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**MRS. THOMAS E. SOLMES \***

Mrs. Laura Anne Solmes, Marmora, died on Friday, November 23rd. at her residence after a lengthy illness. She was in her 28th year. Wife of Thomas E. Solmes. Mrs. Solmes is also survived by one daughter, Laura Cheynne; two sons, Thomas Donald and Terrance Norman; her mother, Mrs. Bertha Jane Davidson; five sisters, Mrs. G. (Dola) Marriott, Chippewa, Ont.; Mrs. W. (Margaret) Tompkins, Trenton; Mrs. C. (Verna) Neal, Marmora; Mrs. J. (Grace) McMurray, Marmora, and Mrs. C. (Myrtle) McCaw, Marmora, and two brothers. Clayton Davidson, Coe Hill, and Samuel Davidson, Marmora. She was predeceased by her father, John Davidson.

Born in Tudor township, Mrs. Solmes was educated in Millbridge and Marmora. She had been a past resident of Marmora for the past 17 years.

Mrs. Solmes was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, November 26th, from the residence of her sister, Mrs C. Neal, to St. Paul's Anglican Church, where service was conducted by Rev. R. Fleming. The profusion of beautiful floral tributes and friends in attendance, testified as to the high esteem the deceased was held in the community. Interment took place in Marmora cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roy Solmes, Jack Solmes, Earl Lucas, Glen Derry, John Norman, Ernie Davidson.

*North Hastings Review, Madoc Nov. 29, 1956*

**CHARLES LORNE SOPHA \***

***Pioneer Settler Dies At 91***

Charles Lorne Sopha of Marmora who died on Wednesday, July 24th, 1968 in Civic Hospital Twenty-one years ago Mr. Sopha retired and moved to Marmora. In 1910 he married Sephana (Sephrona?) Hurl, a school teacher at Vansickle School. He was a faithful member of the United Church. The late Mr. Sopha was the last one of the original pioneer settlers of the Settlement. Left to mourn his loss are his (ended)

*Marmora Herald August 22, 1968*

**JAMES STEPHEN SOPHA \***

One of the pioneers of Methuen township, Peterboro county, passed away in the Village of Hastings on Monday morning, January 23rd. in the person of James Stephen Sopha. He was born in Northumberland county nearly eighty-six years ago, but for over sixty years had lived on the farm which he cleared in what is known as the Vansickle settlement a few miles north of Cordova Mines. During the winters he engaged in lumbering and cadging and was also interested in a number of mining ventures. As a result he became acquainted with all classes of people and his integrity and kindness won him many warm friends and the respect of all who knew him. He had been in fairly good health until New Years Day, when he fell and broke his hip, and the shock was too great at his advanced age for him to overcome and he passed away on Monday morning.

The late Stephen Sopha was married over sixty years ago to Catherine Armstrong of Coderington, Percy Township, who predeceased him 10 years ago, the 9<sup>th</sup> of last May. They had a family of thirteen children of whom eleven are living as follows:

James of Cordova, Mrs. Robert Cole of Timmins, Philip of Marmora, Wellington of Port Arthur, Williard and Bert of Cobalt, Mrs. Robert Simpson of Hastings, Charles, on the old homestead, Frank of Methuen, George of Hastings and Harry of Timmins.

The funeral took place yesterday, the remains being brought to Marmora where service was conducted in the Methodist church by Rev. W. P. Woodger, after which interment took place in Marmora cemetery.

*Marmora Herald Jan. 26, 1922 Page 1*

### **NORMAN "TUT" SOPHA \***

Norman Douglas (Tut) Sopha passed away suddenly at his residence in Marmora on December 11, 1979. Mr. Sopha was born in Marmora January 28th, 1918. He was the son of the late Philip Sopha and Cynthia Tompkins, and beloved husband of Louise La Force. Mr. Sopha attended the United Church, served in the Second World War overseas, worked for the McFarland Construction Co. until 1952 when he was employed by the Marmoraton Mining Co. until its closing in 1978. He was a member of Legion Branch 237.

The body rested at the McConnell Funeral Home from Wed., Dec. 12th, until Sat. Dec. 15th. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Westhaven and Father Carty at the funeral home. Burial was in the Legion Plot, Marmora.

