

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wallacetown Methodist Church Filled to Overflowing in Honor of Pte. Keillor

1915
On Sunday afternoon a memorial service was held in the Methodist church, Wallacetown, in honor of Pte. Sidney J. Keillor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvro Keillor, who enlisted in London on Oct. 18, 1915, was wounded on the 2nd of April this year, and died on the 18th of the same month in No. 4 General Hospital, France, and was buried in the military cemetery at Etoges.

All the members of the family, except Dr. Fred. Keillor, who is in the West, were present at the service, and the church was taxed to its utmost capacity, a large number having to stand and many being unable to gain admission. The church was very tastefully decorated with white narcissi, lilies of the valley, the Union Jack and Canadian flags. There was also placed upon the table in front of the pulpit a splendid photograph of the gallant soldier with the insignia of the British arms as a



background, as well as a small photo of the cemetery where the young hero is buried.

The choir sang a very appropriate patriotic song, and after the sermon Mrs. (Rev.) H. F. Kennedy sang "Let Us Have Peace," the words of which are as follows:

Lord God of Love, let us have peace,
From war's vain sacrifice give us release,
Grant peace the victor's war cannot know,
God of the ages, Thy mercy show.

Hast Thou not seen Thy fields and meadows green,
Red with the blood of men, where war hath been?
Dost Thou not know war's fearful, endless roll,
The countless graves of those who paid the toll?

Teach us to learn to build, O gentle Lord,
Not to destroy; but bend each wielded sword

Into a ploughshare, Thy fields to increase,
Lord of the lives to be, let us have peace!

God of the fatherless, we pray to Thee,
Father of all of us, hear Thou our plea,
"Peace and good-will," Thine own word increase.

Lord God of Love, let us have peace.
The hymn sung by the congregation were: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." Rev. Mr. McIlroy read the scripture lesson and offered up prayer.

The pastor of the church, Rev. H. F. Kennedy, preached a patriotic sermon, taking for his text Duet. 31:6. "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

He dealt with the text from the standpoint of a message of comfort, a message of comradeship and a message of promised conquest. In closing he asked the question, How is the conquest for the Allies in this world-conflict to be accomplished? His answer was as follows:

"In the first place let us be cheerful, let us be strong and courageous. Let us pin our faith upon the presence and power of God in our midst. That is essential. In the second place, everybody should be enlisted for service from the youngest boy or girl capable of doing work to the oldest man or woman capable of doing the same in order that all may feel that they are working together as one unit.

"Whether we serve in France or at home we should all be at it. This is no time for idling, or striking, or criticizing. I know our government is very imperfect and subject to many mistakes. We never had a government yet that wasn't. But I believe that our government, under the greatest pressure that was ever brought to bear upon any legislative body, is doing the best it can.

"I know it is hard to see all our young men leave us and go to the front. I know it is hard to see our farms robbed of the vigorous life that is so much needed. My sympathy goes out for them today. And yet, friends, if by suffering just a little more, if by self-denying just a little more, we can the more speedily bring this terrible business to a close, we are in duty bound to do so, and Sidney J. Keillor and Ellis Sifton and many others who lie yonder in Flanders' field demand it from us."

The whole service was very impressive and appropriate to the occasion.

After singing the National Anthem and the additional verse, "God Save Our Splendid Men," Sergeant-Nanfan, of London, sounded the last post on his bugle, all the congregation standing, after which Rev. Mr. McIlroy pronounced the benediction.

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West Elgin Community, Which Has Never Attained Status of Village, Has Given Many Brilliant Men and Women to Other Professions

(By MEDICUS)

If a village in Elgin County were to boast that at least two of its native-born sons had studied Medicine, it could be proud of itself, because it is above the average of the whole country. It is surprising, then, to learn that Wallacetown, which never attained the status of a village, can claim that 19 of its sons have graduated in Medicine. Another source of pride is its nurses, lawyers, dentists, teachers and preachers (Baptist and Presbyterian), engineers, authors, professors in Canadian universities, politicians (a mayor of Toronto), contractors, successful business men and prosperous farmers. With such a galaxy of brains, it is not surprising that Wallacetown has been dubbed the intellectual centre of West Elgin. (It is the home of the originator of The Onlooker column of The Times-Journal.)

But back to the doctors, Alvro Keillor's family heads the list with three sons and a grandson: Dr. Ben F. Keillor, a retired Pension Medical Examiner of Ottawa, living in Vancouver; Dr. Fred A. Keillor, a successful surgeon and business man of Edmonton (ex-alderman and mayor); Dr. Clifford M. Keillor, Canadian Pensions Commissioner of Ottawa, who hopes to retire soon to his home in Kingsville; and a grandson, Dr. Sydney Lucas, son of John and Ermie (Keillor) Lucas, an interne of Victoria Hospital, London, Ont.

