

by Nancy Derrer

Peterborough – Ellen Spry's surprise 85th birthday party, arranged by her siblings, children and grandchildren on May 5 at the Marmora Town Hall, is a wonderful memory for Mrs. Spry to add to her long list of unforgettable moments. She especially thanks her sister, Ruth Potts, daughter Isobel Cole, sisters-in-law Clela Stewart and Hilda Pressick.

Mrs. Spry's parents were married in Christ Church, Norwood in 1915 or 1916, arriving by horse and buggy from Havelock for the ceremony. They went to live at Round Lake. Ellen was born in her grandmother's home in Belmont Township, the first of five children, four of

whom survived childhood. The family moved to Seymour Township and soon it was time for little Ellen to start school. However, the school was a great distance from her home so she went to Belmont Township to live with her grandmother, Edith Baker, and spent her first two years of school there. Walking distance was long there, too, but grandmother would hook up the horse and buggy and take her to the one-room schoolhouse.

When her parents moved to Marmora, Ellen joined them, attending Marmora Public School from grades three through eight. The school was where the Legion is now: four rooms at the start with a later addition to allow for kindergarten and one year of high school. At that time, the Town Hall was the library, with court offices, she believes; the post office was located where Cook's Barber Shop is now; and a 'new' post office was built at the corner of Highway #7 and #14, with the library at the back. Postmaster Warren Hickey and his family lived upstairs.

"A new high school was built which is now the site of an apartment building," Mrs. Spry remembers. Mr. Leonard Begley was its first principal. Earl Prentice taught Mrs. Spry in both grade and high school. When she finished school, it was The Great Depression and no jobs were to be found; Ellen stayed home to look after her sister and also helped tax collector John Bell make out the 1932 tax bills. She wasn't paid, simply explaining that the Bell family "treated her well."

Ellen's mother worked as a cook at the Marmora hotel and, during the summer, the children would join her at the hotel at lunch time and remain downtown for the rest of the day, "helping the custodian peel huge buckets of potatoes and shine spittoons, and playing with the Donnelly girls whose father owned a barber shop where

the Coach Light Restaurant is now located – the family lived upstairs."

In summer, the children would sometimes walk to Crowe Lake to 'swim', except none of the children ever learned to swim. There were no skates, no toboggans in winter. However, there were farm animals when the family lived on #14 – three cows, pigs and chickens – and her father cut hay by hand with a scythe. The family never owned a car.

In 1935, Ellen married Fred Spry in a ceremony in her family home on #14 and they lived in a number of houses, on Highway #14, Forsyth Street, Hayes Street, Old Norwood Road and finally bought a home on Roscoe Avenue in 1941 while Fred was employed at the Mine in Deloro. He worked three shifts, traveling to Deloro each day in a "carry-all". When he was changing from day shift to afternoon shift, he took two lunch pails and worked 16 hours straight.

They paid \$175 for this new house, on three-quarters of an acre, and paid it off like rent at \$10 per month! The frame house had no well and no hydro. Later, they upgraded it and added insulbrick siding "that was all the rage at the time," Ellen remembers.

The Sprys raised eight children: Phyllis, born in 1935, died of pneumonia in 1938; Bobby, born in 1936, killed in an car accident in 1957; Patricia was born in 1939, Ruth in 1941, Isobel, 1944, Gordon, 1948, Ken a year later and, lastly, Philip in 1953.

Mrs. Spry now lives in a senior's apartment in Peterborough, assisted with the chores of daily living by her daughter Ruth Stedall of Smith Township and a Red Cross Homemaker. But, her connections to Marmora are still strong, with family members still living here and fond memories of growing up and raising her own family here.

Ellen Spry recalls

growing up in Marmora

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Hundreds of friends and relatives attend Ellen Spry's 85th birthday

by Ruth Stedall

Ellen Spry smiles as she reads the guest book and reminisces about the 350-375 guests who attended her 85th birthday reception on May 5th at the Marmora Town Hall.

Ellen's family informed their mother of the reception but not the guest list.

