

FIRST WORLD WAR SERVICE MEN

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1914 - 1918

MORRIS - John

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Born in Iona, Ontario.
Trained in London.
Died in March 1966.

POLLARD - John

Son of Levi Pollard and Margaret Campbell, born in Dunwich Twp.
(Note: 1966 - now a resident of London, Ontario)

PYATT - Earvel

Son of George Pyatt and Emma Kilbourn, born May 8, 1897.
Enlisted in 1918 and trained in London, Ontario.
(Note: now deceased).

PYATT - Garfield

Son of George Pyatt and Emma Kilbourn, born March 23, 1895.
Enlisted 1918, and trained in London, Ontario.
(Note: 1967 now resident of Iona, Ontario).

ROBBINS - Gordon, Private.

Son of George Robbins and Annie Roberts, born September 2, 1896, Dunwich.
Enlisted March 21, 1916 at St. Thomas in the 91st Battalion. Went
overseas June 19, 1916 where he served in the 58th Battalion at Folkestone, England.

When in combat, he held 18 Germans at gun point, while other soldiers
went around the hill he was on. They took the Germans as prisoners. For this bravery
he was awarded the Military Medal. He was wounded and still carries a bullet in his
thigh.

A social evening was held for him and Ray Lumley in the Community Hall at
Iona, after their return. The Institute presented each with a watch.
(Note: at present, 1967, he is a resident of Rapid City, Michigan, U.S.A.).

RYCROFT - Ernest E.

Son of Joseph Rycroft and Annie Stewart.
(Deceased).

SLOAN - E. Wesley

Son of William J. Sloan and Isabelle Harvey, born on the 10th Concession,
Dunwich Twp. Missing in Action.

OTHER Servicemen of the First World War of 1914 to 1918 were as follows:

CLARK - Daniel A.

ROSS - Frank

STILLWELL - Selkirk

CLARK - Daniel J.

ROSS - Isaac T.

CLARK - William J.

SMITH - Harry J.

1939 - 1945

ADLINGTON - John William

Son of Percy Adlington.

Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. at Ottawa in May, 1942, as Wireless Air Gunner. He trained at Toronto, St. Thomas, Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He was sent overseas in May of 1944 where he was stationed in the West Indies and India. He was repatriated in July of 1945, followed by his discharge in October of the same year.

BROWN - Lyle H. O/Smn.

Son of Luke Vernon Brown and Minnie Clark.

Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in July 1944. He reported for Divisional Strength at Prevost in London, Ontario. He transferred to Cornwallis in October, 1944 for training in Seamanship, then posted to St. John's, New Brunswick for Harbour Craft duties for seven months.

He volunteered for Pacific duties against the Japanese, came home on leave, and was told to report back to Cornwallis, then moved to Halifax for other Harbour Craft duties.

Hostilities ceased and he was discharged in London with A/A.B. rating, November 25, 1946.

BROWN - Robert Luke Sergeant R.C.A.F.

Son of Luke Vernon Brown and Minnie Clark.

Sergeant Brown was reported missing in action January 30, 1944, after going Overseas in 1943, enlisting in 1942, training in the R.C.A.F. schools, graduating as a Wireless Air Gunner from the Station at McDonald, Manitoba.

Imprisoned in Germany, he was among those pushed back to prevent release by the advancing Western Allied Armies, until released by the Russians. He had earned officer's status before his release. No mail was received during his first six months in German prison camps.

CAMPBELL - Harold H.

Son of Duncan Campbell and Edna Ford, born in Southwold Twp.
Enlisted in the service of the

(1967 - resident of Shedden, Ontario).

CAMPBELL - Lloyd

Son of Duncan Campbell and Edna Ford, born in Southwold Twp.
Enlisted in the service of the

(1967 - resident of Sarnia, Ontario).

1939- 1945

CARSWELL - Donald

Son of Robert Carswell and Jennie Fletcher, born in Dunwich.
Enlisted in the service of

(1967 - resident of London, Ontario).

CARSWELL - John Homer Lumley

Son of Peter Carswell and Edna Lumley.

Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Regiment on May 21st, 1942, Prince George, B.C., serving in Canada until going overseas in December of 1944. He went to North-west Europe in February, 1945, was on duty there until September 1945. He received his discharge on January 22, 1946.

(1967 - resident of London.

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FILLMORE - Leo, F/S - R155100, R.C.A.F.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fillmore of West Dunwich.

Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in March, 1942, and was detailed for Security Guard duties until late in 1942, when he became an Instructor in Small Arms and Ground Warfare on many R.C.A.F. Stations in Western Canada. F/S Fillmore was later transferred to the Service Police and served as N.C.O. in charge at Allford Bay in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Before his discharge in September 1965 he served on over twenty different R.C.A.F. Stations.

(1967 - resident of London, Ontario)

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1939 - 1945

FLETCHER - Earl

19, 1916. Son of Herbert Fletcher and Eva Piper, born in Iona, Ontario, May
Enlisted in the service of the American Army in 1940, as an accountant.
(1967 - resident of Michigan, U.S.A.) (Arizona)

FLETCHER - Harold

5, 1919. Son of Herbert Fletcher and Eva Piper, born in Iona, Ontario, March
Enlisted in the service of the American Merchant Marine. Served overseas.
(1967 - resident of the U.S.A., Hubbard, Michigan).

GRAHAM - Alexander J., F/L - J12204, R.C.A.F.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, born in Dunwich, near Iona Station.
Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. April 15, 1941. After training at Manning
Pool in Toronto and No.20 E.F.T.S., Oshawa, he graduated from No.16 S.F.T.S.
Hagersville, as Pilot Officer. He then took General Reconnaissance Training at
Charlottetown, P.E.I., went overseas in October 1942 where he was given operational
and torpedo training in Scotland and Ireland on "Beauforts". From there he was
posted to the Middle East, spent some time in South Africa, also in Palestine. From
Palestine he went to Italy, shortly after he returned to England to join 524 Squadron,
R.A.F. at Langham in Norfolk. He volunteered for duty in the Pacific, and after V-J
Day was discharged.

He has resumed his studies and hopes to graduate as an electrical
engineer. (1967).

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HENDERSON - Melvin Frank

Son of Mrs. and Mr. Frank Henderson, Dunwich, born December 21, 1924 at Chatham, Ontario.

Enlisted on September 17, 1942, with the Eleventh A.A. Battery. Later was transferred to the Winnipeg Light Infantry. He served nineteen months in Canada. He was then sent to England, but after four months returned to Canada and received his honorable discharge September 6, 1945.

(1967 - deceased in 19).

KERR - Robert

Son of D.R. Kerr and Josephine Green, born in Dunwich.
Enlisted in the service of the

(1967 - resident

MILLIGAN - James Arnold

Son of Mr. Herbert Milligan and Nellie Douglas of Iona, born September 6, 1923.

Enlisted in the Army in January 1943. Received his training in 1944 on the west coast of B.C. and in the Aleutians. In 1945 his contingent was sent Overseas, serving in England and Holland. He was a member of the Canadian Fusiliers, City of London Regiment; The Prince of Wales Rangers; Twelfth Infantry Training Branch of the 6th Canadian Infantry Training Regiment; No.1 Canadian Training Branch, 4th Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Algonquin Regiment.

He was discharged

(1967 - is married and has one daughter, lives south of St.Thomas)

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1939 - 1945

MORRIS - Norman, Cpl. R129598, R.C.A.F.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, resided in Iona. He attended Dutton High School prior to enlisting in the R.C.A.F. on September 24 1941.

After reporting to Manning Pool in Toronto, he was stationed at Fingal Bombing and Gunnery School; St. Thomas T.T.S.; S.F.T.S. Summerside, P.E.I.; Yarmouth Nova Scotia; No. 5 Equipment Depot, Moncton, N.B.; No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Man.; 123 Squadron, Debert, Nova Scotia, and 116 Squadron at Botwood, New Foundland. The 116 Squadron to which Cpl. Morris was attached for nine months was engaged in anti-submarine operations. Cpl. Morris was discharged in September, 1945.

