

Columns have been written about Sir Sam Hughes and little mention has been made regarding members of the family. He had one son, a gallant soldier who became Brigadier General. Two daughters were born to Sir Sam and Lady Hughes and Aileen Hughes, the younger, was of the active and vivacious type and gained wide newspaper publicity when she returned from a hunting expedition in South Africa and with her was a young lion which at the time was reported to have been captured in the jungle by the young Lindsay huntress.

There was also the time when she was a student at the Lindsay Collegiate Institute and rode up the dirt road to the school on the hill on an electric scooter, the first kind to be used in Lindsay.

Aileen Hughes was called "Tweet" by the family and by friends. At a young age Aileen Hughes met the young man who was to become her husband, James Clarke of Boston, Mass. The story is told regarding this young man's first visit to Canada and to the Hughes summer home on the shore of Eagle Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. Arriving at Toronto he caught the eye of a cabby and stated he wished to be driven to Eagle Lake in Haliburton. The cabbie asked: "Where in blazes is Haliburton?" "Don't you know where Glen Eagle is?" The cabby shook his head "No". The young American eventually reached his destination and the romance ended in a wedding in the Hughes residence at the corner of Lindsay and Glenelg Streets. The union resulted in the arrival of one son, J. E. Clarke, now residing in New York.

Roby Hughes, the eldest daughter of Sir Sam and Lady Hughes, was one of the popular girls in her class in Public and in High School and popular in sports, especially as a member of a hockey team.

There are citizens in Lindsay who remember a day when Sir Sam was motoring through Haliburton when the driver of the car was about to make a detour where workmen were repairing the road. Sir Sam told the driver to go through the mucky bridge excavation and the heavy old Russell car sank to the hubs. Sir Sam talked and joked with the men and they shoved the car on to a dry road. As the General waved goodbye to the men on the roadside he also tossed out a number of green backs.

Many still remember Sir Sam on his train trip through to the North and how he used to stand on the rear platform of the train and wave to people at farm doors. As a rule he had the engineer pull down

hard on the whistle string.

Sam Hughes loved a parade and was very fond of bands. It is recalled that when Loyal Orange Lodge No. 32 boarded a special train to Toronto to attend the Canadian National Exhibition that when the members paraded to the big gate there was Sir Sam Hughes at the gate to welcome his brothers as he was a loyal member. The band struck up two of his pet favorites, "The Lass of Gowrie" and the "Colonel Bogie March." J. Ernest Blewett, Victoria Avenue, was Worshipful Master at the time.

Another incident is remembered when at election time Sir Sam Hughes, the Tory candidate, used to distribute thousands of his speeches as reported in Hassard. These were distributed frequently. These were printed at the office of the Watchman Warder and many a time the candidate Hughes called at the printing shop and tossed out a \$20 bill for treats.

There is at least one member of the 45th Regimental Band residing in Lindsay and he is Tuck Warner who resides on William Street south. This bandsman states that he blew his horn hundreds of times in the happy days of Sir Sam Hughes. "He loved 'The Lass of Gowrie' and the more popular 'Colonel Bogie's March' and no street parade or march past the saluting base was more popular than the last band number. The 45th band was for many years the best in the Division". Mr. Warner added: "The good old 45th band played at Sir Sam's funeral and not a Kingston band as was recently reported. That was a solemn and sedate occasion and all drums were draped and muffled and the Dead March really had a deep meaning at this large funeral procession. Sir Sam was loved by every bandsman."

The rifle that Sam Hughes carried and used in the Boer War decorates a wall in the home of the late Howard Williamson at the corner of William and Glenelg Streets. Sir Sam was a personal friend of the Williamson family. Incidentally Major J. A. Williamson, the father of the late Howard Williamson, was a sharp shooter and marksman with the Canadian Bisley team in England on two occasions.

When thousands of mourners filed past the bier of Sir Sam Hughes in the Armory, to pay their last respects to the General, a smartly uniformed Lieutenant stood at one end and another at the opposite end. They were in full dress, carried well burnished swords and were practically motionless for hours. They were Lieut. Hilton H. Brown and Lieut. Lawrence C. Blackwell.