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LOCAL BARRISTER HAD LARGE ESTATE

Jas. W. McCullough left \$167,761.97 to Relatives, excepting \$1000 to Poor of Goodwood

By the will of the late James McCullough, barrister, of Stouffville, an estate of \$167,761.97 is disposed of, mainly to members of the immediate family. The executors are directed to distribute to the poor and needy of Goodwood and vicinity, at their own discretion, the sum of \$1000, and a further sum of \$200 is to be invested for the care and upkeep of the family plot in the Goodwood cemetery.

The total personal estate amounted to \$162,095.31, while the remainder of \$5666.66 comprises the real estate holdings of deceased.

A life annuity of \$300 is to be paid to a brother of the deceased, John W. McCullough, and the income from \$5000 to a sister Jennie Graham for life and at her death the principal is to be divided among the children. \$500 each is left to a niece, Ruth Hill, and two nephews, Ewart and Irving Hill.

The income from \$10,000 is to be paid to a granddaughter of deceased, Barbara McLaughlin, for her own use when she reaches 18 years, and the principal paid to her outright at 25 years of age. The will directs that \$20,000 outright be paid to Erma McLaughlin, daughter of the deceased, and the income from the residue of the estate to be paid to the widow for her life, then it is to pass to the daughter Erma for her life, and at the death of Erma McLaughlin the principal shall pass to Barbara McLaughlin, or be divided equally among children of Erma McLaughlin.

The executors named in the will are Mrs. Jas. McCullough, Erma McLaughlin and Wm. McLaughlin. John W. McCullough, brother of deceased is solicitor for the estate.

This is said to be the largest single estate ever filed for probate from Stouffville.

PRIZE AWARDS, GARDENS AND LAWNS

O'Brien Ave. Gets Bulk of Wins

There were no less than 27 lawns, gardens and home surroundings judged in Stouffville last week by Messrs. Roy Crosby and Albert Wideman of Markham, who came here on behalf of Stouffville Horticultural Society to do the judging in a very difficult class.

It was unfortunate that one or two places which might easily have been placed in the prize awards, did not enter at all, and hence no prizes came to Church street, or any home east of that.

The successful winners were announced today as follows:

Best front lawn—Mrs. T. Klinck, Mrs. Gower, Mrs. Robt. Miller.

Best back yard and garden—Mrs. J. Hoover, Mrs. Hamilton (O'Brien Ave.), Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Miller.

Best home surroundings—Mrs. T. Klinck, Mrs. J. Hoover, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Tait.

The country homes have not yet been judged.

The judges also passed on the church properties, and adjudged them in the following order:—United, Christian and Baptist. Since the churches have taken up the matter of beautifying their premises and keeping them in a more respectful condition throughout the summer, the surroundings have shown decided improvement. The effort is a commendable one and could well be followed by every church in town to even a greater extent.

Owing to a misunderstanding the Brierbush and the Collins homes in the east end were not judged.

GOODWOOD

Victor Ottowell is here from Minnesota, visiting his parents.

Mrs. A. Bray of Helena, Montana spent the week end at home.

One of our garagemen, George Hodgins has been ill, but is improving again in health.

Mr. Wm. Henderson, a former school teacher and Goodwood boy who has come to live among us, will occupy the United Church pulpit next Sunday.

Verna and Gladys Burnham of Sutton are enjoying a holiday with their grandparents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Latham. Miss Eva Latham who has just returned from a visit on the Pacific Coast and Yellowstone Park, visited with her cousin, Mr. Robt. Davis of Cannon-Cohn, occupied the pulpit in the United Church on Sunday evening, and delivered an instructive and interesting address. Mr. Davis is an old Goodwood boy, and with his wife and family are visiting their many friends here.

Jacob Barkey Dies at Great Age, Being in 92nd Year

In the passing of Jacob G. Barkey, which occurred at the home of his son-in-law (J. M. Grove, Ringwood), about 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, August 12, 1923, a man who played a prominent part as a master mechanic in his line during the pioneer days of Uxbridge, Goodwood and Stouffville, is removed from the scene of life at the age of 91 years, and 7 months.

Although the deceased was nearing the century mark, his death came as a shock, for he was only bed-fast about five days. He suffered no disease, his strength was firm to the last, but his hour had struck and his heart gradually slowed down until the end came peacefully, and in the full consciousness of the deceased that he was about to enter that eternal life which knows no death.

Born at Mongolia on the 10th of March in 1837, (Rebellion year) Mr. Barkey ranked among the few longest living inhabitants in these parts. He was of a family of 10 children born to Henry Barkey and Fannie Grove, and was the last surviving member. His parents were of Pennsylvania Dutch, and were the children of the very first settlers in the section. Jacob Barkey's grandfather came here as a baby with his parents in 1806, one-hundred and twenty-six years ago. Until 19 years of age Jacob worked faithful at home when he undertook the blacksmithing trade, and apprenticed himself to Hugh Casler, who conducted a shop where now stands Mrs. Harding's home in the east end. At this time the present business section of Stouffville was bush lands. After four years Mr. Barkey engaged with the Beebe blacksmith shop in Uxbridge village, conducted by the father of the late Byron Beebe. Jonathan Gould of Markham, who was then a very small boy, recalls Mr. Barkey as a good cricket player who won a place on the first team ever organized in Uxbridge.

