

Was Native of Marmora

In the death of William (King) Rogers, 312 Foster Avenue, which occurred at the Belleville General Hospital Thursday evening, the city of Belleville has lost a good citizen, one who was well known, public spirited, highly esteemed and popular with many friends and acquaintances.

The late Mr. Rogers was born at Marmora 72 years ago, his parents being of United Empire Loyalist descent. At the age of six years he came with the family to reside in Belleville and consequently all but a few years of his life was passed in this city.

In early years he was attracted to the sport of sailing and it was his life-long hobby. When he was ten years old he was a member of the crew of the yacht Dauntless. Other yachts on which he sailed were the Kitty Grey, Kathleen and Nora, being mate and head canvasman on the latter. The building of the racing yacht Atlanta here and the leading part it took in yachting in Canadian and United States waters are matters of history often referred to by old residents. "King" Rogers was the last survivor of the crew of the Atlanta, which won the Fisher Cup at Chicago in the year 1883, defeating the Cora of New York and the Aileen of Toronto. He was sailing master for two years on the Atlanta and sailed altogether on this yacht for four years. He always retained his love of yachting. Since his retirement from active work he took a great interest in dinghy racing and acted as starter for the races held weekly during the season off Victoria Park and under the auspices of the South End Athletic and Yachting Club.

In the year 1887 "King" Rogers entered the service of the old Grand Trunk Railway here and in due time he became one of the best locomotive engineers in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway and later of the Canadian National Railways running out of the Belleville Division. For some years past he had been living retired.

In religion Mr. Rogers was a member of John Street United Church and fraternally he was a member of Belleville Lodge No. 81, I.O.O.F., and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Surviving to mourn his loss are his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Corbett; one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Russell Larmour of Ottawa; two sons Mr. Hugh Rogers of Kitchener; Mr. Arthur Rogers of Belleville; two brothers, Mr. George Rogers of Brooklyn, N.Y.; James Derry of Belleville. Mrs. Samuel Sprague, a sister, passed away last December in this city.

The deceased was a cousin of Messrs. John and James Downard of Marmora township.

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JOHN DOWNARD

After an illness of about a year, during which he suffered greatly at times, John Downard passed away at his home in Marmora township about 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Downard and was sixty-five years of age. He had lived all his life in Marmora Township and was widely known and highly esteemed. Cheerful and friendly, a good neighbor, and ready to help anyone in trouble, he made many warm friends who will regret his passing. For a number of years he was a member of the Township Council, being elected a number of times by acclamation. He was a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, North Marmora. In politics he was an ardent Conservative, but he was always fair and broad minded.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Delia Simmons, one brother, James, Marmora township, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Walsh, St. Catharines, and Mrs. Wm. Burns, Marmora.

The funeral was held this afternoon. Leaving his late residence the funeral proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where service was conducted by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

FUNERAL OF JOHN DOWNARD

The funeral of the late John Downard was held last Thursday afternoon and the large attendance was an evidence of the esteem in which he was held. An impressive and comforting sermon was delivered by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell, who also conducted the committal service at the graveside. The pall bearers were Messrs. John Finnegan, John A. Bell, Chas. Jones, James Jones,

James McAvoy and Wellington Billings.

The late John Downard is survived by five sisters and four brothers as follows: Mrs. Wm. Walsh, St. Catharines; Mrs. Wm. Burns, Marmora; Mrs. J. Zepp, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. G. R. Graw, Sanatone, Texas; Mrs. R. S. Lewis, Kenmore, N. Y.; James Downard, Marmora Township; Samuel Downard, Cobalt; Frank Downard, Englehart, Ont., and Wm. Ernest Downard, Hyland Park, Mich.

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JOHN BELL, SR.

Many of his friends in Marmora and district learned with surprise and regret of the passing of John Bell, senior, early last Saturday morning. He was ill only a few days and then it was not generally known that his condition was serious before his death was announced.

He was in his 87th year and for several years he had been a familiar figure on Forsythe street.

The late John Bell was born in New York State, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, but as a boy moved with his parents to the 7th Concession of Marmora Township and he has since resided in the township or Marmora Village. His father was a veteran of the American Civil War. The deceased was for many years a successful farmer and for a considerable period also spent the winters as a teamster in the lumber camps. He was also employed on the construction of the Central Ontario Railroad at a time when railroads were constructed by men and teams without the assistance of modern machinery.

The late John Bell was widely known and had many friends. Although he was abrupt and outspoken he was big hearted and had helped a good many in time of trouble. For several years he was tax collector during the worst part of the depression, and he served the municipality faithfully and at the same time was lenient to those who were hard hit by low prices for farm products and high tax rates, which prevailed. He was generally cheerful and friendly with a fine sense of humor.

