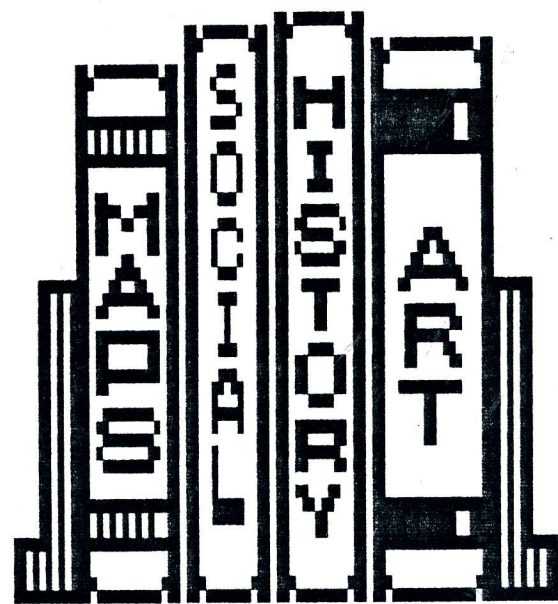


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Greetings to All Harman Kin.....

My apologies for once again falling behind schedule with the publication of this newsletter.

In June, when I should have been preparing this edition of "Harmans of Yonge Street" for printing, our family was in the midst of arrangements for the marriage of our oldest son. Also in June, and again in July, I worked for several days as relieving librarian at the library of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. Additionally I have spent a great deal of time on our Harman History, writing letters to Harman cousins, sending them brochures and "print-outs". The majority of people who answer these letters do place a book order but I must admit that it is the returned and proofed "print-out" that really captures my attention. Immediately I sit down to the computer and enter all the corrections, up-dates, and often there will be little family stories, too. For further on the progress of our Harman History, please read p32 of this issue.

In June we were happy to have a visit from some Harman kin from Manitoba. Roger and Carol Kentner of Boissevain, were in town to attend the annual Farm Progress Show, and took time to spend a couple of hours with my husband and I. We had a nice visit and enjoyed the opportunity to meet more cousins for the first time. Roger is our Harman connection in this instance, being a grandson of Lindsay Harman - that is on the (#05) William family line. You will read all about Roger and the rest of the Boissevain kin when our book reaches publication as their branch of the family has been marvelous in supplying family data.

Until next time, I hope you have a good summer - and have you returned your "corrected & proofed" print-out yet?? We do want them returned as soon as possible. Some of you will not have received your print-outs yet, please be patient - it will come, I promise!

*Marie Svedahl*

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### GOOD NEWS

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We have several wedding announcements to share with you, and I am certain you will join with me in wishing each of these young couples many years of happiness.

MARRIED: 3 Feb. 1990, Cambridge, ON. - James Brown (#622 445)  
to Lynn Boungaize.  
12 May 1990, --, MB. - Keith Burton (#522 647 3)  
to Nancy Van Mackelberg  
1 June 1990, --, ON. - Lynne Taylor (#343 191 1)  
to Glen Cook.  
9 June 1990, Petawawa, ON. - Marla Seafoot (#522 646 2)  
to Jack Buchanan.  
16 June 1990, Regina, SK. - John Svedahl (#343 121 3)  
to Paula Sullivan.

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## *What Risk for Our Children ??*

by Marie Svedahl.

Recently I read an interesting book: Family Diseases - Are You at Risk, written by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Did you know -

- Most genetic disorders occur only if both parents transmit the same faulty gene.
- There are more than 3,000 hereditary conditions (not all of which are life threatening) that are passed on to children by their parents.
- Twelve to fifteen million Americans have a genetic disorder of one kind or another.
- Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common fatal genetic disease in the USA with approximately 30,000 young people being afflicted.
- Twelve million Americans unknowingly carry the CF gene, therefore run the risk of mating with another "carrier" and producing a CF child.
- Studies tend to indicate that sons of alcoholics have a greater predisposition to becoming an alcoholic than the sons of non-alcoholics.
- We may be born with a "susceptibility" towards a certain disease, needing only to have a particular condition - i.e. virus, bacteria, stress, etc. - to trigger the onset of the disease. Arthritis is one example, manic depression is possibly another.
- Malignant hyperthermia (MH) can be triggered (in a previously unidentified victim) by the use of certain drugs or the use of general anaesthetics.
- If any of your relatives (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) had osteoporosis, then consider yourself at high risk of developing the disease.
- It has been established that if one of your parents had diabetes (the non-insulin-dependant form) your risk of developing the disease is increased.
- Some types of cancer appear to "run in families", especially breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical, uterine & ovarian, skin, pancreatic & kidney cancers.

Obviously, as parents we pass along to our children more than dimples and curly hair.

As scientists and doctors learn more about genetics there will be an increased need for us as patients to know more about the medical history of our family. The knowledge that Grandma Jones and her oldest daughter were both afflicted with breast cancer is a warning to all female members of your family to do regular preventative testing for the disease. Early diagnosis of cancer and many other ailments make it possible to treat and in many cases cure an otherwise fatal disease. Knowing with what diseases you and your family are at an increased risk, may with proper care, prevent some of these problems from ever developing.

My mother suffered a number of strokes in her lifetime, and in the end this was the cause of her death. I was always very aware of this fact, and whenever I was pregnant I made a special point of informing the doctor of my mother's history of hypertension. I don't recall that at that time (25 to 34 years ago) any of



my attending physicians initiating the question though I may possibly have been answering the question before it was asked. Now my daughter tells me that the questions on family medical history which are posed to an expectant mother cover a wide range of illnesses. And if the information contained in Gormley's book is any indication, future expectant mothers will be asked about and tested for an increasingly wider range of family illnesses.

I was fortunate that my blood pressure stayed normal during all five of my pregnancies and I subsequently delivered a healthy baby in each case. Since then however, I have developed hypertension. It is controlled by medication which I can assure you is faithfully taken as prescribed.