Mr. Sopha was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, Carman and Marshall and by one sister, Stella. He leaves his wife, Louise, and three sons John and Dale of Belleville, Doug of Kingston and a daughter Jodie at home, one sister Mrs. Ted Stevenson (Florence) of Peterborough, daughter-in-law Donna and two dear grandchildren, Carrie and Cheryl, one niece Patricia May of Toronto, and one nephew Skip Sopha of Marmora.

Pallbearers were Bob Gray, Havelock, Harold Doyle, Stan Kerr, Gord Marskell, Cecil Bell and Bud Deering, all Legion members.

Out-of-town relatives were from Toronto, Roblin, Celmonte. Belleville, Kingston, Peterborough and Glen Miller.

*Marmora Herald Dec. 24, 1979 Page 10*

### **PHILIP M. SOPHA \***

Sometime early Saturday morning Philip Marshall Sopha passed quietly away at his home in the village, but his passing was not discovered until his elder son, Marshall, went to his room about 6 a.m. The deceased had not been in good health for a few years and recently had been growing worse, but he was around every day as usual and as he seldom complained of his health. His sudden demise came as a shock to the public generally.

The late Philip Sopha had been in business in Marmora for over thirty years. Before autos and trucks came into general use he carried on a livery and teaming business and in recent years had operated a taxi and trucking business. For that reason he was one of the best known men in this district.

He had built up an enviable reputation for punctuality and reliability. A feature of Mr. Sopha's business was service to local residents. Before cars became general, and even since, he was frequently called for short trips of all kinds—to the lake, from Deloro to Marmora or Marmora to Deloro, to the berry patch in the berry season and many other such occasions. Whatever time was fixed to go or come he was on hand at the time arranged.

The deceased served as a member of the Village Council for a year or two and had been a member of the Public School Board for quite a number of years. As a member of the Board he was careful and economical and believed in handling the public money as he would his own. He was also a member of Marmora Council C.O.C.F. for a good many years.

He was one of a family of thirteen children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sopha of Methuen township and was in his sixty-eighth year.

Of the family, seven brothers and two sisters survive. They are James, Cordova; Harry, Timmins; Bert and Willard. Cobalt; Charles, Methuen; Frank, Rockdale; Wellington, Port Arthur; Mrs. Robert Cole, Timmins; and Mrs. Robt. Simpson, Hastings.

The late Mr. Sopha is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. C. Clarke (Florence) Stirling, and two sons Marshall and Norman, at home.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, proceeding from his late residence to St. Andrew's United Church, where service was conducted by the pastor Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth.

In spite of the extreme heat, the church was filled to capacity, an evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Sopha was held. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. C. Prentice, Frank Sweet, T. R. Warren, W. R. Linn, E. J. Dunlay and Dan Shannon.

*Marmora Herald July 25, 1935 Page 1*

#### **A CORRECTION \***

In the obituary of the late Philip M. Sopha, which appeared in The Herald last week, it was stated that the deceased was discovered by his son, Marshall Sopha. As that statement is not in accordance with the evidence given the Coroner, Dr. Eagleson, of Madoc, the Herald has been requested to correct it. It was Mrs. Sopha who found that her husband had passed away.

Apparently the end came about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Sopha heard the deceased make an unusual noise at that time, and went to his room, but thought he was sleeping and did not disturb him. The lights went out shortly after and she did not return to the room until daylight, when she found Mr. Sopha had passed away some time previous.

*Marmora Herald August 1, 1935 Page 4*

#### **DEATH OF MRS. SOPHA \***

The death occurred at Cordova Mines on Tuesday, May 9th, of Mrs. Stephen Sopha, a very highly respected resident of that place. Deceased, who was in her 68th year, has lived nearly all her life in that neighborhood, and leaves many warm friends. She was noted both for her kindness and industry, and in the days when a huge number of gangs were river driving they always considered themselves highly fortunate if they could stay over a night at Sopha's. Death was due to cancer. The funeral took place to-day and was very largely attended. Service was conducted in the Methodist Church, Marmora, by Rev. Mr. Carruthers, of Cordova circuit, and interment took place in Marmora cemetery. Mr. Philip Sopha, of town, is a son of the deceased.

*Marmora Herald May 11, 1911 Page 5*

## **MARSHAL TOMPKINS SOPHA \***

Of RR 2, Marmora early Sunday came as a shock to Marmora people who have known the Sopha family for many years. Mr. Sopha died at Belleville General Hospital. He was in his 62nd year.

