

Memories



Fisher of Erin. Later William built a brick residence and large frame and stucco woodworking and paint shop on the south side of Mill Street at Frederick Street.

William led a Christian life and was a faithful teacher at the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School. This venerable citizen was always proud of his Sunday School boys. The first Methodist Church was built on Church Street. Approximately 1880 a new church opened on Mill Street. The Canadian Champion of July 8, 1872, notes, "Minutes of meeting held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church Acton. Official members who held office in the Quarterly Board of the former circuit who were present: Bros. John Speight, Asa Hall, William Grant and Eli Snyder."

Acton was incorporated as a village January 1, 1874. William Grant became Acton's first constable. The town hall was built in 1882 for the municipal council, constabulary, and fire brigade. Exactly 100 years later to the day Acton became part of Halton Hills.

George Wesley Grant, son of Alma and Mary, enlisted in the 27th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force WWI, Regiment No 1003208. At the time he was living in Sudbury and working as a carpenter. He was wounded in action in France and had his right arm amputated in Buxton Hospital, England where he stayed for a few weeks. John Coleman (Jack) Swindlehurst, son of Harry and Elizabeth Coleman Swindlehurst, Toronto, great grandson of Wm. and Lizzie, joined the Royal Canadian Navy in WWII. He was the first Toronto seaman killed when the HMCS Fraser sank off Bordeaux, France, June 25, 1940. Robert Grant, son of Walter and Edith (Featherstone-Walpole) Grant, great grandson of Wm., joined the RCAF in WWII. He died overseas Feb. 19, 1945.

When William retired from business in later years he and Lizzie farmed in Erin. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Albert Grant, son of Alma and Mary Grant, compiled the family tree in 1968 and William Taylor son of Ellen (Nell) and Charles Taylor typed it.

Walter (Czerwinski) Grant, Robert, Edith (Featherstone-Walpole), & Madeleine (Walpole)