Preparing a medical family tree can be an enlightening exercise. Speaking from my own experience in detailing causes of death and other family ills, I realized, among other things, that my own poor eye sight could be part of a family pattern.

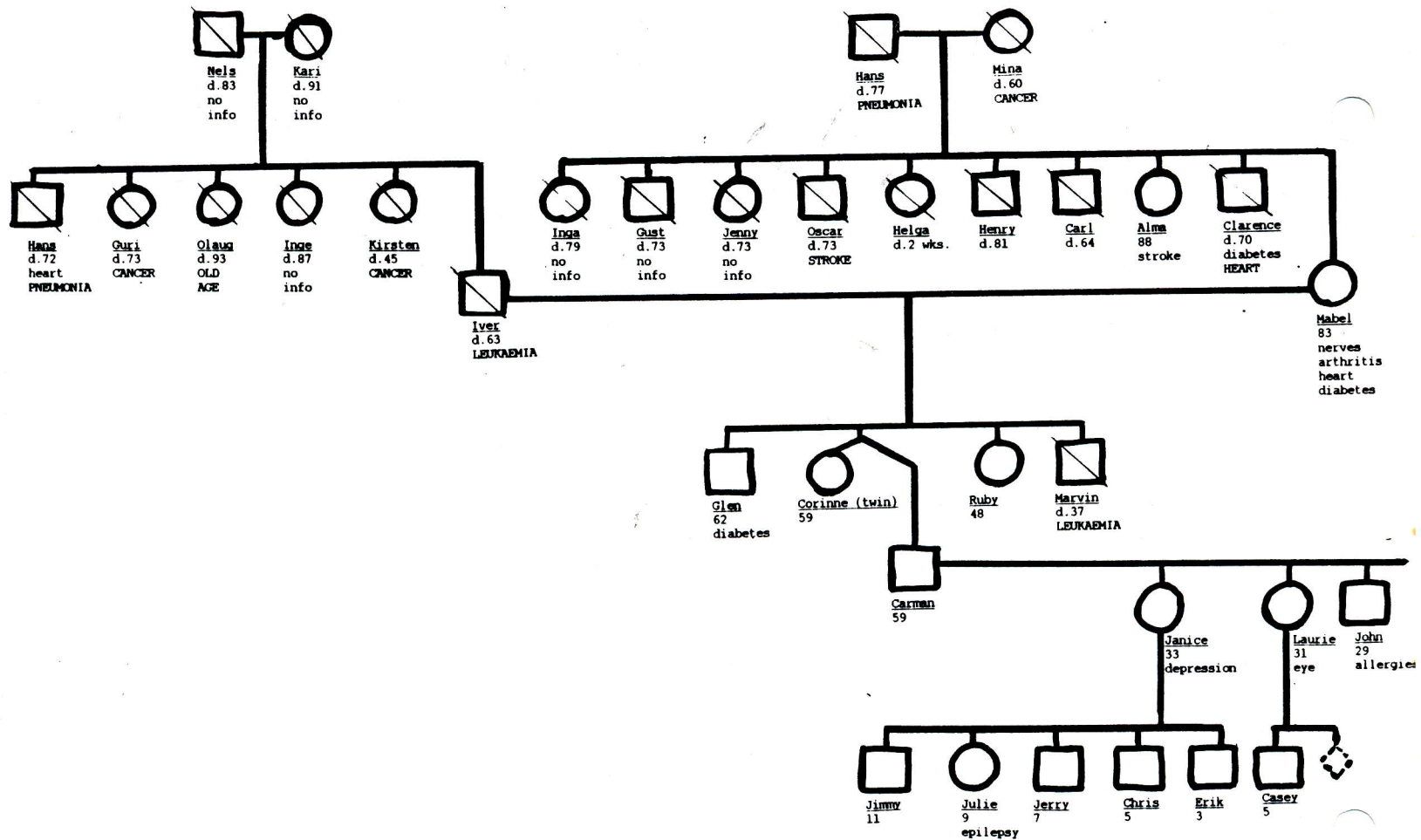
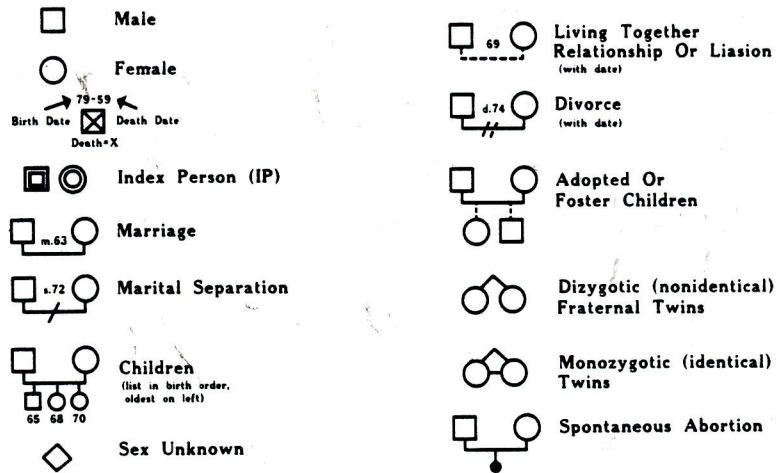
My paternal grandmother, Amanda Harman, had very poor eye sight and I recall her need to use a magnifying glass to read. I know that she had cataracts, and late in life had them removed, but I sometimes wonder if there was more to her sight problem than cataracts. All four of her daughters wore glasses from their young adulthood, two of them having quite poor eyesight. One, Alice now 86, has had two eye transplants and she is still unable to read or even watch TV. Of the next generation, which includes myself, there are number who have worn glasses since childhood, or in my case, since age 22. I am not counting those who, like my father, did not get spectacles until they were approaching 40. Though possibly I should count my father, as I can remember him for years covering one eye as he was reading his newspaper. Perhaps he, too, suffered from double vision as I do, and that was his way of eliminating one of the double line of print! One of our daughters has had to wear glasses since the age of nine, and our youngest son has an unusual eye problem. In the back of his right eye is a tangle of blood vessels that the specialist tells us should have dissolved before he was born. They didn't dissolve and consequently he is practically blind in that eye. This past week his daughter, our ten year old grand daughter went for an eye examination. She now sports her first pair of glasses.