Some of the big surprise visitors were a 98 year old cousin Irene, accompanied by her son Lorne Phillips, from Toronto, who had attended elementary school in Marmora in the '30's; a first cousin Fred and wife Connie Lewis came just for the occasion from Michigan, and aunt, Alice Anderson from Napanee— long time friend and neighbour Gwen Gordon and daughter Marilyn from Ottawa and

arriving home just in time was grandson Michael Spry from Edmonton, Alberta. Other distant guests were present from Mississauga, Thunder Bay, Washago and Bolsover. All of Ellen's children were present along with many of her grandchildren.

Ellen spent many of her childhood years in Marmora and has many favourable memories of growing up and raising a family in a small town. Ellen's memory is still 100 % as she recalls many past people and several events. Returning to Marmora is like returning to a family, everyone is so friendly.

Ruth Potts, Ellen's sister, hosted family members prior to the event. Daughter, Isobel Cole and sister-in-law Clela

Stewart still reside in Marmora. Ellen's husband Fred passed away in 1974.

It was a birthday celebration for Ellen to remember but it was also a reunion for so many, to enjoy the company of old friends, neighbours and relatives who came together once again after many years to renew their friendship. Several folks who had visited for the day made note of the remarkable changes in the landscaping that have taken place, particularly the park beside the river on entering the town on # 7 Hwy. from the East.

Laughter and chatter of that afternoon in May still ring in Ellen's ears. Yes, it was a celebration to remember.



Happy Ellen Spry, pictured at her 85th birthday celebration May 5, is seen with her three youngest grandsons, from left, Brad, Andrew and Michael Spry.

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■ The Spry sisters, Patricia and Ruth, celebrated the 45th anniversary of their double wedding July 11 with their husbands, Richard Staples and Charles Stedall.

Photo submitted

Sisters celebrate 45th anniversary of double wedding

Peterborough – Sisters Patricia Staples and Ruth Stedall celebrated the 45th anniversary of their double wedding July 11.

The sisters, nee Spry, were originally from Marmora and were married at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Belleville in July 1964.

Ruth married Charles Stedall from Kent, England. The couple now reside in Peterborough and have two daughters, both married, and one grandson. Ruth was a registered nurse at St Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough and Charles worked for General Electric as a welding technician.

Patricia married Richard Staples from Peterborough and they have one son.

Patricia was a public school teacher/librarian in Thunder Bay and Richard was a professor at Confederation College in Thunder Bay.

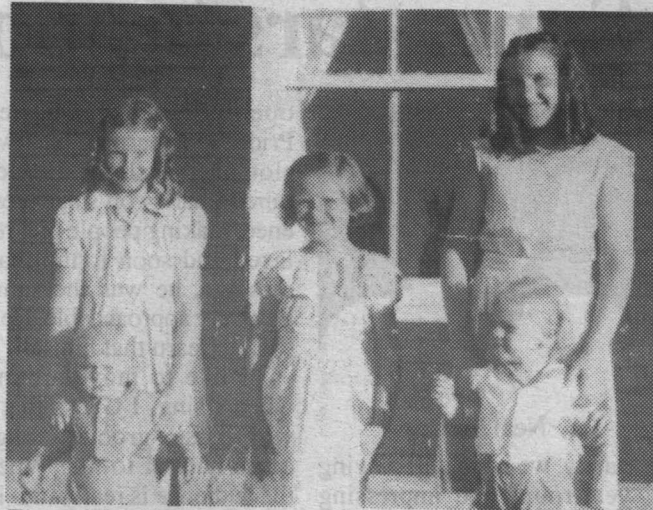
The couple moved back to Peterborough when they retired.

The sisters' mother, Ellen Spry, 92, also lives in Peterborough and was among those congratulating the two couples on their anniversary.

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Mrs. Spry is pictured with her sisters in the early years in Marmora. Left to right: Dorothy, Ruth, Mary and Ellen (Spry).



Five of the Spry children, photographed beside the house on Roscoe Road. Front, Ken, left and Gordon. Back, Ruth, Isobel and Patricia.



