

Ancestor was Erin's First White Settler

A descendant of the first white settler in Erin Township, John Comfort Roszel, 16 Draper St., died in Georgetown hospital April 6.

Nathaniel Roszel received a land grant after fighting with General Brock in the War of 1812. The family granted land from their farm for a church, a cemetery, a school and a community hall. They originally came from the eastern seaboard of the United States as United Empire Loyalists in the 1790s and took up land near Twenty Mile Creek at Smithville in the Niagara peninsula.

Mr. Roszel was the son of Ira and Margaret Walker Roszel and was born in Erin Township 77 years ago. He attended Peacock and Blue Mountain schools. A veteran of army service in World War I, he farmed on the family farm until 1919, then moved to Georgetown where he took a position with the electric radial company. He later operated his own cartage business, was employed with Abitibi Provincial Paper and at Greenwood Cemetery, and for several years with J. B. Mackenzie & Son lumber firm. He was last employed with Premier Products.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, an avid hockey fan and fond of gardening.

He leaves his wife, Olive Eunice Waddell, whom he married in 1922 at Ballinacree Methodist manse, a daughter Margaret, of the staff of Centennial School, and a sister Wilda, Mrs. Victor Harding of Guelph. He was predeceased by brothers George of Hillsburgh, William of Acton and Wilfred, a twin brother of Mrs. Harding who died in infancy, and a sister Jane, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Peter Barrow conducted the funeral service at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were David Roszel, R.R.5, Guelph, Wilfred Harding, Limehouse, Howard Roszel, Acton, Sam Mackenzie, Delmer Laird and Dick Prust.

Mrs. John Standish Lifelong Resident

Funeral service took place on Monday for Mrs. John Standish.

A resident of Georgetown and district all her life, she was the former Bessie McNally, daughter of Thomas and Minnie Sours McNally. She was born in Georgetown.

Her first husband, James Blair, was killed in action in World War I.

Following her marriage to Mr. Standish, they farmed on the 6th Line, later moving to Stewarttown. Last year she moved to Milton to make her home at Halton Centennial Manor, where she died April 6. Predeceased by her husband in 1970, and by brothers Hugh and Fred and sisters Sarah and Lena, she was the last member of her family.

She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Stewarttown, and Canon James Maxwell conducted the service at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Joseph Standish, David and John McNally, Paul Barber, Hugh McNally, Toronto and William Bradley, Hornby. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Hear Indian Music in Culture Study

The Friendship Unit of Hillcrest United Church was held Tuesday afternoon, April 10, at the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pickett. They now live across the road from the farm where they worked for some years.

As both the leader, Mrs. Harvey Nurse, and secretary, Mrs. Ward Brownridge couldn't attend, the assistants Mrs. Robert Cunningham and Mrs. Clayton Wilson acted in their place. The meeting opened with a spring poem and roll call was answered with a picture of India.

Worship service was given by Mrs. J. M. Wickson on French-English relations and she referred to two articles from the United Church Observer. Mrs. Clayton Wilson read scripture from the 10th chapter of St. John, concluding with an Easter poem.

Mrs. James Carney had charge of the program on the culture of India, through music, art and journalism, and records of their music were played on the stereo. Mrs. T. Blackett gave the courtesies and the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bruce McClure, served lunch.