The late John Bell was married to Catharine Bailey, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, who survives him. He is also survived by three sons—William, Lannigan, Sask.; and James and John A., Marmora township, and one daughter, Mrs. Earl Wells, also of Marmora township. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Thomas Downard, of Cobalt.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the home of his son, Reeve John A. Bell, Marmora town-

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MRS. ALEX S. ROBERTSON

Although she had been in ill health for some time the death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Robertson, beloved wife of Alexander S. Robertson, at Blairton last Thursday evening came as a shock to her many friends. Her health had been gradually failing for some years and about two months ago, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence West, in Toronto, she suffered a stroke. Recently she rallied and her condition improved so that she was able to return home and hopes were held for her recovery. Early last week her condition changed for the worse and she passed away Thursday evening.

The late Mrs. Robertson was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCoy (nee Matilda Arnott) of Marmora Township, and was in her 59th year. She is survived by her husband and a family of six sons and two daughters, namely: William Robertson, Rawdon Township; Donald, Deloro; Floyd, Owen Sound; James, Clifford and Arthur, at home; Mrs. Clarence West, Toronto; and Mrs. Roy Kelsh, Cordova. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. John Broadworth, Saskatoon, Sask.; Mrs. James Downard, Marmora Township and Mrs. Charlotte O'Brien Toronto.

While she was devoted to her home and family and their care took most of her time, Mrs. Robertson was always a good friend and neighbour and was held in the highest esteem in the community in which she lived. The affection and respect with which she was regarded by every member of her family was one of the finest tributes to her character.

The funeral, which left her late residence on Sunday afternoon and proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Marmora, for service, was very largely attended, a number being unable to find room in the church. The service was conducted by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell and was an impressive one.

In addition to the many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends wreaths were received from the Kinsmen's Club, Owen Sound; Loblaw's Head Office, Toronto; Employees of Loblaw's store, Owen Sound; the Deloro Group of St. Andrew's Women's Association; and Marmora L.O.L. No. 319.

Interment took place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery and the six sons of the deceased were pall bearers.

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DEATH OF MRS. SIMMONS

Aged Lady Passes Away on Monday After a Short Illness

Mrs. William Simmons, relict of the late Wm. Simmons, sr., passed away at her residence, Marmora, on Monday, July 19th, aged 73 years. She had enjoyed good health until Saturday evening last when she suffered a paralytic stroke, death resulting as above stated.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Matilda Jane Daffoe, was born in Hastings county and has lived in this vicinity all her life. About fifty-seven years ago she was united in marriage to the late William Simmons, who predeceased her about eight years ago. A family of seven sons and two daughters were born as a result of the union their names being as follows:--Mrs. Acker, who died a number of years ago; George, Spencer, David, William and John of Marmora; Mrs. John Downard, of Marmora township; and Richard and Albert, of Cobalt. For a number of years the family lived in Stirling and from there they moved to what is known as the old Wiggins place about four miles north of the village. From there they moved into the village about three years ago.

The late Mrs. Simmons was a Methodist in religion and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew her.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon service being conducted in the Methodist church by Rev. J. E. Moore, and interment taking place in Marmora cemetery. All the members of the family were present at the funeral.

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Mrs. Bella Downard and two adopted children, of Cobalt, are spending a short time in Marmora. Mrs. Downard has been visiting in Toronto, Madoc and other places for a couple of months.

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THOMAS RYAN

On Sunday, December 30th, Thomas Ryan, an aged and respected resident of Marmora Township passed away in Belleville General Hospital in his 90th year. For the past few months he had been living alone in his home just north east of the village where he had resided for 49 years. On Saturday some of his neighbours went to his home, as they had not seen him around for a couple of days, and found him unconscious at the foot of the cellar steps. It is believed he fell down the stairs and struck his head. He was taken to Belleville Hospital where he passed away on Sunday.

The late Thomas Ryan was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Bedore, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bedore. His second marriage was to Mary Jane Downard, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Downard. She died some years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ed. O'Brien.

The funeral was held on Wednesday forenoon, Requiem Mass being conducted in Sacred Heart Church by Rev. H. J. Farrell. Interment took place in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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Funeral of Mrs. John Downard

The funeral of Mrs. John (Delia) Downard took place on Monday afternoon from the residence of her niece, Mrs. Alex McCoy in Marmora township for service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marmora at 2:30 p. m., which was conducted by Canon J. M. Brownlie. Burial followed in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Arthur Sheridan, Peter Quinn, Irwin McCoy, George Fox and Arthur Carman.

