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*Mutual Dairies formerly at 71 Echo Drive circa 1954  
James Spratt was the manager—See Page 10*



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**President’s Report**

By Glenn Clark

I write this report as summer 2024 is ending. After a wet spring and summer, September has been very warm and dry, so far.

I must report with sadness, that two of our GHS directors have lost immediate family members over the summer. Aline Mageau lost her dear son Jacques on July 26<sup>th</sup> and Treasurer Laurel Sherrer, lost her mother, Lorraine at age 99 on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep both of them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

There have been few further developments concerning the relocation of our office since the release of our summer newsletter, however, it is likely that decisions will be made in the coming weeks

I wish to report that there has been considerable progress on two new society publications. The book written by the late Dorothy Meyerhof on the

history of Honey Gables has been fully edited by GHS board members and the manuscript has now been passed on to the Honey Gables Community Association for final input. A cover page has been designed and now appears on our website and the book title will be ‘The Evolution of Honey Gables in Gloucester’. We look forward to final publication before the end of this year.

We also continue to make progress on our other future book titled ‘Bridge to Bridge’ on the history of the Bank Street retail strip in Old Ottawa South. We hope to have this published by the winter of 2025.

I am also pleased to announce another GHS tour of the clubhouse and grounds on the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to visit this historic private club. The flyer with details is included in this newsletter. Tour reservations are required and is open to both members and the general public.

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## Billings Bridge World War I Scroll Found – Part 3

By Glenn Clark

We continue to tell the stories of the soldiers whose names appeared on a scroll from the Billings Bridge Orange Lodge that was recently purchased at auction by GHS board member, Alek Golijanin.

**23 - John Joseph Cutts** was born on the 17 October 1883 in Billings Bridge, Gloucester. Parents – Timothy Cutts and Jane Birtch. Brother James Cutts also appears on this list. The family residence was on Bank Street, just south of Ledbury Avenue. It was also the Ellwood Post Office starting in 1906 and mother, Jane was the first postmaster. At that time, the Cutts family had 51 acres at Ellwood and another 100 acres on the west half of Lot 23, Concession 6 Rideau Front (Hawthorne Road). In 1901, John is living on the family farm with brothers William, George, David, and sisters Annie, Martha, Elizabeth, and Caroline (the author's grandmother) and labourer Henry Edwards. In 1910, he co-owns 100 acres on the west half of Lot 23, Concession 6, Rideau Front, Gloucester (Hawthorne Road) with brother James. He enlisted on the 11 September 1916. Rank – Private. Unit – 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalions, Northumberland Fusiliers. He served in France where he was wounded. Discharge Date - 9 April 1919. In 1920, his address was 323 James Street, Ottawa. He mar-

ried twice, first to Caroline Edith Villeneuve on the 17 October 1921 at St. Mary's Church and then to Catherine Jane 'Jennie' Taylor on the 5 September 1928 at St. Patrick's Church. Neither marriage produced children. At the time of his 1921 marriage, he lived at 265 Booth Street, Ottawa and he was a labourer. At the time of his mother's death on the 17 December 1923, he was living in the Blackburn sector of Gloucester. In 1931, he was a farmer living with his wife at Bowesville. In the 1940s until 1952, he had a small two-acre farm on Kilborn Avenue. In 1945, he is a Civil Servant living with his wife at Billings Bridge. Date of Death – 12 February 1955. Residence – Kazabazua, Quebec. Burial Location – Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa. His second wife Jennie lived until the 28 September 1958. His first wife died on the 30 January 1924 and was buried at Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa.

**24 - James Cutts** was born on the 20 March 1888 at Billings Bridge, Ontario. Parents – Timothy Cutts and Jane Birtch. Brother John Joseph Cutts also appears on this list. In 1891, he is living on the family farm in Gloucester with his parents, sisters Sarah, Mary Ann, Martha, Elizabeth and Caroline (the author's grandmother) and brothers George, David and John. In 1901, he is living with his parents in Gloucester, without any siblings. In 1909, he shared ownership of 51 acres in Lot 2, Concession 3, Rideau Front, Gloucester (Ellwood) and 100 acres on the west half of lot 23, Concession 6, Rideau Front, Gloucester (Hawthorne



*John Joseph Cutts*



*James Cutts*

of Lot 23, Concession 6 Rideau Front, Gloucester, now along Hawthorne Road. In 1916, with his brother William, they had 98 acres on the west half of Lot 8, Concession 4, Ottawa Front Gloucester and 48 acres on the northeast quarter of Lot 9 Concession 4, Ottawa Front, Gloucester. This is along today's Renaud Road extending into the Mer Bleue. After conscription came into affect on the 29 August 1917, both he and brother William were drafted. Both appealed based on their farming profession, but both appeals were refused on the 27 December 1917. James was specifically listed as a thresher <sup>81</sup>. He enlisted on the 25 January 1918 in Kingston, Ontario. Next of Kin – Mrs. Jane Cutts (mother), Ellwood, Ontario. Previous military service – 2 years with 5<sup>th</sup> Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa. Profession – Farmer. Unit – 75<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battery, Canadian Field Artillery. Rank – Acting Bombardier. Appearance – 5 foot 3 inches, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, fair hair. He was transferred to Kingston, Ontario on the 28 May 1918. He embarked from Montreal on the 25 June 1918 and arrived in Liverpool on board the S.S. Oxfordshire on the 15 July 1918. He was stationed at Witley Camp, Surrey. He was then transferred to Bordon, Hampshire on the 30 December 1918 and returned to Witley Camp on the 29 March 1919. He embarked for Canada on the 3 July 1919. Discharge Date – 12 July 1919 at Ottawa. He did not reach the field of action in France. In 1921, he lived with his mother Jane and brother George, his wife Maud, and their children, Harry, David, Walter, Charles, Russell, and Fern at the Ellwood store. Profession – Carpenter. In 1931, he was a carpenter working in a Cabinet Factory, living alone on Queen Avenue at Stanley Avenue (today this is the intersection of Riverside Drive and Pleasant Park Road), Lot 17, Junction Gore, Gloucester. This is also described as Lot F Plan 129 on the Rideau River side of this intersection, and he owned this lot from 1921 until 1938. In 1935, he is living at Billings Bridge and listed as a carpenter. Death Date – 14 March 1961. Burial Location – Wood's Cemetery, Bank Street, Gloucester <sup>29</sup>. Profession – retired carpenter. Address – Albion Road. James never married and he had no children.