I don't know if weak eyes are a part of genetic heredity but it is certainly a pattern and one which I had not been aware of.

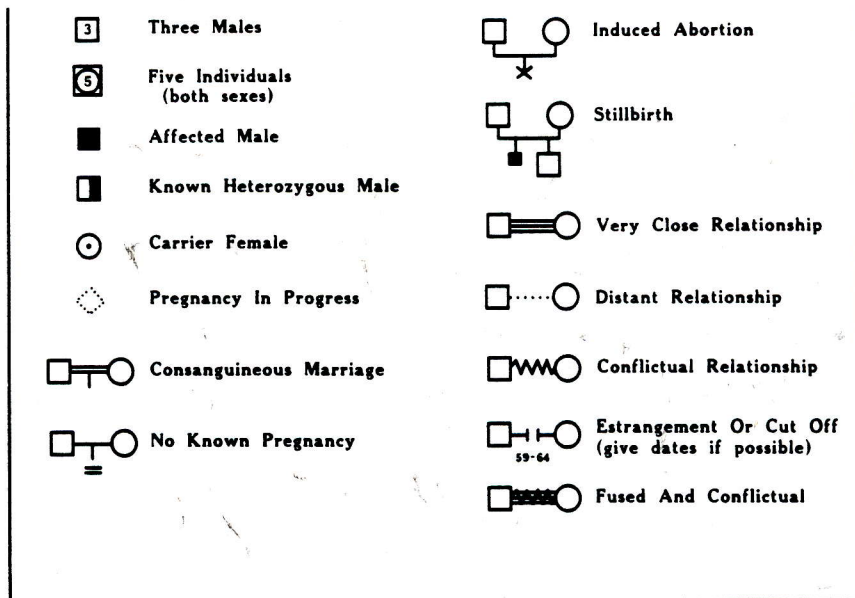
For the sake of your children and grandchildren, why don't you draw-up your own medical family tree? It should include four generations. My chart on page 27 includes our grandchildren, making it a five generation chart. In some instances I do not have much, if any medical information and in other instances there is hardly room to record all the ailments suffered by that individual. I have, when known, placed the ailments in order of appearance in life with cause of death written with capital letters. Naturally one knows more about the immediate family than aunts/uncles/grandparents so very likely I am missing some of the ailments they suffered. Further research should be done on some of these individuals.

The following page contains a coding of the symbols used on the chart - they are universally used symbols. With a little care one can learn to use the symbols in the correct places and way.

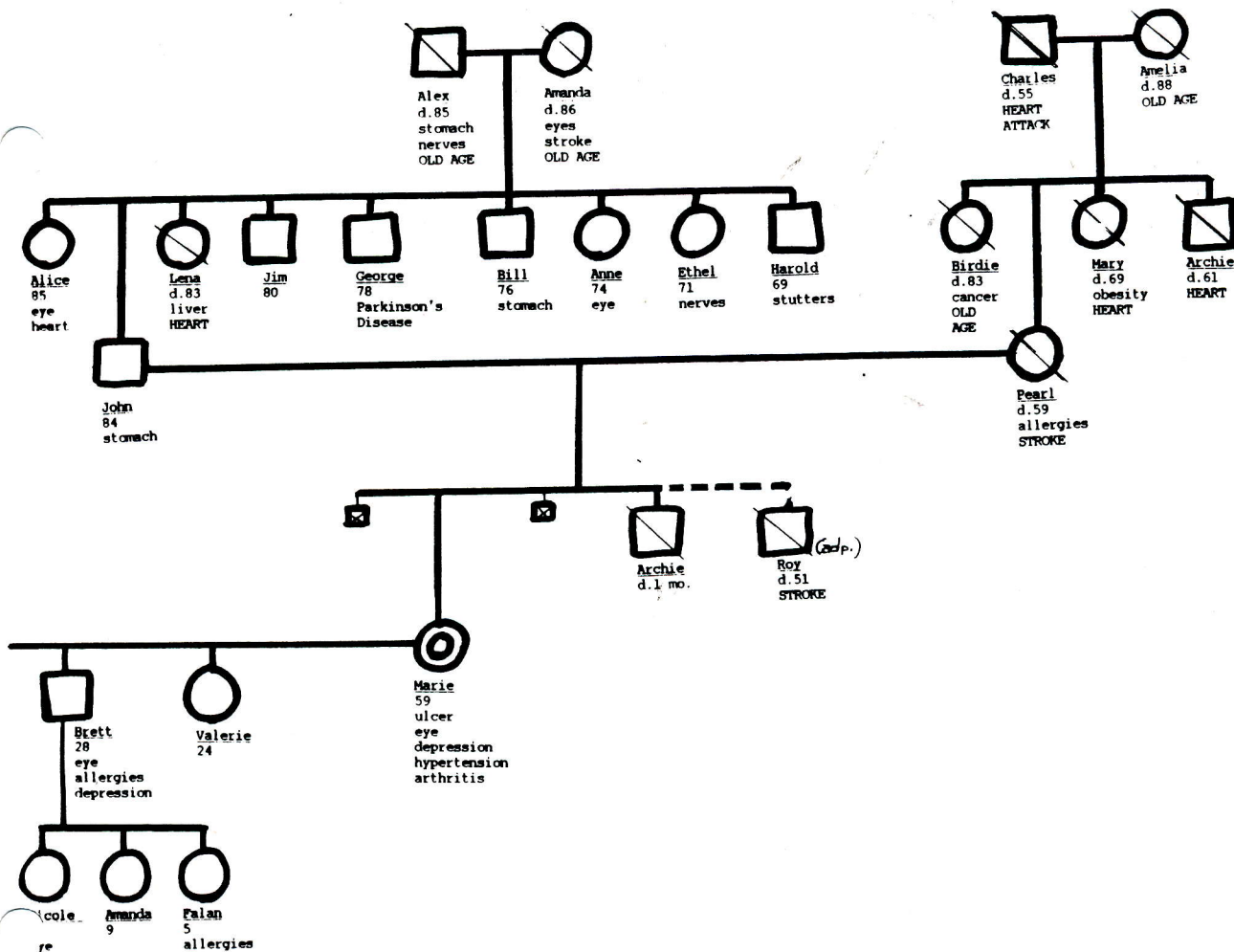
## Genogram Format And Common Pedigree Symbols







(Courtesy of Kingdom Productions, Houston, Texas.)



