

TALBOT SETTLEMENT PIONEER

Death of John Brown J.P., Who Came With Col. Talbot From England in '49

One of the best known residents of Danwich passed away on Saturday morning at the home of his son at Tyrconnell in the person of Mr. John Brown, J.P. He had reached the advanced age of 84 years, and until a couple of years ago enjoyed good health. He then was seized with a slight stroke of apoplexy but was able to be around until a few weeks ago when he was stricken again, resulting in his death.

Mr. Brown was born in Weybridge, County of Surrey, England, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brown. When Col. Talbot, who had previously settled at Port Talbot, returned to England on a visit he was desirous of bringing back with him a trustworthy young man to assist him in his farming operations. He went to his friend the Earl of Elsmere in search of such a young man, and the Earl recommended the deceased, who subsequently came to Canada with the Colonel in 1849. He stayed and worked with Colonel Talbot until the latter died, when he took up a farm of his own.

Deceased's wife predeceased him many years ago. Mr. Brown was appointed a justice of the peace in the early eighties, but it was very seldom his official duties were required.

On the establishment of the postoffice at Port Talbot forty years ago he was appointed postmaster, as well as mail carrier between that place and Fingal, the duties of which he faithfully performed for thirty-six years, until old age compelled him to retire. Few residents of the township were better known than he and few held in higher esteem.

Mr. Brown was connected with St. Stephen's church, Burwell Park, ever since coming to the country and was churchwarden of the congregation for many years.

The deceased is survived by two sons and five daughters: Ernest, Tyrconnell; John W., on the homestead; Mrs. Thos. Hockin, Dutton; Mrs. Wm. Malloy, Detroit; Mrs. Geo. E. Norman, Shedden; Mrs. Fred Millard, Ocean Beach, Ouba, and Mrs. E. A. McCubbin, Windsor. Thomas Brown, of St. Thomas, is the only brother and Mrs. Waldwin, of Ilderton, the only sister residing in Canada. One brother, Stephen, resides in Weybridge, England, where he is engaged in the building trade. Three sisters also live in England: Mrs. Hawkes, at Thamesditton; Mrs. Codger, at Kingston, and Mrs. Frane at Hackney, London.

John Midgely, who was mayor of St. Thomas for many years, is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

The funeral was held on Monday to Burwell Park cemetery, and was largely attended by the many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The service was conducted by his rector, Rev. Geo. Elliott, in St. Stephen's Church. At the cemetery the Masonic order took charge of the service, being conducted by Dr. Guest, P.D.G.M., mayor of St. Thomas, assisted by Worshipful Master Bro. Jordan. The bearers were members of Cameron Lodge A.F. & A.M., being R. Jordan, T. S. Woods, G. N. Giddy, J. B. Crawford, W. Scoyne and S. Lineham.



CHILDREN of JOHN BROWN and MARY JANE DENNIS BROWN ca. 1873
Back row: Nellie or Eva Ernest Emma (Emily Jane)
Front row: John Bessie (Elizabeth) Minnie (Mary)

