

THE PENSON FAMILY

Writing in the Gravenhurst Banner, Harry Linney, pays tribute to the Pen-son family "who have rendered such valuable aid to Muskoka's tourist ac-tivities in the past half century."

"E. G. Penison built Ferndale Hotel a mile or so north of Port Carling on the high rocky embankment of Lake Rosseau in the early '90s. He and Mrs. Penison operated the house for some years. Ten years later Mr. Penison sold Ferndale to his eldest son, Seymour E. G. Penison. The latter and his wife, the former Flora Macdonald Coutts, successfully man-aged Ferndale for eight years. The Seymour Penison family then moved their chief interests to Hamilton, where Mr. Seymour Penison was con-nected with the Hand Fireworks Com-pany.

R. G. Penison, the father, disposed of Ferndale in the early '90s when he was appointed village clerk of Port Carling and gave his whole time to municipal work.

Other children of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Penison, in addition to Seymour, were Alice E. (Mrs. P. J. Stubbs), Florence (Mrs. Wm. H. Foreman), Ada (Mrs. E. Watson), Emily (Mrs. G. G. Penison, cousin to Fred, who died a number of years ago), Ernest of British Columbia and Harry, liv-ing today at Port Carling.

Fred Penison was a builder and to his credit stand today a number of better-than-average structures about the lakes, including the Anglican Rectory at Port Carling, the Schrel-ber family residence on Cassie Island the J. C. Woods residence on Island Park, now owned by the Clare family of St. Catharines, the Alf Johnson home in Port Carling, recently bought by Walter Wroe, Ferndale, and other creditable buildings.

Harry Penison is the youngest member of the family. He was a babe in arms when the Marquis of Dufferin, Governor-General of Can-ada, and his wife, visited Port Car-ling sixty-five or more years ago. Lord Dufferin admired the baby in the arms of his mother, Mrs. R. G. Penison, and congratulated her on the child's health and beauty. For many years Harry Penison was known as Dufferin, because of the attention Lord and Lady Dufferin continued their trip to Rosseau and from there by special coach overland to Parry Sound.

Seymour Penison was associated with Capt. John Rogers in the publication of the well-known Muskoka Guide and Atlas (1879), a valuable book in those days. In its publication these two men walked the whole District. The information collected and com-posed in the book was a valuable asset and was the result of affection-ate contact with the early peoples who settled in Muskoka and made Mus-koka.

Speaking of the late Mrs. Penison, Mr. Linney says: "Mrs. Seymour, who died at her home in Georgetown, Ontario, a month ago, was before her marriage to Seymour Penison of Port Carling sixty years ago this summer Flora Macdonald Coutts. She was born at Chatham, Ont., ninety years ago this August, of Scottish parents. One must be convinced that the parents of the late Flora Macdonald Penison were acquainted intimately with the history of a young Scottish girl, Flora Macdonald, who over two hundred years ago made a name for herself in her country's annals.

To one with an average knowledge of history the name Flora Macdonald instantly conjures a mental picture of a dark night and a small ship lying close in shore to a rock strewn beach and of a beautiful maiden and a handsome man hurrying hand in hand over the rocky beach to the safety of a waiting vessel.

The young man was Bonnie Prince Charlie—Prince Charles Edward—es-caping the "vengeful English" after the debacle at Culloden on April 16, 1736. It was a big event in Flora Macdon-ald's life, and she carried it through to a favourable conclusion. It was enough, however, to focus the spot-light of history on her and cast in the shadow—the fact that she was one of the most unfortunate women the world ever knew.

Flora Macdonald was the daughter of Ranald Macdonald, a Scot farmer on one of the Outer Hebrides Islands. Flora was left fatherless in 1724 when two years old. Her mother later married Hugh Macdonald of Armadale, but Flora continued to live with her brother Angus at Milton un-till she was thirteen when she was adopted by the Claranald Macdonald family. Lady Macdonald, recogniz-ing something out of the ordinary in the fatherless girl's character, gave her private tuition until she was six-teen, when she was sent to an Edin-burgh boarding school for three years to complete her education.

It was shortly after finishing at this school that Flora, while visiting around with relatives, met Prince Charlie fleeing from crag to dell with a price of thirty thousand English pounds on his head.

Flora hid the prince in a cave near the home she was visiting and await-ed a favourable time to slip him out of the country. Her stepfather, Cap-tain Hugh Macdonald, suddenly ar-rived at the house with a company of troops engaged in the search, and Flora knew it was now or never. She promptly decided to go visit-ing elsewhere, and obtained from her stepfather passports for her party, including one for Betty Bourke, an Irish serving maid. It was in this disguise that she managed to slip the Prince through the encircling British to the safety of a ship.