For those interested in constructing their own medical tree I will include here a list of the family information you should gather. You may feel that some of the questions do not appear to have medical applications however those are the questions that will draw forth answers needed to design your family's mental and behavioral "tree". The sample charts in Gormley's book, depicting relationships and problems of "first families" in the USA were very interesting.

It becomes obvious that problems of alcoholism, depression and unhappy marriages may have roots that go deep into the past. Realizing that your spouse's family has had a series of people with alcohol-related problems suddenly puts a different light on genial-but-always-a-little-tipsy Uncle George. If you are wise you will regard your teen-age son's emergence into the social world with some gravity. Shouldn't you be doing something to alert him to the extra danger he faces when offered that first drink? When he was a toddler you didn't sit idly by and watch him while he reached for the pretty flames of the bon-fire - that first drink, for someone with a history of alcoholism in the family, could be just as dangerous.

At one time Diabetes was considered a shameful disease (I'm not certain why?). It was never mentioned in polite society, only whispered that Aunt Maude had "sugar diabetes", now however diabetes is recognized for what it is, a thoroughly controllable disease. Finally it is being recognized that alcoholism falls into the same category - it is a disease and it can be controlled. And now that it begins to appear that, like diabetes, there is a genetic component to alcoholism there is an opportunity for affected families to wage war at the first sign of danger.

#### INFORMATION NEEDED TO DESIGN A MEDICAL FAMILY TREE (on each individual)

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1. Name, birthdate and, if deceased, year and cause of death.
2. Education and occupation.
3. Siblings - in order of birth, and chart any deaths, including miscarriages or infant deaths.
4. Marital history, including years of marriage, divorces, death of spouses, remarriages, significant premarital relationships (including long or broken engagements). Live-in relationships should be recorded with the year the couple met or started living together.
5. Health and/or psychological problems - chronic illness, heart disease, cancer, alcohol or drug abuse, eating disorders, depression.
6. Check your family for "coincidences" between events and behaviour - had the person/family been under going a stressful situation just prior to the onset of Grandma's illness?

Good luck with drawing your medical tree and don't be surprised if you and your spouse seem to have a long line of ailments. If you only knew it, most of the other individuals on the chart likely had a goodly share, too, but no one has remembered to tell you that Aunt Jane had a goitre and varicose veins besides being a chronic asthmatic, or that Uncle Tom had an ulcer for years. In fact you may have trouble remembering all the things your parents suffered from over the years. Do the best you can.

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Eva May Wilkenson (nee McLennan)

(#6251)

by Clara Ogilvie  
Toronto, ON.

I remember my mother, a pretty lady sitting in a wheel chair. She had beautiful hair.

I do not remember ever seeing her standing. She must have taken to the wheel chair shortly after I was born (August 1920). I feel sad for Mother as life was not easy on the farm in those days.

When Dad and Mother were first married (March 1907) they lived at Vandorf, ON. Their first child, a son, died at one month. This broke my mother's heart as he was the only boy. I remember seeing her crying many times, blaming herself for his death - he had had pneumonia.

My sister Elsie was born at the same place but my folks moved and bought the farm at Holt shortly after 1909.

I don't remember Mother being cross with us for not always doing what we were told. She loved us very much, as she did her sisters. She loved to have her sisters come to visit. Dad was the one who had to give us the shingle.

Mother spent most of the last year of her life in the Toronto General Hospital. She had very bad bed sores. The day she died we'd had a very bad thunder storm and all the telephone lines were down. They were unable to call us, and she was alone when the time came. I was only twelve when she died.

My Father lived on the same farm until 1963, then he moved into the village of Holt. He lived there until his death in 1974 at the age of 94.

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## CITY DIRECTORY: REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.

The following are extracts of the known Harman descendants who were living in Regina city at the time of Directory publication in the twelve year periods of 1948, 1960 & 1972. On the line below each name will be that person's Harman Kin number (or sp/#, which indicates they are the spouse of that number)

### 1948

Blair, Mervyn F. - whse~~mn~~ Imperial Oil - r.2069 Lorne  
sp/514 41  
Doughty, A. - h. 4800 1st Ave.N.  
sp/3431  
Fenning, Gordon W. - ambulance drvr Speers Funeral Home - h.1, 2163 Broad  
sp/543 41  
" Mrs. Margaret - nurse General Hosp. - r.1, 2163 Broad  
#543 41  
Folkeard, Elsie M. - steno Royal Bank - r.1029 Winnipeg  
#535 56  
" Mrs. Mary - h.1029 Winnipeg  
#5355  
Harmon, John H. - stock kpr Gen. Motors Products - h.#15, 1947 Hamilton  
#5435  
Pomeroy, Clare V. - (army) h.1309 Edgar  
#535 211  
" G.L.Joyce - clk Sask. Gov't Telephones - r.1848 Osler  
#535 213  
" Melville - hlpr " " - r.1827 Ottawa  
#535 212

### 1960

Baldock, Mrs. Helen - nurse Grey Nuns Hosp. - h.#1, 1610 Alexandra  
sp/514 65  
Blair, Mervin F. (Carrie) - shpr Office Specialty Mfg. - h.1245 Garnet  
sp/514 4  
Doughty, Alex (Amanda) - retd - h.4800 1st Ave.N  
sp/3431  
Fenning, Gordon W. (Marg't) - fireftr City - h.12, 2163 Broad  
sp/543 41  
Folkeard, Mrs. Frances E. -clk Sask. Power Corp - r.1144 Atkinson  
sp/535 58  
" Leonard R. (Frances) - supvr Sask. Gov't Ins. Office - h.1144 Atkinson  
#535 58  
" Mrs. Mary - h.1029 Winnipeg  
#5355  
Garrett, Lyle - lab Great West Concrete - r.448 Quebec  
#535 141  
Harmon, Douglas (Sylvia A.) - circ supr Leader Post - r.1947 McIntyre  
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 #343 153  
 " Kent (Sandra) installr Allied Tiling & Flooring - h.59 Carmichael Rd.  
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 #543 51 h.4 Malone Cres.  
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In 1891 Robert and Margaret were living in Toronto where he was a bookkeeper with GT Railroad. Two chn.

3AA1. Wilton Fleury - b. c1888 - 1959

3AA2. Robert Fleury - b. 1896 - d. 25 Apr. 1954

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361. Louisa Harman = Herbert Weston

b. c1860, Mariposa Twp. ON.

(Info on this family from local history of Lapeer County, MI.)

Herbert Weston was born 1861 and died 1953. He and Louisa lived in Lapeer Co. most of their lives. Six chn. - may not be listed below in correct birth order.

3611. Lillah Belle Weston -

3612. Harry Lee Weston -

3613. Rhoda Mae Weston -

3614. John L. Weston -

3615. Carl Weston -

3616. Blanche Ola Weston -

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3611. Lillah Weston = Robert Chappel

Robert and Lillah lived in Flint, MI. Two chn.

361 11. Marjorie Chappel -

361 12. Dorothy Jean Chappel -

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(From the Charles family line)

618. Benjamin James Albert Harman = Eliz. Jane Stone

b. 1862

d. 7 Aug. 1899

Benjamin Harman can be found on the 1891 census, living in the town of Bradford, ON. Aged 27, he is classed as a labourer. One problem: his wife, aged 20, is named "Margaret", not Elizabeth as given in family information. They are living in a two-storey frame house next door to his widowed mother, Elizabeth, and younger brother, Arthur.

6101. Mary =

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(Two following families from the Jacob line)

B7. Reuben Powell Harman = Lucinda Umphrey

b. c1843, E. Guillimbury Twp. ON.

md. 10 Sept. 1868

d. 12 Feb. 1925

Reuben lived in Uxbridge, ON. where he was engaged in the business of harness manufacturing. He served as Reeve of Uxbridge for six terms, and also once as Mayor. Ch. Aff: Quaker. Eight chn.

B71. Oscar Edwin Harman - b. c1873, md. Midge McDermitt

B72. James Hamilton Harman - b. c1876

B73. Margaret Adaline Harman - b. c1878

B74. Reuben Wesley Harman - b. c1880

B75. Laura Harman - b. c1882, md. James Dobson

B76. Annie Georgina Harman - b. c1884, md. ? Hairsine

B77. Mary Beatrice Harman - b. c1886, md. Perrie Shier

B78. John Alfred Harman - b. c1888

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B42. Caroline Harman = George Winterstein  
b. 1860, Scott Twp. ON.  
d. 1905

Two known chn.

B421. Jessie Winterstein - md. Henderson

B422. Laura Winterstein - b.1870, md. Ab Horner

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(The two following are from Margaret & Francis Hoover's family line. At one time I was uncertain about the family connection however King Twp. land records would indicate that these families lived on or near the same land as did the family members about whom we are more certain. We will state in the book that, although we are certain of the family connections, definite proof is minimul.)

16. John Hoover = Sarah Harman  
b. 1827,  
d. 1891

The 1861 census of King Twp. lists John and Sarah as residents, and by 1872 they had moved to C9, Lot 13 of Tecumseth Twp. Ch.Aff: Methodist. Eight chn. Not known at this time what family Sarah belongs to, or even if she was descended from one of the King Township Harmans.

161. James Hoover - b. cl853, King Twp.

162. Alfred Hoover - b. cl855, King Twp. md. Almira

163. Ann Hoover - b. cl856

164. Joseph Hoover - b.1858; d. 1934

165. Thomas Hoover - b. cl860

166. Robert James Hoover - b.1862; d.1936

167. John Henry Hoover - b.1864; d. 1934

168. Sarah Ann Hoover - b.1872; d.1881.

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113. Michael Hoover = Mary Ann (?Sutton)  
b. 26 Apr. 1840, King Twp. ON.  
md. 1867  
d. 5 Aug. 1925

Michael farmed in King Twp. Ch.Aff: Methodist. Eight chn.

