

Family History

Angus Bell-----Marriage 1841 approx-----Jane McDowell

Born	1816 ca Isle of Islay Scotland	Born	1823 ca Ireland
Died 18 Sep	1897 Singhampton, Ontario	Died 25 Aug	1878 Singhampton, Ontario
Int'd	Union Cemetery, Singhampton, Ontario	Int'd	Union Cemetery, Singhampton, Ontario

Children

Ronald

Born 1842 ca
West Gwillimbury
Township,
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died

Int'd

Margaret

Born 1843 ca
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died

Int'd

Mary Ann

Born 1845 ca
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died

Int'd

Elizabeth

Born 22 May 1847
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died 1941

Int'd Union Cemetery,
Singhampton,
Ontario

Angus (jr)

Born 24 Aug 1848
Nottawasaga
Twshp., Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died 2 Mar 1906
Singhampton,
Ontario

Int'd

Sarah Jane

Born 1851 ca
Canada West
(*Ontario*)

Died Feb 1928
Shellbrook,
Saskatchewan

Int'd Saskatchewan

Catharine

Born 3 Sep 1854
 Singhampton,
 Canada West
 (Ontario)
 Died 21 Dec 1927
 Islington (Toronto)
 Ontario
 Int'd Union Cemetery,
 Singhampton,
 Ontario

Thomas Wildridge

Born 1856 ca
 Canada West
 (Ontario)

Died

Int'd

Agnes

Born 1858 ca
 Canada West
 (Ontario)

Died

Int'd

Janet

Born Oct 1860

Canada West
 (Ontario)

Died 4 Feb 1891
 Singhampton,
 Ontario

Int'd Union Cemetery,
 Singhampton,
 Ontario

John

Born 9 Aug 1863
 Singhampton,
 Canada West
 (Ontario)

Died 3 Apr 1864
 Singhampton,
 Canada West
 (Ontario)

Int'd Union Cemetery,
 Cemetery (?)
 Singhampton,
 Canada West
 (Ontario)

Biography Angus and Jane Bell

- Angus was born in Scotland apparently on the Isle of Islay located off the west coast Scotland. Shortly after immigrating to America in about the year 1832 at the approximate age of 13 years, he settled in Upper Canada in the Township of Innisfil and/or West Gwillimbury.
- Jane was born in Ireland and was probably living in the Township of Innisfil or West Gwillimbury where she met Angus. They were married in approximately 1841.
- 1842 ca.** Ronald, a son, born in West Gwillimbury Township, County of Simcoe, Upper Canada.
See Biography of Ronald Bell

Note: Upper Canada was a colony created in 1791 when the old Province of Quebec was divided into Upper and Lower Canada. This lasted until 1841, when Upper Canada became Canada West and Lower Canada (present day Quebec) became Canada East. Together, Canada West and East, were known as the Province of Canada. Internal self-government was granted in 1848.

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was established by the British North America Act forming the Confederation of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia Quebec (formerly Canada East) and Ontario (formerly Canada West). Later additions to Canada were the Provinces of Manitoba (1870), British Columbia (1871), Prince Edward Island (1873), Alberta and Saskatchewan (1905) and Newfoundland (1949)

- **1843 ca.** Margaret, a daughter, born in Canada West (*probably West Gwillimbury or Innisfil Township, County of Simcoe*).
See Biography of Margaret Bell
- **1845 ca.** Mary Ann, a daughter, born in Canada West (*probably West Gwillimbury or Innisfil Township, County of Simcoe*).
See Biography of Mary Ann Bell
- **1846** Reference Creemore Star (*newspaper*) Village of Singhampton in 1889, written by J. B. Spurr, Editor.
See 1889 Entry

“In 1846 he (*Angus*) settled on the lot which has seen the rise and progress of the village of Singhampton.”
- **1847** Elizabeth, a daughter, born in Canada West, May 22 (*probably in Singhampton, Nottawasaga Township, County of Simcoe, since Angus and Jane had moved to this location in 1846*).
See Biography of Elizabeth Bell
- **1848** Angus, a son, born in Nottawasaga Township, County of Simcoe, Canada West, August 24.
See Biography of Angus (*junior*) Bell
- **1850** Reference the publication “The Outburst of the Iroquois” Published in 1934 by THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

INTRODUCTION

Some gleanings of the Historical Committee in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the first settlements in the Township. Held at Duntroon, July 1st, 2nd, 1934

Minutes of the First Council Meeting Held in Nottawasaga

Nottawasaga, Jan. 21st, 1850

The toll book having been received showing that the following were elected Councillors for this Township for the current year, viz:

Peter Ferguson, Esquire, Malcolm Livingstone, Esquire, Donald Patterson, Esquire, Alex Campbell, Esquire.

The above named Councillors met according to appointment for the election of a Town Reeve, and proceeded with the election accordingly.

When it was moved by Mr. Livingstone and seconded by Mr. Patterson that P. Ferguson, Esquire be Town Reeve for the Current Year. (Carried).

Moved by Mr. Livingstone, seconded by Mr. Patterson that Mr. **Angus Bell** be the Township Clerk for the current year. (Carried).

Moved by the same and seconded by the same that Mr. John Ferguson of Collingwood be the Township Supt. of Common Schools for the current year. (Carried).

Moved by Mr. Patterson, and seconded by Mr. Livingstone that the Township be divided into three afsefsment (assessment) districts, each to be afsefsed (assessed) by the particular afsefsor (assessor) to be appointed for the same. (Carried)

Moved by Mr. Patterson, and seconded by Mr. Campbell that the first district extend from the Townline of Mulmur to the sideline between Lot 15 and 16 acrofs (across) the Township, and that Mr. Mathew Dowling be the afsefsor (assessor) therein. (Carried).

Moved and seconded by the same that the second district extend from sideline between Lots 15 and 16 to sideline between Lots 27 and 28 acrofs (across) the Township and that Mr. John Campbell of Lot 21 and the 10th confsefsion (concession) be the afsefsor (assessor) therein. (Carried).

Moved by Mr. Livingstone, seconded by Mr. Campbell that Francis Hewson, Esq., be the Township Treasurer for the current year. (Carried).

Moved by Mr. Livingstone, seconded by Mr. Campbell that Mefsrfr (Messrs.) Francis Kerr and John More be Auditors for the current year. (Carried).

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Peter Ferguson, Town Reeve
Signed Angus Bell, Town Clerk

- 1851 ca.** Reference the publication “The Outburst of the Iroquois” Published in 1934 by THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

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When Avening Flourished

The following are three excerpts are from the subject article.

The following sketch of Avening was written by Mr. George Carruthers of Toronto, president of Interlake Tissue Mills and a son of one of the early pioneers of Avening.

My grandfather, George Carruthers, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, came to America in 1848, by way of New York. He lived for a time in Albany, later in Buffalo, and took up land in what is now Avening, about 1850. Some clearing was done by my grandfather's brother John and his son John (my Uncle John) and the family moved on to that property about 1851.

When the Carruthers' family settled in Avening in the early 50's there was only one other settler on the second line northward, near Cashtown.

When our family first moved to Avening, six months would sometimes pass without their seeing any man from the outside world. When Mr. Angus, the Township Clerk, came they unyoked the oxen, got the bacon down from the garret, and had a good visit with him for the rest of the day, and in this way they got quite a lot of news as to what was going on in the Township,

- **1851 ca.** Sarah Jane, a daughter, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West.
See Biography of Sarah Jane Bell
- **1854** Catharine, a daughter, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West, September 3.
See Biography of Catharine Bell
- **1856** Reference Plan of Town Plot of Singhampton on the Mad River as laid out on Lot No. 15, 12 Con. Nottawasaga. 1856

The Township Clerk's Office (*Angus Bell*) is identified on the subject map as being located south of the Mad River on Victoria Street, east of Melancthon Street.

- **1856 ca.** Thomas Wildridge, a son, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West.
See Biography of Thomas Wildridge

- **1858** Reference Assessment Roll for the Township of Nottawasaga 1858.
 Occupants: Angus Bell
 Profession, Occupation, &c: Tp Clerk
 Freeholders, Householders: H
 Age: 40
 No. of Concession: 12
 No. of Lot: NW ¼ 17
 No. Acres: 50
 Value of each Lot: £125
 Total Value of Real Property: £125
 Total Value of Real and Personal property: £125

£ symbol for Pounds currency. The dollar currency was introduced at a later date.

- **1859 ca.** Agnes, a daughter, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West.
See Biography of Agnes Bell

- **1860** Janet, a daughter, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West,
 October ca.
See Biography of Janet Bell

- **1860** Angus and Jane's daughter, Margaret, age 17, marries Robert Lang, age 26,
 in Nottawasaga Twp, Canada West, December 5.
See Biography of Margaret Bell

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the
 Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4.
 Enumerator Angus Bell.