(Note: Norman Morris is now an Anglican Minister, having successfully completed a special course in London following the close of the war. He served on the Florence and Forest Charges, and for some time in Prince Edward Island. He is now on the Sydenham charge, Ontario. 1967).

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RYLAND - Ronald, Pte.

Son of George Ryland and Clarine Ford, born March 7, 1914, at Ilderton.

Enlisted in Kent Regiment and trained at Prince Rupert, B.C.
Discharged on

(Note: 1967 - at present residing in the Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

SILCOX - Clifford

Son of Frank H. Silcox and Jean Steele, born August 10, 1911, at Iona.

Enlisted in the C.B.'s of the American Navy. Served overseas, was present at Pearl Harbour when it was bombed; also in Guam, and Northern Ireland.

(Note: 1967 - Works in Steel Construction at Compton, California.)

1939 - 1945

WILLSON - Bartley Elmer, Tpr. A105311

Son of Purcell Willson and Catherine Warner, born November 13, 1918 in Dunwich.

Enlisted November 16, 1942 in the Tank Corp. at Camp Borden. Went overseas on October 16th, 1944. He served in England, Holland and Germany. He returned to Canada on January 19, 1946, and was discharged in February of 1946.

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(Note 1967 - Now a resident of Iona, Ontario, married, 4 daughters.)

WILLSON - Hilliard Errol, Sgt. R250121C

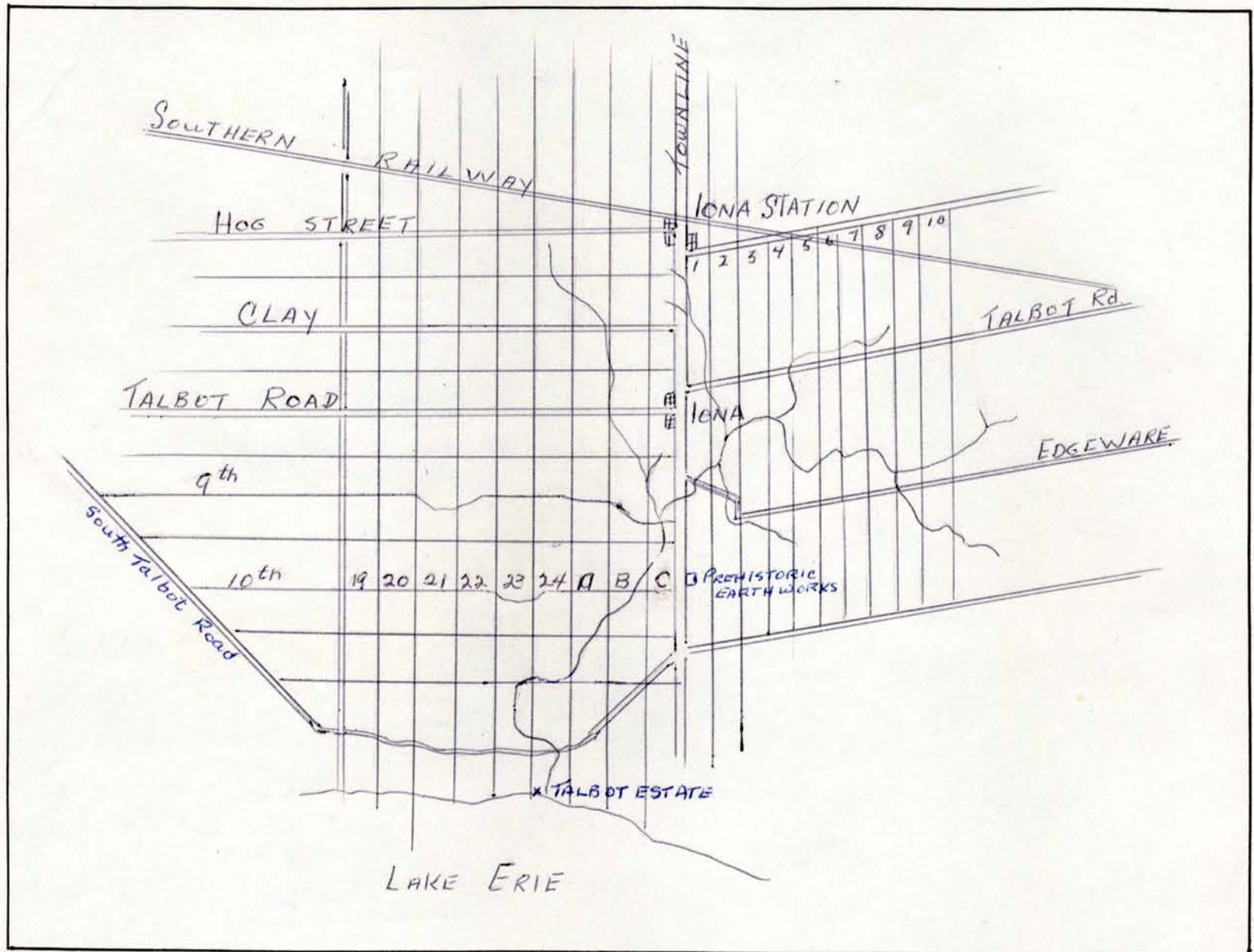
Son of Purcell Willson and Catherine Warner, born November 21, 1920 in Dunwich.