1331. Sarah Hoover - b. cl868

1332. Matilda Hoover - b. 29 Oct. 1872, md. John Ross

1333. William Hoover - b. 31 Aug. 1874, md. Sarah Jackson

1334. John Hoover - b. 25 June 1876; d. 8 Apr. 1894

1335. Henry Hoover - b. cl879

1336. Mary Hoover - b. 1881; md. Charles McBride

1337. Clarence Hoover - b. cl884

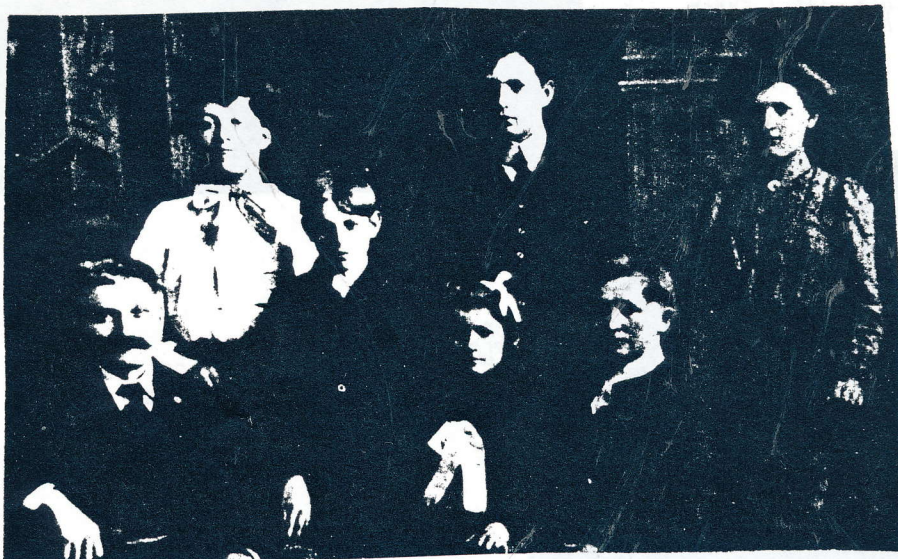
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If you have further knowledge on any of the foregoing people we would appreciate hearing from you. It would be a pity if the history of these family's has to end here.

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 \$ Ye Olde Photo Album \$  
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The following are copies of children's photos which I have found in my search for Harman family information. As I don't plan on using pictures of children in the book, preferring to print a picture of the individual at the time of their wedding or in later years, the majority of these pictures will not find their way into our Harman History. This is therefore an opportunity to share the pictures with you.



THE MARTIN SMITH FAMILY

left to right

Martin, ---, Edgar, Eva, Newton, Bertha, Ethel.

#432 = Alberta (Bertha) Harman

b. 4 Apr. 1864

md. 17 Sept. 1884 to Martin Smith

FOUR GENERATIONS

Clockwise from bottom left:

Mary, sp/o Robert Harman (#43)

Ethel ---, nee Smith (#4322)

Bertha Smith, nee Harman (#432)

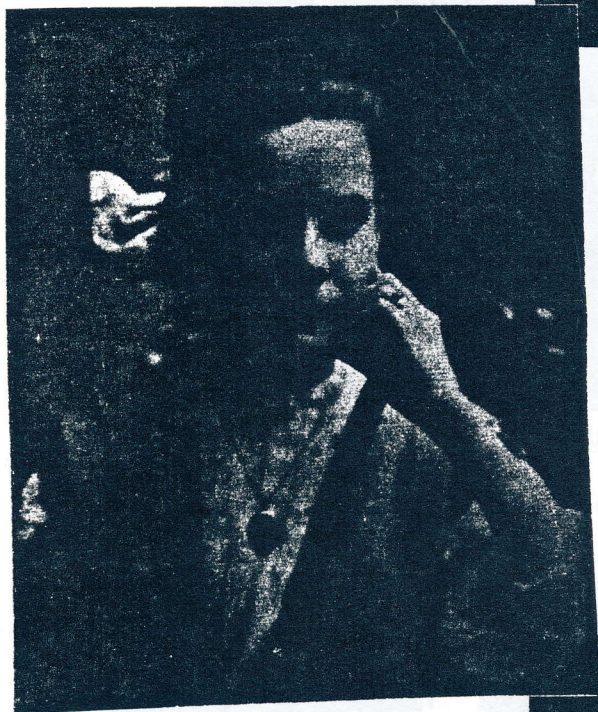
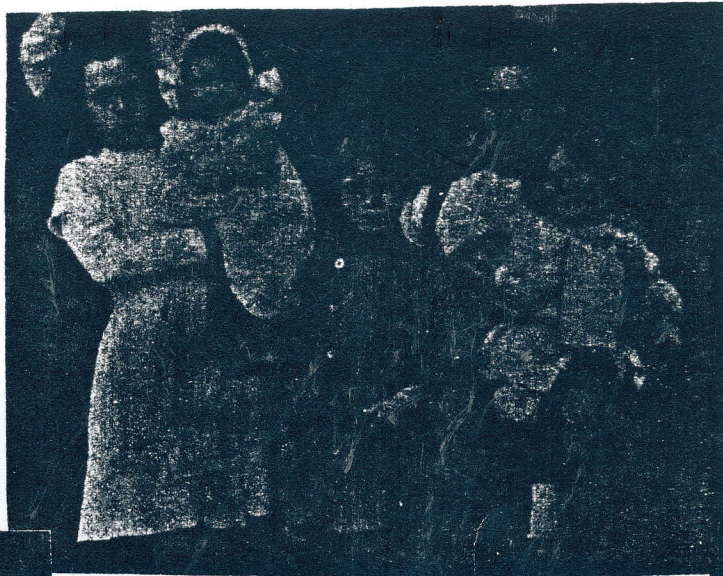
Little girl unknown but likely  
d/o of Ethel.





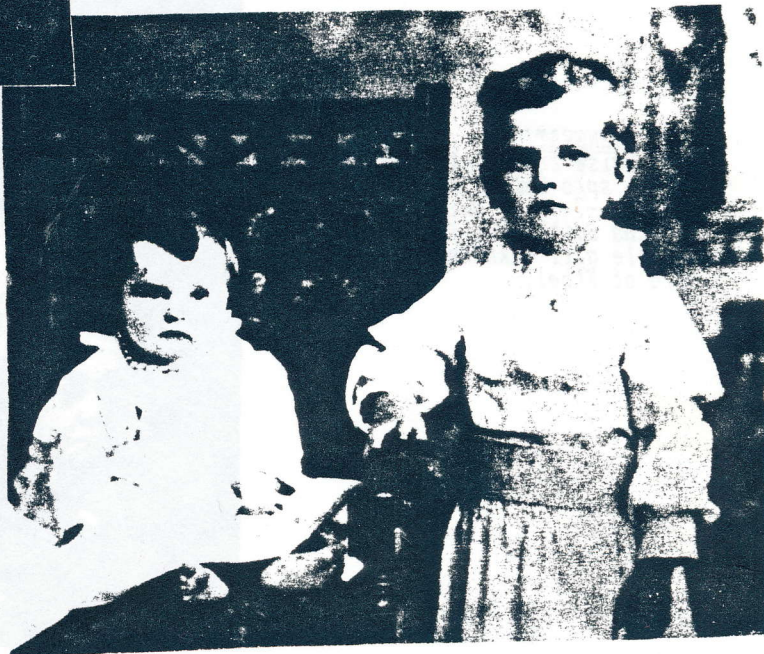
BENJAMIN HARMAN FAMILY

This is Ben and Maggie Harman with three of their children. Uncertain if this the same Benjamin Harman as discussed on page 33 of this issue. No doubt he was of the Charles family but there were at least three Benjamins in that family line. At this time I would think that he was #618.