The funeral will be held at Howden Funeral Home. Marmora on Wednesday, March 31, 1976, at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. John Peters officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Bearers will be six men from the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment.

Son of the late Philip Sopha and the late former Cynthia Tompkins, he was born and educated in Marmora. Mr. Sopha was employed with the Marmoraton Mining Company for the past 19 years. He served overseas with Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment from 1939 to 1945.

Surviving are his wife, the former Norma Langridge; a daughter, Patricia, Mrs. John May of Toronto, and a son Philip of Kitimat, B.C.; also two step-sons, Roy Chapman of Detroit. Mich, and Robert Chapman of Napoleon, Ohio. There are 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Edward (Florence) Stevens of Peterborough and one brother Norman of Marmora.

A memorial service for Mr. Sopha was conducted by Branch 237, of the Royal Canadian Legion, on Tuesday evening, March 30 at 7:30p.m. at the funeral home.

*Marmora Herald April 7, 1976 Page 14A*

## **SHARON SPANNBAUER**

Sharon Esther Spannbauer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spannbauer (nee Lydia Koenig), of Marmora passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital Peterborough on Monday, Dec. 4th, in her 5th month. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Rita, aged 6 and a brother Roy, aged 3, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Spannbauer, in Austria.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the Howden Funeral Home with Rev. H. W. Gastmeir of Peterborough officiating. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

*Marmora Herald Dec. 7, 1961 Page 1*

## **MRS. SARAH SPENCE DIED IN HOSPITAL OF CANCER**

Mrs. Sarah Spence died on Saturday afternoon at the hospital in Belleville from a cancer of the stomach. Deceased, who was 32 years of age was a resident of Marmora Township. Some four weeks ago she was taken to Belleville, but nothing could be done to save her life. Mrs. Spence was a member of the Methodist Church. The remains, after being taken to the undertaking establishment of Sills and Consaul and prepared for burial, were on Monday morning sent to Marmora.

*Marmora Herald April 26, 1906 Page 1*

**MRS. ALICE SPENCER \* \***

Mrs. Alice Spencer of town passed away on Friday last, at the residence of Mrs. D. Wickens, Belleville, where she was spending the winter months. She was 90 years of age. The deceased was a daughter of the late William and Helen Clemenger and was born in Marmora Township, and has been a life-long resident of the community She was twice married.

With her first husband, Wm. Kennedy she took up farming near Cordova. After the death of Mr. Kennedy, she later married Mark Spencer and came to Havelock to reside. Mr. Spencer predeceased her some 20 years ago. She is survived by two sons, James and Robert Kennedy of Cordova.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with services in the Havelock United Church conducted by Rev. Mr. Vanderburgh. Interment was made in the- Marmora cemetery.  
— Havelock Standard

*Marmora Herald April 6, 1950 Page 1*

**ISABELLA SPROUL \* \***

Isabella Armstrong Sproul passed away suddenly at her home at 35 Henry St., Belleville, on May 8, 1988, in her 84<sup>th</sup> year. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she sailed to Canada in August 1929, to join her husband, James.

Mrs. Sproul is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Maloney) of Marmora; grandchildren, John Maloney, Marmora, Mrs. Janet Flindall. Belleville, Miss Margaret Maloney, Woodstock; and great grand children,- Christa, Jason, Timmy of Marmora, Carla and Trevor Flindall, Belleville, and one sister, Nettie Blackie of Australia.

Mrs. Sproul was a member of St.. Andrew's United Church for 59 years and a life member of the UCW:

Rev. James Armstrong officiated at the funeral held May 11, 1988, at 3 p.m., in St. Andrew's Church, with interment in Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Pallbearers were Doug Flynn, Floyd Loveless, John Wilkes, George Osborne, Fred Spannbauer and John Davidson.

*Marmora Herald July 27, 1988 Page 8*

**JAMES SPROUL \* \***

of 33 North Hastings Street, Marmora died Thursday, December 9. 1976 in his 75th year at Belleville General Hospital.

Mr. Sproul was born and educated in Glasgow, Scotland. Retired from Deloro Stellite, he was a past Superintendent of the Sunday School, a member of the Board of Stewards, St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, and a member of the Senior Choir.