Charles Edward, with true princely prerogative, never voiced his thanks nor recognized his obligations to her beyond a "Gentle maiden, I trust we will meet again in the palace ro-yal."

For her part in his escape the faith-ful Flora got well over a year in various jails, including a stretch of several months in the grim old Tower of London, and a couple of bed sheets the Prince had slept between.

Hauled up to explain her perfidy in person to the King of England she candidly told him: "I only did what I would have done for Your Majesty in a like position."

Freud by the Indemnity Act of 1747, Flora Macdonald returned to

her native home and three years later married Allan Macdonald, the impoverished son of an old Scot clan. Hounded continually by financial matters they lived with eager ears to the tales of the prosperity their kinsmen were finding in the province of North Carolina in America. Leav-ing two of their children behind, Flora and her husband sailed for the new world in August of 1774. They landed at Wilmington, N.C., where they were royally received by their countrymen. After a few days they went on up the river to Cross Creek, a spot now called Fayetteville, and resided there for a short time.

It was here, while visiting at the home of Mrs. Butherford that Flora noticed a painting on the wall depicting Anne of Jura aiding Prince Charles to escape. "Turn its face to the wall and never let it see light of day again," said Flora, her usually gentle voice sharp with criticism. "It belies the history, for Anne wasna' there and didna' help the Bonnie Prince to escape." Doubtless, it seemed that even this dubious honor was about to be snatched from her.

Allan Macdonald bought a large plantation at Cameron Hill, near Lo-riain today. They named their place Killigrey, and it was here that Flora lost two of her chil-dren during an epidemic.

Little need be said in this sketch about the part Flora and her husband played in rallying the Scots to the Cape Fear valley to support the King George of England. It ended on the tallow-smeared stringers of the Widow Moore's Creek Bridge when the luckless Scots had another Culloden dish out to them, and Allan wound up a prisoner in the Halifax jail.

After the death of her children, her possessions plundered by marauding mobs of Whigs and Tories, Flora sailed for Scotland in 1778. Her husband accompanied her. On the trip to Scot-land, Flora's ship encountered a French man-of-war and in the en-suing engagement she received a bro-ken arm when she ventured on deck while the fight was in progress. The warship was beaten off, and it was while having her arm dressed that Flora is said to have remarked: "I have risked my life for both Stuart and Hanover and I canna see whether I am the gainer by either."

Flora Macdonald died in King-sburgh, March 5th, 1790.

PERSONALS

Miss Isobel Dobson is holidaying this week in Toronto.

Miss Patricia June Hicken is visit-ing with friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. A. R. Vannatter is spending two weeks with relatives at Dunnville.

Miss Marjorie Gault is spending the week at Manitowaning, Manitowlin Island.

Dr. C. E. Ebleh, Windsor, is spend-ing a week in town with his son, Walter.

Mr. W. R. Robb has returned to town after a two-week northern vaca-tion trip.

Dr. and Mrs. Pickard, of Oxbow, Saskatchewan, were guests this week with the Misses Howson.

Mrs. Jack L. Watson is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowry, Ripley.

Miss Victoria Webster, of Windsor, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Keith Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford have re-turned from a week's boat trip to Fort William and Port Arthur.

Mrs. John McDermid and Isabel are visiting this week with Rev. and Mrs. John McDermid in Grand Valley.

Mrs. M. L. Near spent a pleasant three days last week with Mrs. P. Easton at her home at Scarborough Beach.

Mr. Eric Warnes left today for Jar-row, Alberta, where he will help with the harvest on the farm of Mr. Alvin Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Watson of Tor-onto were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson at their home on Queen Street.

Mr. Jack Thompson, CKCL radio station announcer, spent Monday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson.

Misses Susie and Jean Colman have returned home after spending a week in Hamilton with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Colman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Corbett of Toronto, are visiting in town this week. Mr. Corbett is grounds fore-man at the University of Toronto.

Mrs. Myers, Miss Preston, Miss Coppins, and Mrs. Alexander were friends from Toronto who called at the Misses Howson's this week.

Mr. Pharras Vannatter and Mr. Cecil Davidson are spending a few days at the Rideau Yacht Club, Ottawa, mo-tor-boating there from Trenton.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colman included Mr. and Mrs. James G. Colman and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Devlin, Keith and Douglas, of Toronto.

Mr. Ian MacKenzie of Georgetown, and Miss Helen Cole of Brampton, spent a few days at Rice Lake, the summer home of a mutual friend, Miss Verona Smith, of Mimico.