Ellen Spry and daughter Ruth Stedall in Mrs. Stedall's beautiful yard in Smith Township. photo/Nancy Derrer

Died

In Marmora, on Wednesday, January 31st, 1934

SARAH ELIZA SPRY

Wife of William Wright

Aged 63 years

The Funeral

Will leave the residence of her son, Herbert Wright, at 2.00 p. m., on Friday, February 2nd, and proceed to St. Andrew's United Church for service at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Died

At his residence in Madoc Village, on Thursday, March 1st, 1917

Herbert Spry

aged 45 years, 5 months, 19 days.

The Funeral

will take place on Sunday, March 4th, at 2 o'clock from his late residence to the Methodist Church, where service will be held, thence to Lakeview cemetery for interment.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Died

At Cordova Mines, Belmont Township, on Monday,
June 3rd, 1918

MRS. SARAH SPRY

Beloved wife of Richard Spry, junior,
Aged thirty-nine years.

The Funeral

Will leave her late residence at 12 o'clock noon on
Wednesday, the 5th inst., and proceed to the
Methodist Church, Marmora, for service at
2 p. m. Interment in Mont Nebo
Cemetery, Spring Brook.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Died

In Marmora Township on Thursday, May 3rd, 1917

Mrs. Harriet Maria Spry

Beloved wife of Richard Spry, sr., aged seventy-four
years, ten months and twenty-six days.

The Funeral

Will leave her late residence at 10.30 a. m. on Sunday,
the 6th inst., and proceed to the Methodist
Church, Marmora, for service. Interment
in Mont Nebo cemetery, Spring Brook.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SPRY: CARL ELIAS - At Campbellford Memorial Hospital, on Wednesday, August 10, 2005. Carl Spry, of Bonarlaw, in his 82nd year. Husband of the late Vera Gunning and Ruth Danford. Father of Shirley (Bob) Braithwaite, Blackstock. Brother-in-law of Olive Gunning, Myrtle Gunning and Margaret Coulson. Remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Friday. Funeral service in the Marmora Chapel on Saturday, August 13 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Mont Nebo Cemetery, Springbrook. Donations to Springbrook United Church would be appreciated.

On Tuesday evening last, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Magee, Stirling, a very pretty house wedding took place, when their daughter, Jennie, was united in marriage to Mr. Thos. Spry, of Rawdon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. S. Burns, B.A., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Kate, and the groom by his brother Mr. W. J. Spry. Only the immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony, a wedding supper was served. The many handsome presents which the bride received, testified to the high esteem in which she is held by her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Spry will spend their honeymoon at Collingwood, and on their return will reside in Rawdon.

Jonathan Spry, an old resident of Belleville, died in that city last week. He was born in Cornwall, England, 88 years ago, and came to this country when a young man, and first settled in Rawdon, but after living there a short time, removed to Belleville.

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OBITUARY

MRS. WILLIAM SPRY

After an illness of three or four years with anemia Mrs. Victoria Spry, beloved wife of William Spry, passed away on Sunday, October 2nd, in her 55th year. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover, and had lived all her life in Rawdon Township. Since their marriage thirty-six years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Spry had resided in what is known as the Spry settlement. The deceased was very highly esteemed and her many friends deeply regret her passing.

Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Fred Burrows of Trenton; Mrs. Lumas Reeves, of Madoc; and Mrs. Andrew Burrows, of Humboldt, Sask.; and four sons, Clifford, of Marmora; Everett of Winnipeg; and Herbert and Sanford, at home. One brother, Damon Hoover, of Madoc, also survives. Another brother, Miles, predeceased her about fifteen years ago.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Service was conducted in Springbrook United Church by Rev. H. A. Bunt and interment took place in Mont Nebo cemetery.

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6 OCT 1932

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Phyllis Josephine, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spry, aged 3 years, 9 months and 26 days, passed away on Monday, December 26th, after a short illness. She contracted a bad cold which developed into plural pneumonia. Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Robert Richard, aged 2 years. The funeral was conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell interment taking place in Marmora Protestant cemetery. The pallbearers were Guy Robson, Forest Robson, Aubrey Harris and Grant Gifford.

