

# Births and Deaths

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Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams, Marriage Notices, Engagements, Announcements.

## MARRIED

**PAUL-MacLEOD** - Janice Melanie Paul of Greenfield Park, Quebec, and Brian William MacLeod of Truro, Nova Scotia were married on May 23, 1992. Melanie is the daughter of Mervin and Thelma Paul of Huntingdon, Quebec. Brian is the eldest son of Rev. Clair and Enid MacLeod of Truro, N.S. Formerly of Huntingdon.

## BORN

**SOMERVILLE** - Drew and Sharon happily announce the arrival of Brodie Alister, a new brother for Brock and Blair, born on May 21st, 1992, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. Third grandson for Pat & Gerry Cameron of Hanna, Alberta and Erna & Andrew Somerville Hemmingford.

## DIED

**GUERIN, Vélora** - In Huntingdon, on May 18, 1992, at the age of 71, Mrs. Vélora Guérin (née Miljour), wife of the late Joseph Guérin, residing in Huntingdon but formerly of Ormstown. She leaves to mourn: her friend Ernest Hurteau and his children, Réal (Diane Malo), Rhéa (Roger St-Onge), and her granddaughters, as well as her brother and sisters: Fibia, Béatrice, Donald, Angéline and Marcel. The funeral took place on Friday, May 22 from Salon Rodrigue Montpetit et Fils, 170, Chateauguay Street, Huntingdon, to St. Malachie Church in Ormstown. Interment in Ormstown Cemetery.

## BORN

**BÉRUBÉ & van BLANKERS** - Jean and Nancy are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Melanie Ann, born on May 13th, 1992. A sister for David. Proud grandparents are John & Eileen van Blankers and Victoire Bérubé and great grandmothers are Hendrikje van Blankers and Antoinette Patenaude.

## DIED

**BENNETT (Patch)** Myrtle - Suddenly in her 62nd year, Abbotsford, B.C. on May 12, 1992, Myrtle Bennett Patch, daughter of the late William and Annie Bennett, Hemmingford, Que. Beloved mother of Donna (Simon Tetreault) Dunham, Que. and Gregory Patch Abbotsford, B.C., grandmother of Melina and Eric Tetreault. Dear sister of Hazel (late Arthur English), Edith (late Percy Johnson), Lillian (Rossell Jersey), Ethel (Gordon Anderson), Doris (late Ralph Johnson), Mildred (Patrick Norman). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Cremation, memorial service to be held at United Church, Hemmingford, Que. on June 7th, 1992 2 p.m.

**DUQUETTE-GREIG** - Mark and Brenda are very pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Abram Keith, May 2, 1992 at 3:35 a.m., 8 lbs. 14 oz. at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Baby brother for Zachary. Happy grandparents are Roger Duquette and Micheline Harlow and Keith and Bertha Greig.

**SLATER-KUZAK** - Susan and Stephen happily announce the birth of their first child, Matthew Bernard, born at the Grace Maternity Hospital, Halifax, N.S. Thursday, May 7, 1992 at 6:45 a.m., weighing 10 pounds 5 ounces. Matthew and his parents are well, his grandparents are Ghislaine and John Slater, Hemmingford, Qc, Stella and Stephen Kuzak, Lasalle, Qc are proud and delighted.

**PARSONS, Frank** Stanley - At Ormstown, Que. on May 19th, 1992 age 67 years. Beloved husband of Violet Wallace. Dear father of Gwendolyn, Wally (Gayle), Frank (Margot). Grandfather of Ricky, Sheila, Tamy, Scott, Darrell, Melissa and Craig. Funeral service was from the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Friday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

**QUENNEVILLE, Margaret** - At Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on May 21st, 1992 age 84 years. Dear sister of Henry, John, Michael, late Mrs. Mary Thurston, and late James. Funeral service was from Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon to St. Anicet Church on Saturday, May 23rd at 3 p.m. Interment St-Anicet Cemetery.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Dr. Kuruvilla, the Medical Staff and the nurses on the second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there. Also many thanks to the C.L.S.C. and to my friends and relatives for time, cards and visits.

(John) Allister Neely

Many thanks to friends, neighbours, relatives for food, visits and all expressions of sympathy to us in the loss of our father and grandfather George Williams of Fairview Road in Huntingdon.

