

MRS. FRANCES DASHWOOD

Last Friday afternoon, August 9th, there took place in Bracebridge the funeral of Mrs. Frances Dashwood whose decease the previous Wednesday morning, Aug. 7th, was recorded in last week's Gazette. In the absence of the pastor of the Baptist Church, of which she was a devout member, the services at the Reynolds' funeral chapel and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Thaxter, pastor of Bracebridge Free Methodist Church, who was assisted by a nephew of the deceased lady, Major Arthur Cameron of Toronto, an officer of the Salvation Army. Interment took place in Bracebridge United Church Cemetery. The pall bearers were Mr. Frank Dashwood (a nephew) and Mr. Smith, both of Dunnville, and Messrs. Peter MacNaughtan and Frank Lazzara of Bracebridge.

Death came at the end of a long period of invalidism beginning on New Year's Day, 1941, when Mrs. Dashwood fell at the home of her brother, the late George Liddard, on the old homestead in Bracebridge and suffered a broken hip from which injury she never recovered. After five months as a patient in the Bracebridge Memorial Hospital she went to reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kirk in Macaulay Township where the remaining five years of her life were spent, during which time she received most kindly attention from Mrs. Kirk whose care of the patient is gratefully appreciated by Mrs. Dashwood's relatives.

Frances Liddard was born in what is now the Town of Bracebridge on April 20th, 1865, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Liddard who had in 1862 settled on a homestead in the then unorganized township of Macaulay and resided in a little log house which stood until a few months ago though its place as the farm home was long ago taken by a large frame residence. When Frances Liddard was born, Bracebridge (which has since grown until it includes part of the old Liddard homestead) was a little hamlet called North Falls forming part of the unincorporated township of Macaulay. When she was a little tot of three years, the United Townships of Draper, Macaulay, Stephenson & Ryde were organized in 1868 as a municipality and her father was its first assessor and used to cover the four townships on foot, chiefly on snowshoes, when making official inspections.

Liddard Street in Bracebridge was named in his honor in later times. In those early days Mr. Liddard often drove a yoke of oxen to Orillia for supplies, a one-way trip being a long day's journey behind the plodding beasts over the primitive road, really little more than a trail. Frances Liddard was one year old before the late A. P. Cockburn of McCabe's Bay (now Gravenhurst) inaugurated steam navigation in the District of Muskoka by founding what is now called the Muskoka Lakes Line and putting the sidewheel steamboat Wenonah on Lake Muskoka to serve McCabe's Bay (Gravenhurst,) North Falls (Bracebridge), and the Indian Village (Port Carling.) When Frances Liddard first saw the light of day there was not a

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mile of railroad in Muskoka and she had reached the age of twenty-one before the first locomotive of the Northern & Pacific Junction Railway entered Bracebridge in 1886.

Upon reaching young womanhood she went to Dunnville and there in 1899 she became the bride of Mr. James Dashwood and they resided on his farm at South Cayuga near that town and there he predeceased her. About thirty years ago she, then a widow came back to the old homestead here to act as housekeeper for her bachelor brother, George. She leaves a wide circle of staunch friends among both the Old Timers and the younger residents of this vicinity who will always hold her in kindly remembrance.

To mourn her loss she leaves one son Ronald, on the South Cayuga homestead, also three brothers, Charles of Bracebridge, Walter of Aspdin and Frank of Windsor and four sisters, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Johnson) of Hamilton, Mary, (Mrs. C. D. Strange) of Barrie, Ada (Mrs. Harry Cameron) of Toronto and Rosa (Mrs. Neil McDonald) of Acton.

Besides her parents and her husband she was predeceased by one son George, one brother George and three sisters, Ella (Mrs. Herbert Preston), Carrie (Mrs. Robert Whaley) and Serena (Mrs. George Yost). As Mrs. Yost died only four months ago, this is the second break this year in the fine old pioneer Liddard family.

Mrs. Sam Taylor Sr.



Sorrowful Drowning Accident

Carl Saunders and Wesley Doley were drowned on Lake Muskoka Monday morning, April 20, 1947. No indication of the tragedy was learned for a week. Dragging operations failed to find the bodies. The men had been working for Canada Wood Speciality Co. cutting timber on Browing Is. and had come home for the week end, and took supplies enough to last them two weeks. Apparently they had attempted to cross the ice which had been right for the passage home.

On Sunday June 13th Mr Doley's body was found floating near Big Is. Mr Saunder's body was found in almost the same spot on June 20th. Carl was a son of Mr and Mrs Harry Saunders of Macaulay. He married Miss Edna Doley sister of Wesley. They had five children.

Wesley was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Doley, early settlers, and was not married. Both were veterans of the last war.

Wesley's brother Alan was killed overseas, in April, 1945.

They were buried in the Langford Cemetery.