

## WILLIAM GEORGE FARIS

On Sunday, January 9, 1944, William George Faris, a lifelong resident of the Scotch Settlement, passed away at his home, "Maple Farm." He had lived all of his life on this farm, where he was born on November 13, 1864, a son of the late Matthew Faris and the former Susannah Goodfellow.

Mr. Faris had been seriously ill for only one week, but had not enjoyed robust health since an illness two years ago, which affected his heart. However, this did not prevent him from getting around among his friends and enjoying their companionship until the last.

He received his education at Bradford High School and Shaw's Business College. He was fond of music and sang on many occasions at churches, garden parties, etc., throughout South Simcoe during his lifetime. He was also a lover of horses and took considerable pride and satisfaction in exhibiting his stock at fall fairs round about.

The deceased was a member of the Scotch Settlement Presbyterian Church, and served as an elder and as superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

He was treasurer of the Township of West Gwillimbury from November, 1904, until the end of 1919, and was a trustee and secretary-treasurer of S. S. No. 4 for a time.

Surviving are his widow, formerly Bertha Strong; three sons, Gordon with the H.E.P.C. at Brampton, Lieut. Keith serving with the Central Mediterranean Forces in Italy, and Murray on the home farm; and one sister, Miss Kate, of Toronto. Two brothers, John and Peter, and one sister, Mrs. John Sinclair, predeceased him.

The funeral service, which was held from his home on Tuesday, January 11, was largely attended and was conducted by Rev. Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair, of Barrie. The pall-bearers were two nephews, Robt. Sinclair, of Churchill, and E. M. Faris, of Toronto, a brother-in-law, N. B. Strong of Toronto, a cousin, John Faris of Cookstown, T. W. W. Evans of Bradford, and Donald Gray, a fellow-elder in the church.

Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford.