

*Belleville - Scot*  
**City's First  
Girl Guide  
Dead At 90**

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Founder of the Girl Guide movement in Belleville back in 1922 and with nearly a half - century of active participation in the organization, Mrs. (Dr.) Morley E. Branscombe, 64 Queen Street, died at her home this morning. She was in her 91st year.

Formerly Annie E. (Nan) Paterson, Mrs. Branscombe was born in Brantford and was the daughter of Hon. William Paterson, one - time federal cabinet minister and Mrs. Paterson.

She moved to Belleville in 1921 and two years later founded and was captain of the first Belleville troop of girl guides. She also was active in the girl guide movement in Picton, the home town of her husband, Dr. Branscombe. She later became district commissioner of the girl guides.

Other organizations in which Mrs. Branscombe was active included the Humane Society, the Scott Mission in Toronto and the Grenfell Mission, of which she was the local representative.

Widely travelled, Mrs. Branscombe accompanied her parents frequently on world tours taken by her father when he was customs and excise minister with the imperial government. On one of her trips to England she attended the coronation of King Edward VII.

Mrs. Branscombe was a member of the former John Street Church and after that edifice was burned attended Tabernacle Church. She was active in the work of both churches, in the Sunday Schools and in the Women's Missionary Society.

Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was the last of her family.

The funeral will be held Saturday from the Thompson Funeral Chapel where service will be conducted by Rev. Leslie Dean. Entombment in Belleville Cemetery vault with later burial in Glenwood Cemetery at Picton.

Branscombe, Mrs (Dr) Morley E.

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