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5 JAN 1939

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Obituary

RICHARD SPRY

At the advanced age of 86 years, Mr. Richard Spry passed away at the home of his son, Mr. Isaac Spry, Cordova, last Saturday afternoon. For many years he resided just south of the village, giving up his home after the death of his wife a few years ago. He was very highly respected by all who knew him, and while he was able to get around was widely known and had many warm friends. He was one of the pioneers, who by hard work have helped to make the country what it is to-day.

Three sons and two daughters survive. They are Isaac, of Cordova; Brad., of Rawdon, and Richard, of Marmora township; Mrs. Wm. Wright, of Marmora, and Mrs. Jas. Reid, of Wellington.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, service being conducted in Marmora United Church by Rev. F. J. Horwood, after which interment took place in Mont Nebo cemetery.

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25 MAR 1926

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A sad death occurred on Saturday last when the 11 year son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spry succumbed to the combined ravages of typhoid fever and measles. The little fellow had been ill for some weeks and despite the best of nursing his blood became poisoned causing death. He was a very bright child and was much interested in the Sunday School. The funeral sermon was preached in the house by Rev. W. H. Clarke and the remains interred in Mount Nebo cemetery near Spring Brook. The casket was covered with flowers. There was a beautiful floral wreath from the family and two handsome sprays from the Sunday School classes as well as numerous bouquets from the many friends who extend to the bereaved their sincerest sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. Spry are still far from being fully recovered but are convalescent and we trust in a short time will be entirely well. The children appear to be almost themselves again.

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29 JUN 1916

SUDDEN DEATH OF RAWDON RESIDENT

A well known and highly respected resident of Rawdon township passed away very suddenly Sunday afternoon in the person of William James Spry at the age of 75 years. He had suffered from a heart condition for some years, but was able to help with the work on the farm. On Sunday he apparently was feeling quite well, until after dinner. During the afternoon he suffered a heart attack and passed away about 3.30 o'clock before medical aid could reach him.

His wife, whose maiden name was Victoria Hoover, predeceased him about six years ago. He is survived by three daughters—Mrs. Fred Burrows, Trenton; Mrs. Andrew Burrows, Napanee; and Mrs. Loomis Reeves, Madoc; and four sons—Clifford, Marmora; Sandford, Rawdon; and Everett and Bert at home.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, service being conducted in Springbrook United Church. Interment was made in Mont Nebo cemetery.

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2 JUN 1938

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BRADFORD SPRY

After an illness of three years' duration Bradford spry, residence 14th concession of Rawdon Township near Bonarlaw died in the Belleville General Hospital on Sunday morning January 10th.

Born in Rawdon Township the late Mr. Spry was in his 63rd year and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spry. All his life was passed in the district where he was born and he was engaged in farming. In religion he was a member of the United Church at Springbrook and was highly esteemed.

Surviving him are his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Lily May Mumby; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Morrison and Mrs. Allan Morrison, both of Rawdon Township; two brothers, Mr. Richard Spry of Rawdon Township and Mr. John Spry of Newbury, Mich.; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, service being conducted in Springbrook United Church and interment taking place in Mount Nebo cemetery.

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14 JAN 1943
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Local Youth Injured In Accident

Robert Spry, aged 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spry of Marmora, was critically injured when a car he was driving went out of control and crashed into a tree early Sunday morning.

According to reports the youth had attended a party and later had driven a girl friend to Havelock. It is thought he must have fallen asleep as he was returning home and the car left the highway near the Belmont Motel and crashed into a tree.

A passing motorist phoned police and an ambulance was called to take the injured youth to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was found to have a broken leg and arm and multiple cuts and bruises as well as severe facial lacerations, a broken nose and eye injuries. The sight of one eye was lost and the other one seriously injured.

The car a 1950 meteor was completely demolished by the impact, the vehicle striking the tree at the right front corner. The right side of the car was driven back so that the dashboard was touching the front seat.