**25 - Norman Hazleton Lyall** was born on 30 July 1895 in Ottawa. Parents – Alexander

Lyall and Minnie Walsh, 39 Adelaide Street, Ottawa. In 1901, he is living with his parents in Dalhousie Ward, Ottawa. His father is a carpenter. In 1911, he is living on a farm in Lot 23, Junction Gore, Gloucester with his parents, sisters, Lois and Edith and brothers, Kenneth, Donald, Lorne, Forest, and Eber. Norman enlisted on the 17 January 1918 at Ottawa. Address – 46 Sherwood Street, Ottawa. Profession – Saw Hand. Next of Kin – Mrs. M. Lyall (mother), Billings Bridge, Ontario. Appearance – 5 foot 8 ½ inches, dark complexion, hazel eyes, dark brown hair. Unit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, then the 6<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion, then the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Canadian Infantry in France. Rank – Lance Corporal. He departed Canada on the 12 February 1918, arriving in England on the 24 February 1918, travelling on board the S.S. Lapland. He was stationed at Seaford, East Sussex. He was treated for the Mumps from the 10 April 1918 until discharged on the 6 May 1918. He arrived at the field action in France on the 17 September 1918. He was wounded (left leg) on the 30 September 1918. He was transferred back to England on the 5 May 1919 and stationed at Bramshott, Hampshire. He returned to Canada on the HMT Olympic departing from Southampton on the 6 June 1919 and arriving in Halifax on the 12 June 1919. Discharge Date – 16 June 1919 at Ottawa. In 1919, the Lyall property consisted of 11 ¾ acres on the Southwest part of Lot A, Concession 4, Rideau Front. This is on the east side of Albion Road, a short distance south of Walkley Road. The family owned that property from 1909 until 1939. In 1919, he and his father also had 3 acres in Lot 23 Junction Gore. In 1921, Norman and his brother Kenneth were living at 46 Sherwood Street and living with the McCord family, Samuel and wife Lucinda and their children Mary, Borden and George. Norman was a saw fitter and brother Kenneth is a mill hand. Norman married on the 30 September 1925 to Cora Mildred Duncan (who died on the 14 December 1947) at the Gospel Tabernacle, Ottawa. Profession – Saw Filer. Address – 239 Booth Street. His address in 1935 and 1968 was 458 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa. Profession – Labourer. Date of Death – 21 May 1974, Address – 65 Promenade Avenue, Ottawa. Burial Location – Ramsayville Cemetery, Gloucester. He had one daughter, Audrey <sup>12</sup>.

**26 - William 'John' Backs** was born on the 27 December 1894 in Ottawa. Parents – John Backs and Christina Lyall (aunt of Norman Hazleton Lyall). The Backs family came from Belgium, arriving in Canada in 1875. Father John acquired a portion of the North half of Lot 19, Concession 3, Rideau Front, Gloucester in 1899 and this remained in Backs family ownership until 1914. This property was along High Road just north of the soon to be opened Trillium Line, the former CPR corridor. In 1901, William John is living on the above-mentioned farm in Gloucester with his parents, brother Harold and sister Lois. In 1911, he is living at the same location with his parents, brother Harold, sisters Pearl (Lois) and Christine and twins Florence and Peter. Son John enlisted in Ottawa on the 17 January 1918. Profession – Labourer. Rank – Private. Medals – War Service Badge Class A. Unit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, 21<sup>st</sup> Battery. Appearance – 5 foot 6 inches, Sallow complexion, brown eyes, black hair. Next of Kin – Mrs. J. Backs (mother), Creek Street (south side), Billings Bridge, Ontario. This is now Ohio Street, just west of Bank Street (Lot F Plan 46). The house was owned by brother Harold Backs from 1916 until 1935, then it was sold to Howard Clifford, also appearing on this list. The house was demolished in 1976. John departed Canada on the 12 February 1918. He arrived in England on the 24 February 1918, travelling on board the S.S. Lapland. He was stationed at Seaford, East Sussex. He arrived in France on the 11 June 1918 and was at the field of battle on the 17 June 1918. He was wounded on the 27 August 1918. He had a gunshot wound below the left knee, and he made a full recovery. He was transferred back to England on the 17 September 1918. He was treated at Norfolk War Hospital, Thorpe, Norfolk, England. He returned to Halifax on the 17 January 1919 on board the Olympic. Discharge Date – 8 February 1919 at Ottawa. In 1921, he is living at Billings Bridge with his mother, brother, Peter and sisters, Pearl (Lois), Christine and Florence. He and brother Peter are labourers, Pearl is a bookkeeper, and Christine is a cashier. Brother Harold is living nearby with his wife Ruby May and her Sherman parents following their 1920 marriage. In 1931, William John is living alone in 2-rooms, a portion of a wooden semi-detached house in the north half of Lot 18 Junction Gore, Gloucester (Rideau Park). He was a garden labourer. Date of Death – 13 October 1945, Burial location – Pinecrest Cemetery. Marital Status – He never married, and he had no children. Profession – General labourer. Address – Billings Bridge, Ontario. Cause

of Death – Fractured skull from an automobile accident. He was a pedestrian in a hit and run accident near the former railway crossing at the corner of Bank Street and Rockingham Avenue. When a soldier came to investigate the accident in front of his residence, the motorist fled the scene. His mother died on the 14 February 1941 and was also buried at Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa. His father appears to have separated from his mother about the time that they gave up their farm in 1914. In 1923, father John travelled to Massena, New York for a job with an aluminum company. Sister Mary Lecuyer also lived nearby and had emigrated with her family about the same time. He attempted to return to Ottawa in 1935 to visit family. His place and date of death have not been identified but William John's obituary suggests that he had passed by 1945.