Two sons of Donald Cameron were doctors, Dr. Donald A. Cameron (deceased), of Dutton and London, Ont., and Dr. Duncan Cameron (deceased), of Windsor and Saskatoon. Dr. Thomas H. McColl (deceased), son of Samuel and Sarah McColl, practised in Tilbury. Dr. Neil Gunn (deceased), son of Mrs. Katie B. Gunn, in Ottawa; Dr. William Crehen (deceased), son of William Crehen, in Erin and Stratford; Dr. George Ruthven (deceased), son of Dr. D. G. Ruthven and brother of Mrs. Roger Black, of St. Thomas, in Rochester, N.Y.; Dr. William Backus (deceased), son of W. H. Backus, in California; Dr. Neil Gow (deceased), a brother of John R. Gow and an uncle of Miss Minnie Gow, of Dutton, in Calgary; and Dr. Amos T. Ripley (deceased), in West Lorne.

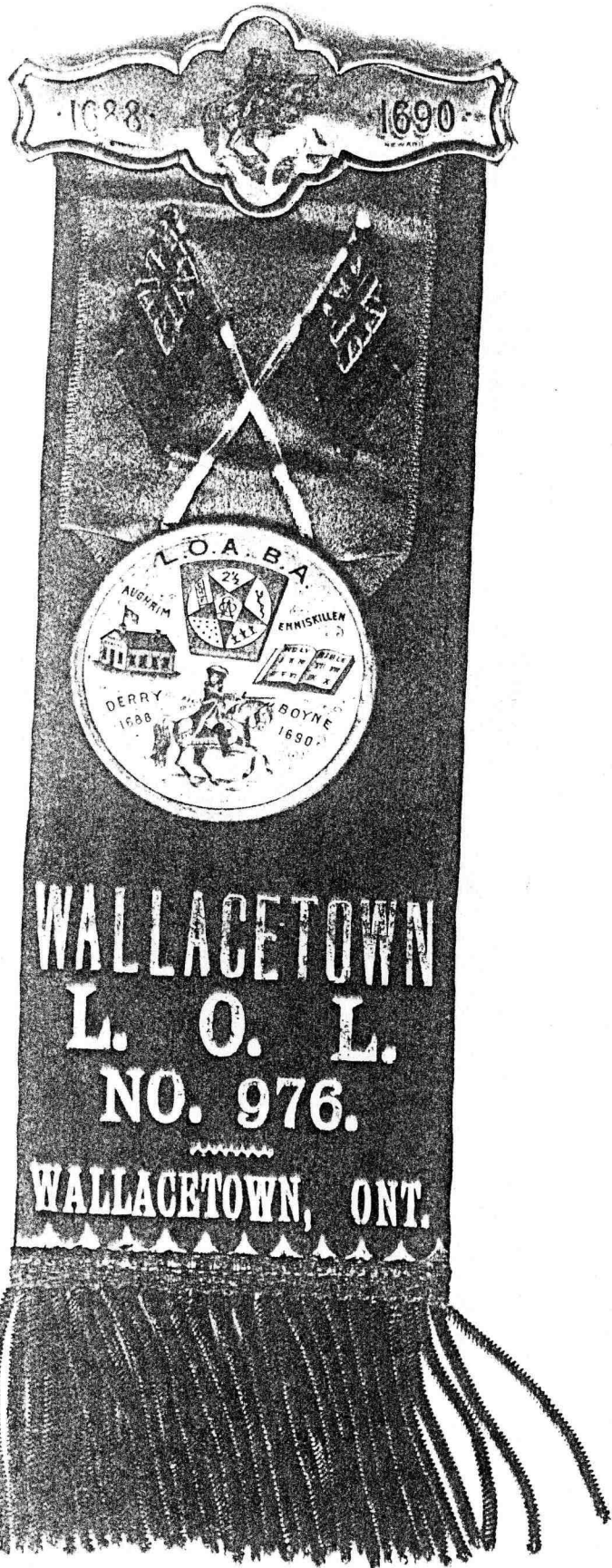
Was Senator in U. S.

Dr. George W. Clay, son of Johnie Clay, was a Senator for Montana for some time previous to his death at Malta, Mon., in September, 1920, and Dr. Mac Graham son of John C. Graham, was Superintendent of the Essex County Sanatorium at the time of his death. Dr. Lorne Graham, son of Moses Graham, was a casualty of World War I. Dr. William Gibson, a nephew of John Dromgole and a cousin of Miss Nellie McGuire, was associate professor of Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston, at the time of his death.