on left  
FLORENCE HARMAN (#6134)  
b. Sept. 1890, Bradford, ON.  
d/o H. Charles & Annie Harman

on right  
NEOLA & CLARA BROAD  
(#4332 & #4331)  
c/o Priscilla & Edward Broad  
No further information.







MAY & JANE SAINT

#6125 & #6126  
 May = b. 24 Jan. 1887, Bradford,  
 md. 26 Apr. 1911 to James Church  
 d. 4 Jan. 1955

Jane = b. 29 Oct. 1889, Bradford  
 md. 17 Feb. 1914 to James Armstrong  
 d. 12 Nov. 1966



MARIE DOUGHTY (#343 121)

b. 24 Aug. 1931, Moreland,  
 Sask.  
 md. 9 Nov. 1956 to  
 Carman Svedahl

MARGARET DOUGHTY (#343 141)

b. 28 May 1935, Moreland.  
 md. 7 Oct. 1961 to  
 Melville Grozell

BETTY OHRT (#343 131)

b. 22 Aug. 1932, Milestone  
 md. 30 June 1973 to  
 Marvin Mutchnik  
 d. 2 June 1989, Idaho, USA

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## **A CHILD IN PIONEER SASKATCHEWAN**

by Marie Svedahl

Alice Doughty (#343 11) was born in the autumn of 1904, in Medora, Manitoba, the eldest child of Alex and Amanda Doughty.

Alice was 19 months old when she, her parents and younger brother, John (Scotty) arrived on the family homestead in southern Saskatchewan. She grew up amidst the loneliness of the open prairie and, with few if any toys to keep her amused, she learned to use her imagination and play with whatever was at hand. She recounts, that often she would gather toads in her "pinny" and use them for playmates. Placed in a cardboard box, the big toads were the "mom and dad" and the little ones were the babies. The toad harvest was especially rich after a rain! In the winter months, lumps of coal served to replace the toads.

When she was a little older, Alice and her brother Scotty, were given the task of poisoning gophers, the plague of the early prairie farmer. The two children would walk up and down the field a measured distance apart, each carrying a pail of strychnine-coated grain. Every gopher burrow in their path received a small spoonful of the poison. After school and on Saturday there were always these and other chores to keep the little ones busy. One time the Weed Inspector came by, and spotting a bad mustard weed infestation in one of the Doughty fields ordered that it be destroyed. The children were set to the task of pulling the weeds and stacking them on the margin of the field. Their reward for a job well-done was half an orange each.

The family had an organ that stood in one corner of the kitchen. Amanda bought the instrument from Eatons mail-order with money she received from boarding the school teacher. Amanda could play the organ with one hand and Alex would sing, sometimes their bachelor neighbours came to visit and they would join in singing, too. Alice learned to play it, going for her lessons to the Tilden homestead. She drove the several miles by herself with a horse and buggy. With so many young hands pounding upon the keys the organ gradually fell into disrepair, finally even the pedals wore out. Years later, a hired man salvaged the wood from the body of the organ and made a chest for Amanda to store clothes in.

Her formal schooling was taken at the local school, Red Rose. Alice didn't start to school until her brother, who was a year younger than she, was also old enough to go. Her mother felt that a two and half mile walk across the boundless prairie wasn't safe for a lone child of six. When the teacher boarded with the Doughtys and was able to accompany them on their walk to school there wasn't that worry of having a child lost or go astray.

There were eight children younger than Alice, and always a wee one for Alice "to mind" while her mother was busy at other chores. The Doughty home was a three room cottage, the kitchen being the largest room, and two bedrooms off the west side. As the size of the family increased, the rooms became more and more crowded, especially at meal times when the family sat around the extended round table. Mother Amanda would move back and forth the few feet between the table and the big old cooking range to feed the hungry family. Small as the house was still the Doughty's would take their turn hosting church services or dance parties.

In the early days a travelling clergyman would come to the district and hold



church services in one of the pioneer homes. The other families would hitch a team to a wagon, usually with a one-deck grain box, lay planks across the top for the women-folk to sit on, and the young-ones would pile in any place they could find on the floor and off they would go to church. They would stop and pick up other families along the way and it would be a grand outing for everyone.

The winter bi-weekly dance and card parties were held at alternating homes around the district. When it was Alex and Amanda's turn they dismantled their bedroom, taking down their meagre furnishings to make room for those who didn't dance but would rather play cards - usually the district's bachelors. These parties drew a slightly different group of people from those who attended the church services as few of the bachelors took the trouble to attend church but they turned out in force for the house parties.

Alice recalls one bachelor who had the dirty habit of spitting his tobacco juice on the floor as he sat playing cards. Her dad remarked to Amanda after one party, that he wasn't going to have any more of that and he was going to have a pail of ashes sitting beside the "dirty so-and-so's" chair next time. This intrigued Alice and so when the next party came along, she was ready on the spot to see what would happen. She saw Alex, ever so casually, put a pail of ashes beside the miscreant's chair and then she watched, wide-eyed as the scoundrel deliberately spat on the floor, on the other side of his chair. She immediately ran over and lugged the pail around to the spot where the juice had landed, then stood back to watch. After a spell he wound up to spit again, but seeing the pail in his way, he turned and spat on the other way. Again Alice moved the pail, and again he changed directions of his aim when he saw the pail in his way. This went on for some time, with Alice continually moving the pail to the site of the latest tobacco splatter. Until finally, in frustration, the man roared at her, "Young Lady, if you don't quit movin' that pail, I'm a-gonna spit in it!"