**27—James 'Bower' Boyd** was born on the 17 December 1888 in Gloucester Township. Parents – Samuel Boyd and Catherine Ellen Spratt. The family farm was located on the west side of Albion Road just south of Queensdale Avenue in Blossom Park (Lot 9, 10, Concession 3, Rideau Front). In 1891, he is living on the Gloucester farm with his parents, sisters Ella May, Ida Maud and Sarah Ethel and servant James Regan Boyd. In 1901, he is living with his parents, sisters Ella May, Ida, Sarah and Elizabeth and brothers, Thomas, and Samuel. In 1911, he is living with his parents, sisters, Ethel, Edna and Katie, brothers Potter and Russel and servant Harold Shephard. Bower was amongst those who were drafted following the enactment of Conscription on the 29 August 1917. He appealed his draft, but his appeal was disallowed. At the time, his address was 41 Hopewell Avenue, and he was listed as a clerk. He enlisted on the 26 February 1918 in Kingston, Ontario. Profession – Clerk and Farmer. Next of Kin -Mrs. Catherine Boyd (mother), R.R.1 Billings Bridge, Ontario. Appearance – 5 foot 5 inches, Fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair. Unit – 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion Eastern Ontario Regiment, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Detachment, Canadian Garrison Regiment. Rank – Private. He was discharged on the 29 March 1919 in Toronto. He did not serve overseas. In 1921, he is living with his mother, brother Russell Samuel, and sister Katie. Bower was a bookkeeper while his brother is running the farm. In 1931, he is a farmer living by himself. His farm for many years was on the south side of Queensdale Avenue, Gloucester (south half of Lot 9, Concession 4 Rideau Front which he purchased in 1923). During his younger years, he was an organist, choirmaster, and vocalist at Gloucester Presbyterian Church.

The western section of the farm was sold to the Honorary Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (National Research Council) in 1941 to build a radar research field station. He lost a barn that was struck by lightning on the 21 August 1952. Other parts of the property were sold east of Bank Street, first for Peter Knippel Nursery in 1965, and other industrial uses starting in 1968. The remainder west of Bank Street was sold in 1969 which became the K-Mart shopping plaza in 1970 and a townhouse development in the mid 1970s. The townhouse development was the site of the farm buildings. Date of Death—14 June 1986 in Ottawa. Burial Location—Johnston's Corners Cemetery, Gloucester, Ontario. Marital Status—Never married. He had no children.



*James Bower Boyd*

**28 - Alfred 'Fred' James Jones** was born on the 12 February 1894 at Billings Bridge, Ontario. Parents – James Jones and Mary Ann Watkins. In 1901, he lived in Gloucester with his parents, three brothers, Arthur, William, and Thomas, and four sisters, Clara Alice, Elsie, Nora, and Charlotte. His father was a farmer. Father James acquired 16 9/100 acres at Lot 15 Junction Gore, Gloucester on the 1 August 1905 from John J Smith (Smyth) for whom Smyth Road is named. This is on Riverside Drive, a short distance north of Smyth Road. Alfred enlisted on the 28 January 1918 at Ottawa. Next of Kin – Mrs. M. Jones (mother), Billings Bridge, Ontario. Profession – Farmer. Appearance – 5 foot 6 inches, medium complexion, blue-grey eyes, black hair. Rank – Corporal. Unit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment. Discharge Date – 28 November 1918 at Ottawa. He did not serve overseas. He

married to Grace Beatrice Lowen on the 25 August 1920 at St. Luke's Church, Ottawa. In 1921, he was a gardener, living with his wife in Gloucester. His brother Thomas, wife Lullubell, and son, Douglas lived next door and he was also a gardener. In 1931, he was a market gardener and he lived with his wife, three sons, James Alfred, Arthur Gerald and William Bruce, and one daughter, Doris Iren. On the 13 June 1932, a portion of the property on Riverside Drive was transferred from his father, James and split between sons Alfred and Thomas. In 1935, Alfred was a florist. The remainder of father, James' property was sold out of the family or transferred to son William following mother, Mary's death in 1936. William sold his portion in 1945. In 1947, the Federal District Commission (now the National Capital Commission) submitted a plan for the 'Rideau River Parkway' which would claim all riverside property along Riverside Drive from Mooney's Bay to the Ottawa River. The Jones property extended from the river approximately to the railway. In 1948, Thomas and Alfred sold all their riverside property to the Federal District Commission while Alfred sold the remaining property between the Riverside Drive and the railway the same year to Walter S. Barnhart for eventual development. Mr. Barnhart was assembling property in the area, and he became a principal developer of portions of Alta Vista in the 1950s. Alfred remained on the property for some years afterwards. In 1957, he was a gardener at 1822 Riverside Drive (the same location), Ottawa. Death Date – 13 January 1982 at Ottawa. Burial Location – Kemptville Union Cemetery, Kemptville, Ontario. He was a life member of the Chaudiere Masonic Lodge. He had three sons, James, Arthur, and Bruce, and one daughter, Doris<sup>64</sup>. His wife died on the 13 January 1965. Alfred and Mary had moved from Riverside Drive to Kemptville some time between 1957 and 1965. Son Alfred James served with the RCAF, and Arthur Gerald served with the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II.

**29 - Frederick 'Fred' David Cowan** was born on the 24 December 1896 at Regina, Saskatchewan. Parents – David George Cowan and Catherine Mary Barrett. In 1901, he lived in Nepean Township with his parents and two other brothers, George and Dean. While still in high school, he played the organ at Ottawa South Methodist Church and played football for the Ottawa Collegiate Institute (now Lisgar Collegiate). After he graduated, he attended McGill University in Montreal where he took an active interest in sports. He joined the Royal Flying Corps on the 6 September 1917. He received his commission on the 23 May 1918. The family lived at 15 Glen Avenue, Ottawa at that time<sup>53</sup>.