He was predeceased by his parents, John Sproul and the former Mary Beagrie. He leaves his wife, the former Isabella Thompson; one daughter, Mrs. Mickey Maloney (Marilyn) of RR1, Marmora; 3 grandchildren. John, Janet, and Margaret; and one great-granddaughter. Mr. Sproul rested at Howden's Funeral Home, Marmora. The funeral was held at St. Andrew's United Church at 2 pm. Dec. 12, Reverend Donald Rutherford officiated. Entombment was at the Marmora Protestant Cemetery vault. The pall-bearers were George Osborne, Robert Sanderson, Douglas Flynn, Harold Auger, Harper McClintock, and Harold Rush.

*Marmora Herald Dec. 15, 1976 Page 6*

## **JAMES SPRY \***

James Spry was born in Cornwall, England 77 years ago and emigrated to Canada when a boy of 15. He died at his own residence in Rawdon (known as Spry's neighbourhood) on Monday morning last at the hour of 9 o'clock.

In young manhood he was married to Ellen Neal who died some 15 years ago. He is survived by two sons, Isaac and William; two daughters, Miss Eliza at home and Elizabeth, the wife of Frank Spry of Rochester, N.Y. and two brothers, Richard and Samuel. The funeral took place in Marmora on Tuesday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Mr. Moore conducted the obsequies and preached an appropriate sermon from the text "There is but a step between me and death." He was a Conservative in politics.

*Marmora Herald Nov, 4, 1909 Page 1*

## **MRS. MARGARET SPRY \***

*(Cordova Mines, Ont.)*

After an illness of several years, Mrs. Margaret Spry, Cordova Mines, Ont., passed away at Toronto Hospital, Weston, Ont. on Sunday evening Nov. 15 in her fifty-second year.

Born in Marmora Township she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bailey. The late Mrs. Spry was affiliated with the United Church.

Besides her husband, Mr. Richard Spry, now residing at Spry's Settlement, near Bonarlaw she is survived by three sons, three daughters, three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Mary E. Tompkins, of 28 Bridge Street East, Belleville is a sister.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon service being conducted, in St. Andrew's United Church and interment was made in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

*Marmora Herald Nov, 19, 1942 Page 5*

## **SANFORD DAVID SPRY \***

at the Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Monday, August 29, 2005. Sanford of Marmora in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Pauline (Killingbeck) and the late Jean Campbell. Loving father to Sheila and her husband Carlie Petherick. Proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren & 11 great, grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora from Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral in the Marmora Chapel on Thursday, September 1 at 2:00p.m. Interment Marmora Protestant Cemetery.- Donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church or a charity of choice would be appreciated.

## **MRS. AGNES SOUTHWORTH \***

Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Mrs. Agnes Southworth were interred in Marmora cemetery beside those of her husband, who passed away in 1903. Service was conducted in the United Church by Rev. P. K. Howard, who also officiated at the graveside.

The late Mrs. Southworth was for nearly forty years an esteemed resident of Marmora. She was born in Scotland, her maiden name being Agnes Hostler, but came to Canada when about a year and a half old, with her parents and family. She was one of a family of twelve children, six of whom survive. The family resided in what was then known as Lower Canada (now Quebec) for a time and then came to Hastings County. Mr. Hostler took up a farm, but he was mine captain at the Williams mine when it was in operation.

The deceased was 76 years old on the 10th of October. She had been in poor health since last December and gradually wasted away. The end came on Monday the 2nd inst. Nearly fifty years ago she was married to the late Robert Southworth who was an employee of the company which operated the iron works here, and later of The Pearce Company until his death in 1903. They lived in Marmora from the time of their marriage.

The deceased was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church from the time it was first established in Marmora until she moved to Toronto with her family a few years after the war. She organized the first sewing circle in connection with the church and supported it in every way possible. During the last few years Mrs. Southworth resided in Marmora she was unable to get out very much owing to physical infirmities, but all who called at her home found a very warm welcome. For many years she was a dressmaker and used to turn out a surprising amount of fine work.

