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Several years ago Leslie M. Frost was among the notables in attendance at the official opening of the highly important power dam and hydro plant at Minden. It was an important cog in the development of hydro in the County of Haliburton.

Few readers are aware that the Minden dam was once known as the Stinson Falls, named after the forebears of the late T. H. Stinson, a gentleman who had a great love for Minden folk. Still a fewer number of people are aware of the fact that the Stinson Falls at one time in early history bore the name of Workman Falls, a fact verified by Clyde Workman of Lindsay.

The name of Workman was closely associated with the Town of Lindsay in pioneer days and it is claimed that Grandfather Workman was a

son of a Cavan "Blazer", a member of a group of farmers accountable for many strange and weird happenings, as well as good deeds in the township of Manvers district south of Lindsay many years ago.

It is also said that a citizen named Workman helped to lay out the streets in Lindsay and that at the time, William Street north, was the main street.

In the days when the Workman family was classified as important in the building of Lindsay, a workman built the Simpson Hotel, now Claxton's departmental store and also the stores to the east at one time occupied by Goodwin's Art store, barber shop and a pool parlour.

Daughters in the Workman family were married to well known business men, one to

Jack McAdam, a drygoods man, another to George A. Little, founder of the Little Book Shoppe and one to Dr. L. D. Shier, Sr. Incidentally the three brothers-in-law were reported to have been star baseball players and that Little was brought to Lindsay from Kingston as a paid baseball player. He is well remembered as an expert in the game of curling, and senior members of the Lindsay Golf Club report that he was a good player and one of the founders of the Lindsay Golf links.

The name Workman is also written in Lindsay's history as William and James Workman. Both operated good cabs in Lindsay's horse and buggy days and William Workman ran a good livery business from barns located on Kent Street east, also located behind the brick block at the corner of Lindsay and Kent Street east. The block was called the Shier Block as Dr. Leonard Shier had an office and a drug store on the corner.

Clyde Workman, who saw service in Canada's Army in France, is the only member of the family still residing in Lindsay.