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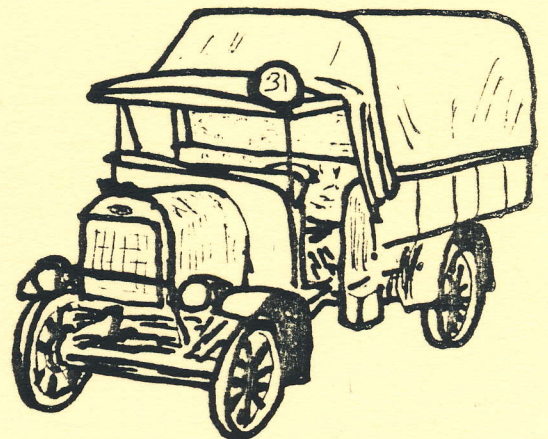
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This newsletter is to be printed quarterly, and distributed to interested Harman descendants and anyone else interested in family history. The annual fee is \$10.00, which should be forwarded to Marie Svedahl at the address below. Any article or other data pertaining to the Harman family is earnestly solicited for future issues. When quoting from printed sources, please be sure to state the author and title, or other pertinent information. Queries dealing with the Harman family and it's many descendants will be printed free of charge.

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COVER: The photo of the young man in service uniform was sent to us by Lillian Murray, of Toronto. He was Kenneth McLennan, and you will find his story inside under the military histories of WW 1.



FROM THE EDITOR.....

To All the Harman Cousins:

Where does one begin after experiencing such a summer as your Editor has just had?! One might say, I suppose, that it was a family historian's dream, and it was - no less than five family gatherings and several weeks of Ontario research. Topped off with three weeks with our daughter in Hawaii - absolutely no family history there, just the beaches and our grandson, Casey! I left home on the 7th of July for Ontario, returned home for less than 24 hours in mid August - time enough to empty my suitcase and repack it - before leaving for Hawaii. Returned home from there on the 15th September. I travelled from Toronto to Vancouver and back again by way of my husband's semi (I might add, a breath-taking way to see the Rockies!)

Perhaps this will explain why our newsletter is once again late in going to press. Having brought our publication back "on track" with the June issue, I had had hopes of being able to keep it there but it seems too many things were waiting for my return. I have had several meetings to attend, a seminar, an 80th birthday celebration, plus my duties as editor of the local genealogical branch necessitated the preparation of an issue for them (albeit, it was my final one as editor of their publication). So now, finally, I am free to sit down and share with you the results of my summer's activities.

Much of my research centered in the Mariposa area of Ontario where in the middle of the last century several of our Harman family connections moved. I have accumulated a great deal of material for that area, and as it will need a bit of organization I think we will plan to have a "Mariposa issue" in the first of next year. In the meantime I have other items and finds to share with you in this edition.

I can not be certain that I will have the brochure advertising our Harman history ready to go out with this issue. THAT was one of my scheduled jobs which didn't get done over the summer, and I think it better to be delayed a few months than to have a hurried, sloppy production.

We are planning to set up a family executive to handle the financial functions of putting the history book together. the plans for this aren't finalized as yet so will fill you in on this in the next issue. This is a call for volunteers - please don't be shy!!

*Marie Sredahl.*

## MILITARY SERVICE

by Marie Svedahl

In the past two hundred years - ever since the 1780's when Henry Harman/Hienrich Herrman served in the American Revolution - the Harmans and their family connections, when the need arose, have been donning their nation's uniform and going off to war. Our documentation on who have served where and when, is very fragmentary, however we will share with you what we have at this time. We hope that when you see these records it will spur you to finding similar data on your family service man ( or woman).

We find that we have enough material on some of our military people to enable us to write a short sketch, unfortunately on others, we know only that they served. The following is an index to those family members whom we know have served in some form of military service, the \* will denote that a short story follows on that person.

* DOUGHTY, Harold Stewart =	Toronto Scottish	= WW 2
* HARMAN, Henry =	militia	= 1812-14
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* HARMAN, Wm. John =	3rd Battn.Cdn. Machine Gun Corp	= WW 1
* HERMANN, Henrich =	German Auxilary	= Am.Rev.
* McCLENNAN, Kenneth =	Depot Unit of Supplies	= WW 1
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* ROGERS, Garfield R. =	16th Squadron, Royal Flying Corp	= WW 1
* ROGERS, George =	3rd Battn.	= WW 1
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STEVENS, Allan Frederick =		= WW 2
TRUAX, Gordon =		= WW 1

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Our thanks go to those members who have shared their military material with us. And at this time we wish to give special thanks to the Personnel Records Centre, National Archives of Canada, from whom the majority of the military information was obtained.

Much of the material on the four Mark brothers was obtained from the community history book for Medora, Manitoba - "Glimpses Through the Years".

The sources used for the article on the Hessian soldiers, and their part in the Am. Revol. are noted at the end of the article.

Picture credits go to:

Lillian Murray for the photo of R.Charles Harman & Kenneth MacLennan.

Line drawings of military vehicles based on pictures from: "Military Transport of World War 1" - Chris Ellis

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## AM. REV.

HERMANN, HENRICH

GERMAN AUXILARY TROOPS

In 1773 when the war began between the colonies and England, King George III and his Ministers found that the English army was short of man power. They resorted to the age-old practice of renting an army or, as we say today, hiring mercenaries. The source of their "rented army" was six states of the Holy Roman Empire: Hessen-Hanau, Hessen-Kassel, Waldeck, Braunschweig (Brunswick), Ansbach-Bayreuth and Anhalt-Zerbst. The total number of these German soldiers who came to fight in North America in the period 1776 to 1783 was just short of 30,000.

The numbers coming from each German State were:

Hesse-Cassel	16,992
Hesse-Hanau	2,422
Brunswick	5,723
Ansbach-Bayreuth	2,353
Waldeck	1,225
Anhalt-Zerbst	1,125

total

29,867

[1]

One contingent of these German Auxiliaries came to and were stationed in Canada, and from reports their field of action lay mostly in the northern colony of New York. The destination of the other German and Hessian troops was further south and they were the ones to fight in battles near Germantown, Penna; Yorktown, Virginia and Princeton, New Jersey. Therefore one might be prepared to think that our Heinrich Hermann (or Herrman) was likely one of the southern contingent as that would be more likely to place him in the vicinity of Pennsylvania.

Our cousins, Lorna & Kieth Moore of Pickering, Ont., have been doing some research into the available records of these German troops with the hope of discovering something concrete on our Henrich/Henry's military service. They have made the interesting discovery that one Henrich Hermann was #83 on a muster list of Captain Biesenrodt's Company in the Grenadier Battalion von Lowenstein. [2] This was the muster roll for the 182 days from 25 Dec. 1781 to 24 June 1782, dated 4 July 1782 at Camp New York. Not to be overlooked: #81 on this same list is a Hermann, Hans Heinrich - who is to say that our Henry was not originally a "Hans Heinrich"??

Also from this same source there was a list of prisoners of war or as it was worded on the paper: "Lists of the captured corps of the Grand Ducal Hessian Grenadier Regiment von Rall, Capt. Pigding (?Bixby?) Company". Unfortunately there is no date or place given and, as the author of the book noted, the list was almost illegible and written by a person of poor script and spelling abilities. [3] On this list is a "Heinrich Herman" - #52 in a total of 62 men. The question now arises: was this the same Henrich as on the first list?? are they both, or either one, our Henry??



Because of the possibility that our "Henry" may have served in the Knyphausen Regiment Lorna forwarded yet another list of prisoner of war lists although this one contained no Hermann or any other name that could be construed to be a mis-spelling of the name. This was dated 6 Jan. 1777 at Lancaster, Penna., and entitled: "List of His Excellency General von Knyphausen's Hessian Fusilier Regiment, Major von Dechow's Company, who find themselves at present prisoners of war". [4] These are probably the soldiers taken prisoner at the Christmas battle at Trenton as Major von Dechow was in charge of a regiment at that battle. His was one of three regiments under the command of Colonel Rall at what turned out to be debacle of the first order. Colonel Rall and Major von Dechow both died in this combat. In a report to Congress, Washington said of the losses sustained:

"the number of those who surrendered were twenty-three officers and eight hundred and eighty-six men. (A few more afterwards found in Trenton raised this number to about one thousand). "Colonel Rahl (sic), the commanding officer and seven others were found wounded in the town. I do not exactly know how many were killed; but I fancy not above twenty or thirty, as they never made a regular stand. Our loss is very trifling indeed, only two officers and one or two privates wounded". [5]

Historian Bancroft gave the numbers as seventeen Hessians killed and seventy-eight wounded.