MARMORA HERALD
31 JAN 1957
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OBITUARY

ROBERT RICHARD SPRY

Robert Richard Spry, a popular Marmora boy passed away early

Thursday morning, Jan. 31st, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, as a result of injuries suffered in an accident early Sunday morning when the car he was driving went out of control and crashed into a tree off No. 7 highway west of Marmora.

"Bob" Spry was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spry and was born in Marmora. He was in his 21st year. He attended Public and High School in Marmora and had recently been working at Sudbury. He was also employed in Toronto for some time.

He had a friendly, cheerful disposition and was very popular with the young people in the district and his unfortunate accident and death came as a great shock to his many friends.

Besides his sorrowing parents he is survived by three sisters and three brothers, Patricia, Ruth, Isobel, Gordon, Kenneth and Phillip, all at home. One sister, Phyllis predeceased him.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon proceeding from the Howden Funeral Home to St. Paul's Anglican Church where service was conducted at 3 P.M. by Rev. R. G. Fleming, rector of the church. The church was filled to capacity with friends and relatives who came to pay their last respects. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pall bearers were all chums of the deceased, Don. Davis, Doug. Phillips, Fred James, Beverley McCoy, Bernie Wells, Doug. Wells.

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7 FEB 1957
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Obituary

MRS. ELIAS SPRY
R.R. 2, Bonarlaw

After failing health of several years, Mrs. Sarah Eureka Spry of R.R. 2, Bonarlaw, died at Queensboro on Monday morning April 7th, 1969.

Mrs. Spry was born in Rawdon Township, 81 years ago, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp and had resided her lifetime in the community.

She was a member of Springbrook United Church and was highly regarded in the area.

Mrs. Spry was predeceased by her husband, the late Elis Spry and one son, Ralph. *Elias*

Surviving are one son, Carl E. Spry of R.R. 2, Bonarlaw, a brother, William Kemp of Campbellford and a sister, Mrs. C. (Annie McMaster) of Springbrook

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 9th, from the MacKenzie Funeral Home at Madoc to Springbrook United Church where service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Cox.

Pall bearers were: William Barlow, Harold McCann, Blake Willman, Joseph Roy, Melbourne Martin and Walter Acker.

Interment took place in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Springbrook.

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17 APR 1969

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OBITUARY

BURTON JAMES SPRY
DIES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Burton James "Bert" Spry, a resident of SpringBrook passed away in Belleville General Hospital on Sunday, February 16th, as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident on Friday evening.

According to reports Mr. Spry was driving south on Highway 14 through SpringBrook when a car driven by Murney Bateman, also of SpringBrook, backed out of a driveway, and the Spry car was unable to stop in time to avoid a collision.

Mr. Spry was rushed to Belleville General Hospital but passed away on Sunday.

He was born at Bonarlaw, a son of the late William Spry and Victoria Hoover and was in his 43rd year. He had spent all his life in this area and for the past few years has been employed as a guard at the Marmoraton Mine. He was popular with his fellow employees and had many friends in this district.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mae Campbell; one daughter, Jerrine at home; two sons, Larry, of Oshawa and James at home; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Burrows (Irene) of Belleville and Mrs. Florence Reeves of Madoc and three brothers Clifford of Tweed, Sanford of Marmorata and Everett of Bonarlaw. One sister, Myrtle (Mrs. Fred Burrows) predeceased him.

The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon from the Howden Funeral Home, Marmorata, to SpringBrook United Church for service. Temporary entombment was in the vault in Marmorata Protestant Cemetery with interment to be in Mount Nebo Cemetery later. The pall bearers were Messrs. Murney Mason, George Bateman, Jack Prest, Stan Kerr, Nathan Mumby and Fred Johnston.

MARMORA HERALD

20 FEB 1958, PG 1

ESTEEMED CITIZEN PASSES

WM. J. SPRY

There came as a sudden shock to the Community the passing of Wm. Spry at his residence on the 14th Concession of Rawdon on Sunday afternoon, May 29th.

The deceased was 75 years of age and for the past two years had been in declining health, but was very active, and was around as usual until the hour of his passing.

