

# Coincidence returned house to Corless kin

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If one walked up to the door of the Norwich house in which Dr. Charles VanDyke Corless lived many years ago, he would be greeted by D'Arcy VanDyke Corless, a nephew of the famed metallurgist whose story appeared in the Free Press July 4 and 11. As a sequel to that article, which he terms "excellent," Mr. Corless supplies interesting particulars of the Norwich house.

Readers of the original article will recall that upon graduation from Normal School in Toronto, Charles V. Corless was appointed principal of Norwich public school and

taught there for seven and a half years, and that he married Lillie Stephenson of Cathcart, whom he met while teaching there.

"Uncle C. V.," Mr. Corless writes, "took his bride to the house in Norwich that my wife and I bought in 1951, and which we moved into after our marriage—almost 60 years after the original Corless occupied it. His eldest daughter, Mrs. Langer, was born in this house.

"We did not know at the time we moved in that Dr. Corless had lived here about 60 years earlier; this came as a great delight and surprise to

him when he paid us his first visit after our marriage. He was intrigued by the fact that the house by the merest coincidence, was again occupied by a Corless, and told us that my father and mother, following their marriage in 1898, spent their wedding night in this house, continuing next day on a honeymoon trip to the Niagara district.

"Regarding Uncle C. V's attendance at McGill, my father, John Corless, lent him the money for tuition, etc., which of course was repaid in full later. Uncle C. V. and my father were very close.



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The donkey in this picture was supposed to be the smallest full grown male donkey in the world. It went through the Burmese War and was given a medal for that war.

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