I am wondering if the first noted prisoner list might also have been as a result of the Battle of Trenton? As Colonel Rall died in December 1776 it is not likely that there would have continued to be a regiment bearing his name, especially when it had been so totally devastated. Regiment Rall had been in two previous battles: Chatterton Hill on 28th October 1776 (White Plains, New York) and Fort Washington on 16 November 1776 (also in the vicinity of New York) however as the British forces had in both cases been victorious there is little likelihood of German prisoners being taken at either time. [6]

#### SOURCES:

- [1] "The Loyalist Settlement of Prince Edward County" by H.C.Burleigh,M.D. appearing in the Loyalist Gazette.
- [2] "Muster Rolls & Prisoner of War Lists in American Archival Collections Pertaining to the German Mercenary Troops Who Served with the British Forces during the American Revolution" by Clifford Neal Smith - ppl40
- [3] Ibid pp66.
- [4] Ibid pp65.
- [5] "The Hessians and the other German Auxiliaries of Great Britain in the Revolutionary War" by Edward J.Lowell - pp87
- [6] Ibid pp 77 & 83.

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## 1812-14

HARMAN, HENRY

MILITIA 1812-14

Lorna Moore has supplied us with a copy of a document received from PAC: Dept. of Militia and Defence; RG9 - IB7, Volume 17. Entitled "Muster Roll & Pay List of Captain Thomas Selby's Company of Embodied Militia from the 25th of August to the 24 of September 18th inclusive" also bearing stamp number 367. There is no year given but I am assuming it to have been 1812.

This listing of Selby's company includes two ensigns, three sergeants and fifteen privates. We note that #15 - Henry Harman, served from 25 August to 10 September, a total of 17 days for which he was to receive f0.8.6. Again a question is raised: would this Henry have been our original Henry (veteran of the American Revolution) or could it have been his son, Henry (who was born c1795) and would have been a youth of some 16 or 17 years at this time? BUT if it were the son Henry, then where was the older son, Adam? I think that until further information comes to light we must assume that the listing is of Henry, Sr.

Also of interest - #11 on the list is one Francis Hover who served three days, from 20 Sept. to the 24th. This is most probably the Francis Hoover who married Henry Harman's daughter, Margaret.

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## WW1

HARMAN, PTE. ROBERT CHARLES

#192519

Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

R.Charles Harman was born 9 Sept. 1892 at Newmarket, Ontario, son of Robert Charles & Henrietta Harman. He was 24 years old when he enlisted at Toronto in August 1915. He gave his occupation as clerk, and his religion as Methodist. The Medical Officer discribed him as 5 ft. 8 1/2 in. in height, light brown hair, fair complexion and grey eyes. It is presumed that his parents were deceased as he gave the name of his sister, (Mrs.) Laura Jagger, as his next of kin.

R.Charles' record gives no embarkation date, however he did report to the 43rd Battn. at E.Sandling on 5-12-15. The following month he was "taken on strength to the 17th Battn." On 10-3-16 he received two days C.B. (?or OB?) for not complying



A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform. He is wearing a dark jacket with buttons and a belt with a buckle. He has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and textured.

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HARMAN, PTE. WILLIAM JOHN

#512811

Manitoba Regt. Canadian Infantry

Son of R.C.Harman, and brother to the above R.Charles, William was born 17 March 1897 at Toronto, Ont. At the age of 19 years and three months, he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in June 1916. William described himself as an auto mechanic, and Methodist. His physical description was given as 5 ft. 5 1/4 in. in height, dark brown hair, fresh complexion and blue eyes, with a scar on his upper left arm, and a birth mark on the right side of his chest.

ATTESTATION PAPER.		No. 512811
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.		Folio.
QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.		
(ANSWERS)		
1. What is your surname?	H A R M A N	
1a. What are your Christian names?	William John	
1b. What is your present address?	126 Strachan Ave. Toronto. Ont. Canada	
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?	Toronto. Ont. Canada	
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?	Laura Jagger	
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?	38 Berkeley St. Toronto. Ont. Canada	
4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?	Sister	
5. What is the date of your birth?	March 17th. 1897	
6. What is your Trade or Calling?	Auto Mechanic	
7. Are you married?	Single	
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?	Yes	
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?	No.	
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? If so, state particulars of former Service.	No.	
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?	Yes	
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?	Yes	
DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.		
I, <u>William John Harman</u> , do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.		
Date. <u>June 24th. 1916</u> 191	<u>William J. Harman</u> (Signature of Recruit) <u>B. J. Jagger</u> (Signature of Witness)	

Three months later, 27-9-16, William embarked from Halifax for overseas, arriving at Liverpool on 6-10-16. On the 10th of that month he was "taken on strength" at Shorncliffe. Over the following months he was stationed at Shoreham, Crowboro, and included a three month stay at the military hospital in Bramshott.

On the 1st Feb. 1918 William landed in France where he was "taken on strength 58th Cdn. Bn." on 6-2-18. In May he was transferred to the 3rd Battn. On the 30th Sept. 1918 he was wounded in action and died later that day. William is buried Duisans British Cemetery at Etrun, France.



Married or Single

REMARKS.  
'Taken from Official Do

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Kenneth was born 27 August 1892 at Vandorf, Ont., son of William & Jane (Harman) McCleNNan. He enlisted at Toronto, Ont. and served with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces from 27 July 1916 to 19 May 1919.

Kenneth arrived in England on the SS Messanabie on the 13th of October and was assigned to Shorncliffe. Two weeks later he was admitted to Moore BR's Hospital with infleunza, being transferred from there to a Military Hospital on 9-11-16. Discharged on the 4th December.

A few days before Christmas he was posted overseas landing at Havre, and was "taken on strength" in the Field on the 22nd. On 26-2-17 Kenneth was transferred to No.11 Depot Unit of Supplies. No reason stated but on 12-5-17 he was admitted to #10 Stat. Hosp. at St.Omer, being discharged from there nine days later. He was granted two leaves, the first 25-12-17 allowed him to go to the United Kingdom, returning the 9th of January; and a one week leave to Paris on 3-11-18.

His service record shows that 1-5-19 he was "SOS and proceeding to England with view to returning to Canada". His physical discription at the time he received his discharge in Toronto in May 1919: 26 years; 5 ft. 10 1/2 in. in height; fresh complexion; blue eyes and dark brown hair.

In June 1920 Kenneth married Bertie Metzler at Belleville, Ont. They moved to British Columbia, living and farming at Sunset Prairie and Dawson Creek. He died at Dawson Creek 11 Jan. 1977, Bertie had predeceased him.

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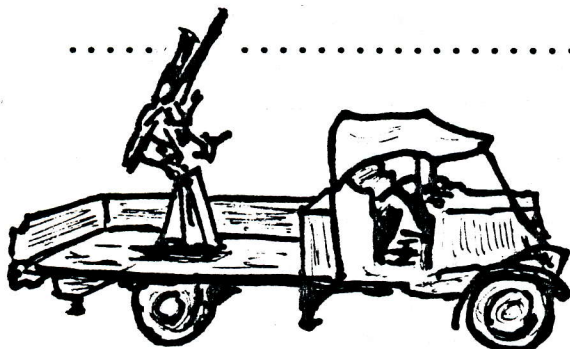
MARK, DELMER

A son of William & Lorinda (Harman) Mark, Delmer was born 22 July 1899 at Medora, Manitoba. At the age of 16 years he enlisted in the 79th Battn. at Brandon, Man. and was on active service in France before his 17th birthday. Although he served for three years he was never wounded, and he received the Military Medal at Mons.

Following WW 1 Delmer married Marjery Smith and they resided at Waskado, Man. where he did electrical work. In 1940 he joined the Veteran's Guards and spent the war year's as guard for prisoners of war (POW). He returned to Waskado after the end of the War.