Rank – 2nd Lieutenant. He was stationed at the Houton Seaplane Station on the 7 November 1918. Discharge Date – 9 May 1919 at London, England. He returned to Ottawa on the 20 May 1919<sup>29</sup>. In 1921, he lived with his parents, sister Hilda and grandmother Jane Barrett at 15 Glen Avenue, Ottawa. Profession – Merchant. He married Hilda Caroline Rolston on the 26 October 1921 at 377 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa. Profession – Merchant. In 1931, he lived at 35 Cameron Avenue with his wife, two daughters, Jean and Ellen, and two sons, George and Frederic. Profession – Merchant in a grocery store. His wife died on the 12 March 1932 from pneumonia and she was buried at Beechwood Cemetery. Address – 35 Cameron Avenue, Ottawa. He married a second time to Jean Louise Howe on the 19 October 1940. Date of Death – 31 August 1975. Burial Location – Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa. Address – 1293 Snowdon Street, Ottawa. Profession – Wood Dealer<sup>51</sup>. His second wife lived until the 11 October 1993. After his war service, Fred worked with his father and brother (Dean G.) at the family business, D.G. Cowan & Sons (Grocers) at 1227 Bank Street, Ottawa, which closed on the 31 March 1953. They were also in the ice, wood and real estate business<sup>54</sup>. The Cowan family had first settled in Leitrim, Gloucester Township in the 1830s after emigrating from County Leitrim, Ireland.



*Frederick Cowan*

**30 - William Hull** was born on the 6 August 1893 at Billings Bridge. Parents – William Hull and Jemina Louisa ‘Mina’ Hammell. He is a brother of James Hilliard Hull also appearing on this list.. In 1901, he is living in Gloucester, with his parents, sisters, Elizabeth, and Mary and brother James H. (Hilliard). His father is a gardener. In 1918, the family lived at Lot 7, 8, 9 (Plan 11), Lot 20, Junction Gore, Gloucester (north-west corner of Heron Road and Riverside Drive). Parts of these lots remained in Hull family ownership until 1960. He enlisted on the 31 May 1918 at Ottawa. Next of Kin – Mrs. Jaimima Louisa Hull (mother). Profession – Farmer. Rank – Lance Corporal. Medals – War Service Badge Class B. Unit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, then the 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Reserve Battalion while in England. Appearance – 5 foot 11 inches, fair complexion, blue eyes, fair hair. He departed Halifax on the 4 August 1918, arriving in England on the 15 August 1918 on board the HMT Huntsend, and was stationed at Seaford, East Sussex. He returned to Halifax from Liverpool on board the Belgic, departing on the 23 June 1919 and arriving on the 1 July 1919. Discharge Date – 3 July 1919 at Ottawa. He did not serve in France. In 1921, he lived with his parents in Gloucester and was a gardener as was his father. He married to Lula Waterman Heenan on the 30 August 1922 at Ottawa South Methodist Church. Milton Dowler (also appearing on this veteran list) was his best man<sup>50</sup>. On the 9 May 1927, the barns and outbuildings were completely destroyed by fire<sup>48</sup>. In 1931, he lived in Gloucester with his father, wife and two sons, Willis and Roy James Clayton, and both he and his father continued to be gardeners. His mother was absent but still living. They had a single brick veneer house with 7 rooms. Their residence was on Bowesville Road (Riverside Drive). Profession – Market Gardener. In 1942, he lived at Billings Bridge. His mother lived until the 6 April 1961. Date of Death – 14 June 1968. Burial Location – Beechwood Cemetery. Address – 307 Sunnyside Avenue, Ottawa. Profession – Retired gardener. He was a life member of the Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, A.F. and A.M. He had three sons, Willis, Clayton, and Orville, the last of whom predeceased him<sup>49</sup>. His wife lived until the 1 June 1993. Son Willis served with the Ottawa police force.

**31 - James 'William' Abraham Doxey** was born on the 15 June 1884 at Billings Bridge, Parents – James William 'Walter' Doxey and Adeline Price. The Doxey farm was 45 acres on the south side of Kilborn Avenue between McQuaig Street and Brae-side Avenue. The south boundary is Clontarf Street. In 1891, William is living on this farm with his parents and grandfather, James A. Doxey. In 1901, he is living with his parents and sisters Phebe and Alice. His father, Walter Doxey died on the 2 August 1906 and was buried at Billings Cemetery, Billings Bridge <sup>70</sup>. Upon his death, the farm was willed to daughter (Alice) Adeline (Doxey) McCann, and a dispute arose in 1913 from the other heirs (including James William) concerning that property, which was dismissed in court <sup>71</sup>. In 1911, William is living with aunt, Fanny Brouse, and her daughter Clara and grandson Douglas at 670 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa. William is a carpenter. Mother Adeline remarried Patrick McCann who then died on the 17 April 1914. William enlisted on the 24 September 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. Profession – Carpenter, Next of Kin – Mrs. F. Brouse (aunt), 339 James Street, later 163 Arthur Street, later 446 Bay Street, Ottawa. Appearance - 5 foot 4 inches, fair complexion, Grey Eyes, Black Hair. Previous Military Service – 5<sup>th</sup> Princess Louise Dragoon Guards for 12 years. Rank – Sergeant. Medals – War Service Badge Class A, 1915 Star. Unit – 23<sup>rd</sup> Field Battery on enlistment then he transferred to the Royal Canadian Dragoons ("C" Squadron). His unit sailed for England on the 3 October 1914. He was stationed at Shrewton, Wiltshire and Maresfield, Sussex. He embarked for France on 4 May 1915 arriving at Boulogne. He did not suffer any war injuries. He returned to England on the 16 April 1919 and embarked for Canada on the 21 May 1919 from Liverpool. Discharge Date - 5 June 1919 to 446 Bay Street, Ottawa. In 1921, he is living at 254 Arlington Street with his aunt Fanny Brouse, her daughters Clara Brouse, and Phoebe Holmes and the latter's son Douglas. He was a carpenter. Fanny Brouse died on the 10 March 1928. In 1925, Regimental Sergeant-Major William Doxey was promoted to brigade sergeant-major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mounted Brigade of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards <sup>72</sup>. Death Date – 31 December 1940. Residence – 487 Lewis Street, Ottawa. Burial – Pinecrest Cemetery. Marital Status – Single, no children. His mother lived until the 28 February 1945.