The Williams & McNaughton families

To all the wonderful people of Franklin and Huntingdon who went out of their way to make Heidi & Derek's wedding day so very special. We were deeply touched by all the personal touches that were so spontaneously volunteered. We will never forget your thoughtfulness!

June & Ron Oliver

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbours and relatives who came to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary. For the many cards, gifts and flowers. A special thanks to our relatives for making the party such a memorable occasion. It will be something we will cherish the rest of our lives! Thanks one and all.

Maggie and Bill Arthur

## James Brown Elliot -- the passing of a fine gentleman

by Jean Furcall  
Howick Correspondent

Twinkling blue eyes and a ready smile were characteristics everyone noticed about James B. Elliot. He enjoyed life and found pleasure in the company of people of all ages. His keen sense of humour added sparkle to any conversation.

Having been born in the last century, his life span saw many changes in the community and the world. He was always keenly interested in everything that was going on and his memory was phenomenal. He could vividly recall his school days in Howick, the various Turcot bridges, and correct misinformation in the local Historical Journals.

His earliest boyhood memory was going to Montreal with his parents and seeing soldiers returning from the Boer War. Some were amputees being carried. This scene made a lasting impression on him.

Farming was Jimmy's lifelong interest having been born and raised on his parents' farm in Howick. He took over the family farm after their death, continuing there until the age of 95 when he decided it was time to sell. During the early days on the farm, horses did the work. Jimmy thought he was really living when they got a tractor.

During World War I Jimmy enlisted as a soldier, joining the 23rd Reserve Army. Overseas one of his cherished memories was an invitation from Princess Alice to have tea at Windsor Castle.

Church was another important part of his life. He was a life-long member of Georgetown Presbyterian Church which he attended faithfully.

His interest in everything about him led Jimmy B. to be a collector. Attending auction sales was an enjoyable pastime. The auction of his household belongings in 1990 saw many unusual items put up for sale — his license plate collection, World War I uniform and gas mask, to mention a few.

The life and people of the community were another important aspect of Jimmy's life, attending many activities in the Howick area and taking part in numerous events. He was a patron of the CVR Educational Foundation.



James B. Elliot

Jimmy B. was always interested in families, kept track of relatives and could easily explain the intricacies of almost any family tree in the community. He was especially proud of the clan Elliot with its many branches (including variant name spellings), and his Scottish ancestry.

James Brown Elliot was born April 10, 1895, at Howick. His parents were James Turnbull Elliot of Ste. Martine and Janet Davies of Riverfield who were married at Riverfield in 1890. James T. Elliot was one of a family of five, but the only one to marry. His two brothers and two sisters had died in infancy or youth within a short span of time. The mother (the grandmother of James B.) also died at the same time.

James B. Elliot had two brothers, Peter John and Albert Davies who predeceased him.

His marriage to Mary Lyle Holmes took place in Howick on Oct. 29, 1932 but she predeceased him in 1970. James B. Elliot died May 3, 1992. Funeral services held two days later in Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Howick were conducted by Rev. Robert Graham with Rev. Larry Cowper delivering the eulogy. Pap bearers were Doug Anderson, Greig Elliot, Merrill Elliott and Doug Lang. Interment was in Georgetown Cemetery.

And thus a fine gentleman of our community has been laid to rest. All of us who knew him may count ourselves fortunate.

## The Poem

### The Way They Used To Be

Things are not the way they used to be,  
They have changed a lot... it's plain to see.  
The things we buy have become pricey,  
Even the country's future's dicey.  
The Glenaer once sold for seven cents,  
And forty dollars we asked for rents.  
Eighteen cents bought a gallon of oil...  
The price of a litre now makes us boil.  
Today a car will cost you an arm  
That used to be the price of a farm.  
It's a wonder that we all survive,  
And somehow manage... to stay alive.  
Most young folks never ate nine cent bread,  
Or forty cent butter, used for a spread.  
Most cookies were fifteen cents a pound,  
And five cent ice cream cones could be found.  
Things are not the way they used to be,  
Things have changed a lot... like you and me.  
As we get older we can think back  
To when cigarettes were ten cents a pack.  
A Hot Dog and Coke for twenty five cents,  
And cars were made with side window vents.  
When our Radios played day and night,  
And there wasn't a darn TV in sight.  
In fifty years it has changed a lot,  
But we have to live with what we've got.  
I guess life was made to be that way,  
We always look back for a better day.

Jon Proudfoot