Enlisted in the R.C.A.F. on October 21, 1941. Trained in the service at Clinton, Ontario. Eventually he went to New Foundland and England, where he served as Radio Technician until his return to Canada in August 1945. His discharge was received in November of 1946.

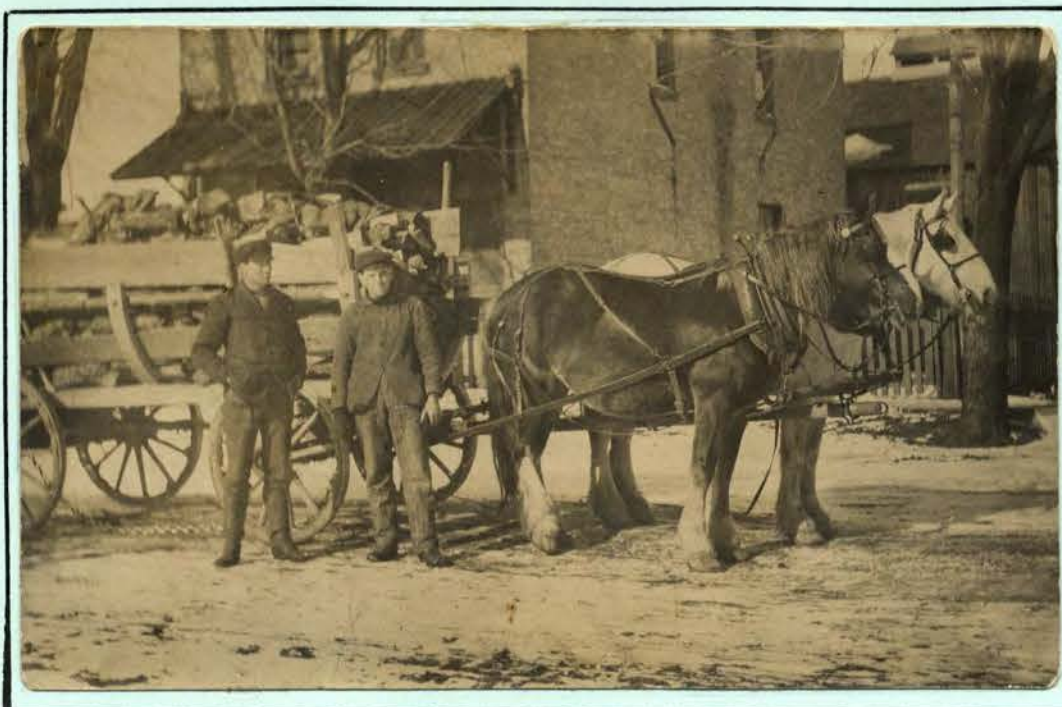
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(Note: Now a resident of Iona.)

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Dunwich and Southwold District



This wagon was of a type especially built to haul wood in the days when that was the only source of heat for homes. The load was twelve feet long, of three four foot lengths, and three feet wide. This was one cord.



