph22391(5) Ball tournament, Avonton, Ontario 1930's

Then it ended up with thoughts of Avonton when Tom and Blanche White lived at and operated the store. How we used to enjoy the ball games at Howdy Armstrong's field.

The games were played quickly not like on T.V. when all the batters have to adjust their hats, dig a hole in the dirt with their cleats before they can hit.

It was so quick at Avonton that many a time Gordon McEwan who was a star pitcher would have the first strike past the batter before the batter had the bat over his shoulder.

Then who will ever forget the gas pumps at the store. When a lever was pumped back and forth, you could watch the glass tank fill up. Then when you purchased gas at four gallons for a dollar, you would stop on the line as each of the 12 lines was a gallon, just like the ladies' measuring cup.

The talk then centered around the ones that sat and visited in the store everyday around the stove. The late John Hoy, Stan Johnston, Will Robertson, Walter Murray were mentioned and two others who would still enjoy being in the store if it still was there: James L. Murray and Bert Matthison.

The church sheds where the horses were left for services at the church or parties at the hall are all quite visible in this writer's mind and all the names mentioned and activities were legends in my time.

By then it was time for

**ph22391(6) Ball games &  
other Avonton reminiscences  
Jack Matthison St. Marys  
Journal Argus date missing**



ph22401 Lois Hearn McEwan 41-42aaca.Sp. Dickson's Corners, Ontario



ph22411 Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
c. 1948 Dickson's Corners, Oxford County



ph22411(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.



*Alice Irvine Ballantyne, Mrs. M<sup>c</sup>Gunigal & Lois Ann M<sup>c</sup>Ewan  
Betty Lou M<sup>c</sup>Ewan & Gordon Calder*  
22421 Alice Irvine Ballantyne 20-21daf.Sp. Mrs. McGunigal, Lois Ann McEwan  
Moir 41-42aacab. Betty Lou McEwan 41-42aaca. Gordon Calder Dickson's  
Corners c. 1943



ph22431(1) SS#3 Downie (Black Creek)  
Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. c. 1937



ph22431(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca.  
SS#3 Downie c. 1937



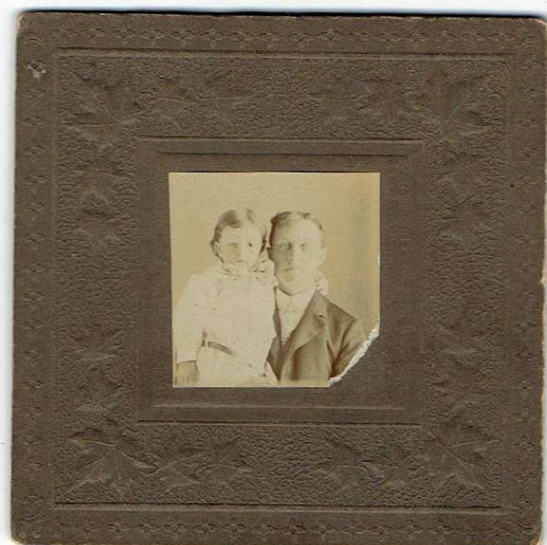
ph22441(1) Gordon McEwan SS#3 Downie Township , Perth County



ph22441(2) Gordon McEwan 41-42aaca. SS#3 Downie (Black Creek)



ph96011 Rubina Irvine McEwan 41-42aac.Sp.  
John McEwan 41-42aac. 1906 (likely)



Ph90611 Jack McEwan 41-42aac. with one of Hattie Simpson's  
children possibly Robert (Mac) 41-42aaaa.