In 1866 the late Mr. Barkey settled in Goodwood, where he united in marriage with a Miss Stover, cousin to the present Ambrose Stover, the local baker. They were united in matrimony by the father of the young groom, the Rev. Henry Barkey, the saddle-back preacher of Altona, who is not forgotten to this day by the older residents.

In those early days long hours and hard work were more familiar to the young generation than it is today. Mr. Barkey often stood before the forge at the Goodwood smithy shop around four o'clock in the morning and by dint of hard going rounded out an axe blade before breakfast. All the tools in those days used by the pioneer were

hand-made, and the deceased was regarded as a master mechanic in their manufacture.

There was more to contend with in those days than hard work, privations were many, wild animals were often a menace, and in this latter respect, Mr. Barkey often recalled an amusing incident to him in his life. He was engaged in burning a charcoal pit near Uxbridge.

Walking from the village to the scene of activity was through the lonely woods and dense brush. He had with him as a companion a new-comer from England, in the person of our present W. B. Sanders. As they plodded their way in the black of night, the howl of wolves came nearer and nearer. Mr. Sanders knew well that such animals dealt nothing but death to the man in the woods if he was unfortunate to be confronted by them in the old land. He was justly alarmed as the sound came nearer and nearer, but Mr. Barkey declared it offered no concern to him, as the experience was an old one. The pack, probably half a dozen, raced by them within some forty rods, and the newly initiated breathed easier as the howling grew fainter and fainter in the distance.

Few men who are privileged to live over 91 years stand the strain like the deceased. He was rugged, firm of foot, keen of intellect, and possessed a freshness of the skin that would be prized by many men of 65 years. The determination never to worry, and the practice of good habits, are the only things Mr. Barkey could give as a reason for his great age. Hard work he knew from experience never killed him.

The late Mr. Barkey is survived by seven children, of a family of eight, his wife having passed away 7 years ago. The surviving members of the family, all of whom deeply respected and loved their aged father, are Mrs. J. M. Grove, Mrs. John Lee and Mrs. Truman Grove of Ringwood, Isaac Barkey of the Stouffville foundry, Henry Barkey of Edmonton, and Abram of San Pedro, Cal., also Edward of Lemonville.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon proceeded to Stouffville cemetery, thence the mourners and friends proceeded to the Christian church, Stouffville, where divine service was conducted by the Rev. E. Morton, who paid fitting tribute to the long life and sterling character of our aged citizen.

Floral tributes on the casket testified to the high esteem in which this aged old resident was held. The pall bearers were his two sons Isaac and Edward, two son-in-laws, Jos. and Truman Grove, and two nephews Eli Ramer and John Barkey.

IN MIDST OF A BIG HARVEST

Alsike Crop Light and Poor Quality
—Fall Wheat Cutting On—Promises Big Yield and Good Quality.

With ideal weather conditions prevailing all last week and thus far this week, harvesting in this locality will be completed on many farms by Saturday next. Of course there is still much grain to cut, but it is coming down fast. Among the "early birds" to finish before this paper is issued are Charlie Harper of Stouffville and Wm. Bassett at Ringwood.

Cober Bros. have their five threshing outfits now busy chiefly on the alsike harvest which is proving a very light yield and poor quality. The best returns we have heard of is slightly over 1½ bushels to the acre on the farm of Jack Davis west of town. Threshing was done in the field, and the stack burned after threshing. Frank Steckley reports 1½ bushels to the acre, while most others received one bushel, including Tom Lewis, Fred Betz and Walter Davis.

Little wheat is threshed yet, although one farmer is through with this operation at Victoria Square where 50 bushels to the acre is reported. An occasional farmer south of Stouffville is reported to have threshed wheat, but we have not heard of any definite yields.

It takes a girl baby two years to learn to talk and all the rest of her life to learn to not.

When walking on a highway—walk on the left side. Do not walk with the traffic—but against it.

The total value of the Canadian National Exhibition Park is \$15,000,000.

PERSONAL NOTES

Miss Hazel Silvester is home from Toronto.

Miss Eva Hoover is camping at Keswick with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Silvester.

Dr. D. C. Smith and family left this week for two weeks holidays at Sturgeon Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barber and son of Toronto, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Nolan.

For a few days last week, Mrs. Phillips of Minden, visited her sister, Mrs. A. S. Leaney.

Mrs. Hattie Saunders and grandchildren are spending a couple of weeks in Whitby, Oshawa and other points.

Mrs. W. S. Cook and Miss Mirlam are now in Switzerland on their trip abroad. They will shortly be in Italy, Rome.

