

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE:

Madoc exciting area

Dear Editor,

Moslems make pilgrimages to Mecca and Jews to Jerusalem, but these cannot compare to the exciting discoveries the two of us, Clayton and Helen Bacon of Flint, Michigan made on our pilgrimage to the land of his ancestors in the picturesque village of Madoc.

For years, we had been making plans to come here to walk on the same ground and stand, perhaps, under the same trees, that had sheltered our forebears so many years ago.

It was awesome to stand beside the tombstone, one of the oldest in the cemetery, of Samuel Bacon, great, great, great, grandfather of our four children. He was the courageous early settler, a young widower about the age of 36, who had left his native England in the year 1835, with his seven children to make his way in the new world.

After reaching Hastings County, he remarried and to this already large family was added the best known member, Charles Bacon. It was thrilling, as we talked with old residents, to hear about the stories that were recollected about Big Charlie, as he was called by everyone.

We are very appreciative of so many friendly people who helped us bring the past alive again. We owe much to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Morcroft who took us around to the various properties where the Bacon families lived; as we drove along, his fantastic memory brought to mind interesting incidents from the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawthorne Jr., and Presley Nickle proved also to be very kind and helpful. Philo Harris remembered Charlie Bacon as a large man who was always very active. Nowhere were we treated as strangers, but friends.

Before we arrived, we had a few scattered facts about the families who preceded us, but we were able to gain much information and personal family history. They now mean more to us than just names on a list.

It was Joseph Bacon, grandson of Samuel Bacon from England, and his wife, the former Mary Ann Morton who brought their family to Michigan about 1877. They had eight children; the fourth child, Charles Henry Bacon was the father of Clayton. Of Joseph's family, there remains today but one survivor, Nettie Stout, a sweet elderly lady almost ninety years old.

We have enjoyed our short stay here and have found our visit has surpassed our greatest expectations. By all means, we must make it a point to include Madoc, Ontario in our holiday plans for 1977.

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Obituary

Ada Beatrice Bonter

Ada Beatrice Bonter of the Blue Spruce Haven Rest Home in Deloro died on May 17, 1979.

Mrs. Bonter was born the daughter of Robert and Martha (Bacon) Lough in Marmora Township on April 23, 1886. She was a homemaker and had resided in the Marmora area all her life.

Mrs. Bonter was predeceased by her husband, John. She is survived by three sons, Herbert and J. Raymond of Marmora and Eldon of Oakville and a daughter, Grace of Marmora as well as a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Stewart, two daughters Mildred (Gay) McFarland and Hazel Collins, brothers Frank, George, Arnold, Marshall, Howard and Stewart Lough and a sister, Grace (Pack) Auckland.

The funeral was held on May 19 with Reverend Donald Rutherford of St. Andrew's United Church in Marmora presiding. Interment was in the Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews Ron Lough and Keith Sills of Belleville and grandchildren John, Jim and Stephen Bonter.

Music at the service was provided by organist Barbara Sanderson. Flowers were sent from the Blue Spruce Haven Rest Home, neighbours, and family. Mourners attended from Oakville, Kingston, London, Belleville and Scarborough as well as the immediate area.

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ROBERT LOUGH

After only a few hours illness Robert Lough passed away at his home in Marmora township last Thursday morning, aged eighty-two years. He was around as usual until Wednesday evening and when he first became ill it was not realized his condition was so serious. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lough and was born on the farm where his brother John resides. He was one of the pioneer farmers of the township, industrious and progressive. He was held in the highest esteem by all classes. Quiet and unassuming, kindly and sympathetic and noted for his hospitality he had a host of friends.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Jane Bacon of Madoc township, six sons and two daughters, as follows: Arnold at home; Frank and Stewart of Sidney Township; George, of Mountain View, Prince Edward County; Marshall of Hanna, Sask.; Howard, of Brantford; and Mrs. John W. Bonter and Mrs. W. J. Pack, of Marmora township. He is also survived by one brother John, of Marmora township.

The late Robert Lough was a member of Trinity Anglican Church ever since it was erected about 36 years ago. He was also a member of L.O.L. No. 319 for about 60 years and some time ago was made a life member. In politics he was a Conservative.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions, which made motoring difficult and dangerous, was largely attended. Service was conducted in St. Paul's Church by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell assisted by Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth, who read the lesson. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery. Six grandsons of the deceased acted as pall bearers.

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Grace M. Auckland dies at Montgomery Lodge

Funeral service for Grace Margaret Auckland of Montgomery Lodge, Belleville, was held on Saturday, May 1, at the Howden Funeral Home in Marmora at 2 p.m. with Rev. John Peters officiating.

A patient at Montgomery Lodge for the past six years, Mrs. Auckland died there on Thursday, April 29. She was 83 years old.

Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Bearers were Ronald, Bob and Percy Lough, Eldon and Ray Bonter and Gilbert Sills.

Daughter of the late Robert Lough and the late former Martha Bacon, she was born in

Marmora Township. She received her education there and at MacDonald College.

She was predeceased by her two husbands, James Auckland and William Pack.

She was a member of St. Andrew's Church, the UCW and the Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Auckland is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Bonter of Marmora; also step-children, Dora Semple of Saskatoon, Sask.; Gordon Auckland of Seattle, Wash. and Donald of Belleville. There are seven step-grandchildren.

She was also predeceased by six brothers, Frank, Arnold, George, Marshal, Howard and Stewart.

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