

Mrs. Alex McKie

A resident of Bayham for most of her life, and well known in Tillsonburg, Mrs. Alex McKie passed away last Wednesday in Mapleton. She was 86 years of age.

Funeral service was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the James H. Barnum Funeral Home, Aylmer. Rev. Joseph James of London conducted the service. Before being transferred to London, Mr. James had been the minister for the New Sarum Baptist church, which Mrs. McKie attended.

Pallbearers were John Brickson, Russell Arms, Clarence Garton, Clarence Knott, Almon Helkas and Andrew Paddon. Mr. Barnum rendered a solo, "Beyond the Sunset".

Among the floral tributes were a pillow from her brothers and sister, wreath from her son, and nieces and nephews, and sprays from the church and neighbours.

Interment was made in the Mapleton cemetery.

Mrs. McKie moved to Mapleton approximately 16 years ago. With the exception of a short time out west, she had spent all her life up to then in Bayham township. Her husband predeceased her 10 years ago. Surviving are one son, Guy of Mapleton; one sister, Mrs. Neil Ketchabaw of Tillsonburg, and three brothers, Russell McDowell of Calton, and Maitland and Walter McDowell, both of Eden. Also several nieces and nephews.

McDowell - on Thursday morning, Jan. 30, 1936, at the residence of his son, 41 West Avenue, William James McDowell, father of Coville, Roy and Arthur, brother of Walter, Russell, Maitland, Mrs. Alex McKie and Mrs. Neil Ketchabaw after a lengthy illness, aged 67 years. At rest at the P.R. Williams & son funeral home, and the funeral will take place from there on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

Card of Thanks - The family of the late William James McDowell wish to extend their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement in the loss of a loving father and grandfather; to Rev. L.W. Reed and Rev. H.D. Moore for their kindly ministrations; to the choir of the Eden Baptist church, to Mrs. W. Stilwell for the music to the pallbearers; to those sending the beautiful floral tributes, and to those who so kindly loaned their cars.

SIMEON OSTRANDER

FROM Mrs. Hanley sent to her
by Mr. Kenneth Totten

Simeon Ostrander was born July 3rd, 1842, on his father's farm half a mile from Eden. (Parents Andrew Ostrander and Sarah Buchner)
As a boy he was fond of sports and games of all kinds, many of their good times consisting of races in the hay and harvest fields between the brothers. He joined the Methodist Church of Canada in 1865. He followed closely in the footsteps of his father in this respect, taking an active part in all the church duties, usually being superintendent of the Sunday school. It has been said of him that he was too honest to ever be a real success in business.

He married Charlotte Antoinette Cole, Nov. 26, 1863. She was born at Watertown N.Y., Oct. 18, 1837, daughter of Silas and Lucy Cole who moved from New York state to Canada in 1842 or 1843 when she was about five years of age. She was a large woman with fair colouring and auburn hair. She became a member of the Methodist church at the age of sixteen.

In the year 1869, they built the stone house across the road from his father's house. The picture shows it as it is today (e.g. in 1928) neglected and shabby without the loving care of former years. (That tells us who built this stone house.)

Simeon remained on the farm until the death of his father when he went into business in Eden where he had a general store. This had always been his dream but he had felt he could not leave his father while he was alive. About 1880 he went into partnership with his son-in-law, George Hansler, moving to Tillsonburg a couple of years later where they continued in business together until about 1886 when he moved to Wingham where he had a shoe store, later moving to Brussels where he stayed about a year - then moved back to Tillsonburg where he continued in the shoe business until the year 1890 when he sold his business.

His daughter, Eusebia and family had moved to Michigan and through them he became interested and finally moved there; he bought a farm near a little corner called Wickware, seven miles east of Cass City. Here he built a home and lived for several years when they sold the farm and went into business in Cass City. They bought a home in Cass city and were very happy there making many business and church friends. They also bought a farm near Cass city. He was always successful in turning over real estate.

In 1905 he moved to Lapeer where he again had a shoe store. After four years he moved his business to Motamora where he stayed until failing health made it impossible for him to look after his store. He sold the business and a few months before his death went to live with his daughter Eusebia at Cresswell. His wife was also in failing health and died at Cresswell, Jan. 29, 1916. He was not long separated from her and died Mar. 5, 1916. The funerals were held at Pontiac and their bodies laid in the Clarkson cemetery. Their golden wedding had been celebrated in 1913 at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Wellemeyer, at Vassar, Mich. Their children were: Eusebia Jane and Lavissa Gertrude.

Mr. Totten says this account does not give the name of Eusebia's husband and their children. Lavissa married George Hansler and their only child was Blanche who married John Merritt Hill of Pontiac. (My correspondent) He says he has written Mrs. Hill's daughter several times for information but got no information - so I guess my letter will go unanswered. It must have been 1928 that Mrs. Hill visited Harry Ostrander and together they visited the cemetery. She said her parents were buried just inside - beside the style and that her mother was the last one buried there. This might be true as Mr. Totten has sent me some wrong information before - one instance concerning the McCready family.

Mr. and Mrs. Minard Phelps
request the honor of your
presence at the marriage of their daughter.

Ida Pauline Meadows,

to

Mr. Frederick Gorvell,

at twelve o'clock noon, on

Tuesday, June the Twenty-third,

nineteen hundred and three,

At their residence, Eden, Ontario.