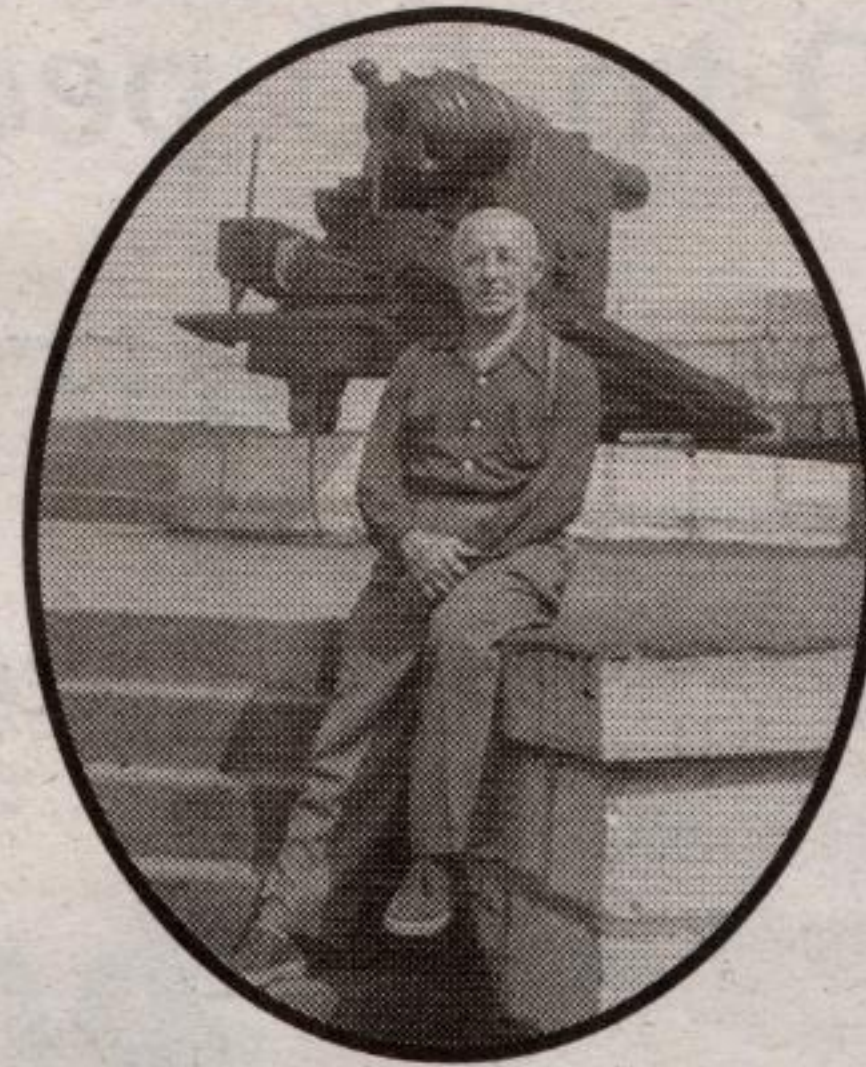
~ 1926 ~



Arthur Taylor, Eileen & Nell Taylor-Gillies
~ 1938 ~



Alma & Mary Grant
~ circa 1930 ~



Walter (Czerwinski) Grant
~ 1956 ~



Harry & Elizabeth (Coleman) Swindlehurst, Jack & Betty
~ mid 1920s ~



Family Reunion, 1930

L to R: ?, Charles Barker, ?, Harry Swindlehurst, Hugh Oliver, Albert Grant, Jack Gillies, Alma Grant, George Grant, Thomas Wheeler.

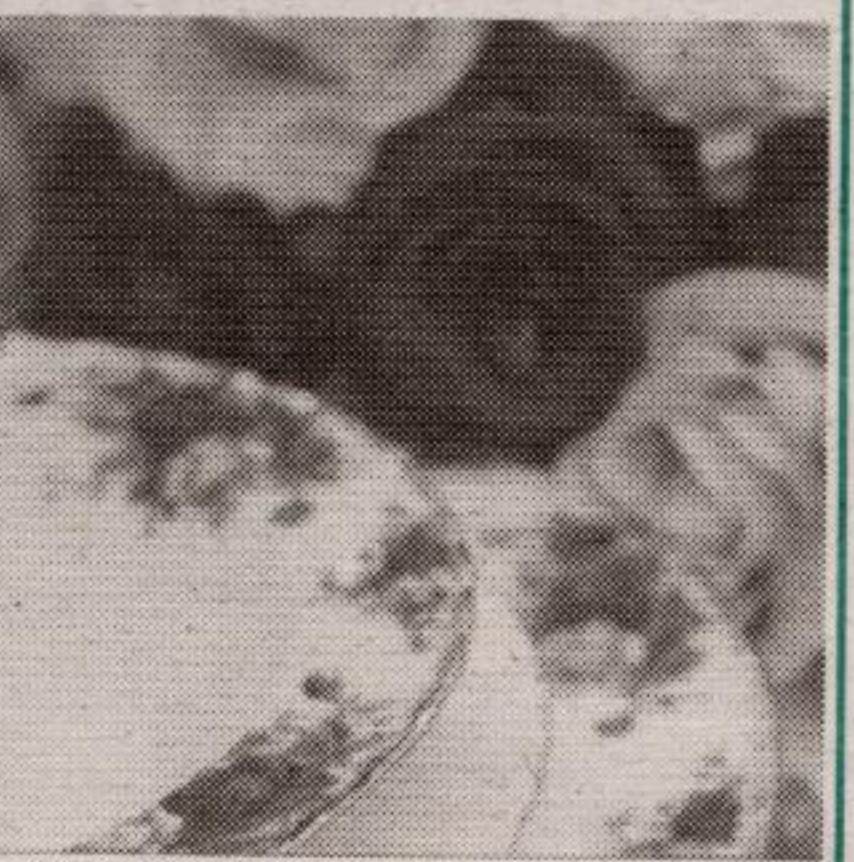


Nell Taylor, Martha Wheeler, Mary & Alma Grant, Jack Gillies, Thomas A. Wheeler

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| William
m. Joyce Chapple | → | Barry
Murray
Brian |
| Earl
m. Margaret Clarke | → | Dorothy
Bruce
Ronald |
| George
m. Dorothy Lankin | → | Douglas
Gordon
Kenneth
Allan |
| Donald
m. Peggy Warner | → | David
Stephen
Cynthia
Robert
Elizabeth |
| June
m. William Hill | | |
| Ross
m. Doreen Randall | → | |

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