On Monday Misses Sadie and Gladys Evans, and Lillian Dawson, all of Claremont, were guests of Miss Sadie Stewart.

Mrs. Lee, wife of Rev. Herbert Lee, also Miss Vida and Walter Lee are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Nathan Forsyth.

Chester Brown, son of Mr. George Brown, east end, has joined the western harvesters, and left this week for Niaga, Manitoba.

Mr. Wm. R. Urquhart, druggist of Owen Sound, was home for a few days owing to the illness of his father Mr. John Urquhart.

Miss Annie Hastings of Toronto after spending part of her holidays at her home Willowdale Farm is now at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mr. Delbert Holden has been off duty for a week back suffering from a bad head condition caused from defective teeth. He suffered terrible pain, but is now improving.

Charles Ward has been brought home to Stouffville. He is suffering from severe burns on the back as a result of an accident in the garage at Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lennox of Toronto were visitors in town on Sunday. Sam Lennox left here following the closing of the vinegar works here, with which he was connected.

Mr. Wilmot Brown who recently moved from his native town to Toronto, was back for a few hours one day last week. It looked quite natural to see him walk into the sanctum of this paper.

Rev. C. E. McLeod landed home this week from his visit to Scotland. On his arrival the sad news had to be conveyed to him of the death of his daughter which occurred while he was abroad.

Mrs. Andrews of Toronto is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Tarr, O'Brien Ave. Mrs. Andrews who is 80 years of age is a member of the Fleury family, which conducted the Stouffville foundry some 35 years ago.

Mrs. P. L. Steckley and family, of Toronto, are visiting her parents in town Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Hoover with Mr. Steckley coming out for the week ends. Their little daughter is just recovering from an illness of 14 months duration.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McCay and daughter, Kathleen of Burlington, have returned home after spending a short time at Mr. Ira Badgero's, also Mr. and Mrs. A. Durling and two sons of Toronto, who spent a day here.

Mr. Frank Rae, accompanied by his sisters, Misses Nettie and Allie and Mrs. Turner, motored to Barrie on Sunday to visit their uncle Mr. Thos. Ford who suffered a stroke while on a visit here three years ago.

Mr. A. C. Burkholder returned on Tuesday from Montreal, where Mrs. Burkholder is remaining for some time, and also to a war vessel, the This was an eventful trip for the local bank manager, who was introduced to his grandchild for the first time, and also too a war vessel, the "Australia" the large new man-o-war of the Australian fleet, which happened to be docked at Montreal on Sunday. The new vessel carries a crew of 750 and was open for inspection one day last week.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hastings returned from a holiday on the Muskoka Lakes at Baumaris, where they camped at the large summer hotel. The Hastings witnessed the horrible accident that filled the daily press concerning the crash of the large airplane at Baumaris, killing two and seriously injuring four other passengers. Mr. Hastings was on the lake at the time, and heard the engine suddenly stop, when the plane pitched to the ground a shattered wreck. He assisted in removing the dead pilot from the machine.

THE FLOWER SHOW IS NEXT WEEK

The 5th Annual Exhibition of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Arena, Stouffville, on THURSDAY, AUG. 23rd.

Exhibition opened to the public from 4 to 10.30 p.m.

Refreshments served afternoon and evening. Music.

Help the work of the Society by your attendance at the Exhibition.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday, Aug. 19th
1.30 p.m.—Sunday School
2.30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Mr. Fuller will preach.

BAKER HILL and SIXTH LINE BAPTIST CHURCHES
W. S. Whitcombe, B.A., pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

"How a Great Disaster was Averted"
Baker Hill—Morning service
Sixth Line—Evening service
The pastor will preach.

MENNONITE CHURCH
S. S. Shantz, pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

Morning Service—Subject, "The Church compared to a Vine."
Evening Service—Subject, "Esther Pleading for her People."
Pastor in charge of both services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
E. Morton, pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

Nature is a great factory; but what is the best things coming out from our lives? Is it love to God, expressed in worship and service? He longs to have our love, as he has given us His. Read 1 John 3:1.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

The services morning and evening next Sunday will again be in charge of Mr. Raymer of Toronto. Your attendance will be welcomed.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
H. S. Warren, B.A., pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—"A Victorious Life"
7 p.m.—"Does the World Need a Religious Transformation?"
Mr. B. Ward, soloist in St. Andrews Church, Sault Ste. Marie will sing at the evening service.

MELVILLE, BETHESDA, PEACHESS UNITED CHURCHES
Dr. E. H. Gray, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19th

Peach's (7th Line, Markham) Public Worship at 10 a.m.
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Young People's meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Melville (6th Line, Markham) Sunday School at 1.30 p.m.
Public Worship at 3 p.m.

Bethesda (5th Line, Whitchurch) Union S. S. during summer at 10 o'clock a.m.

Public Worship at 7.30 p.m.
Young People's meeting every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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