

Departing from the usual role dealing with historical matters "Main Street" wishes to chronicle the passing of two fine citizens.

The late Mrs. Jessie Groves was the beloved wife of the late Robert Groves who came to Lindsay from Barrie where Mr. Groves was engaged as a railway despatcher. Besides being a dedicated member of St. Paul's Parish Workers, the deceased was a loyal member of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and a Past Regent, and was particularly active during war years.

Mrs. Groves was survived by one daughter, Margaret of Toronto and one son James of Ottawa.

The late Valera Vickery, wife of Ernest Ferguson, Lindsay merchant, rendered service of untold value as a member of Queen Street United Church.

The accomplishments of Mrs. Ferguson included her long and faithful performance as organist in the days when the church was located at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets and later in the church at Queen and Wellington Streets. It was a service of love and devotion entailing many hours in choir work. Mrs. Ferguson is survived by her husband and one son, Dr. Wilfred Ferguson of Lindsay. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Vickery.

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Not many residents of Lindsay have lived to the "ripe old age" of one hundred years but one well known business man and an artist was W. A. Goodwin, grandfather of the Goodwin Bros., the electricians residing on Cambridge Street north.

To enjoy longevity it may be essential to be a lover of vegetables and fresh fruits. Mr. Goodwin was a lover of bananas and he relished them

when they were baked. He is remembered by some senior citizens as a man of small stature, bright eyed and he wore a beard. In early days he walked into Lindsay from Cobourg and set up a store on Kent Street in the pioneer block now known as Tangney's. He painted pictures of lakes, streams and also rural scenes and he was an expert at mounting and framing. Years later he was one merchant who followed others locating in the neighbourhood of the post office with its clock and tower and for several years the store was located where Lindsay Cleaners now operate a store and plant.

W. A. Goodwin was an artist and his daughter, Miss M. Goodwin was an excellent manageress while her brother, Will, carried on painting and decorating and also was highly respected by members of the IOOF fraternal organization. A brother George was interested in art and in historical matters particularly relating to pioneer days at Sturgeon Point.

It is interesting to chronicle the fact that Grandfather Goodwin was not only a vegetarian but was also inclined to be an agnostic in his philosophy of life.

The Goodwin home on Cambridge Street N. is occupied by one of the Goodwin firm and the original Goodwin workshop still stands at the north-west corner of Cambridge and Peel Streets.