The late Mrs. Southworth is survived by two sons and one daughter: David, Helen and Robert, all of Toronto She is also survived by one brother, Thos. Hostler, of Hermon, Ont., and five sisters, as follows: Mrs. Janet Guffin, Toronto; Mrs. Mary Thompson, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Simon Bronson, Trenton, Ont.; Mrs. Rankin, Ormsby Jet.; and Mrs. Hannah Pritchard, Kedive, Sask.

*Marmora Herald Nov. 5, 1931 Page 4*

## **BESSIE REYNOLDS SOUTHWORTH \***

Bessie Reynolds Southworth of 15 William St., Marmora, passed away at Belleville General Hospital on January 23, 1985, in her 88th year. Born in Rawdon Township, she was the daughter of the late George and Lena Wright and the wife of the late Robert Southworth and the late Arthur Reynolds.

Mrs. Southworth is survived by her children William Reynolds of Frankford, Mrs. William McCaffery (Ida) of Corbyville, Mrs. J. Palmer (Clara) of New South Wales, Australia, Clarence Reynolds of RR 5. Belleville, Mrs. M. Turner (Leona) of Hamilton, Mr. Frank Reynolds of Marmora, Mrs. Ted Aikins (Mari on) of RR 5. Belleville, Ken Reynolds of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mrs. John Clemens (Nina) of Tweed, and Mrs. Eldon Killian (Jennie) of Marmora. She is also survived by 43 grandchildren.

Mrs. Southworth was predeceased by her daughter Lorraine and two infant children. Also surviving Mrs. Southworth is a sister, Mrs. Nina LaChance of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Mrs. Southworth was a life member of St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, and a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 237, Marmora. The funeral service was held on January 26, 1985, at St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, with the Reverend Walter P. Mittler officiating. A service by the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was held on the evening of January 24. Spring interment will take place at the Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

*Marmora Herald Feb. 13, 1985 Page 12*

### **GERALD DANIEL STALKER**

Gerald Daniel (Jerry) Stalker of 8 Ontario St. Havelock died suddenly at Peterborough Civic Hospital following a car accident on Saturday June 17, 1978. He was in his 21st year. Mr. Stalker was born in Plevna Ont. and lived all his life in Marmora and area. He was educated in Marmora and at Centre Hastings Secondary School in Madoc. Most of his life he was a member of Marmora and Beaver Creek Free Methodist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Bedore, of 57 Forsyth St. Marmora, one brother, Archie, of Ajax, and four sisters, Connie, (Mrs. Jack Ruttan) of Campbellford, Kathy (Mrs. Andy Wren) of Marmora, Sandra and Pennie at home, as well as his step father, William Bedore of Madoc.

His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ellis of Marmora and Mrs. Ellen Bedore of Deloro nursing home. He also leaves two nephews and one niece.

He rested at the McConnell Funeral home at Marmora. Funeral services were held at the Marmora Pentecostal church Wednesday June 21st at 2 p.m. with Reverend J. Stevenson officiating. Pall bearers were Mike Eggleton, James Steenburgh, Guy Youmans, Garry Menzies, Gordon Gratton and Tim Ellis. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

*Marmora Herald July 19, 1978 Page 11*

### **JOHN STANLEY \***

Mr. John Stanley, who passed away on Sunday, August 12th, at his residence here, was almost a life long resident of this vicinity. He was born in Kingston in 1830, and at the age of 12 came to Crow Bay. When quite young he took a position here with the Page Lumber Co. as foreman, and for a great many years was a most trusted employee of the Gilmour Lumber Co., as foreman and wood ranger.

Later, he engaged in farming from which he retired twelve years ago. His wife, two daughters and one son predeceased him several years ago. One son, George survives.

The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, August 14th, in St. Paul's Church by the rector, the Rev. P. C. Watson. Interment in Marmora cemetery.

*Marmora Herald August 23, 1923 Page 1*



## **BESSIE B. STEEVES**

As a result of a two car collision on Highway 45, 5 kilometres south of Hastings at 3:10 p.m., February 8th, 1987, an 82 year old woman, Bessie B. Steeves of Pearce Street in Marmora lost her life. Mrs. Steeves was a passenger in a 1974 Volvo driven by Edward Carpenter of Toronto. The Carpenter vehicle was south bound on Highway 45, when it collided with a 1987 Nissan truck driven by Kirk Cox of Smith Falls, Ontario. Carpenter and another passenger Esdrella Dilla of Toronto were taken to Campbellford Hospital by ambulance, as well as Kirk and Kari Cox from the other vehicle. Severity of injuries is unknown. Damage to the Cox vehicle is estimated at \$6,000.00 and to the Carpenter vehicle \$5,000.00.

