

OBITUARY

GEORGE P. SIMPKIN

Born in West Gwillimbury sixty years ago, and a resident of Bradford almost since infancy, George P. Simpkin passed away at his home here on Wednesday evening of last week, October 18. Although it was known that Mr. Simpkin had not been very well for a considerable period, his death came as a shock, few realizing the seriousness of his condition. He had been confined to bed, receiving all the care that professional skill and nursing could give to him, for about three weeks before his death, but his condition failed to respond to treatment. The cause of death was kidney trouble.

After receiving his education in the Public and High Schools in Bradford, Mr. Simpkin was in the plumbing, tinsmithing and electrical business until selling his business to Mr. H. Barron ten years ago. Since that time he has operated a summer business, including postmastership, at Glenwood Beach, Lake Simcoe, each summer, also serving on the Public Utilities Commission, and as assessor in Bradford. The late Mr. Simpkin was a public-spirited man, interested in church and civic affairs. As a young man he was a member of the Bradford Band and of the Sunday School orchestra. Later he served as Sunday School secretary and librarian; as a member of the Board of Stewards of the United Church; had charge of the Hydro; was for years a member of the local Board of Education; and a member of the Simcoe Masonic Lodge.

In 1914 Mr. Simpkin married Miss Martha Pringle, who died the following year. In 1917 he married Miss Annie Bateman, of Bradford, who survives him with their only child, Miss Doreen. Two brothers and one sister also survive: Mr. Walter Simpkin, Alcona Beach; Mr. Edward Simpkin, Holland Landing; and Mrs. Harry Church, Toronto. To his sorrowing wife and daughter the sympathy of Bradford people is extended in their loss of a loving husband and father.

A private service was held at his late residence on Saturday afternoon, after which there was a public service in the United Church at 3 o'clock. Rev. N. E. Bowles, of the United Church, of which congregation he was a member, had charge of the service, which was very largely attended by sympathizing friends. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. C. T. S. Evans, John Rutherford, H. Barron, Dr. Judge, D. E. Wade and V. Coombs.

Among the relatives and friends from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. Edward and Mr. Robert Simpkin, Holland Landing; Mr. B. Simpkin, Alcona Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Church, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Church, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hilton, Mrs. Jas. Shelton, Mrs. E. Glover, Mrs. Lewis Bateman, Mr. Jack Bateman, Mrs. Olive Riches, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Evans, Miss Margaret Bateman, Mrs. Thos. Lawrence, all of Toronto; Mr. Touse Bateman, Lefroy; Mrs. John Clubine, Orillia; Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, Port Credit; Mr. and Mrs. Delmore, Glenwood Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haines, Sharon; Mrs. Walter Allan, Lefroy; Miss Lorna McFaul, Barrie, and many others.