Angus Bell,
 Profession, Trade or Occupation: Farmer
 Place of Birth: Scotland
 Age next Birthday: 43
 Married or Single: M
 HOUSES- Brick, Stone, Frame, Log, &c: Log
 No. of Stories: one
 No. of families living in house: one

Jane Bell,
 Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
 Place of Birth: Ireland
 Age next Birthday: 38
 Married or Single: M

Ronald Bell,
 Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer
 Place of Birth: Canada West
 Age next Birthday: 19

Married or Single: S

Mary Ann Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 16

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Elizabeth Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 14

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Angus Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 12

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Sarah Jane Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 10

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Catherine Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 8

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Thos. W. Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 5

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Agnes Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 3

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year. (*probably an incorrect entry*)

Janet Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 1
 Married or Single: S
 Births in 1860: 1 (*Janet*)

- 1863** John, a son, born in Singhampton, County of Simcoe, Canada West (*Ontario*), August 9.

See Biography of John Bell

- 1864** Township of Osprey, Village of Kelvin, Lot No. Being a subdivision of the East-end of Lot No. 9 Con. A. Andrew Yuill, proprietor, Regst 7 Nov 1856.

Queen Street
A

NO. OF INST'MENT	INST'MENT	ITS DATE	DATE OF REGISTRY	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	Consideration or amount of Mortgage	REMARKS
9956	B&S*	27 Feby 1864	30 Mch 1864	George Christie & Wife	Angus Bell	**	\$100	& other lands

* Bargain & Sell

** not defined other than being a subdivision of the East-end of Lot No. 9 Con A.

Angus did not reside on the subject property. His residence was on Lot 17 in Concession 12 which was on the east side of Melancthon Street in the Village of Singhampton. The Village of Kelvin was located on the west side of Melancthon, mainly on the south side of the Mad River.

- 1864** Angus and Jane's son, John, died in Singhampton, Canada West (Ontario), August 26.

See Biography of John Bell

- 1865** Reference Directory of the County of Grey in 1865, which is Reproduced from the Gazetter of the County Published by W. W. Smith of Owen Sound in 1865.

SINGHAMPTON

Angus Bell
 Ronald Bell

- 1866** Reference Gazatteer and Directory of the County of Simcoe for 1866-7.

LIST OF CORONERS

Angus Bell.....Singhampton

Note: There were 23 coroners listed for the County of Simcoe of which only nine (including Angus) were not doctors.

SINGHAMPTON—A rising village on the county line, between Simcoe and Grey, partly in Nottawasaga and partly in Osprey, 35 miles from Barrie. Water power is furnished by the Mad River, a tributary of the Nottawasaga. There are said to be

no water privileges on the Mad River above Singhampton, but any number immediately below. Richard Richmond first settled here about 1840, in which year he erected a saw mill. The village was laid out in 1856 by Messrs. C. R. and J. R. Sing, who owned the property. For some years after its first establishment, the Post Office was called Mad Mills P.O. The mills, which consist of a grist mill of two run of stones, and a saw mill, were built about 11 years ago, and are about a quarter of a mile east of the principal street in Nottawasaga. The Post Office, Store, and Common School are also on the Simcoe side. The Post Office was established in 1852. There is a Canada Presbyterian and a Wesleyan Methodist Church. The School House is a comfortable stone building, with a large attendance of pupils. There are also a Lodge of the Loyal Orange institution, No. 586, and a Lodge of the British American Good Templars, No. 371. Mails daily to and from Durham, Collingwood, and intermediate places. Population about 150.

Algeo, James, boot and shoe maker
 Bell, Angus, conveyancer, issuer of marriage licences, township clerk
 Nottawasaga, coroner, &c.
 Bell, Ronald, licensed auctioneer. (*Angus' son*)
 Grant, David, carpenter and J.P.
 Green, Mrs, weaver
 Glenning, Edward, miller
 Hamilton, Jas. General merchant
 Hilts, Frederick, limeburner
 Kitchen, Robert, blacksmith
 Lang, Alex. Weaver
 Lang, John, laborer
 McDougall, Thomas, blacksmith
 McDonald, Neil, teacher
 McKinnon, Donald, blacksmith
 Ough, John, proprietor Royal Hotel
 Richards, James
 Richardson, Alonzo, waggon maker (*wagon-maker*)
 Richmond, Mrs. tailoress
 Sing, Joseph
 SING, JOSIAH R. postmaster, commissioner in B.R. &c.
 Stinson, John, proprietor Victoria Inn
 Thornbury, Thomas, M.D.
 Williamson, Mrs. C. teacher

TOWNSHIP OF NOTTAWASAGA

Angus Bell, tp. clerk	Con 12	Lot 17h
Ronald Bell, auctioneer	Con 12	Lot 17h

NOTTAWASAGA

Nottawasaga (Iroquois, "River, or Mouths of the Ojibways,") was settled about 1833. Capt. Edward A. Walker obtaining his patent in that year, but its

remoteness offered so little encouragement to settlers that little progress was made for several years. The lots bordering the lake were first sold, but in 1842 the population was only 420.