*Marmora Herald Feb. 11, 1987 Page 1*

## **LLOYD GEORGE STEWART**

The death occurred at his residence here on Thursday, April 1st. of Lloyd George Stewart, an engineer who came to Marmora in August 1952 to take a position with Bethlehem Steel Corporation at their Marmora mine. Sometime afterwards Mrs. Stewart and sons also came to Marmora and they took up residence in one of the Bethlehem residences, west of Crowe River. Some months ago Mr. Stewart's health failed and in spite of all medical skill could do, his condition gradually became worse. He was in Hospital for considerable time, but failing to improve he returned to his home here, where he passed away April 1st.

Lloyd Stewart was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart of Fruitland, Ont. He was in his 44<sup>th</sup> year. In 1939 he married Merlie Heatley, of Hamilton, who survives him with two sons, John and Kent.

He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Arnold Smith (Evelyn), of Ottawa, and one brother, Reginald Stewart, of North Bay, Ontario.

During the comparatively short time he was employed here, Lloyd Stewart won the friendship and esteem, of his fellow employees and of those who came to know him. Previous to coming to Marmora, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart resided in Belleville for a couple of years, where they also made quite a number of friends. He was a devoted member of the United Church.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, from the Well's Funeral home to St. Andrew's United Church. Marmora, where the service was conducted by Rev. K.J. Crawford, B.A. B.D. assisted by Rev. Duncan McTavish, minister of Bridge Street United Church, of Belleville who delivered a comforting message and paid a warm tribute to Mr. Stewart. Rev. Mr. Crawford also delivered a brief message.

The remains were placed in the vault in Marmora cemetery. The pall bearers were Alfred Heatley. Ed. Brownlie, Arnold Smith, Edward Wright, Reginald Stewart and James Chapmen.

*Marmora Herald April 8, 1954 Page 1*

**MRS. BETTY STOCKER** \*

*Was Killed In Accident*

A tragic accident, which resulted in the instant death of Mrs. Douglas Stocker, occurred on Fair night, Thursday, September 16th, and came as a shock to the whole community. Mr. and Mrs. Stocker had been to the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bailey, and were on their way back to Marmora when the accident occurred. Mr. Stocker was driving a panel truck belonging to Mr. Basil McTaggart and when coming down the hill in front of the former home of the late Ira Murphy the brakes failed to hold the vehicle and the driver turned it into the bank in an effort to stop it. Instead of stopping it went up the side of the bank and toppled over.

Apparently Mrs. Stocker partly opened the door to get out and when the truck upset, her head was crushed between the door and the side of the vehicle.

Mr. Stocker ran back to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent and called to Marmara Village for help. Dr. W. J. Donevan quickly responded and Provincial Constables J. H. Hatch and Thos. Lummiss, of Madoc, also, rushed to the scene of the accident.

As the accident to Mrs. Stocker was fatal, Coroner S. R. Beatty, of Madoc, was also called and after learning the particulars of the death decided no inquest was necessary.

The late Mrs. Stocker was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, Marmora Township, and was twenty-two. years of age. She was the oldest of six children and is survived by four brothers—Douglas, Robert, Charles and Allan and one sister, Anna. She was married to Douglas Stocker in December 1946. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved husband and her parents and other members of the family.

For a few years she worked in the telephone office and made a lot of friends in the village.

The funeral was held on Saturday, September 18th, service being conducted in St. Paul's Church by Rev. J. M. Brownlie. The service was attended by a large number and the many beautiful floral tributes were an evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

*Marmora Herald Sept. 30, 1948 Page 1*

**STOCKER, DOUGLAS** \*

at Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, September 21st, 1999. Doug Stocker of Bonarlaw in his 74<sup>th</sup> year. Husband of Lulabelle Stocker and the late Betty Bailey. Father of Colleen Stocker, Midland. Stepfather of Thomas and Heather Leonard, Sooke, BC; Timothy Leonard, Sudbury and Donalda Leonard, Kitchener. Grandfather of Maxine and Sheila Leonard, at home. Brother of Rosellen and Doug Doran, Sarnia; Kent and Shirley Stocker, Wallaceburg and the late Thomas (Bud), Robert, Neal, George and Tim. The family will receive friends at the McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service in the Marmora Chapel on Friday, September 24th at 11:00 a.m. Interment Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Donations to St. Mark's Anglican Church, Bonarlaw would be appreciated.