Mrs. Downard, who was in her 89th year, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons of Marmora township where she was born. She was twice married, her first husband, being Wesley Huffman who preceased her as well as a son and daughter of that marriage. There were no children of the second marriage. Since the death of her husband, John Downard, about 12 years ago she made her home with her niece Mrs. Verna McCoy in Marmora township. The latter and her father, William Simmons, Belleville, are her surviving relatives.

MARRIED

GRAW...DOWNARD In Havana, Cuba on Thursday, Jan. 14th, Miss Ninnie Downard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos Downard, Marmora, to Mr. Geo. Graw

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MRS. JAMES DOWNARD

A lifelong resident of Marmora Township, Mrs. Margaret Downard passed away at her residence R.R. 2, Marmora on Saturday, August 19th, 1961, in her 81st year.

Mrs. Downard was born in Marmora Township, a daughter of the late William McCoy and Matilda Arnott. She had spent her entire life in this district and with her husband, the late James Downard had operated a farm until their health forced them to retire.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte O'Brien of Marmora Township and Mrs. Rebecca Broadworth of Saskatchewan. 1 sister predeceased her.

The funeral was held from the Howden Funeral Home on Monday, Aug. 21st with service in St. Paul's Anglican Church conducted by Rev. R. G. Fleming.

Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Donald, Clifford, James, Arthur and Clayton Robertson and Angus O'Brien.

Frank Downard

Frank Downard, formerly of Marmora died on Fri., Nov. 18 in Englehart, Ont. after a lengthy illness. He was 80 years of age.

Mr. Downard was the son of Thomas Downard of Marmora and was educated here before entering the service during the first world war and serving overseas. At the time of his death, he had retired, after working as railway conductor for 48 years.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Minnie Grau, of San Antonio, Texas and two brothers: Norman of Englehart and Ernest of Madison Heights, Michigan.

Mr. Downard, a Baptist, was buried from the Cassidy Funeral Home, Marmora, on Tues., Nov. 22. He was interred in the Marmora Protestant Cemetery with the Reverend J.A. Howard officiating.

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JAMES DOWNARD

A life-long resident of Marmora Township, Mr. James Downard, passed away at his residence, R. R. 2, Marmora, on Tuesday, April 25th, in his 86th year. He had been in poor health for a considerable length of time.

The late Mr. Downard was born in Marmora Township, a son of the late Thomas Downard and Elizabeth Sheridan, his wife. He had spent all his life in the Township where he had engaged in farming until his health failed.

He was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marmora, and was respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret McCoy; three half brothers and two half sisters: Ernest and Sam Downard, of Detroit, Frank, of North Bay; Mrs. Minnie Grau, of Detroit and Mrs. Hester Lewis, of Buffalo.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the Howden Funeral Home to St. Paul's Anglican Church where service was conducted at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. C. J. Betts in the absence of Rev. Fleming. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

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ELIZABETH BURNS

Mrs. William Burns, a lifelong resident of Marmora district, passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, on Wednesday morning, December 23th. She suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve and never recovered.

Mrs. Burns was born in Marmora Township and was in her 74th year. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Downard and his wife the former Elizabeth Sheridan.

The late Mrs. Burns was a member of the Sacred Heart Church, Marmora. She had a quiet friendly disposition and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

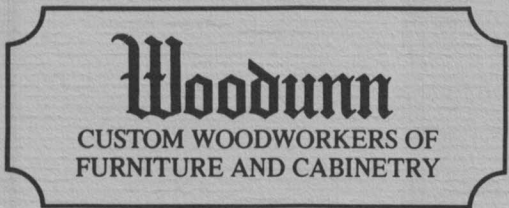
She is survived by her husband and three daughters and three sons as follows: Mrs. J. Allison (Annie), Miss. Clara Burns and Miss. Ferga Burns, all of Toronto; Arthur Burns, Mimico, Gordon of Peterborough and Frank at home. Also surviving are a brother and sister, James Downard, Marmora Township and Mrs. Mary Walsh of St. Catherines.

The deceased will be resting at the Wells Funeral Home, Burstall Street, until Saturday morning when Requiem Mass will be conducted in Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m.

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 - buried M.P.C
 - married Delia Simmons

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5 sisters -
 Mrs Wm Burns - Manoro
 Mrs Mary Walsh - St Catharines
 Mrs S Zepp - Buffalo
 Mrs G.R. Gray - Saratoga Texas
 Mrs R.S. Lewis - Kenmore N.Y.

4 brothers -
 James Darnard - Manoro
 Samuel Darnard - Cobalt
 Frank Darnard - Englehart, Ont
 Wm Darnard - Highland Park Mich

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