After a lengthy illness Delmer died 10 May 1965, leaving a wife and six children.

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MARK, EDISON

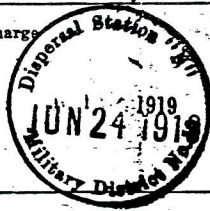
Ed Mark was born 25 March 1894 at Crystal City, Man. to Wm. & Lorinda Mark. He enlisted in the 79th Battn. at Brandon in 1915, later, while in France, he transferred to the 1st CMR's. He was wounded once but upon recovery returned to duty until war's end.

Following the war he returned to the Canadian prairies where he farmed with his parents until his father's death in 1942 at Amulet, Sask. Again Ed enlisted to give his services for his country, this time in the Veteran's Guards where, like his brother, Delmer, Ed did guard duty at various POW camps across Canada.

After his discharge in 1946 Ed worked with the Civil Service at Shilo, Man. retiring from there in 1960. In 1964 he was forced to have both legs amputated, and he died the 1st of October of that year.

MARK, PTE. FRANK LESLIE

#447986

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE	
WAR SERVICE BADGE	
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE CLASS 'A' No. 1163060	
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that No. <u>447986</u> (Rank) <u>Private</u>	
Name (in full) <u>Frank Leslie Mark</u>	enlisted in
the <u>56th Battalion</u>	
CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE at <u>Bulgary Alta</u> on the <u>1st</u> day of <u>February</u> 19 <u>16</u>	
He served in <u>1st C. in. m. g. Bde. France</u>	
and is now discharged from the service by reason of	Demobilization.
	Medical Unfitness.
THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:	
Age <u>26 years</u>	Marks or Scars
Height <u>5ft 9in</u>	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Black</u>	
<u>F L Mark</u> Signature of Soldier	<u>C. Phillips</u> Major
Date of Discharge	<u>O. O. Dispersal Station, Brandon.</u>
	Rank
	Date <u>JUN 24 1919</u> 19 <u>19</u>
N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Canada.	
M.P.W. 22. 100M-3-19. H.Q. 1972-33-682.	
(P.T.O.)	



Born 22 June 1892, Frank was the eldest brother of the two fore-going subjects. In 1915 he enlisted in the 56th Battn. in Calgary, Alta. and was sent overseas immediately. Frank served with the Calgary Highlanders in France, later transferring to the 1st Motor Machine Gun Brigade. He served until the end of the war although he suffered from having been gassed and wounded. After the war Frank returned to Alberta, later marrying a girl, Rose Whybourne, whom he had met in England. He farmed and worked in the coal mines at Sheerness, Alta. As a result of the gassing he had received overseas, Frank died at the relatively young age of 49, leaving a wife and four children.

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ROGERS, LIEUTENANT GARFIELD REDMAN

Canadian Field Artillery, attd. 16th Sqdr. Royal Flying Corp.

Born 31 July 1893 at Oakwood, Ont., Garfield was the son of Elihu R. Rogers. (Ed. note: In the last half of the 19th century there were two Elihu Rogers living in and around Mariposa Twp., Victoria Co., Ontario. One Elihu, born c1854, was the son of William & Mary (Cruess) Rogers, the other Elihu was a generation older and was most likely a cousin of William's, and therefore NOT a descendant of James & Mary Agnes (Harman) Rogers. At the moment we have no proof that this Garfield was a grandson of William Rogers - and therefore our kin - however his birthdate of 1893 would seem to point towards the younger Elihu being his father. Any information that would help to untangle this mystery would be appreciated. Interestingly - there was a second Garfield Rogers, b 1881-1955, who was descended of the John and Anna (Doan) Rogers family line. John and the above William were brothers.)

Garfield was 22 years of age when he enlisted in 1915 - a mining engineer living in Kingston, Ont. Although not married at the time of his enlistment, his service papers show where his father as next-of-kin was stroked out and "Mrs. G.R. Rogers (wife) at 205 William St., Kingston" was inserted.

He and the 9th Bde. embarked from St. Johns on 4th Feb. 1916, landing at Plymouth ten days later. In July he embarked for active service, landing at Havre on the 15th.

Prior to leaving England, Garfield had been posted to a week's course in telephone communications; once in France he attended an ammunition school, following this on 24-8-16 he attended an artillery school in Lilques (?). The next entry is a bit difficult to read, but appears to be "Proceeded on command to 3rd Division Gas School 20-12-16", returning to duty at the field unit on the 23rd December. A few days later he was detached for duty with the Royal Flying Corp on probation. In Feb of 1917 he was granted two weeks leave, from the 15th to the 28th.

On 21 April 1917 Lieut. Rogers was reported missing in action. A week later, on the 30th, the report was changed to read "Killed in action". He is buried Bruay Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

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46th Battery  
Unit Queen's University Rank Lieut Name G. R. Rogers

DUPLICATE ✓

OFFICERS' DECLARATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.



QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER.

(ANSWERS.)

1. (a) What is your Surname? Rogers
- (b) What are your Christian Names? Garfield Redman
2. (a) Where were you born? (State place and country) Oakwood Ontario Canada
- (b) What is your present address? 203 William St Kingston
3. What is the date of your birth? July 31st 1893
4. What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? Elmer R. Rogers
- (b) the address of your next-of-kin? Oakwood Ontario
- (c) the relationship of your next-of-kin? Father
5. What is your profession or occupation? Mining Engineering
6. What is your religion? Protestant
7. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
8. To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? Queen's University Battery
9. State particulars of any former Military Service Lieut 7th Art Bde C.F.A.
10. Are you willing to serve in the  
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

G. R. Rogers (Signature of Officer.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him\* fit for the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Date Nov 1st 1916

Place Kingston

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

M. F. W. 51.

Form 9-13.  
H. Q. 1772-38-917.

A. J. Hayes Capt  
Medical Officer.



ROGERS, PTE. GEORGE

#44191

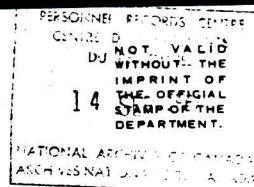
1st Central Ontario Regt.

Born 10 Jan. 1894 at Staynor, Ont. to John & Annie Rogers, George was 21 years of age when he enlisted in the Can. Expeditionary Force in 1915. At the time of his enlistment he discribed himself as a clerk, and of the Church of England faith. He had answered "yes" to the question "Do you now belong to the active Militia?", saying that he had served with the Queen's Own. The Medical Officer reported George as being 5 ft. 7 1/2 in. tall, dark brown hair, fair complexion and blue eyes.



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## STATEMENT OF SERVICE IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Name:	George ROGERS
Service Rank or Number:	44191
Branch of Service:	Canadian Expeditionary Force
Date and Place of Birth:	10 January 1894 Stayner, Ont.
Date and Place of Appointment, Enlistment or Enrolment:	8 April 1915 Toronto, Ont.
Theatres of Service:	Canada, Britain and France
Date and Place of Retirement or Discharge:	See remarks
Type of Retirement or Discharge:	See remarks
Rank on Retirement or Discharge:	Private
Medals and Decorations:	1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal
Remarks:	While serving in France with the 3rd Battalion, Private Rogers was reported missing on 13 June 1916; and no further information concerning him having become available he is, for official purposes, presumed to have died on that date

Date 14 September 1987

*R. J. Evans*  
Personnel Records Centre

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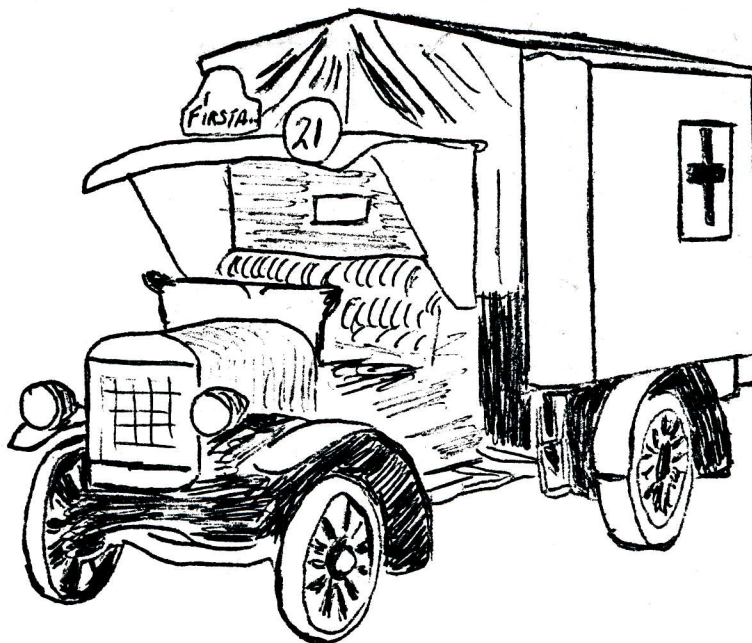
Pte. Rogers' service record states that he enlisted the 8th April 1915, and that on 14-6-15 he was "taken on str. from the 35th at Shorncliffe. On 16-7-15 he embarked for France, arriving the following day to join his unit at Bontogne. On 27th August he reported to 2nd Field Ambulance with a sprained ankle. On the 29th of the following month he was once more "on depot strength" at Etaples.