**GRACE SVORONOS \***

*(nee Osborne)*

Peacefully at her home in Burlington on Thursday April 6, 2006 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Gerassimos Svoronos. Loving mother of Barbara Jordan of Burlington and her friend, Jeff Hood of Bolton, and Dawn and her husband Bill Graham of Edmonton and New Jersey.

Loved grandmother of Lillianne Jordan, Scott Barker and his wife Diane and James Barker. Dear sister of George Osborne and his wife Pat of Marmora, Ontario.

Predeceased by her sisters Cora, Luella, Gertrude, Noreen and her brothers Ray and Don.

Grace was a member of the Burlington Legion Branch #60, and member of the Burlington Seniors Club. Interment took place at Marmora Protestant Cemetery. If desired, expressions of sympathy to the Salvation Army would be sincerely appreciated by the family.

(Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Burlington)

*Marmora Shield April 14, 2006 Page 17*

**MR. WILLIAM SWEET \***

It is a long time since any event has caused such a general feeling of regret in Marmora as the death of William Sweet, which occurred about noon on Tuesday, after between two and three weeks illness of typhoid fever. For several weeks his two sons, Arthur and Frank, have been in a serious condition from the same disease, and the death of Mr. Sweet is felt all the more keenly for that reason.

The late William Sweet was in his 59<sup>th</sup> year and most of his life had been spent in Marmora and vicinity. For over twenty-five years he had been in business here and by untiring industry and careful management had gradually increased his business, and last year the result was seen in the erection of the handsome new business block, which will stand as a tribute to his memory.

The deceased was not popular in the ordinary sense, but he was highly esteemed as was shown by the large vote which he polled in the election for school trustees last year. Those who learned to know him intimately found him deeply interested in public affairs, kindly sympathetic with those in trouble and above all intensely devoted to his family. He had a high sense of honor and strong convictions, which he was not afraid to express. For a number of years he has been a member of the public school board and at the time of his death was chairman of the board and a member of the Continuation school board.

The deceased leaves a widow, four sons, Arthur, Frank and Will, of Marmora, and Charles, of Fort William, and three daughters Alma, Bessie and Jennie, all at home. Mrs. Chas. Froats of town is a sister. The funeral took place this afternoon under the auspices of Marmora Orange Lodge. It was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Jull of Lakefield, assisted by Rev. W. P. Woodger. The members of the Orange Order took part in the services at the grave and paid their last respects to their departed brother.

*Marmora Herald April 13, 1922, page 1*

## **SAMUEL ERNEST SWITZER**

At Belleville General Hospital on Sunday, March 9th, 1969, Samuel Ernest Switzer of Marmora in his 78th year. Dear father of Mrs. Bruce King, Grace of Marmora; Mrs. Harold Kick (Dorothy) of Belleville. Also survived by 11 grand children and 36 great grandchildren. The late Mr. Switzer rested at the Howden Funeral Home, Marmora. Services were held on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969, from Marmora Pentecostal Church at 2 p.m. Entombment at Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Rev. P. Ripley officiated.

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## **SAMUEL ERNEST SWITZER**

Funeral service for the late Samuel Ernest Switzer of Forsyth Street, Marmora, who died in Belleville Hospital on March 9th, 1969, were held at Marmora Pentecostal Church on Tuesday, March 11th. Entombment followed at Marmora Pentecostal Cemetery.

The Rev. R. P. Ripley officiated.

Born at Centerville and educated at Newburg, Mr. Switzer was the son of the late Samuel Switzer and the late former Sarah Marten. A retired labourer, he was a member of the Marmora Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Franny Clark, two daughters, Mrs. Bruce King (Grace) of Marmora, and Mrs. Harold Keck (Dorothy) of Belleville. Eleven grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren also survive

Legion Service was held in the Funeral Home on Monday evening on March 10th, 1969.

Pall bearers were Percy Gray Joseph Darrah. Harold Doyle. Stanley Kerr. Frank Wiley, Henry Hilts.

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