MR + MRS JOHN + RENEE PHELPS



LORNE + MRS. PHELPS



PERCY SOMERS WITH MR + MRS PORTER

Eden Gardeners

In a place called Eden you would expect to find a garden and Eden for a number of years had two gardeners - one was a market gardener who lived in the stone house over the railroad tracks east of Eden- Jack Capling who took produce to several markets in the area. See page 8 for more on him.

The others were the Salcaks who got a very large amount of produce and flowers from a not very large plot of land. These they shared with friends and neighbours and sold surplus.

Tony Salcak came to Canada in April 1928 and his family came in July coming first to Blenheim. They were there for a time and then moved to Hamilton where they were for about seven years. Their son Joe was born in Hamilton. They attended St. Mary and St. Patrick schools in Hamilton.

In 1937 just before harvest they left Hamilton and moved to a farm west of the cemetery in Straffordville - Willards. Joe and Anna attended Eden school M. Robertson, G. Buchner, teachers.

They moved to Eden and rented the house from Mrs. Agnes Moore. She married Bill Kennedy. They lived there for a year and a half, where Mr. Salcak opened Eden's first barbershop in recent times. Mr. Ray Roloson was the first customer and they have a picture of this. There George Moore got a haircut the day he got married.

Camby Travis and Nathan Gray loaned them enough to build a house on land just south of where they lived and they got lumber from Harley Howey and built their house on the land where they began to garden and sell the produce, on the three acre plot. Three boarders helped to build the house. Joe Dunics lived with Salcaks for a while.

At Cecil Ball's Mrs. McCurdy and Mrs. Salcak worked together when Gordon and Patsy were children. Mrs. Salcak has sweet memories of Eden, Mr. and Mrs. Augustine were very kind and Annie Somers came too bringing fresh eggs.

Anna's great grandfather was a dragoon guard in Franz Joseph's dragoons. He had 19 children. Her grandmother was Slovakian. With 23 people to feed they all needed a trade when old enough to apprentice. One became a blacksmith, one a tinsmith and one a baker. She was a Chaika and had a half brother and sister (Frank).

Tony Salcak helped planting the trees at the schoolyard. Tony drove truck for Harley Howey. He married Ann Bahula and has a boy and a girl (Rick and Antoinette).

Joe married Joyce Kulick and had two - a boy and a girl.

Anna married Robert Nunn and they adopted two children - Naomi and Randy.

When they came to Eden the Tanner children orphaned by a train accident lived across from the old Methodist church. Later Margaret Robertson and Isobel Hale lived there, two teachers.

Sample of Mrs. Salcak's
handwriting: (copied)

Tony i varožna šota

Anna Vnorovi

Farewell Party for Mrs. Salcak

Ladies of the community gathered for afternoon tea at the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Augustine in Honour of Mrs. Anthony Salcak who is leaving Eden to live at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Nunn and Mr. Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Salcak came to Canada in 1928 and lived in Blenheim and Hamilton before coming to Eden in 1937. Immediately, by their industry the family gained the respect of the community and soon became "one of us". Mr. Salcak, a barber, had a shop in Eden and later in Tillsonburg, Here in Eden they had a large garden of choice vegetables and prize-winning flowers. There is scarcely a community family who has not received a gift of beautiful flowers.

On behalf of the Baptist Church and the community, Mrs. Salcak was presented with a platform rocker and a combination step end table and lamp. Mrs. Salcak expressed her thanks, her regret for having to leave her neighbours and friends, and hope that all would come to see her at the new home.

(Tillsonburg News)



Mrs. J. R. Saunders of R.R.#1, Delhi, formerly of Eden will celebrate her 91st birthday this year on Monday. Actually Mrs. Saunders, who has lived in this district all her life, has had only 22 birthdays because she was born on February 29, 1864, a leap year baby. She is marking her 91st year on Feb. 28, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Art Magee at Lynedoch, where she resides.

Her husband operated a grist mill at what was known as North Middleton for a number of years. He laid the cornerstone of the present Orange Hall at Guysboro.

Mrs. Saunders, who was the former Sarah Jane Smith, is the only daughter of the late Isaac Smith and Edith Becker and was born on a farm near St. Williams on Feb. 29, 1864. When she was about eight years of age, her parents died and she went to live with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown.

She was married to J.R. Saunders, who was a miller, at Forrestville, in 1882. They lived successively at Dedrick's Mill, Heslop's Mill, Ostrander's Mill at Acacia, Brantford and Eden. Mr. Saunders died in 1926 and Mrs. Saunders continued to live alone at Eden until the fall of 1953, when failing eyesight forced her to give up her own home and go to live with her only surviving child, Mrs. A.W. Magee (Grace) of Lynedoch.

Another daughter, Mrs. George Herron (Hazel) of Tillsonburg, died 15 years ago and two sets of twin girls and a boy died in early childhood.

Mrs. Saunders has nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She also has one brother, Robert Smith of Granville, Michigan, with whom she spent several weeks at Christmas time, making the trip by motor.



GRACE + HAZEL SAUNDERS

SARAH
SAUNDERS

SCANLAN



The Family of Winslow- Percival and Sarah Lucinda (Neville) Scanlan
Back Row-Eva.

Ada Azzila

Albert Percival & wife Lillian May Belle (Best).

Earnest

2nd. row-Sarah Lucinda (Neville)

Bessie, Winslow -Percival holding Violet Belle (daughter of AP.
AND Belle)

Mary Victoria -(Tory).

Front Row---Ethel Lucinda

Mathew .

Fanny .