That following December George was absent without leave at roll call at 9pm, and was found to be out of bounds without a pass, for which on 11-12-15 he was sentenced to 168 hours of detention.

On the 16th Jan. 1916 he proceeded from Can. Base to D-?- 3rd Echelon in Rouen where he was attached as Orderly Room Clerk. At the same time he was placed on "Billeting & Subsistence Allowance" - his rate of pay is recorded as \$1.50 and 20 cents field allowance. A week later he was admitted to No.6 Convalescent Base Depot in France - records don't state the reason. On 7-2-16 he was granted a seven day leave of absence pass and he returned to duty at Rouen on the 15th. On the 3rd March George ceased to be attached to Can.Sec. 3rd Echelon and was returned Can. Base Depot.

Following action on 13-6-16 Pte. Rogers was reported to be missing, and the final entry, dated: 26-2-17 = "presumed to have died on or since 13-6-16". On the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, panel 18 is a memorial to George Rogers.

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## WW2

DOUGHTY, PTE. HAROLD STEWART

Born 18 October 1920, Harold "Bud" was the youngest child of Alex and Amanda (Harman) Doughty of Moreland, Sask. When he was seventeen years old he went to Toronto to find work, and when the 2nd World War began he enlisted in the army - June 1940. Within a few days they were shipped overseas - to Iceland where he received his Basic Training. The first part of November his outfit was sent on to England, landing at Greenock and en-training to Aldershott.

"Bud" took six months of commando training on the Isle of Whyte. On his first leave he went to Scotland to visit some friends and there he met his future wife, Margaret Edwards, whom he married in December 1941. In August 1942 Bud was part of the Allied Army that made the raid on Dieppe. Scheduled to land at 4am. the carriers ran into a German gun ship and it was daylight before the landing commenced - the airforce laid down a smoke screen but the wind currents swept it away leaving the landing

crafts in full view of those on shore - tanks and men disembarked onto the beach, only to find that the beach was not sand but pebbles, giving no traction to the tanks, unable to move they were a sitting target for the gunfire the Germans directed their way. After the aborted attempt to get in-land the Canadians returned as best they could to their vessels, and under heavy fire from shore and air made their way back to England. Bud received a severe leg wound during the retreat and he spent nine months in No.1 Canadian Hospital at Horesham in the south-east of England.

The following spring he was recovered and sent to the "Holding Unit", he transferred from there to the Toronto Scottish - machine gun and heavy mortar unit. His unit was shipped over to Normandy a week after the initial landing and he went into the Cherbourg area, then Cains, Fally Gap, through Belgium, France, and Holland to the German border. He was in Oldernburg, Germany when the war ended in 1945.

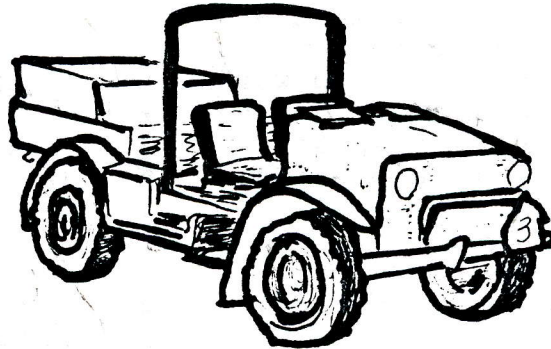
In June Bud came back to Canada on the troop ship "Louis Pasteur", it took 5 to 6 days, and carried 35,000 Canadian troops - there was no place to sleep! His wife, Margaret and little girl, had crossed to Canada the month previous and were waiting for him when he arrived.





Bud and Margaret settled in North York, on the northern skirts of the city of Toronto, where Bud got a job with the township. They raised a family of five children. Retired now, they still live in the vicinity.

(Data from H.S.Doughty, 1981)



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## **DIRECTORY**

Having remembered that a Harman family member, Wilmot Harman, son of Peter & Jane of King Twp., was said to have moved to Hamilton, Ont. I checked the City Directories at the OGS Library (in the North York Public Library) while I was in Toronto this summer. I am aware that these entries may cover Harmans other than our family, so I would appreciate if one of our readers would send along any information they have on who is who, and just who belongs to us on this listing.

Please note that the spelling of the names seemed to vary from year to year, between Harman, Harmon and Harmand.

Microfilm copy of Hamilton City Directory:  
1932.....

HARMAN, Dorothy - wks. J.R.Moodie Co. - 4 Sanford Av.N  
" Edward (Evelyn) -clk Flaherty Mfg.Co. - 67 Young  
" Edward W. - opr. Mammy's Bread - 4 Sanford Av.N.  
" Elsie Mrs. - opr. - h 4 Sanford Av.N  
" Iva M. - nurse - b 7 Chestnut Av.  
" Jean Mrs. - - 73 Kinrade Av.  
" Michael (Mary) -lab - h 67 Reach Rd.  
" Percy (Verna) h 314 Hunter W.

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1932.....

Harman, Cecil, lab, 98 Victoria av n  
 " Edwd, shpr Flaherty Mfg Co, 67 Young  
 " Edwd J, pntr 67 Young, h same  
 " Gladys, wks Loblaw's, 98 Victoria  
 " Iva, nurse, h 770 Main e, apt 3  
 " Lewis (Bessie), lab, 98 Victoria n  
 " Percy L (Verna), drvr, 171 Kensington av n  
 " Robt, lab, 98 Victoria av n  
 " Wilmot (Mary J), lab, h 98 Victoria av n  
 Harmand, Dorothy, wks Moodies, rms 383 Wilson  
 " Elsie, Mrs, wks Moodies, rms 383 Wilson  
 Harmer, Horton, mach, 74 East 33rd  
 " J Harold, 74 East 33rd  
 " Jabez H (Mary), mach, h 74 East 33rd  
 " Sidney, h 193 Mary  
 " Wm J (Annie E), lab, h 291 Jackson w  
 Harmon, Edwd (Vine), wks T H & B Ry, h 369 Jackson w  
 " Helen, clk, 369 Jackson w  
 " Jacqueline, bkpr Riselay Coal, 369 Jackson w  
 " Margt, Mrs, clk Milgo Ltd, 369 Jackson w

1934.....

HARMAN, Cecil E. - 173 Kensington Av.N  
 " Gladys I. - clk Loblaws - 173 Kensington Av.N  
 " Iva M. - Public Health Dept. - h 770 Main  
 " Percy L.(Verna C.) - trk driver - h 171 Kensington Av.N  
 " Robert P. - - 173 Kensington Av.N  
 " Wm (Isabella) - monuments 1190 Barton - h same  
 " Wilmot (Mary J.) - h 173 Kensington Av.N

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## HARMAN FAMILY REUNIONS IN 1987.....

.....OR FAMILY GATHERINGS IN WHICH HARMAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED.

by Marie Svedahl.