*"William Doxey Passes at Work in Regal Building*

*R.S.M. William Doxey, former regimental sergeant-major with the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, collapsed and died at his work in the Regal*

*buildings, O'Connor Street, yesterday afternoon. Coroner R.M. Cairns, M.D., viewed the body and decided death due to natural causes. He will not hold an inquest. Mr. Doxey had not been feeling well for a couple of days. The body is resting at the Fred N. Garrett Funeral Home, 584 Somerset Street West.*

*Fifty-five years of age, Mr. Doxey had served overseas during the last war for four years. He is particularly well known through his association with the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards for many years and also as a member of the Ottawa Garrison Sergeants' Association, the Orange Young Britons, Billings Bridge, Lodge No. 48, and the Loyal Orange Lodge, Billings Bridge.*

*Born in Billings Bridge, a son of the late Walter Doxey and his wife, Adeline Price, he was a carpenter by trade and had resided at 487 Lewis Street. He was a member of the Anglican Church.*

*Besides his mother, he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ross Brown and Mrs. Guy Tomalty, both of Ottawa, and Miss Mildred Doxey of Vancouver; and a half-sister, Miss Margery McCann of Ottawa.*

*The funeral cortege will proceed from the Fred N. Garrett Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon at 2:15 to St. Luke's Anglican church where the service will be conducted by Reverend Cecil Steen at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Pinecrest cemetery."*

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**32 - Frederick 'Fred' Theodore Webster** was born on the 19 September 1892 in Toronto, Ontario. Parents – Frederick T. Webster and Mary Elizabeth Cobb, Toronto, Ontario. He came to Ottawa at age 6 with his family, who later moved to Heron Road, Billings Bridge where they remained until 1945. The farm was located at Lot 22 Plan 31 in Lots 21 and 22 Junction Gore. This was a long narrow property that ran south from Heron Road on the east side of Edge Hill Place and ran almost to Walkley Road. The house and farm buildings were located between Collins and Ridgemont Avenues. The property was in Webster family ownership from 1900 and was sold off in parts between 1945 and 1952. In 1901, the family lived in Nepean and Fred lived with his parents, and sisters Grace and Isabel. In 1911, he is living in Gloucester with the same family members. He is listed as a dairyman and his father is a farmer. Fred enlisted on the 22 September 1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. Next of Kin – Fred Webster (father), Billings Bridge, Ontario. Profession – Land surveyor. Previous Military Service – 3 years with the 15<sup>th</sup> Argyle Light Infantry in Belleville, and one year at the provincial school of infantry. Rank – Sergeant. Unit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment Depot, Canadian Infantry then the



15<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Appearance – 5 foot 6 ¼ inches, dark complexion, brown hair, black hair. He arrived in France on the 13 February 1915. He was captured on the 24 April 1915 in Ypres. He was reported missing on the 13 May 1915. He was confirmed as a prisoner of war on the 6 August 1915 at Giessen, Germany and then Paderborn, Germany, and The Hague, Holland. He was repatriated and arrived in England on the 18 November 1918 and was stationed at Witley. He departed from England on the 8 February 1919 arriving at Halifax on board the HMT Prinses Juliana on the 17 February 1919. Discharge Date – 23 April 1919 at Ottawa. He owned Lot 41 South Mount subdivision in 1916. He married Emily Lala Alford at 193 Riverdale Avenue, Ottawa on the 3 September 1919. Their post-marriage address was 25 Euclid Avenue. In 1921, he lived at 31 Wendover Avenue, Ottawa with his wife, one son, Ralph Frederick, and a boarder. He was a land surveyor. In 1924, he was a resident of Lindsay, Ontario. In 1931, he lived at 38 Salem Avenue, Toronto with his wife, two sons, Ralph Fred and Harold and a roomer. He was a government surveyor. In 1951, he lived in Haliburton, Ontario. Date of Death – 14 August 1962. Burial Location – Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton, Ontario. His wife lived until 1972.

### 33 - Charles Joy (Joseph James Charles)

was born on the 20 July 1894 in Cumberland, Ontario. Parents – Jesse James Charles and Margaret Verity Sidney. He was living with his parents, brother Jessie and sisters Susana, Emily, Eliza, and Margret in Nepean Township in 1901. His father was a labourer. He enlisted on the 26 January 1915 in Ottawa. Profession – Driver. Next of Kin – Jessee Charles (father), Billings Bridge, Ontario (south side of River Road, Jessee is a gardener), and after Joseph's marriage, Mrs. J. Charles (wife), 56 Beaumont Street, Drypool, Hull, Yorkshire, England. Appearance – 5 foot 10 ½ inches, fair complexion, grey eyes, red hair. Rank – Private. Medals – War Service Badge Class A. Unit – 1<sup>st</sup> Central Ontario Reinforcement Depot, then the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, then the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles while in France. He travelled to England on the 26 July 1915 on board the S.S. Hesperian and was stationed at Shorncliffe Camp, Kent, and Folkestone, Kent. He arrived in France on the 24 October 1915 and was at the field of action on the 22 November 1915. He was reported missing on the 2 June 1916 at Ypres. He was a