At the age of 20 Alice married a neighbour, Howard "Hubby" Ireland, who had come to Saskatchewan after his service overseas in WW1. Alice and Hubby farmed in the Moreland district until 1936 when, because of the Depression, the Irelands packed up their belongings and moved to Ontario. They farmed near Woodbridge in Vaughan Twp. until the outbreak of WW2 when there was a great need for factory workers in the city. They held an auction sale on the farm and moved to Downsview, a few miles north of Toronto. Hubby got work at DeHaviland Aircraft factory, and Alice found a factory job, too.

After WW2 Hubby found another factory job and Alice worked in the cafeteria of the local school. Ill health forced Hubby to retire in 1960, and he passed away the following February after a heart attack. Alice continues to reside in Toronto. She and Hubby had no family of their own, a matter of great regret as they both loved children so much.

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## NEWSPAPER FILES

**HARMAN**— Harold Melville passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 1985 at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Harold Harman of R R # 6 Cambridge in his 72nd year. Beloved husband of Jean McLean. Dear father of Norma (Mrs. Lloyd Podger) of R R # 6 Cambridge. Dear brother of Lorne of Edmonton, Mrs. Edith Doucet of Brantford, Mrs. Gladys Baker of Cambridge. Dear grandfather of Glenn and his wife Cheryl Podger and Paul Podger. Dear great-grandfather of Tyler Podger. Mr. Harman was predeceased by two brothers and one sister. Mr. Harman was born in Galt on October 30, 1913 and was a machinist at Babcock and Wilcox for the past 50 years. A member of St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church. Resting at Coutts and Son Funeral Home, 96 St. Andrew's Street, Cambridge where the family will receive friends on Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. Interment in Mount View Cemetery.

"Cambridge Reporter"  
18 Apr. 1985  
son of -->

"Galt Daily Reporter"  
20 July 1937 -->  
Not known if connected  
to Harmans of Yonge Street.

**HARMAN, Frances J.**— At T.L.C. Nursing Home, Newmarket on Sunday, April 22, 1990. Frances Burch, wife of the late Herman C. Harman and dear mother of Kenneth and his wife Gladys, Marion and her husband John Bellar, all of Holland Landing, and Georgina Darrach of Newmarket. Lovingly remembered by 7 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Friends may call at the Roadhouse and Rose Funeral Home, 157 Main St. S., Newmarket from 2-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral service on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment at Aurora Cemetery.

sp/o #7153  
m/o our member  
Ken Harman

**MARK, Reta Clara Alberta**— Suddenly at home on Tuesday, May 16, 1990. Reta Harman was the beloved wife of the late Reginald Mark and close friend of Allan and Sylvia Stokes of Dunstons and Roy and Mary Hoskin of Sunderland. Mrs. Mark will be resting at the Mackey Funeral Home, Peel St., Lindsay on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. with funeral service in the chapel on Monday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. Interment Little Britain United Church Cemetery.

Rita - #4353

### FUNERALS

#### MRS. SILAS O. HARMAN

Funeral services were held yesterday at 2:30 from the residence, 9 River street, for Armina May Masterson, wife of Silas O. Harman, who passed away Friday. Rev. J. J. Lowe conducted the services and interment was in Mount View Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Harold and John Masterson, George Bates, Ernest Bentley and Noel Foreman, of Galt; and Chariton Lantz, of Dunnville.

Those from out of town attending the funeral of the late Mrs. A. Harman were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lantz and family of Dunnville; Miss Ella Masterson of Alma, Mich.; and Miss Faith Coy, Mrs. A. Mair and Angus Kippen of Toronto.

## Mrs. Thomas Harmon Dies In Hospital

PORT ELGIN—Resident of Port Elgin for the past 40 years, Mrs. Thomas Harmon passed away in Saugeen Memorial Hospital. Her death was attributed to a heart condition following a lengthy illness.

The deceased, who was in her 64th year, was the former Caroline Kelleher. She was born in Guelph and was married in Port Elgin about 35 years ago. Her husband predeceased her in 1937. She was a member of the United Missionary Church.

Survivors include two step-sons, Gordon and Lloyd Harman, both of Port Elgin; a daughter Janet, Mrs. C. R. Lonhurst of Welland; a brother, David Kelleher of Port Elgin; and a sister Ella, Mrs. George Kirby of Calgary, Alberta.

Following the funeral service from the United Missionary Church with Rev. C. A. Berry as officiating pastor, Mrs. Harman was laid to rest in Sanctuary Park. Pallbearers were Percy Thede, George Cluley, Wilfred Schwass, William Osborne and Jack and Bert Collard.

21 Mar. 1957

poss. #726

s/o Emanuel

Thanks to Kathy Miklovich, Cambridge, ON. for sending along the above clippings. She also included transcripts of several "strays" news clippings which she has collected over the years - some of these were extremely interesting for your Editor. We will save the most fascinating until next time, but will share a couple of "maybe"s in the hope that someone can shed light on whether the people mentioned have a connection to our Harman family. I think these were clipped from a Toronto newspaper.

1897-May 14: birth of a dau. Elsie Aimee Mary, to Annie Harman & Richard Smith Parks, cheesemaker.

1958-May 14: death of Harry William Harman, 1 Divadale Dr., Leaside, s/o Mrs. E. Harman. Wife, Mildred Reynolds, chn: Lynn, Barbara, Douglas. Brother of Irma (Mrs. T.E. Patterson). Bur. Mount Pleasant.

1965-Oct. 30: birth of a son, Mathew George to Stewart Harman & Mary Campbell at Toronto General. Bro. for Campbell & Heather.