

One of the many interested readers of Main Street includes Maxine McSweyn a former resident of Lindsay now living with her mother in Los Angeles, California.

The name McSweyn is quite familiar to many people, as one of the former Police Magistrates of Lindsay was a gentleman named John McSweyn who had practiced law in this area during pioneer days. In a recent letter received from California, Maxine McSweyn states that "in the Main Street article of December 8th dealing with the history of the Dundas and Flavelle store the Archie McIntyre mentioned was my uncle who married Jessie McSweyn, the eldest daughter of John McSweyn and Ann Saham. Incidentally, Archie McIntyre started his career in the D. & F. Store and afterwards became a partner in the then well known firm of O'Laughlin and McIntyre."

In another extract from the letter of Maxine McSweyn she writes: "Three of the McSweyn girls are living - Kate, (Mrs. T J. Holt) ,celebrated her 99th birthday in mid June 1965. She is very alert and active and lives with her daughter in Weymouth Mass.; Belle (Mrs W. Calder) is 95 and also lives

in Weymouth; Virgie (Mrs. Claude M. Sheppard) lives in Toronto. Mrs. Holt will reach her 100th birthday in June. Mother recalls the name of Rose McGrory who was the head milliner at Dundas and Flavelle about 1890, as well as Annie O'Brien, who married one of Lindsay's most prominent business men the late B. J. Gough who had a men's clothing business at the corner of Kent and William Street, the present location of the Victoria and Grey Trust. Rose married A. J. Kerr (Alex) who also operated a store in Lindsay."

Lindsay citizens who met Maxine McSweyn during her visit to Lindsay last summer would be interested in learning that her father - Max McSweyn - was a member of the Kerr store staff as was Joe O'Connell who also moved to British Columbia many years ago. One of the standing jokes in the McSweyn family dealt with the fact that both Max McSweyn and Joe O'Connell received 50c and 25c a week respectively for their day's labour.

NOTE: — The writer of Main Street would be pleased to make contacts with members of the families of Downey, Callaghan, and Carroll of Downeyville regarding their early settlement in this district.