

ship as Ethel Victoria's great grandmother, Edith Hodge Bell. He also gave Eric some water colours painted by his sister Alice.

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This death notice of the daughter of one of the earliest pioneers of Halton County came to my notice some time ago. At about the same time I also received from Velma Emery Newman some letters written by the same daughter covering a period approximately 1834 to 1840. All of these intrigued me and sent me to search for more details of her family and family life.

"The late Mrs. Jane Mack Van Norman Emory (Emery) from the Burlington Record". Please note the spellin of Emery. At the time of Jame's marriage to A.D. Emery she asked him to change the spelling to "ory". There were some Catholics by that name (Emery) and being a very strong minded Methodist, she didn't want anyone to associate the name with the Catholic one".

"It again becomes our duty to refer to the death of another esteemed resident of Burlington. This time we note the demise of Mrs. Jane M. Emory who died on Saturday morning, the 26th. Oct. The cause of death was paralysis though she had been ill with heart disease during all of the past summer. Mrs. Emory was a native of this County having first seen the light of day on Jan 30th, 1822, in the Township of Nelson. Her father was the late Isaac Van Norman, a U.E. Loyalist and a pioneer of Halton County. The subject of this notice was a graduate of the Old Upper Canada Academy located at Colbourg. She afterwards was a teacher in that institution and also taught in a similar institution founded in Hamilton by her brother, D.C. Van Norman, L.L.S. Mrs Emory became the wife of the late

Aaron Dunham Emory in April 1848, but had lived in widowhood since 1892. She had been a life long member of the Methodist Church and was always prominent in the work of the Sunday School and in Missionary and Temperance work.

For many years she was Pres. of the Women's Missionary Society in the Methodist Church and was also Pres. of the Women's Christian Union when it existed here. Her death is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends and by the members of her family. She leaves five sons and one daughter. They are:

Dr. E.B.Emory, Winfield, Kansas, U.S.A.

Dr. C. Van Norman Emory, of Hamilton, Ont.

Rev. V.H. Emory or Parliment St. Methodist Church, Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. S.E. Land of Laramie, Wyoming, U.S.A.

W. A. Emory of Burlington Plains, and

Dr. W.J.H. Emory of Toronto.....It should be noted here that W. A. Emory after his mothers death changed his name back ot the original spellin of "Emery".

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What kind of a woman was she and what was her family background? It is obvious that she and her husband must have worked industriously to make sure that their children could receive excellent educations.

These speculations led to the finding of a death notice concerning her father, "Isaac Van Norman", which was found in a Halton County atlas published in 1877.....

"The late Isaac Van Norman"

The subject of this sketch was one of the old landmarks of the County. He was born in the year 1784 and came to Canada at the time of the American Revolution and for the last 70 years resided on his farm in Nelson