Dr. Robert Kelso, son of Rev. Donald Kelso, is practising in a suburb of Montreal and Dr. Dan G. Revell, Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, is living retired in Vancouver.

No one has been able to advance a satisfactory explanation for the record number of doctors from this small community. In the good old Victorian days, the population was predominantly S.P.G. (Scotch, Presbyterian, Grit). Since then the constituency has turned Conservative and the number of doctors has dropped to nearly zero. This, perhaps, is only a coincidence.

P.S.—I am a Grit, myself.



James Lackey - Orange Badge

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Mae Graham was choir member for 75 years at Wallacetown

Funeral service was held for the late Mae (Cameron) Graham on Thursday, December 4th at the Arn Funeral Home, Dutton.

Pallbearers were Fred Cameron, Jack Graham, Neil Graham, Stan Lunn, Russell Lunn and Albert Ford. Bruce Lunn and Keith Lunn were the flowerbearers. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Dutton.

Mae Graham was born January 8th, 1907, daughter of James R. and Lillie Cameron, of R.R. 3, Iona Station. She was the 4th child of a family of 9, having 5 sisters and 3 brothers of which sister, Phylliss Cameron is still living in St. Pauls, Minnesota.

Mae married Mac Graham on April 25th, 1931, and they farmed on Hog Street, Dunwich Township, until their retirement in 1972 when they moved into a home in Dutton on Currie Road where Mae has lived by herself since Mac's death August 12th, 1981. They had no family. Mae has one

sister-in-law, Merle Cameron of Dutton, and 21 nieces and 16 nephews of which a number live in the surrounding area.

Mae was a daily walker and took great pride in her home and lawn. She quilted twice a week until May of this year. She was always volunteering to do kitchen duties and making tea at the Adult Club functions. She also volunteered at the Bobier Home with her sister Lillian at weekly activities for the residents for a number of years.

A member of Wallacetown Women's Institute for 54 years, Mae's home church was St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wallacetown, where she was a Sunday School teacher for 50 years and a choir member for 75 years, and was very active in the ladies groups at the church.

Mae was always a very private person. She had a remarkable life, and everyone who knew her were touched by her kindness and love.

Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they
comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory of *Mae Graham*

Beloved Wife of the late
Malcolm Graham

Born
Tuesday, January 8, 1907
Dunwich Township Ontario

Died
Sunday, November 30, 1997
Dutton Ontario

Funeral Service
Arn Funeral Homes, Dutton
Thursday, December 4, 1997
1:30 pm

Officiating
Rev. Tom Godfrey
Alex McColl

Interment
Fairview Cemetery
Dutton



ANDREW BACKUS
1812 - 1885

ELDEST SON OF
STEPHEN AND ANNE STOREY BACKUS

MARRIED 1839

MARY JANE HAMILTON
1816 - 1899



This property was originally owned by Mary Patterson Storey who came to Canada from the U.S.A. in 1809 as a widow with 3 children; Walter, Sarah and Anne. She settled on this land - 10 acres - for which she paid Col. Tallot 2 barley cobs.

Stephen Backus married her daughter Anne. They had eleven children.

Andrew, born in 1812 was the eldest. He married Mary Jane Hamilton and they had ten children.

Andrew built this house. The brick for this house was tramped out by ovens from clay in the ravines at the rear of the house. The house was completed about 1851. John E. Pearce's mother, Sarah Ann Backus was one year old when they moved into the house. She was born June 13, 1850.

ELIZA ELIZABETH MOORHOUSE
1814 - 1904

JOHN KEARCE (2nd)
1818 - 1905



*Built the Pearce homestead at
where John S. Pearce lived -*

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TOGETHER AFTER 25 YEARS — The gathering which marked the 150th anniversary of the Patterson, Pearce, Storey and Backus families at Pearce Park, Tyrconnell, on July 14th, was the means of bringing together 6 members of 1 family for the first reunion in 25 years. Members of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Pearce,

Tyrconnell, they are, left to right: Finest Pearce, Byron; Walter Pearce, Sheffield Mills, N.S.; Miss Gertrude Pearce, Dutton; John E. Pearce, Wallace town, who donated the land for the park site to the province, and H. Leslie Pearce, Lacombe, Alta., with Mrs. Bertha Turville in the foreground. Alta., with Mrs. Bertha Turville of Hyde Park in the foreground.