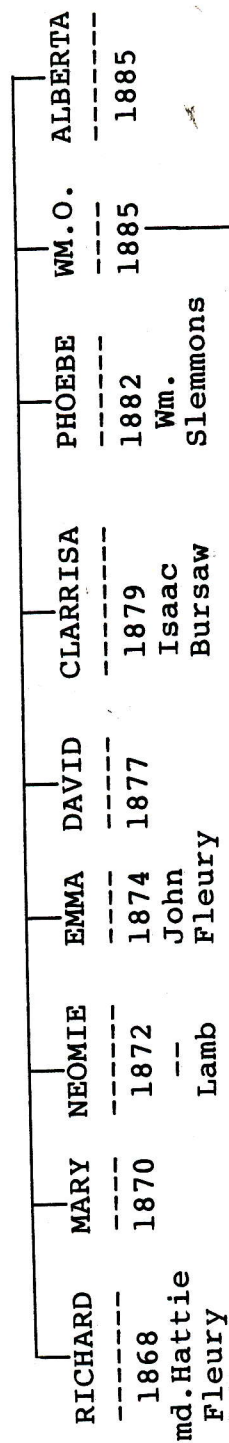
As advertised in our last newsletter, there were no less than three reunions planned for this summer all of which had Harman family connections. I was happy to be able to attend two of the three, and I wish to share with you some of the highlights of those two.... perhaps someone who was in attendance at the third, the Fleury reunion, will be able to tell us about their day in our December issue.

4th July 1987: The Stevens family of Harris, Sask. celebrated a gathering of their wide-spread family. The Stevens' are descended from William Stevens and his wife, Mary Jane Harman (dau of William & Mary Harman of King Twp.) This was my first opportunity to meet any of this family; in fact, when I arrived at Harris that day I didn't know anyone except for cousin, Leonard Harman, of Toronto. However they were all a friendly bunch (all 125 of them) and it wasn't long before I had become acquainted with many of them. I met so many new "cousins" that day that I now have trouble remembering who was who, and which family was which! To help you, as well as myself sort the people out, we will include here a family chart. This chart is drawn from the material I have on hand, and is not an official one containing the family data that cousin, Meta Doherty, has promised us. Knowing that she has been collecting Stevens family information for us, I didn't attempt to duplicate her efforts that day. Rather I spoke to and jotted down information from other family connections, such as Nonnie Leipe, Saskatoon, a granddaughter of Neomie Stevens; Mervyn Bursaw, of Saskatoon, his mother was Claire Stevens; and the Stewart Fleury family from Kelowna, and his mother was Emma Stevens. The rest of the people, 102 of them, were descendants of William A. Stevens, son of Wm.O. & Mary Jane Stevens. The entire descendant family of William A. and his wife, Helen, were in attendance that day.

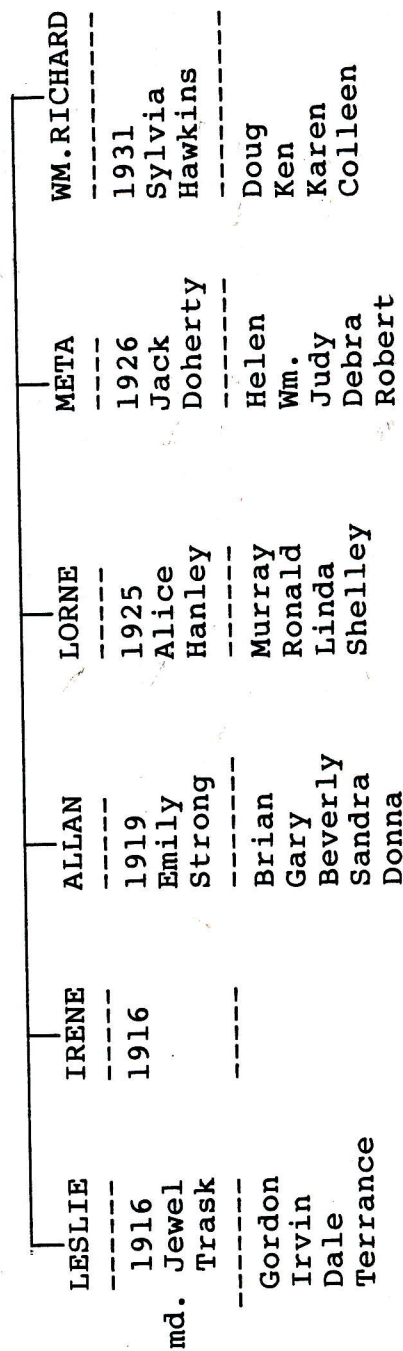
26th July 1987: This was a Harman family gathering - a beautiful sunny day, spent beneath the trees in Black Creek Pioneer Village on the northern skirts of Toronto. It was not a LARGE gathering, being about 50 of us, but I felt it was a nice size because you could visit (although only briefly) with most everyone. Some faces were familiar from the Aurora meeting in 1984, others, although their face was unknown, the name was familiar. A cousin whom I had long wished to meet, Winnie Fox of Brandon, Manitoba, and her daughter, Doreen Morgan of Ottawa, were there; and there was Clare Wakeman of Barrie, she is another descendant from the Adam branch; and Lillian Murray and her husband, Bill, of Toronto, she has been so much help with our family research; the Kennedys of Uxbridge, who are descended from



WILLIAM O. STEVENS & MARY J. HARMAN  
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WM.A.STEVENS md. HELEN MCMANN  
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My appologies to the Stevens family if any of the above data is incorrect.  
My main source of information was the local community history book, plus a  
few quick notes taken from a lovely large family chart hanging in the hall  
at the Stevens gathering.  
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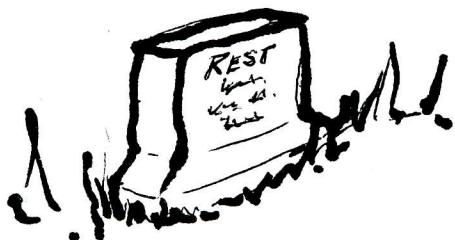
Jacob; Lorna & Kieth Moore, they are looking into the mysteries of Henry Harman's earlier life; Leonard Harman, his sister, Mae, and the rest of Leonard's family.....there are still more that should be mentioned but before I go any further I would like to express thanks from the Harman family to those who made the plans and all the necessary picnic arrangements, especially Mae Harman of Toronto. A job well done, ladies!!

In retrospect the two family gatherings were very different. The one held at Harris, Sask. comprised mainly close family connections, most being descendants of the six Stevens children, plus a sprinkling of first cousins who had grown up in that part of the province. This was a get-together of first cousins and their children, all who knew one another in some degree. The Toronto gathering was comprised of third & fourth & fifth cousins, few of whom had known, or even heard of one another five years ago. Now, if only we could have had our grandparents there! they would most likely have known each other, or at least been aware that "that fellow was a grandson of Uncle Jim"! The point which I would like to make from all this is, that by family gatherings such as the Harris one, the family connections are maintained, and there is less likleyhood of repeating the lost contact and resultant "strange faces" of the Toronto group.

A number of pictures were taken at both gatherings and we will be using some in the the Photo Album section. With the difficulty of obtaining good photocopy pictures from coloured prints we will be limiting our selection but we shall do the best we can.

As an added piece of news.....the Harris branch are planning another family reunion in five years time...1992!  
That is what keeps our family connections alive!!

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## Cemeteries

While at the OGS Library in Toronto, this summer I checked over their transcriptions of a number of cemeteries that were pertinent to Harman and family settlements.

King Twp. Cemeteries = Emanuel Baptist (Hilborn Settlement)  
L32,C5

#30. Hilborn, Roxcy (w/o Timothy Hilborn)

d.28 June 1865 - age 20 yr,1 mo,6 days.