prisoner of war at St. Menin, Stendal, Reserve Lezearett Julich, Rheinland, Germany, and Wittenberg and was wounded when captured. He was repatriated as a POW and returned to England on the 27 December 1918 and was stationed at Witley, Surrey. He suffered a gunshot wound to the left arm and shrapnel wounds in the left shoulder. There were also scars on the right wrist (dating before enlistment) and on his breast which was a large tattoo reading "Lions". He was treated in Germany and his wounds were well healed. Convalescence was recommended upon his return to Canada. He was considered too weak to immediately return to his profession. He married to Elsie May Flowers on the 29 March 1919 at Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, England. Profession – Soldier in Canadian Army. He departed Liverpool on the 28 July 1919 on RMS Adriatic arriving at Halifax on the 5 August 1919. Discharge Date – 7 August 1919 at Kingston, Ontario. In 1931, he was living at 537 Rochester Street, Ottawa with his wife, son George, daughter Evylin, and older sister Emily. Profession – Labourer in building construction. In 1945, he and his wife were living at 910B Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa and he was serving in the Army. His World War II service was with the Royal Canadian Army Services Corp <sup>45</sup>. In 1953, he was living with his wife at the same address, and he was a civil servant. Date of Death – 28 October 1964 in Ottawa. Burial Location – Capital Memorial Gardens, Nepean. Address – 275 King George Street, Ottawa, the residence of his son and daughter-in-law <sup>47</sup>. Son William George Charles was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 21<sup>st</sup> Armored Regiment of the Governor General's Foot Guards <sup>45</sup> and he was wounded in 1944 <sup>46</sup>. He had the rank of Trooper. Joseph's wife died on the 18 November 1957, 906 ½ Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa. Joseph was the younger brother of Jesse Robert Charles (9 October 1883-29 March 1956), who was an active member of the Billings Bridge Orange Lodge during World War I. The family emigrated from Linthwaite, Yorkshire, England in 1882. His father died on the 8 April 1929 and mother died on the 28 November 1922, both buried at the Billings Cemetery, Billings Bridge. Father Jesse Charles shared property in 1913 with Thomas Mockett at Lot 20, 21, 22, Plan 129, Rideau Park, Billings Bridge. This is now 2030-2036 Cabot Street, Ottawa. They were tenants, the property being owned by the Billings family.

**34 - Harry William Pearson** was born on 2 March 1896 in Ottawa. Parents – Charles John Pearson and Fanny Elizabeth ‘Fannie’ Gallagher. Charles John was a long-time member of the North West Mounted Police and later the RCMP. In 1901, Harry lived with his parents in Ottawa, and with brother Cecil and sisters Lotie, and Florence. Father Charles was a Civil Servant and he immigrated from England in 1881. Mother Elizabeth immigrated from the United States in 1887. They had been married in the United States where their first child, Lotie was born. Harry enlisted on the 18 March 1915 in Guelph, Ontario. Next of Kin – C.J. Pearson (father) of 128 Wellington Street, Ottawa. Profession – Student. Previous Military Service – 2 years in the Cadet Corps in Guelph, Ontario. Appearance – 5 foot 4 ½ inches, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair. Rank – Lieutenant Flying Officer, Unit – 38<sup>th</sup> battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Machine Gun Company, Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. He was transferred to France on 17 July 1915. Harry was transferred to Shorncliffe Camp, Kent for his officer commission on the 17 February 1917 then to Crowborough, East Sussex on the 5 May 1917. He was transferred to the Royal Air Force on the 24 October 1918. He attended flight school from the 1 November 1918 until the 9 December 1918. He suffered a concussion as a result of an airplane crash (engine failure) on the 12 July 1919 at Mons, Belgium. This was followed by another crash on his following flight. Following attempted treatments, he was declared ‘invalided’ before returning to Canada. His medical history included typhoid in 1911, diphtheria in 1915 and Influenza in 1919. He married on the 6 September 1919 to Dorrie Harmes while still in England. Her address was 34 Kilton Street, London SW, England. He returned to Canada via Liverpool on the 11 September 1919 on board the HMT Araguaya. Following his return to Canada in October 1919, he was diagnosed with neurasthenia and a concussion and was treated at Kingston General Hospital. He was declared medically unfit for military service on the 30 October 1919. Post Service addresses included 95 Pretoria Avenue (where his wife joined him), 143 Rideau Terrace, 391 Sunnyside Avenue, Ottawa, 215 Charles Street, Belleville, Ontario in 1921 and 137 Ann Street, Belleville, Ontario in 1931. Harry was an inspector in 1921 and worked for the City of Belleville in 1931 and lived with his wife and son

Bruce in both years. His first wife died on the 14 December 1931. He remarried on the 2 August 1934 in Kingston Ontario to Ruth Sherman Janne-man. Their address was in Brockville, Ontario and his profession was listed as a Civil Servant. Ruth’s life was tragic, and their marriage was not long-lived. She was born in 1910 in New York City, and she lost both parents by age 10. She came to Canada to be raised by her maternal grandparents and she first married at age 16. This also ended in divorce. Her last family member, her grandmother, died in 1944 and she committed suicide by poisoning in Toronto in 1947. Harry William re-enlisted during World War II and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His only son, Bruce by his first wife, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Highway 17, near East Hawkesbury, Ontario on the 26 October 1945. He was a Flight Lieutenant with RAF Transport Command. Harry’s address in 1945 was 550 Rideau Street, Ottawa. He married for a third and final time on the 31 August 1946 to Stella Elsie Eno. Date of Death – 1 June 1955, Address – 39 Woodlawn Avenue, Ottawa, Burial location - Sandy Hill Cemetery, Prescott, Ontario. His third wife lived until the 17 November 2004, and she is buried in Vankleek Hill, Ontario.

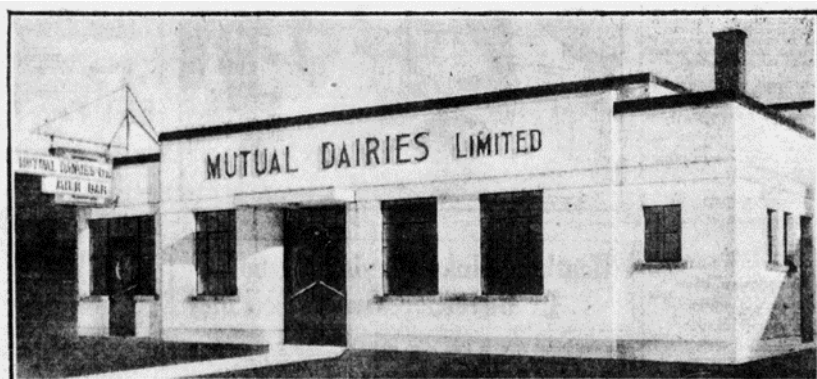
**35 - James Emerson Spratt** was born on the 29 March 1896 in Gloucester. Parents – Thomas Andrew Spratt and Annie Gamble. The family farm, known as Hedgedale Dairy Farm, was located on the south side of Walkley Road, (the east part of Lots A through 4, Concession 4 Rideau Front, now approximately 1830 Walkley Road). The farm was expropriated for the proposed new Ottawa railway station . The station was eventually built on Tremblay Road instead. The Hedgedale name came from a hedge of Honey Locust trees that had been trimmed into a hedge along Walkley Road. This ‘hedge’ survived at least into the 1970s. In 1901, James is living on the family farm with his parents, brother Albert and sisters, Sarah, Irene, and Beatrice. In 1911, James is living on the family farm with his parents, brothers Albert, and Thomas and sisters Mary, Gladys (Sarah), Irene, Annie (Beatrice), Alexandra, Jessie, Margaret, and Nellie (Melba). James enlisted on the 9 November 1915 at Ottawa. Next of Kin – Thomas Andrew Spratt (father), Billings Bridge, Ontario. Profession – farmer, Rank – Driver.

Medals – War Service Badge Class A, He was awarded the Good Conduct Badge on the 1 November 1917. Unit – 8<sup>th</sup> brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, then the 32<sup>nd</sup> Battery then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column #1 Section. Appearance – 5 foot 9 inches, medium complexion, grey eyes, brown hair. He embarked from St. John, New Brunswick on board the S.S. Metagama on the 11 March 1916 arriving in Liverpool on the 25 March 1916. He arrived at Le Havre, France on the 15 July 1916. In France, he served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column. He returned to England on the 25 April 1919 and was stationed at Bramshott, Hampshire. He departed Southampton on board the S.S. Aquitania on the 18 May 1919 arriving in Halifax on the 25 May 1919. Discharge Date – 27 May 1919 in Montreal. Proposed Address – Billings Bridge, Ontario. In 1921, James is living on the family farm with his parents, brothers, Albert, Thomas, Whitney and sisters Irene, Beatrice, Elizabeth, Melba and Frances. He married Eleanor Annie James in Manotick on the 23 November 1925. Profession – Farmer. His father was the Reeve of Gloucester Township from 1927 until his death in 1930. Following his death, the children took over the farm with James becoming sole owner in 1947. The farm was sold to the federal government in late 1951. The homestead was located on a long laneway off of Walkley Road just east of the Heron Road intersection. It survived well into the 1960s. He was also the manager and co-founder of Mutual Dairies Limited at 71 Echo Drive in 1940<sup>31</sup> (next door to Morrison-Lamothe Bakery). As Ottawa annexation approached in 1949, James favoured it<sup>32</sup>. On July 29, 1951, a freak event took place when a high voltage power line that crossed the farm sagged too close to a tree. At lightning speed, electricity was conducted to the ground, electrifying nearby fence lines, and setting crops and fence posts on fire. Fortunately, nobody was injured, and no livestock was lost<sup>30</sup>. Those same hydro lines remain crossing south of Walkley Road. After expropriation, he eventually moved to a brick

farmhouse at 2516 Alta Vista Drive, that is now the site of Alta Vista branch of the Ottawa Public Library, which officially opened on the 15 July 1976<sup>73</sup>. This was his listed address in 1957 and 1965. In 1965, his profession was dairy operator (Mutual Dairies). In 1959, he and his wife took a one-month trip, staying at the Exchange Hotel, Liverpool, England, returning to Montreal on board, the Canadian Pacific ship 'Empress of Britain' on the 2 June 1959. Profession – Farmer. Death Date – 22 October 1974. Burial Location - Pinecrest Cemetery. Address – 2526 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa. His wife died on the 22 August 1973. They had one son, Bruce who had died in early childhood and 4 daughters, Ruth, Lee, Marion and well-known former Blackburn Hamlet resident and Gloucester Leader publisher, Lois Kemp (1930-2015). For more information on the Hedgedale Dairy, and Mutual Dairies Limited, we refer you to the GHS publication, Milk/Cream Producer-Distributors in Gloucester 1892-1975



*James Spratt*



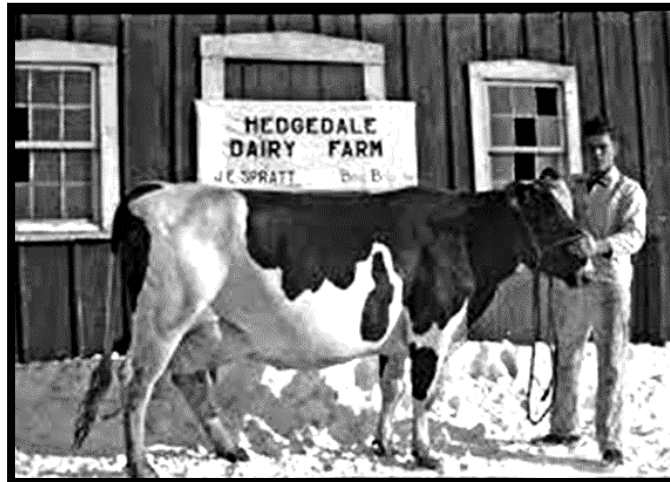
The fine new plant of the Mutual Dairies, Limited, situated on Echo Drive, which is now open to Visitors and Customers for Inspection.

