

Dies Thursday



William Henry Rourke, member of a pioneer Park Head family died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rourke, at Park Head on Thursday in his 87th year. Born in Quebec, he came to the district at the age of eight, and had lived there ever since.

ROURKE—Entered into rest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rourke, Park Head on Thursday evening, May 20, 1954. William Henry Rourke, in his 87th year. Dear father of Pearl (Mrs. Howard Greathead) of Hamilton; Ray of Napanee; Charles of Warton; Lillian (Mrs. Harvey Rourke) of Park Head; Burton of Southampton; Marlon (Mrs. Bert Fenton) of Detroit. Predeceased by one daughter, Mrs. Oswald Baker, and one son, Clare. At Downs and Son Funeral Chapel, Hepworth, until Friday afternoon, thence to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rourke, Park Head. Funeral service on Sunday, May 23. Private service at the residence at 1:30 p.m. Public service in the United Church, Park Head, at 2 p.m. Interment Zion Cemetery.

Fifty-four years ago the late Sidney Spencer was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kidd, who predeceased him thirty years ago. Surviving to mourn his loss are five children, Annie, Mrs. T. Walker, of Allenford; May, Mrs. V. Walker, of Guelph, and Gerald, Lola and Eva, at home. Three sons, Douglas, Willis and Calvin, predeceased him. He is also survived by one sister, Amelia, of Park Head, and by one brother, Walter, of Battle Creek, Mich., as well as by 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Wm. Henry Rourke Dies At Park Head In His 87th Year

PARK HEAD — Member of a pioneer family, William Henry Rourke, died on Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rourke of Park Head, after a year's illness. He was in his 87th year.

Mr. Rourke came to Park Head in 1872 when he was eight years old and lived in the vicinity the remainder of his life.

Born at Rawdon, Que., on August 29, 1866, he was a son of the late Samuel Rourke and Emily Amey. In 1890 he married Eliza Amey and the couple farmed on the property now owned by Gordon Hopkins. Mrs. Rourke died in 1938.

There were 10 children. Surviving are Pearl, Mrs. Howard Greathead of Hamilton; Lillian, Mrs. Harvey Rourke of Park Head; Marlon, Mrs. Bert Fenton of Detroit; Roy of Napanee, Charles of Warton, and Burton of Southampton. He was predeceased by Clarence of Southampton, in 1953, Queenie, Mrs. O. H. Baker in 1939, and Victor and Emily, who died in infancy.

Mr. Rourke had 14 brothers and sisters. Surviving are Mrs. Susan Rusk of Park Head, Mrs. Matilda Milne of London, Edward and Bert of Toronto, Stanley and George of Owen Sound, Gordon of B.C. and Joseph, of Saskatchewan. He was predeceased by Emma May, John, Charlie, Joseph Henry, Frederick, and Elizabeth.

There are 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The late Mr. Rourke was a member of Park Head United Church.

SIDNEY SPENCER, PARK HEAD, DIES

PARK HEAD, Oct. 2—One of Park Head's oldest and most highly respected citizens, Sidney Spencer, passed away at his home here on Saturday morning in his 80th year. He had lived all his life in the Park Head district. He was born in Kappel Township, a son of the late Edwin Spencer, who was one of the first settlers in the township. A good neighbor and an outstanding farmer, he was loved by all who knew him and word of his passing will occasion deep sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends.

The late Mr. Spencer had been actively engaged in farming until one year ago, when he was forced to retire due to ill health. Although confined to bed for the past few years, he remained very cheerful and had hoped to regain his health through the faithful nursing of his daughter.

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Funeral Service Stanley Rourke

Mr. Stanley Neil Rourke, died suddenly on Tuesday, July 28th, at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. E. Hamilton at Park Head. Stanley was a son of the late Mr. Charles Rourke, and Mrs. J. E. Hamilton. He attended Park Head school, and when a young man enlisted with Signal Corps, and served five years overseas in the Second World War. Stan was in his 45th year, and had worked for the Comstock Company of Toronto for the past eight years.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, July 30th, from the Downs and Son Funeral Home in Hepworth, with Rev. Milton Aiken of Oakville in charge. He spoke very nicely on what many consider the greatest verse in the Bible, "John 3: 16—God so loved, that he gave, that whosoever believeth might have Eternal Life".

Stanley is survived by his mother Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, one brother Ronald Rourke of Brantford, two half-brothers, Mr. Wray Hamilton, of the RCAF Pay Office in Ottawa, and Stewart Hamilton of Toronto. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Rourke, his step-father, J. E. Hamilton, one brother, Harold Rourke, a Second Petty Officer in the United States Navy during the Second World War, one sister, Doris and a brother, Lawrence, died in infancy.

The pallbearers were all cousins of the late Mr. Rourke, Messrs Carl and Elgin Rourke, Jack and Brock Rusk of Park Head and Cecil Smith and Dick Rusk of Owen Sound.

Interment was made in Zion Cemetery.

Relatives attending the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rourke, Mary Louise, Neil, Ann and Lorna of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Wray Hamilton of Ottawa, Mr. Stewart Hamilton of Toronto, Mrs. Charles McKellar, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKellar and Miss Ruby Livingston of Mount Forest, Mrs. Porter of Toronto, Mrs. George Rourke, Mrs. S. B. Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rusk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Webber all of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Seaman and Mr. Burton Rourke of Southampton, Mr. Roy Chebott, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cox and Mrs. C. Baker of Allenford, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rourke of Elsinore and Mrs. W. Lennox of Jackson, as well as a great many relatives and friends from Park Head.

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