

SHARP

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In the passing of Charles Sharp, Houghton loses one of its oldest pioneers. Death took place at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Matthews, Kinglake, May 1st in his 88th year. Mr. Sharp was born at Williamstown, N.B., and came to Ontario, which was known at that time as Upper Canada, with his parents when he was a boy of nine years, making the journey by water from St. Johns, to Port Burwell which took then several weeks. His parents settled near Hembock, when it was practically an unbroken forest. In 1863 he was married to Miss Lavina Purdy, who predeceased him about eleven years ago.

To this union there were seven children, of whom there are three living. He also is survived by fifteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren. The funeral took place on Thursday, Floyd Kyte of Clear Creek, having charge of the service. Interment in 2nd Houghton cemetery.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Sharp of Corinth, Charles Bourne, Harold and Lavina of Dundas; Mrs. F. Hillman and little son, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. H. Visaw and son, Lakeview; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cochran, Mrs. E. Beckett, Tillsonburg, Mrs. L. Smith, New Road; C. Sharp and T.(Tom) Sharp of New England; H. Sharp, Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. George French, Julia French, Eden.

The pall bearers were William Miller, William McCord, Roy Patterson, Alfred Fluelling, Frank Matthews, Chancey Matthews. He was of a most cheerful disposition, and will be sadly missed by his children and many friends.

SINDEN

Walter Zenophon Sinden was born Aug. 3, 1853 in Charlotteville and married Amelia Eichenberg born Nov. 13, 1852.

They moved to Eden where they owned and operated the Eden Flour Mills

Their children were Amy born Mar. 12, 1878 d. 1958

Roy Owen born 1880 d. 1951

Alma born 1882 d. 1884

Winnifred Elizabeth born Aug. 20, 1890
died Nov. 23, 1978

In 1906 they moved to Strongfield, Saskatchewan where they farmed 17 years and then moved to MooseJaw (until 1934). He lived with his daughters in Little Woody, Sask until his death.

Information in the Sinden family record lists a William Sinden, son Thomas 1672; sons family Jos. Samuel 1719, William 1717, Elizabeth 1714, John 1706. William 1705, Thomas 1702, Sarah 1701 and John.

This Elizabeth married a William Weeks (b.1717) no info on him at Bexhill records. She had a daughter Sarah.

In connection with the trip west we have this information:

Our family consisted of my mother and father, the Walter Sindens, Sister Amy and her husband, Sanford Cowan and their two young sons, Harold and Jim. There was the above mentioned Roy, his wife Carrie and their small son Walter and myself, still a school girl. Everyone was excited and busy. Property had to be disposed of, decisions made about what to take and what to sell. In the house the women tore up every old garment not fit to take, into long strips of carpet rags. We sewed carpet rags like mad, then took them to a lady in the village who wove them into nice rag carpets to take with us. Harold was eight weeks old. Destination was Hanley, it should have been Bladworth. Another car of settlers' effects left in July with my uncle, Squire Sinden, going to look after the stock this time. Aug. 20, 1906, we were away to Strongfield. We said goodbye to our friends and relatives in the village of Eden, in Ontario, where my parents have been born and had always lived. We met friends in Tillsonburg, where we took the train to Toronto, they were going on the same trip. We were a group of seven. Harold had gone to school in Eden in Ontario and his teacher there had written his name in his reader, then added her own. "Hope Gray", Teacher". His teacher had gone to the same university as Hope Gray. My cousin, Mack Sinden, came from the east, was a resident for many years. Uncle Lyman Sinden visited our parents.

SIVYER FAMILY

Edward Sivyver was born c. 1842 and died July 31, 1938. He married Charlotte Neff from Corinth, who had a sister Minnie and brothers Evie, Iva, Ova & Orr. Edward had a sister Letty who married a Reach and also brothers Will & Fred.

Edward's daughter Ida married a Best and had no children.

Bertha J. Sivyver b. Corinth married Ambrose Berdan of Vienna. They lived at Guysboro. She died age 76 in 1952. They had a daughter Mary Berdan who married T.B. Ronson and a son Edward Berdan.