*Mutual Dairies Limited operated at 71 Echo Drive from 1941 until 1971 and was managed by James Spratt for many years. James Spratt and J.H. Shaw were instrumental in constructing this building*

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### SPRATT FARM

A tall hedge and a row of poplar trees are the only reminders of Hedgedale Farm on Walkley Road which T.A. Spratt and son J.E. Spratt farmed. In 1947 it was expropriated for the site of the new Union Station. In 1950 the city of Ottawa extended its boundaries and annexed a large area in Gloucester.



**36 - Charles Wesley Martin** was born on the 1 February 1897 in Ottawa. Parents – William Henry Martin and Mary Elizabeth Watkins. They resided at Lot 19, Junction Gore, Gloucester. This was on the east side of Metcalfe Road, modern address 1395 Bank Street. This house was in Martin family ownership from 1908 until 1972, shortly before demolition to allow the widening of Bank Street. In 1901, Charles lived in Gloucester with his parents, and brothers William and Philip. Father, William was a labourer. In 1911, Charles lived with his parents, brothers, William, Philip and Clarence, sisters, Thelma and Mary and grandmother, Hannah Watkins (née Barnes). Charles enlisted on the 26 August 1915 in Ottawa. Next of Kin – Mrs. Mary Martin (mother),

Billings Bridge, Ontario. Profession – Labourer. Rank – Private. Medals – War Service Badge Class A. He was awarded the Good Conduct Badge on the 26 August 1917. Unit – Governor General's Foot Guards, then the 77<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, Canadian Army Services Corps. Appearance – 5 foot eight ½ inches, medium complexion, grey eyes, brown hair. He sailed from Halifax on the 19 June 1916 on board the S.S. Missanabie arriving in England on the 28 June 1916. He was stationed at Shorncliffe Camp, Kent, Witley, Surrey and Bramshott, Hampshire. He was transferred to France on 21 March 1918 and was moved to the field of action almost immediately serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Train, Canadian Army Services Corps. He suffered a

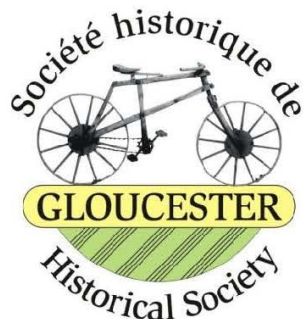
laceration of the left eye in an accident while in France on the 26 August 1918. He was returned to England on the 19 April 1919 where he was stationed at Witley, Surrey. He returned to Canada on board the S.S. Minnekahda on the 14 May 1919 arriving on the 23 May 1919. Discharge Date – 24 May 1919 in Montreal. Proposed Address – Billings Bridge, Ontario. He married Robena Mary 'Bea' Murdock on the 29 June 1920 in Ottawa. Profession – Mill Hand. In 1921, he was a mill hand residing with his wife at 520 Kent Street, Ottawa. In 1931, he was a truck driver for a lumber company, living in Gloucester with his wife, two daughters, Edith and Doris and a brother-in-law, Edward Murdock. In 1940, he lived at 509 Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa. Date of Death – 3 February 1948. Burial Location – Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa. Profession – Labourer with Mayno Davis Lumber Company for 25 years. Address – Billings Bridge. He had two daughters, mentioned above. He was a member of the Orange Lodge, Billings Bridge and the Montgomery Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion <sup>33</sup>. His wife died on the 19 October 1954 in Toronto at the residence of her daughter.

**37 - James Alexander Brown (later Browne)** was born on the 9 February 1897 in South Gloucester (Lot 27 Concession 4, Rideau Front, west side of Bank Street between Rideau Road and Mitch Owens ). Parents – Isaac Browne and Annie Gamble. In 1901, he is living with his parents in Gloucester, brother, Andrew, adopted sister, Gertrude Watts and Annie's sister Helen Gamble. In 1911, James lived on the farm at South Gloucester with his parents and brother Andrew. The Browne family moved into Ottawa from South Gloucester in 1912. He enlisted on the 31 January 1916 in Ottawa. Next of Kin – Mrs. Isaac Brown, 34 Barton Street,

later 89 Hamilton Avenue, Ottawa. Profession – Student. Previous Military Service – Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa. Appearance – 5 foot 9 inches, fresh complexion, blue eyes, dark brown hair. Medals – War Service Badge Class A. Rank – Driver. Unit – Canadian Engineers then in France with the 4<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company. He departed from Canada on the 20 June 1916, arriving in England on board the Missanabie on the 28 June 1916 and was stationed at Shorncliffe Camp, Kent. He arrived in Le Havre, France on the 23 January 1917 and was taken immediately to the field of action. He returned to England on the 4 March 1919 and sailed for Canada from Liverpool on board the S.S. Belgic on the 16 April 1919 arriving in Halifax on the 24 April 1919. Discharge Date – 1 May 1919. In 1921, he was a roomer described as a farm labourer, living on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta. He married to Alice Madeline 'Brownie' McWood on the 17 October 1931 in Ottawa. His residence was in Smiths Falls, Ontario. At the time of his mother's death on the 15 September 1941 and his father's death on the 10 January 1947, James lived at 34 Barton Street, Ottawa. Date of Death – 15 June 1960 in Ottawa. Burial Location – Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa. Profession – House of Commons protective staff from 1939 until 1959. He was a past master of St. Andrews Lodge, A.F. and A.M., a member of the Ottawa Chapter 222 of the Ottawa Preceptory 32, and Past Master Wardens Association and a member of the Royal and Select Masters. Address – 26 Merritt Avenue, Ottawa He had no children. <sup>34</sup>. His wife lived until the 13 June 1993.

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