#31. Hilborn, Wm. - b.15 Sept.1803, Columbia Co. Penn.

d. 4 May 1869 - "one of earliest settlers of King"

(Sarah Rogers (d/o James & Mary Agnes {Harman} Rogers) married a William Hilborn - I believe the above William to be her husband, and the Timothy to be their son. Additional information anyone?)  
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# Ye Old Photo Album

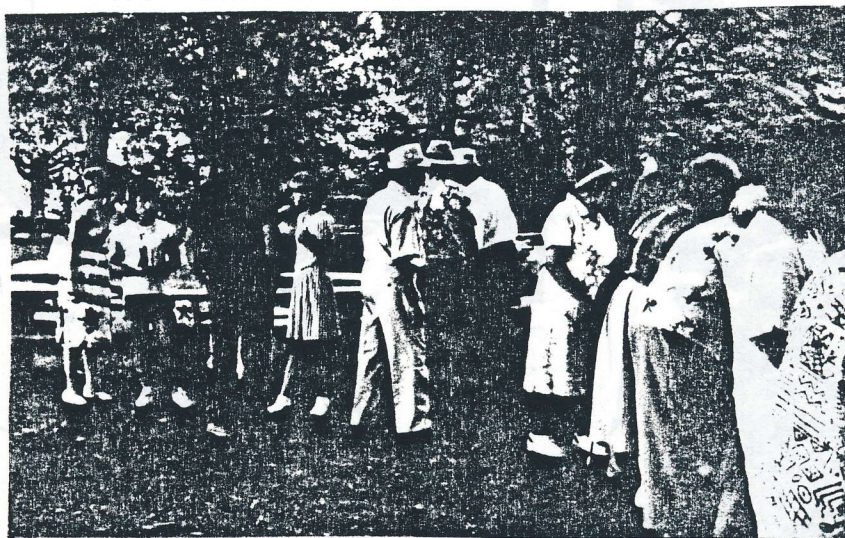


ABOVE: STEVENS REUNION - 4th July 1987, Harris, Sask.

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Surviving children of Wm.A.Stevens - left to right...  
Les, Irene, Meta (Doherty), Allan & Lorne.

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BELOW: HARMAN PICNIC - 26th July 1987, Toronto, Ont.

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Time for pot-luck lunch beneath the trees at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Can't name everyone but the lady with the hat and the white shoes, is Vera Gilbert from Elmvale, Ont.







HARRIS : SASK.

On the left: Mervyn Bursaw,  
Saskatoon, & his daughter.

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Below: Stewart Fleury,  
Kelowna, BC.



BELOW: Leonard Harman, Toronto,  
Jack Doherty & Irene Stevens,  
both of Saskatoon.





ON THE RIGHT: Meta Doherty,  
and her brother, Les Stevens.

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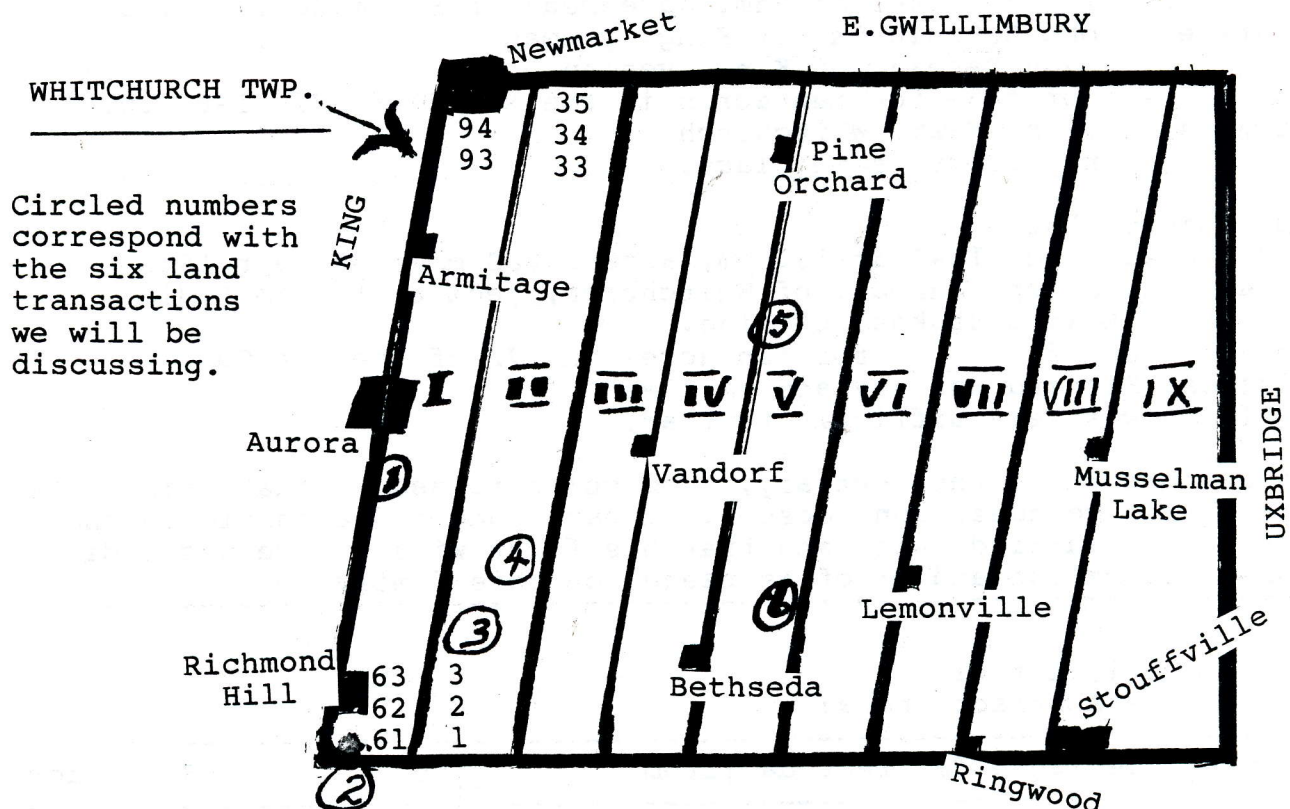


# LAND RECORDS IN WHITCHURCH TWP.

by Marie Svedahl

For some time I have been curious about the possibility that some of the Harman family (or those related) may have had land dealings in the township of Whitchurch - I would think that this thought has also crossed the minds of other readers.

For those of you unfamiliar with Ontario geography: King Twp., the home of our original ancestor, is separated from Whitchurch by Yonge Street. Henry Harman's Lot 77 in King Twp. was only the width of the road away from Lot 77 of Whitchurch. The back concessions of Whitchurch, like King, start numbering lots at the south township line, advancing north to the north township line. The main difference in the land numbering between the two townships is, since both use Yonge Street as "base line" for concessions, that Whitchurch concessions are numbered west to east, while King Twp. is the opposite. We will include a rough map of Whitchurch denoting lots and concessions, as well as towns and villages for reference. This should enable our readers to locate the various lands under discussion.



At this time I should point out that the material which follows is by no means meant to be an exhaustive study & listing of Harman and their kin who have resided in Whitchurch. Rather these particular land locations and deeds were the result of searches arising from chance

references in census, etc. Most likely there is more Harman related information lying there waiting for a diligent researcher. In the meantime I think we have unearthed enough new questions to keep us guessing for awhile.

The following are the Whitchurch land numbers which we will be dealing with at this time:

Con.1 Lot 72 = Joseph Harman in posession 1841-1848

C 1, L 61 = Wm. Huffman 1850-53

C 2, L 6 = Albert Sproxton 1984 - 1897

C 2, L 11 = Henry Harman 1859 - 67

C 5, L 9 = Charles Harman 1850 - 1852

C 5, L 22 = Wm. Hacking ? 1852 ?

Our information will be extracted from either or both the Abstract Index to Whitchurch land deeds, and the actual deeds themselves. Unless noted otherwise, this material was researched at the Ontario Public Archives in their holdings on Ontario township records.

Some terms that may be unfamiliar:

B&S: I believe the official meaning is "Bargain & Sale".

et ux: latin term meaning "and wife"

#1. Con.1,L 72

Instrument (Deed) #18130

Registered 18 Feb. 1841 at 9am. agreement of B&S made 1 Jan.1841:

between: John Hutchinson, of King, yeoman

and : Joseph Harman, of King, yeoman

for the sum of f45- for ten acres in the N 1/2 of L72, 1st Con.

Witness: Gabriel Hawk, Whitchurch

Henry Frost, same place.

Instrument #35210

Registered 4 Oct.1849 at 1:15pm, agree. B&S made 30 Sept.1848

between: Joseph Harman, of Whitchurch, yeoman, & wife Lydia

and : Edward Stokes, of King,

for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for ten acres in L72 of the 1st Con.