Catharine (Kate) Sivyver married an Argent and 2nd married a Miller. One daughter was Erie Argent who married William Howard. Their children were Margery, Anna, Lorna, Dorothy, Jacqueline, William and Gerry. (2 sons) Margery married a Size and lives in Tillsonburg, Anna married a Barriault and lives in Tillsonburg, Lorna married Sean O'Keefe and lives in Tillsonburg. Dorothy married a Wimfrey and lives in Woodstock, Jacqueline married a Gemmel and lives in B. C. William lives in Woodstock and Gerry in Norwich.

Edward Milton Sivyver born married Oral (Orilla) May Wingrove born
Apr. 28, 1892.

She was the daughter of Alonzo Wingrove born 1857 c d. 1947 and of Alice J. Stewart whom he married. There was also a daughter Mary A. Wingrove who married a Taylor and a son Kelly. (Mary Taylor had at least 1 daughter, one grandson and one great granddaughter.)

Children of Edward (Ted) and Oral were Raymond, Ivan, Ross, Pansy, Richard, Teddy and Fred. Ted worked for many years on the Bayham and Malahide Telephone line.

Raymond Sivyver married Gertrude Rice and had two sons Jack and Donald
b. 1914 C 2nd Imogene born Mar. 20, 1934 & b. Sept. 11, 1938
 3rd Roberta both died Feb. 2, 1939
one stepdaughter Beverly (3rd)

Ivan Sivyver married Jenny _____ and had one son Alfred Sivyver.
2nd Hazel Nelles and had one daughter Yvonne Sivyver.
3rd Gloria Lapine - 4 children Wendy Sue, Yvette,
Gordon and Robert.

Ross Sivyver married Margaret Nelles - no children
2nd Maureen Ford - two Lisa and Johnny

Pansy Sivyver married Jack Vitias - 1 son Edward 1 dau. Terry
b. 1920 C d. Aug. 31, 1965

Richard (Dick) Sivyver married Helen White Morgan and had 4 children
Barbara, Rose, Rick and Donald Sivyver.

Teddy Stuart Sivyver married Jean Flaherty and they had one son
Teddy and 1 dau. Pamela.

Fred Alonzo Sivyver b. 1930 married Ruth Eileen Bates and they had
5 children - Janet married Dennis Fairall and had 2 Jeremy & Erin.
David Sivyver married Nancy Kurtin, Kelvin Sivyver married Kelly Lamb,
Elizabeth Sivyver and
George Sivyver.

Somers

Memory lane trip marks anniversary - Eden. Item Tillsonburg News
Mr. Percy Somers, while serving in the British Navy, was in Canada in 1919 when the Prince of Wales was visiting. In 1924, Percy returned to Canada and worked for the Dancey family just east of Aylmer, and it was there that Annie Hester came to marry him in June of 1925.

On the day of their wedding anniversary, ex-neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ball took the Somers for a drive "down Memory Lane" to the church where they were wed, to the place where they spent their honeymoon and to places they had lived before moving to Eden, and to dinner in London. Mr. and Mrs. Somers worked for the Kidd, Allemand and Seymour families before buying in about 1936, what was known as the Dean property. There they have grown vegetables, fruit and many flowers to the delight of many persons.

During World War II, Percy worked at Aylmer Airport. Then, until retirement they were caretakers of Eden Public School and they still take care of the Baptist Church.

Twice the Somers have travelled by plane back to England and recently, they went by car to British Columbia, twice, to visit Mr. Somers' brother.

In addition to many cards, greetings were received from Governor-General Leger, Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Davis, John Wise, M.P. and Ron McNeill, M.P.P.

A cake from the Women's Institute, flowers from church organizations and gifts from friends were also received.

News item

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Somers have returned home after spending four weeks in England visiting relatives.

Percy Somers' father was Levi John Somers from Whitford, Devonshire, near Axminster (where carpets are still made.)

Percy was born Dec. 24, 1900. His mother was a cook and she had 3 sisters and two brothers. One Uncle Tom was a missionary (who rescued little Percy from the river and carried him across the bridge.) The other was Uncle Fred who was a grocer and a preacher.

Percy was the fourth child. The first was John (Jack Levi who was in the army in the first war and had a leg injury). He became a landscape gardener.

Second was Lionel who was a prisoner of war in that war and escaped five times, last escape successful and he got to Norway by the armistice day. He had a head injury during the war, later went to Vernon B. C. and California.

Third was sister Hilda Mary (4 years older than Percy). Her birthday was also Dec. 24.