Iona Road in the Village of Iona. East side (left) showing bridge to Archie McCallum's tailor shop. House on Lot 7 (next) and Dr. McGeachy home on Lot 7. The Cascaden house is on the west side (right).



Mrs. Thomas A. Silcox
(Maggie)



Rhea Silcox (Oatman)
Minnie Moore Smith
Ellen Moore



Guy Clarke, brother of Mrs. Morley Colling. Killed overseas in First World War. At time of picture, lived a short distance east of Iona.



Mrs. Henry Brown
Margaret (Maggie) Crothers.



Kenneth Brown,
Penni Brown and
son Tyler.

THREE WINNERS IN ORATORY AT IONA

Doris Brown, Eleanor Robbins,
Wilfred Graham Awarded Prizes

IONA, Feb. 3.—The oratorical contest under the auspices of the Iona Women's Institute was held on Wednesday evening in the community hall with F. H. Silcox in the chair. Three speakers were awarded the prizes as follows: First, Doris Brown, a fountain pen; second, Eleanor Robbins, an eversharp pencil; third, Wilfred Graham, also an eversharp pencil. Other items on the program were: Selections on the violin by A. Vine; piano solo, Miss Flossie Campbell; readings, Miss Marie Graham. Coffee and sandwiches were served.



Mrs. John McPhail
John and his brother
Hugh were of the "Old
School Baptists".



Daniel Brown

Left:

At the seventy-third Congregational Meeting of the United Church in 1947, Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Brown were presented with a gift in recognition of their services as Church treasurer and secretary for the past twenty years.

Among the Sunday School Superintendents was Clifford Brown, son of Daniel.

At the seventy-third Annual Meeting, D.E. Brown was a Steward and on the Parsonage Committee. They again were elected Secretary and treasurer, and again honored with a presentation.

Curator. Compiled from writings of Mrs. D.E. Brown.



Miss Fee Ibbetson, daughter of Amos Ibbetson. Her father was one of the first brick manufacturers in this locality. The brick in the grand old Decou House was from this yard, and there doubtlessly are some of these bricks to be found on Lots 5 and 6 to-day. Miss Ibbetson became the first wife of J.W. Brown, to whom this history owes so much. Miss Libby Brown Allen was his sister.



A near relative believes this to be Roy Piper.



Oliver K. Silcox and Mrs. Silcox. Mr. Silcox was the youngest son of Henry and Rebecca Silcox. Mrs. Silcox was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hamilton. She is wearing a most unusual hat.



Jennie M. Smith and Ben Smith, cousin of Wesley Smith's family. Came frequently to help Anna Bell.



Mrs. John (Jane Sinclair) Carswell.

Picture courtesy "The Pollards"



Ena Carswell, daughter of Duncan Sinclair, who went to live with her Aunt, Mrs. John (Sinclair) Carswell, at a very early age when her mother died. She and her adopted sister Essie Carswell made their home in Dutton, where Essie nursed.



From left: 1. Iona United Church; 2. L.H. Brown's hen house moved from Lots 9 and 10, (the Cascaden lots); 3. L.H. Brown's barn moved from front of Lot 8. It had been the Temperance Hall, framed mostly of walnut; 4. Home of L.H. Brown, lots 6 and 7; 5. William Fletcher's barn, Lot 5. This must have been taken from the land to the west or from the old mill yard.

Picture above and of Mrs. Randall courtesy Mrs. R. Johnson.

Curator.



Leota Widdifield Randall "Oak" born at Iona Station in Widdifield Hotel, visiting her sister Mary (Mrs. Austin Brown). Her home is in British Columbia. The dog is the mother of the Newfoundlands Austin raised.



Mrs. Moses (Wiley) Graham, mother of Malcolm Graham and Mrs. Moses Graham (Eliza Gunn, of Wallacetown), mother of Mrs. Kate (Graham) Dow.

Pictures courtesy the Pollards.



Charlotte Seman, Pugwash Nova Scotia, sister of John and Henry Silcox.



Alex Pollard and Duncan Carswell, husband of Edythe Lumley.



Mr. and Mrs. Church
(Mrs. Shearing's sister)