Witness: Richard Hartney and Wm. Reed

(This was very difficult to read)

Unless proven to the contrary, I am going to assume that this is Henry & Esther's youngest son, Joseph. I have long had a suspicion that Joseph was married twice and that his first wife's name was Lydia. More information and proof is needed on this family.

#2. Con.1, Lot 61

- from the Abstract Index:

| inst.# | type | agre.da | regt.da | from                | to          | \$     | acres |
|--------|------|---------|---------|---------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| 38018  | B&S  | 23.2.50 | 20.9.50 | Alex Saigon         | Wm.Huffman  | \$100. | 1     |
| 40623  | B&S  | 28.2.50 | 21.5.51 | L.Bostwick          | Wm.Huffman  | 200.   | 1     |
| 51242  | B&S  | 17.8.53 | 7.10.53 | Thos.Siagon         | Wm.Huffman  | 100.   | 1     |
| 51243  | B&S  | 24.9.53 | 7.10.53 | Wm.Huffman<br>et ux | C.Robertson | 450.   | 3     |



Wm. Huffman was married to Mary Harman, daughter of Adam & Mary. It is interesting that, although William had purchased Whitchurch land in 1850, he did not appear to be living on it at the time of the 1851(2) census. He and Mary and their family are recorded as living in King Twp. on census reel #11760, p27 of King Twp., York Co. of Upper Canada.

#3. C2, L6

- from the Abstract Index -

| inst.#                                              | type  | agre.da | regt.da | from                 | to           | \$     | acre |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|--------------|--------|------|
| 1759                                                | B&S   | 8.4.53  | 22.4.75 | King' College        | Geo.Sproxton | \$628. | 100  |
| 3909                                                | Mort. | 8.3.84  | 13.3.84 | A.Sproxton<br>et ux  | J.Hutchinson | 3000.  | "    |
| various mortgages & discharges over following years |       |         |         |                      |              |        |      |
| 6768                                                | B&S   | 1.2.97  | 9.2.97  | A. Sproxton<br>et ux | Horace Allen | \$1.00 | 100  |

Albert Sproxton was married to Nancy Harman, dau. of James (H53) & Jane. On the records from which this was transcribed there did not appear to be any transaction wherein the land was transferred from George Sproxton to Albert - perhaps it was willed to him?? The last entry is interesting - one hundred acres changing hands for \$1.00?! We are told by professional genealogists to be aware of land transactons which involves minimul amounts of money in payment for land, that such an agreement often involves family members. In this case, my only guess is that Horace Allen might be a first cousin of Nancy Sproxton as her mother's maiden name had been Allen - but that hardly seems a close enough relationship for giving away 100 acres of land! This would appear to be a transaction that should be followed up by consulting the original deeds.

#4. C2, L11

| inst.# | type | agre.da | regt.da | from        | to           | \$     | acre |
|--------|------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|------|
| 79568  | B&S  | 9.3.59  | 30.3.60 | Thos.Ransom | Henry Harman | \$2.00 | 50   |

Inst.#4067

Regt.5 Mar.1867 at 12:45pm, agree. B&S made 4 Mar.1867

Between: Henry Harman, of Whitchurch, yeoman, & wife Jane

and: James Lloyd, of Whitchurch, yeoman.

for sum of \$1250.00 for 50 acres in SE quarter of L11 in 2nd Con.

Witness: Wm.G.Lloyd

Another transaction - fifty acres for \$2.00 - that should be looked into more closely, and this time I can't even guess what



relationship, if any, there might exist between Henry and/or Jane, and Thomas Ransom. This Henry was the son of (s/o) Henry Jr., s/o Henry & Esther. Jane was also a Harman, I believe although I would prefer to have more proof on this relationship.

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#5. C5, L22

Inst. #50884

Regt. 9 Sept. 1853 at 10am, agree. of Mortgage 28 June 1853  
between: Wm.Hacking, of Whitchurch, yeoman, & wife Agnes,  
and: Patrick Murphy, Whitchurch, yeoman  
for sum of fl25- on 50 acres in NW quarter of L22 in 5th Con.  
Mortgage discharged: 24 Jan.1860.

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Inst. #51362

Regt.17 Oct.1853 10:05am, agree. of B&S made 19 Sept. 1853  
between: Wm.Hacking, Whitchurch, & wife Agnes  
and: Wm. Bear. of Whitchurch,  
for f50- for 50 acres in NW quarter of L22 of C5.  
Witness: Joseph Botsford, of Newmarket  
Geo.Samuel Porter, bookseller of same place.

William's wife, Agnes was a Harman as mentioned in "Home District Marriage Registers" Vol.3, p69.....

"William Hacking, 20, & Agnes Harmon, 23, both of Whitchurch, married 10 Sept.1849."

As yet we have not been able to pin point Agnes' family.  
Also of interest is the following deed:

Inst. #403

Regt.5 Mar.1870 at 2:05pm, a recorded Will of John Hacking,Sr.  
who died 22 Aug.1867.

Will dated - 27 June 1867...

".....to the children of my late son, William one hundred dollars to be divided equally after the youngest has reached 21 years.."

A search of the Ontario Probates revealed a Will written 25 Aug. 1859 by William Hacking. It states that at the time of his death on 13th Oct.1859, William was living in Whitchurch. Amongst other things, this document mentioned his wife, Agnes, and a son, Joseph. Other children were mentioned but not named. Interestingly, it was said that he owned lot 31 in the town of Richmond, Macomb County, Michigan - Macomb Co. is where some others of the Harman family moved in the 1870's. Executors to the Will were Isaac Petch and Philip Gower.

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#6. C5, L9

This is the most puzzling of my discoveries. When I learned from the Abstracts that a Charles Harman had owned land in Whitchurch, my first thought was that Henry's son, Charles (& Phoebe) had owned land there. However, as you will relize upon reading the following, that was not the case.....



Inst. #42272

Regt.12 Nov.1851 at 11:15am, agree. B&S on 6 June 1850,

AT St.Catherines in Wellington Co.

Between: David Crow, of Louth, yeoman, & wife Mary Ann,

and: Charles Harman, of Whitchurch, yeoman, eldest son & heir

at law of Henry Harman, late of the same place.

for the sum of f100- for 100 acres, the east half of L9 in 5th C.

Witness: Richard Foley, St. Catherines.

Benj. Hashiel, of Allenborough.

Inst. #43043

Regt.28 Jan.1852 at 1:30pm, agree. B&S made 6 Dec.1851

Between: Charles Harman, of Whitchurch, yeoman, & wife Hannah.

and: George Henry & Asa Summerfeldt, of Markham

for f400- for 100 acres, east half of L9 on 5th Con.

Witness: Arthur Alexander, of Markham, merchant

George Gower, of Whitchurch, farmer.

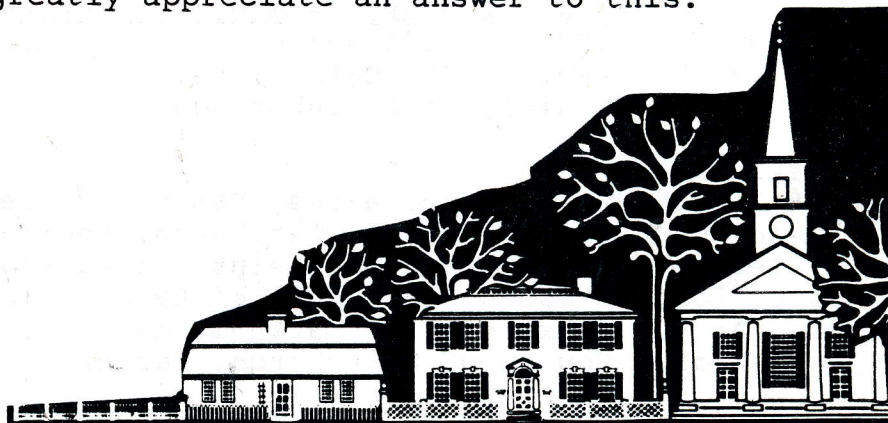
A number of thoughts and questions come to mind...

