

of the characters of their five sons - honest, industrious, reliable and pious. This is a heritage that all their descendants can strive to emulate.

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In the 1890's there were no cars, only horse-drawn vehicles. There were no radios, telephones, or electricity and no women's rights. Mail was not delivered - it had to be picked up at the local post office. It was on October 9, 1890 that Amy Elizabeth Kennedy was born in the house on the farm of her father, James Morgan Kennedy. He was an honest, hard working, old-fashioned farmer. He owned a small farm west of Salford where the farmstead had been established two or three generations earlier. Mr. Kennedy was almost fifty when he married Minnie Pierce who was only fifteen years of age. Minnie, or "Happy Minnie" as she was known to everyone, was a big bustling girl. She was born in Lindsay, Ontario, and had been entrusted to a Salvation Army couple when both her parents died. Later she was sent as a house servant to Mr. Kennedy whose wife was ill. After the death of the first Mrs. Kennedy, Minnie married her employer and settled down to life as a busy farmer's wife. James Kennedy was a Methodist and sang in the choir in the church in Ingersoll. Minnie held the rank of Junior Sergeant Major in the Salvation Army. The Army was a new group in Canada. Winter and summer they would hold open-air meetings on street corners where they sang loudly to the accompaniment of drums, tambourines and trumpets. When Amy was only three weeks old, Minnie