



Robert James Cochrane is Marlene Harnden's great uncle. He was the son of Edward William Cochrane.

Great, great uncle

The 1936 obituary of Richard James Cochrane, son of Edward William Cochrane (1836-1871)

Richard James Cochrane, retired civil servant, and widely known for his knowledge of fruit farming and the fruit industry (Ottawa district), died on the Bywood Market.

Mr. Cochrane was the son of the late Edward Cochrane of Edville, ON who was the Conservative MP for Northumberland County. He came to Ottawa after spending some years as a teacher to accept employment in the census staff and later resigned to supervise the running of the extensive field and orchard crops on the home farm.

Having grown up in a district which was celebrated for its apple orchards and being a man of originality, Mr. Cochrane was impressed by the great disparity which existed in the return recovered by the growers as compared with the price of the

investigation of the marketing conditions in the U.S.A. fruit regions and was much impressed with the use

which was being made of artificial refrigeration for storing fruit and other perishable products. He started a campaign emphasizing the need of cold storage facilities and in 1907 was taken on the staff of the dairy and cold storage branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture as an expert in artificial refrigeration.

For more than 15 years, he continued in this work before retiring.

Mr. Richard Cochrane was a constant attendant of Dominion Church-conducted Bible classes. He was very well read in Theology and most charitable in his disposition. A member of the Arts & Letters Club and also an active worker in the cause of temperance.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Hortense O'Hanly, by five years and leaves to mourn his loss one sister Mrs. E. Cooper of Toronto, two brothers Wallace of Toronto, Joseph of Grafton, ON. M.C. O'Hanly of R.W. O'Hanly, both of Ottawa, are

Roger of Ottawa is a sister-in-law. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Interment at Salem Cemetery.



Father and aunts

The three children of John Lewis and Mabel Cochrane, believed to be Christmas 1959: left to right, Margaret Cochrane Greenizen (1932-

Cochrane (1938-1986) and Betty Clair Cochrane Young (1942 -).

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