Miss E. M. Lowe and Miss Rosseter, Principal and Vice-principal of Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, called on their former pupil, Miss Freda Her-bert, one day last week.

Mrs. W. Gamble, who has been con-fined to Guelph General Hospital for the past three months is on the road to health, and was able to return to her home this week.

Miss Audrey McMahon and Mr. E. Colman are back in Toronto after holidaying in town with their grand-mother, Mrs. E. Colman, and their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colman.

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Special National Church Service for BBC

The British Broadcasting Corporation has expressed a desire to broadcast a church service from Canada and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has arranged a special national service on Sunday, August 25, from 11:05 to 11:50 a.m. EDST. This will be heard in Canada over the CBC's Eastern network.

The broadcast will originate in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and the Rt. Rev. Derwin T. Owen, Primate of All Canada, has consented to deliver the sermon. Music will be provided by the St. James' Cathedral choir of men's and boys' voices augmented by selected voices from other Toronto churches, and will be in charge of the cathedral organist and choirmaster, William W. Hewitt.

CBC String Orchestra

A work of one of the most amazing "child prodigies" in musical history has been programmed by Alexander Chuhaldin for the CBC String Orchestra on Sunday, Aug. 25, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. EDST. This is "Night Music Serenade," one of the most popular of Mozart's chamber music compositions. At three, Mozart's musical genius began to attract attention, and at nine he was conducting a full orchestra in his first symphony. His first opera, written when Mozart was only fourteen, ran in Rome for twenty consecutive performances.

"London's Mothers in the Country"

One of Winnipeg's woman doctors has recently returned from England, where she was in charge of a country hospital for evacuated mothers from the poorest districts of London. On Friday, August 23, from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. EDST, in a special talk for women listeners of CBC's National Network, she will tell some entertaining tales of this, one of the busiest and most entertaining periods in her professional career.

Fun from the West

August 30, and school bells ring! Readin', ritin' and rithmetic and an apple for teacher, for Winnipeg's merry madcaps, Woodhouse and Hawkins are heading back to school. Don't miss the fun, for there'll never be a school room quite like this one. CBC's National Network listeners will hear all about it from 11:30 to 12:00 midnight, EDST.

Then, on August 31, Labour Day takes a bow in Vancouver's Musical Mirror, as Bernard Braden's irrepressible Private Rock Company presents the musical sketches "I'll be Working on the Railway," "Where Do You Worka John?," and "Everybody Works but Father." Harry Pryce's pit orchestra plays tunes from old musical comedies, and CBC's National Network carries the broadcast from 11:30 to 12:00 midnight, EDST.

Special War-Time Talks

The Director of Public Information announces that the speaker on the "Let's Face the Facts" series for Sunday, August 25th, at 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. EDST, will be Robert E. Sherwood, who served with the British forces in the last war, is the author of the war play, "There Shall Be No Night," which is one of the sensations of Broadway's 1940 season. Edgar McNamla, Associate Professor

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is again making a name for himself, this time as one of Canada's leading young tenors, will be soloist in a programme of 1940 arrangements of music by Friml, Berlin, Kern and other great names.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Cross wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Marjorie Helen, to Mr. Richard Edward Packer, son of Mr. W. R. Packer and the late Mrs. Packer, of London, England. The marriage to take place quietly September 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gordon of Mansack, announce the engagement of their only daughter Isobel Scott to Robert Earl, son of Mrs. McKay of Brampton and the late William McKay. Marriage to take place in September

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 Stuart Erwin
 Fox News.

Saturday, August 24
"MAN FROM DAKOTA"
 Wallace Beery, Dolores Del Rio, John Howard
 Musical "Paris Nights."
 Cartoon "Hook, Line and Sinker." Popular Science
 Chapter 9 "Dick Tracy's G Men."
 Matinee at 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 and 28
"IT ALL CAME TRUE"
 Ann Sheridan, Jeffrey Lynn, Humphrey Bogart
 March of Time No. 8 "Canada at War."
 Camera Adventure "Flying Stewardess."
 8:00N: "Strange Cargo" Clark Gable

of History at the University of Toronto

will review the news of the past week in "The World Today," Sunday, August 25th, at 8:30 p.m. EDST.

"The Giant Awakens" will be the title of James H. R. Cromwell's talk when he speaks at a Canadian National Exhibition luncheon on Friday, August 30. This will be broadcast over CBC's National Network from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. EDST.

Musical Rendezvous

There are a few names that spring to the mind whenever the subject of American popular music is mentioned, and it's from the songs of this group that Allan McIver has chosen his "Musical Rendezvous" programme for Tuesday, August 27, at 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. EDST. Joseph Victor Laderoute, the former boy soprano who

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