He had been a life-long resident of that locality, and was widely-known and held in high esteem by all persons in the community. His kindly manner and sterling qualities adhered him to all who knew him, and by his family and many intimate friends he will be greatly missed. In religion he was a member of the United Church.

Surviving to mourn his loss are four sons and three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Burrows, Trenton; Mrs. Loomis Reeves, Madoc; Mrs. Drene Burrows, Napanee; Clifford and Burton Spry, Marmorata; and Sanford and Everett, at home; Also one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Spry, Rochester, N. Y. and one brother, Isaac, of Rawdon, survive.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, June 1st from his late residence to Springbrook United Church where an impressive service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Harding.

Burial was made in Mount Nebo cemetery beside his wife, the late Victoria Hoover Spry, who predeceased him 5 years and 6 months ago. There was a large attendance of friends and one of the largest funerals ever held in that district. The floral tributes were beautiful and many in number. The pallbearers were Thos. Webb, Lindsay Mumby, Jesse Barlow, Jos. McComb, Byron Heath, Arch Hazelett.

There passes on to his eternal rest another of the pioneers of Hastings County.

Those whom we love go out of sight, But never out of mind;

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9 JUN 1938

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Deaths in Belleville in 64th year

A former resident of Marmora, Frederick Gordon Spry of 165 George Street, Belleville, died at Belleville General Hospital on Monday, December 2, 1974. He was in his 64th year.

Mr. Spry rested at the Howden Funeral Home in Marmora before the funeral held in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Wednesday, December 4. Rev. John Lombard officiated at the service and at the graveside in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

Bearers were Norman Clapp, Bernard Stewart, Lawrence and Don Reid, Harry Keating and Guy Robson.

Born at Cobalt, he was the son of the late Richard Spry and the late former Sarah Jane Mumby. He received his education at Cordova.

Mr. Spry had resided in Belleville for the past 12 years and was employed by Victoria & Grey Trust Company in Belleville until illness forced his retirement last July. While living in Marmora he was with the Deloro Smelting and Refining Company.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ellen Jane Baker; three daughters; Mrs. Richard Staples (Patricia) of Thunder Bay; Mrs. Charles Stedall (Ruth) of Peterborough; Mrs. William Cole (Isabel) of Stirling; and sons Gordon and Phillip of Belleville and Kenneth of Peterborough. There are 7 grandchildren.

One son, Robert Richard, and a daughter Phyllis Josephine predeceased him.

He also leaves three sisters; Mrs. Alex Reid (Tillie) of Springbrook, Mrs. John Pressick (Hilda) of Cordova; Mrs. Bernard Stewart (Clela) of Marmora; and brothers William of Cobourg, Richard of Peterborough and a step-brother, Clifford Briggs of Campbellford.

Mr. Spry was a member of St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Belleville.

JAMES DELBERT SPRY

James Delbert Spry of RR 4, Marmora, passed away at Belleville General Hospital on March 31, 1984. He was 73 years of age. Born in Belmont Township, he was the son of the late Isaac Spry and the husband of Effie Barrons.

Mr. Spry is survived by children Mrs. Ken Huff (Roma), Mrs. Jim Mumby (Reta), Mrs. Don Reid (Dorothy), all of RR 4, Marmora, Mrs. Douglas Cotten (Ruby) of RR 4, Belleville, stepson Ray Barrons of Oakville, 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mrs. Harriet Smith of Belleville, stepbrothers George Pressick of Marmora, Fred

Pressick of Florida, and John Pressick of Cordova Mines. Mr. Spry was predeceased by stepbrothers Harry Pressick and Percy Pressick.

Educated in Cordova Mines in Belmont Township, Mr. Spry was a retired farmer and member of the United Church. He was a past Reeve of Rawdon Township, he served on the schoolboard of Rawdon Township and of Hastings County and, at the time of his death, was a member of the Moira River Conservation Authority.

The funeral service was held April 3 with the Reverend Walter P. Mittler officiating. Interment took place at Mount Nebo Cemetery, Springbrook.

Pall bearers were grandsons Jim Huff, Tom Mumby, Ron Mumby, Jerry Mumby, Garry Reid and Ralph Cotten.