- 1) The Charles who was son of "our" Henry & Esther, was one of the younger children, and would not have been referred to as "the eldest", nor was his wife's name Hannah. Therefore could the above be referring to another Charles and Henry??
- 2) In Ontario Probates there is a Will written by George Gower of Whitchurch on 14 Mar.1851, and probated 17 Dec.1855. - which includes the following statement....  
"To my daughter Catherine Harman the wife of the late or deceased Henry Harman or her heirs.....the sum of one hundred dollars".  
The Whitchurch Abstract Index tells us that George Gower owned land in C4 L9 - across the road from Charles & Hannah Harman. It would appear that Charles Harman could be a grandson of Geo. Gower.
- 3) One of the witnesses to the marriage of William Hacking and Agnes Harman was Mary Gower. An Executor of William's estate was Philip Gower - all of which indicates there was some sort of tie between the families but whether family or only friends remains to be discovered.
- 4) What was Charles doing in St. Catherines in June of 1850? And where did he and Hannah go following the sale of their land in December 1851?
- 5) Were Charles and Agnes sister and brother? or was Agnes a sister of Charles' father Henry?
- 6) We can be reasonably certain that the father of the above Charles was not Henry Jr., son of Henry & Esther, as this Henry was still living in 1851, and the name of his widow was Mary Briggs.
- 7) It would not be impossible for Charles to be a great grandson of Henry & Esther. Remember that Henry & Esther's daughter, Mary Agnes (born January 1786) had her first child in 1803, and she could have had a grandchild (who would have been a gr.grandchild of Henry & Esther's) by 1820. We do not know Charles' birthdate but he would have had to be 21 years to purchase land in 1850. Also don't forget that there may possibly still be undiscovered children of Henry & Esther - see the article "Two Plus Two" in Vol.2 #3 of the Harmans of Young Street.

There are one or two more items that may tie in with this mystery



family but I will keep them until next issue, in the meantime this should be enough to keep everyone puzzling for the next few months. Anyone who can supply more information or a possible solution, please do so. We would all greatly appreciate an answer to this.



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## note book

Even when research produces a negative result it is still a step forward. For instance, this summer I was able to eliminate two possible Harman connections. Names that were thought to possibly be Harman, and as such, possible kin to our family, are now proven to be other than Harman. Let me explain more fully, so that no one else amongst our readers gets way laid into this same research.

"A History of Vaughan Township" by G.Elmore Reaman made mention of a Michael Harmon in that township, so a few years ago I did a little research on him. Through the Upper Canada Land Petitions from the National Archives of Canada I learned that Michael appeared in Canada c1810, and a few years later he petitioned to lease some land from the Crown. The information in his application was extensive enough that I doubted he was one of our Harmans, for one thing he said that he had been born in Maryland, USA. Still it concerned me that there had been another Harman family in the area, and now whenever a Harman family would show up on the census, one which we couldn't readily attach to one of our branches, then I would wonder if this might be one of Michael's descendants.

From the Petition I had learned the land number in Vaughan Twp. (this is the township immediately south of King Twp.) and so this summer while at the Ontario Archives I decided to find out more about Michael. It was C 3, W1/2 L22 which I looked for in the Vaughan Twp. land records. When I found it I relized that Michael wasn't a Harman after all but "HAMMON"! I checked both the Abstract Index and the Land Deeds, and in each incident of writing the name it was spelled "Hammon". Upon reflecting on the Upper Canada Land Petitions where the original error was made, I relized that Michael had only signed his name the once, and possibly it was difficult to decipher, causing the person who did the indexing to make an error and place Michael under "Harman".



No one had questioned this, and every time some one used the Petitions the error was repeated and grew.

It was likely a daughter of this Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, who married Adam Keffer, and about whom I had expressed curiosity as being a possible Harman. Vol.2 #4 of the "Harmans of Young Street", p92 wherein I was speculating about the stone in a Vaughan cemetery for a Rachael Haman, wife of Adam Keffer, and suggested that possibly it was a stone carver's error as I had not come across other Haman family members in the community. Now we know there actually was a Hammon family, although they appear to have only lived in the township for some 20 years, selling their land in 1831.

The other misconception was from a very similiar cause.

At one point this past year I had been skimming through a census for Kent County, Ontario and due to the enumerator's handwriting I got myself off on a wild goose chase. When you read the christian names you will understand why I felt that I had to follow this up. The following are a transcript of the notes which I made....

1871: Camden Twp. Div. 1, p.38 & 39 had three families which I thought to be Hannon. My notes read: 3 Hannon families, at least 2 look like Hannon, the other a toss up between that and Harman. Appears to be father Andrew, b.c1800 in USA, with sons James b. 1830; Daniel '42; Joseph '38. Page 104 apparently is another son, Andrew b.1821

1871 Same twp. Div. 2, p.25 had another family that was more of a toss-up and so I copied everything. Adam Harmon?, b. 1845, wife Almyra, ch: Andrew '68; & a 3 month old daughter. He was a carpenter and owned one acre on L4,C5 of Camden.

Checking out the 1861 and 1881 census for the same area didn't solve matters, sometimes you could almost swear it was Harman, and the next entry was a definite Hannon!

I decided to be finished with this guessing game so while at the OGS Library in Toronto this summer I made use of their cemetery transcriptions for the province. I was in luck, the cemetery that I needed had been recorded, the name was there, entered a number of times, and for some of the very same people as were listed above from the census records, and it was definitely "HANNON".

I have gone into detail on this that our readers may be aware of the kinds of pitfalls that await an unwary researcher. Every time a new piece of family or related information surfaces, it must be checked out for accuracy. When we aren't certain about some part of our data, feel that there just isn't enough proof there but, if true could be an important part of our ancestor's life story, we should only use the material if we state that it is a supposition based upon weak documentation.

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## HARMAN FAMILY RESEARCH

In the last issue of this newsletter I promised that we would supply our readers with up-dates in following issues on how the family research was progressing on two fronts. Namely:

1. Pennsylvania research to locate the possible residence of Henry & Esther before they moved to Canada in 1796, and .....
2. The status and progress of the Harman history book.

To this date I have not received any story or family history earmarked for our book but that is not surprising as it does take awhile to put that sort of thing together. On the other hand, I do hope the silence doesn't mean that you aren't doing anything about it!! As we have not, as yet a family branch about which we can say that we have all the needed information for the book, this article is going to do a different listing. We will list the known descendants of a couple of Henry & Esther's grandchildren, and we will \* the ones on whom we have statistical data, and \*\* the people upon whom we have a story or even just a brief sketch. A \*\* beside a name indicates that we also have the needed data on all that persons descendants - therefore beside my grandmother, Amanda Harman's name I can place one star but because I don't have life sketches on ALL her grandchildren, I am unable to place the two.

### PETER HARMAN BRANCH: (s/o Adam)

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 \* PETER  
   Marshall  
 \* Katurah  
 \* Alice Truax  
 \*\* Russel Truax  
   Gordon Truax  
 \* Edna Truax  
 \* Markham Truax  
 \* Viala  
 \* Amanda  
 \* Malcohm Cowperthwaite  
 \* Lorinda  
 \* Frank Mark  
 \* Edison Mark  
 \* Clifford Mark  
 \* Delmar Mark  
 \* Winnie Mark  
 \* Percy Mark  
 \* Pearl "

### GEORGE HARMAN BRANCH: (s/o William

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 \* George  
   Lydia  
   William  
   Clarence  
   Ada  
   Roy  
   Olive  
   James  
   Gordon  
   George  
   Richard  
   Augustus  
 \* Effie  
   Georgina Hinds  
   John  
   Mary  
   Fred  
   Theo  
   Eveline  
   Vera Hall  
   Marshall  
   Ross  
   Noah

### JOHN HARMAN BRANCH (s/o Charles)

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 \* John  
   Mary  
 \* John H.  
   William  
 \* Harriet  
 \* Jane  
 \* George  
 \* Rachael  
   John W. Evans  
   Herbert S. Evans  
   Burton W. "  
   Ernest M. "  
 \* Robert C.  
 \* R. Charles  
 \* Wm. J.  
   Laura  
   Ida  
   Lena  
   Eliza  
   Barbara  
 \* Jane  
 \* Eva McClennan  
 \* Ada "  
   (to be con't)

There has been no reported progress on the Pennsylvania research at this time. More next issue.....

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