Fifth was Cecil Charles who was Percy's best man. (Julia Dancey was their bridesmaid.) Cecil lives in Salmon Arm. B. C.

Sixth was Thomas who is still alive (in Apr. 1981). He had two sons Martin and Louis.

Seventh was Harold who was a thatcher by trade and was a twin.

Eighth was Dorothy (Dolly) who was in the second world war. She was Harold's twin.

Ninth was Gerald the youngest in the family.



ANNIE SOMERS



PERCY
SOMERS



SCENES AT THE KIDD FARM



Somers)cont'd.)

Annie's parents were storekeeper and gardener. The home was Little Marlow They had a lychgate.

First child was Albert Hester who was in the regular army for 21 years, a policeman 21 years and then drove truck.

Second was Bill who had a leg wound in the first war. (army).

Third was Sylvia, who is still alive and is 85 in 1981.

Fourth was Sam who lost a leg in the army in the first war.

Fifth was Annie born Feb. 3, 1902.

Sixth was sister Connie. Seventh was Harry who was the youngest.

Percy left home at 13 and went to London. He found work and worked for several years (3?) to save enough for a bicycle. At 18 he joined the navy. He visited Ottawa in 1919 at the time Parliament Buildings were dedicated on the ship "Dauntless" the first oil fuelled British Navy ship. (Later sunk at Montevideo chasing the German Graf Spee in the second war.) He went to Russia three times; was based for a time at Copenhagen, Denmark; visited New York once to return bodies of Americans killed. Only stayed to disembark the bodies and went straight to Russia (1920) to show "the Flag"; visited China in 1922-3 - assigned to a submarine "Ambrose" repair unit; visited Finland while in the navy.

He left the navy in 1924. He came to Canada was at Danceys for three months. Then came to Eden to Martin Kidds in 1925 - was there three years working on a share agreement. Nathan Gray made out the first agreement with Mr. Kidd and Percy. He went to Seymours and was there three years. Then they were at Allemands for a while. He tried a week at St. Thomas and returned to Eden (about 1931) and lived on the Foster Langohr lot; then lived in part of Jake Ketchabaw house. In Nov. 1931 he bought the lot where the Dean house burned and made the barn into a house. Jake K. loaned him some to pay for building supplies which was paid back within the year. Wardle at Springford moved the house charging \$30.00 for two days. Will Roloson did the cement work on the house. Will Howey traded him lumber for work done. Harry Beaman and Arthur Adams helped with the trucking and siding. He worked for the highway, then for Cecil Ball.

Percy & Wilfred Nelson shingled and sided the parsonage. Percy laid the hardwood floor.

Percy was 27 years on the well committee. Cecil Ball, Percy, Everitt McCurdy, Claude Wilson, C.J. Ketchabaw, Jack Tanner and Colin Marr were users of the well. Percy & Wilfred Nelson put in the well and water for the cemetery. The tile ends between the Chrysler and Tanner place.

Ted Leach had the farm across from the church before Tanner. Harold Ketchabaw and Jack Tanner were there at the same time. After Harold left Burton McCurdy was on the Tanner farm.

Jack William Rice lived at Percy's site some time prior to Percy. Would this be prior to H. Dean also?

There were three blacksmiths at one time in the village - two were Neil Ketchabaw and Mel Pembleton, across from Kays, where Claude lived and where Claus built.

Percy and Walt hauled gravel for # 19 Highway when it was paved and became a highway.

Jack Tanner had the first garage in the village which had been the Methodist Church. Ray Claus repaired cars at site which is now a machine shop used to be Kennedy's Bros. store at one time. (Stanley Backus had a garage at his farm west of the village also).

Camby Travis proposed to his wife the day they moved the Eden Baptist Church to the new site beside the cemetery (west of the village), which Edwin Gray had donated for that purpose.

N.H. Gray owned the Lou Kennedy farm across from Carm Ball - French farm. The stone wall at Cecil Ball's was built by Ray Roloson's father, Will.

Clayt Wilson bought Bill Baldwin's farm from Gray.

Martha Jones had 50 acres.

The Fanning place ran right to the creek. Alf Meadows had it after she died and Percy rented the pasture there. Nick came in the spring. Percy came in the fall. McDowell's got radio in 1923.