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Obituary:

Mary "Gena" Spry

Mary "Gena" Spry died at the Belleville General Hospital on Sunday, June 10, 2001. Miss Gena Spry, of Stirling Manor, was in her 98th year. She was the beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Jane (McGee) Spry. Gena was predeceased by her sisters Mrs. Edna Fox, Mrs. Aleatha Duff, and Miss Rosa Spry, by her nephew Bev Hackett, and nieces Mary Agnes Mages and Dorothy Duff. She was the dear aunt of Doreen Hackett of Belleville; Isabelle Taylor (Gerald) of R.R. #3 Stirling, Eleanor MacDonald (Howard) of Trenton, Sally Edwards (Robert) of Ottawa, Thomas Duff (Trudy) of Collingwood and Robert Duff (Marie) of Brampton.

The funeral service was held in the Stirling Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. The reverend Dr. Chen Chen Abbott officiated. Interment followed at Stirling Cemetery. Officers and members of the Rebekah Laurel Lodge 211, Stirling, and Sister Lodges, assembled at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, at 6:45 p.m. for a Service Of Remembrance. Miss Spry was a faithful and longtime member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Stirling, a Director with the Stirling Fair Board for many years, and a member of the Stirling Horticultural Society.

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EVERETT ISAAC SPRY

A well known resident of the Bonarlaw district Everett Isaac Spry was instantly killed last Wednesday evening when he was struck by a car while walking across No. 14 Highway near Bonarlaw school.

The driver of the car, 19-year-old Gordon Ralph Rowe of R.R. 1, Holloway was blinded by the lights of a car parked along the highway and another approaching car and failed to see Mr. Spry in time to avoid striking him.

Mr. Spry was born on the Spry homestead at Bonarlaw on June 4th, 1914, a son of the late William Spry and his wife the late Victoria Hoover. He attended school in the Spry Settlement.

He was an employee of Marmoraton Mining Company Ltd. where he worked as a Repair Mechanic. He was popular with his fellow workmen and throughout the area.

Mr. Spry was a member of Spring Brook Lodge I.O.O.F. and of Spring Brook United Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jean Haig; three daughters, Mrs. D. MacMillen (Doreen) at home; Judith of Toronto and Wanda, at home; one son Robert, of Peterborough; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Burrows, Belleville and Mrs. Florence Reeves, Madoc, and two brothers, Clifford of Kaladar and Sanford of Marmora.

The funeral was held on Saturday, September 8th, from the Howden Funeral Home, Marmora, to Spring Brook United Church where the funeral service was conducted by Mr. K. Pillen. Interment was in Mont Nebo Cemetery.

The pallbearers were James Spry, John Burns, Ken Huff, Alex McFaul, Wm. Barlow and Charles Champion.

Flower bearers were John Druiif, Don Reid, Dave Hoard, Carl Spry, Roy Bronson, Wm. MacDonald, Wm. Hewitt, Ted Bonter, Fred Spry and Emerson Reid.

A memorial service was conducted at the Howden Funeral Home on Friday evening at 8.30 P.M. by Spring Brook I.O.O.F.

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13 SEP 1962
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William J. Spry

Funeral services were held for William J. Spry in Cobourg at MacCoubrey's Funeral Home on Mon., Apr. 10. He died suddenly on Apr. 6 at the age of 49.

Mr. Spry was born at Cordova Mines, son of the late Dick Spry and Margaret Bailey. He was predeceased by two sisters, Hazel and Marjoei, as well as a half-brother, Fred Spry and a half-sister Evelyn Edwards.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha, three daughters, Barbara (Mrs. John Scott) of Port Hope and Bonnie and Brenda, both living at home, as well as one son, Brian, living at home and a granddaughter, Teresa.

He also leaves behind two sisters, Hilda (Mrs. John Pressick) of Cordova Mines and Clara (Mrs. Bernard Stewart) of Marora, a brother, Richard of Peterborough, a half-sister, Mrs. Alex Reid of Springbrook and a half-brother, Mr. Clifford Briggs of Campbellford.