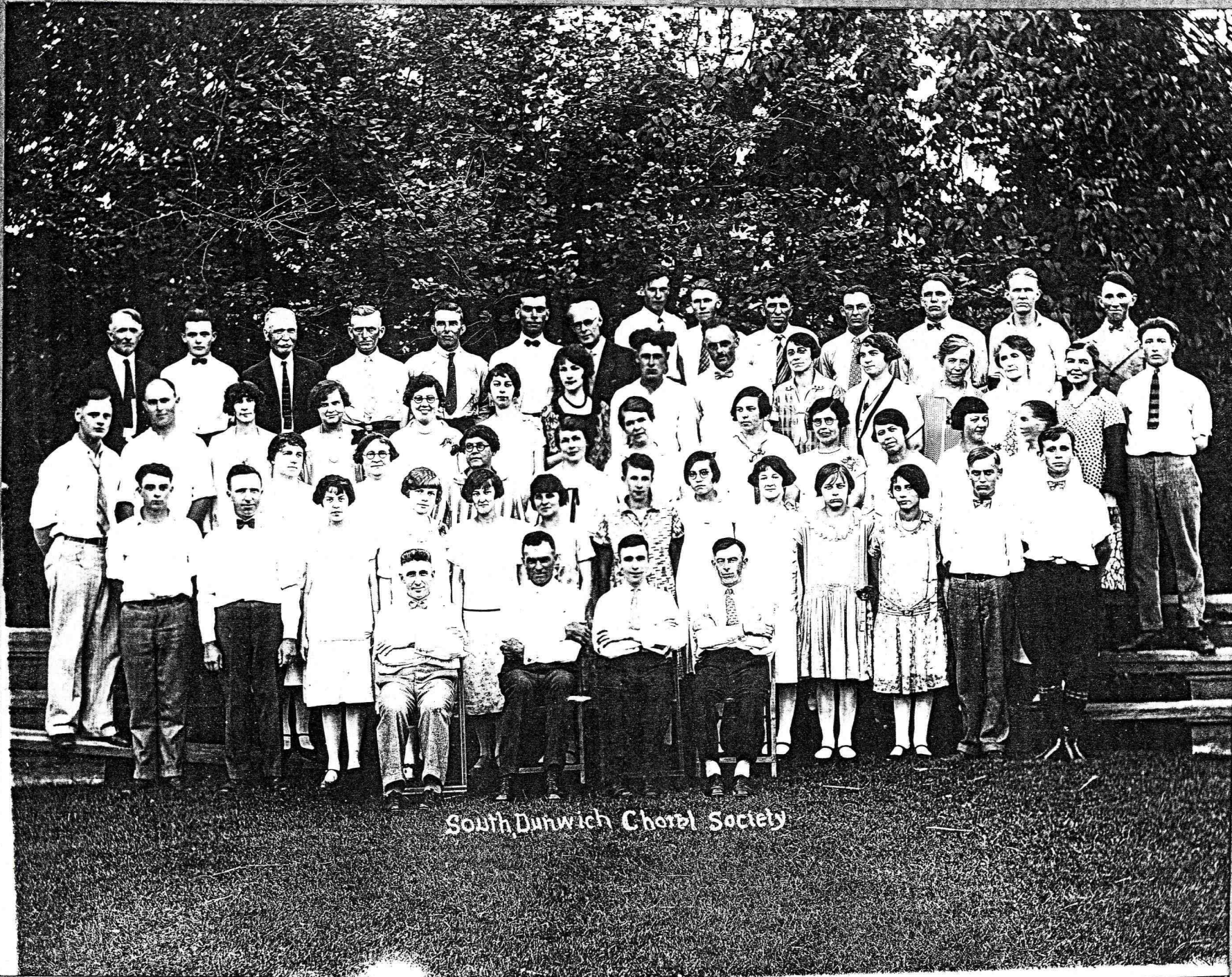
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John S. Pearce of the old Lake Road district of Dunwich, near Wallacetown, was grand champion exhibitor at the second annual Elgin County Seed Fair. Mr. Pearce had just received his honors from Dr. G. P. McRostie, head of the department of field husbandry at the O.A.C., Guelph, chief judge at the show, when the above photograph was taken, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Pearce is holding the silver salver awarded by the T. Eaton Company for the championship on coarse grain. He won it on his entry of fall wheat. Left to right, Mr. Pearce, the grand champion; Dr. McRostie.



The second John Pearce to win high honors at the second annual Elgin Seed Fair is John E. Pearce of the Wallacetown district. He is shown in the centre of the above photograph holding the Robert Simpson Company silver tray awarded for the small seeds championship, which Mr. Pearce won on his exhibit of timothy seed. From left to right are: J. M. Appleton, general manager of the Greenmelk Company of Wallaceburg, chief speaker Tuesday afternoon; Mr. Pearce; and James A. Garner, director of extension of the Department of Agriculture for Ontario. John S. Pearce and John



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