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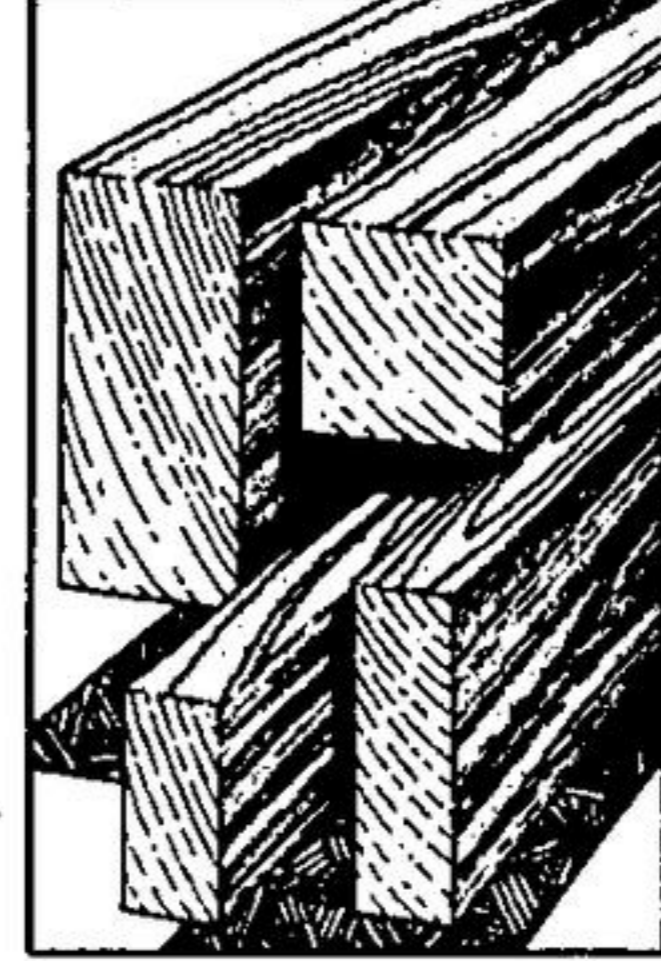
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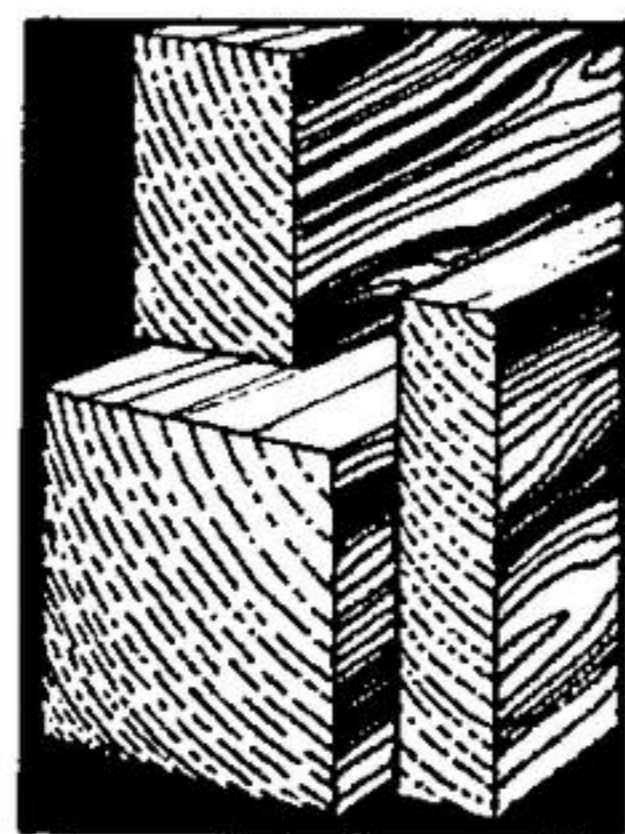
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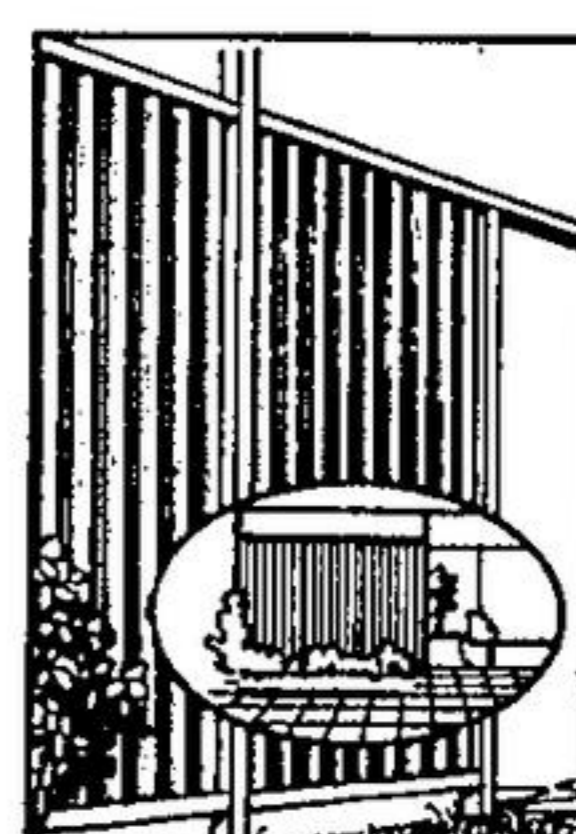
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