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OBITUARY

John (Jack) Sanford Spry

Mr. John (Jack) Sanford Spry, of Havelock, passed away peacefully at his home on April 5, 1992 at age 58.

Mr. Spry was born in Bonarlaw, the son of Sanford and Jean Spry.

He was the loving husband of Lois, and dear father of Gary and his wife Christine, and Kathie and her husband Eric Weiss, all of Pickering. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Lindsay, Allison and Nicholas.

Mr. Spry was the brother of Sheila and her husband Carlie Petherick, of Campbellford, and was the dear uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held April 7, 1992 at the Marmora McConnell Funeral Home. Interment followed at Mount Nebo. Special thanks to Rev. Mary Gifford for the memorable service, and also to Jacqueline Beatty for her beautiful hymns.

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Spry, Effie

Of R.R.#4 Marmora passed away on Monday, July 3, 2000 at the age of 97.

Daughter of the late Charles and Deliah Barrons. Sister to Olive Scott of Havelock, Murray Barrons of Peifferlaw, Blanche Barrons of Oshawa and Ruby Barrons of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Beloved wife of the late James Delbert Spry and mother to Reta and the late James Mumby of Springbrook, Roma and the late Ken Huff of Stirling, Dorothy and Don Reid of Bonarlaw, Ruby and Doug Cotten of Belleville and the late Ray. Survived by 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Spry, a homemaker, was a member of the Springbrook United Church, a member of the Springbrook U.C.W. and the Springbrook Women's Institute.

A funeral was held on July 5, 2000 at McConnell Funeral Home with Rev. Aruna Alexander officiating. Pallbearers for the service were grandsons Tom Mumby, Joe Mumby, Garry Reid, James Huff, Ralph Cotten and Bruce Cotten.

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The late Margaret Jean Spry previously lived in Toronto before residing in Marmora. Her daughter Sheila lives in RR4 Marmora.

Incorrect information was supplied in an obituary last week, and we apologize for the errors.

Margaret Jean Spry of Marmora passed away at Belleville General Hospital on April 22, 1991. She was 79 years old.

Mrs. Spry was born in Fort Stewart to the late Thomas Campbell and Georgina Grant. She resided at Mathew Place in Marmora for the past 12 years, and lived in Toronto and RR4 Marmora previously. She worked as a Registered Nurse in Sunnybrooke Hospital in Toronto, after receiving R.N. training at Belleville General Hospital. Mrs. Spry also received education at Bonarlaw Public School and Marmora Public School. She was a member of the United Church.

Mrs. Spry will be sadly missed by her daughter Mrs. Carlie Petherick (Sheila) and her son John, both of Pickering. She was the sister of Mrs. William Simmons (Mae) of Belleville and was predeceased by brothers Wilson and Milton Campbell. She also leaves behind six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 25 at 1 p.m. at the McConnell Funeral Home in Marmora, with Rev. Mary Gifford officiating.

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WILLIAM CLIFFORD SPRY

William Clifford Spry of Kaladar passed away Tuesday, March 26, 1968 at Kingston General Hospital in his 69th year. He was born in Bonarlaw to the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spry and is survived by his wife, the former Mary A. Nicolson. He had been ill for the past two years.

Mr. Spry had been a resident of Kaladar for the past twenty years and had formerly resided in Madoc. He is survived by his son, William J. Spry of Oshawa, and his daughter, Mrs. C. (Bernice) Lough of Tweed. He was predeceased by one son, Cecil A. Spry.

Mr. Spry is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great grandchild; along with his brother, Sandford Spry, of Marmora and sister, Mrs. Irene Burrows of Belleville. He was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Spry was a retired prospector and was educated at Spry Settlement. He was a member of Springbrook United Church.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, with service conducted in the MacKenzie Funeral Home, Madoc, by Rev. V. Tozer.

Bearers were:- Laverne Thomlison, Mellville Trickey, Carl Vanness, Lionel Jamieson, Reg. Woods and Arnold Yorke.

Interment took place in Lakeview Cemetery.

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