About the year 1837, by the assistance of the Government, two small settlements were commenced. The "Yankee Settlement" on Hurontario street, about three miles from the southern boundary of the township, under the direction of Mr. Bowerman. The land was judiciously chosen, being generally of excellent quality. The "Scotch Settlement" on the same road, and about six miles further north, was entirely composed of Scotch Highlanders. A thrifty race, economical, and hard working, in a few years they purchased the lots they first settled, and adjoining ones also, many of them emerging from obscurity of poverty to the possession of lairdships, which in some instances rival in territorial extent a German principality. The original village, composed exclusively of shanties, has disappeared, but "Scotch Corners," or Bowmore, seven miles from Collingwood, occupies the site. (*Bowmore eventually became known as Duntroon*)

Nottawasaga contains a great deal of excellent land, and, like all the other townships, some of a very indifferent quality. It originally consisted of two townships, called Java and Merlin, but was surveyed as one, with the present name. It contains one hundred thousand acres, equivalent to about one hundred and fifty-six square miles, or a square thirteen miles in length. A spur of the Blue Mountains enters the township, and forms a precipitous cliff of several hundred in height, from which can be seen Sunnidale, Flos, Vespra, Tiny, and the Georgian Bay.

Nottawasaga is bounded north by Nottawasaga Bay, east by Sunnidale, west by the townships of Collingwood and Osprey, Co. Grey, and south by Mulmur. Population (1861) 3890.

- **1866** Angus and Jane's son, Ronald, age 24, married Elizabeth Williamson, age 24, in Nottawasaga Twp, Canada West (*Ontario*), October 13.
See Biography of Ronald Bell
- **1870** Angus and Jane's daughter, Catharine, age 17, married John Taylor, age 26, bachelor in Singhampton, Ontario, February 23.
See Biography of Catharine Bell
- **1870** Angus and Jane's daughter, Sarah Jane, age 19, married Thomas Rusk, age 22, in Singhampton, Ontario, July 7.
See Biography of Sarah Jane Bell
- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Angus and Jane's son*)
Angus Bell, age 52.
Country or Province of Birth: Scotland
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Trade or Occupation: Accountant

Married or Widowed: M
Jane Bell, age 50.
Country or Province of Birth: Ireland
Origin: Irish
Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: M
Mary Ann, age 26.
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Trade or Occupation: Seamstress
Married or Widowed: *no entry*
Elizabeth, age 24
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: *no entry*
Angus, age 22
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: *no entry*
Thomas W., age 15
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: *no entry*
Agnes, age 13
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Instruction: Going to School
Janet, age 11
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Instruction: Going to School
Religion of each family member recorded as Presbyterian.

Schedule No 3---Return of Public Institutions, Real Estate, Vehicles and Implements.

Grand total of acres of land owned: 100
Number of dwelling houses owned: 1
Number of barns and stables owned: 2
Number of carriages and sleighs: 2
Number of cars, wagons, and sleds: 2
Number of ploughs and cultivators: 1
Fanning mills: 1
Town Hall (*The Town Hall was located on Angus' property, Con 12 Lot 17*)

Number of buildings: 1
Grand total of acres of land owned: ¼
Number of town or village building lots: 1

Schedule No 4---Return of Cultivated Land, of Field Products and of Plants and Fruits.

Range or Concession: 12
Number of Lot: 17
Owner, Tenant or Employee: O
Total Number of acres occupied: 100
Number of acres improved: 40
Number of acres in pasture: 10
Number of acres in gardens and orchards: 1
Wheat Acres: 10. Spring Wheat Bushels: 250
Bushels of Barley: 200
Bushels of Oats: 150
Potatoes Acres: 1. Bushels: 175
Bushels of Turnips: 500
Hay Crops Acres 7.
Tons of 2000 lbs., or bundles of 16 lbs., of Hay: 20

Schedule No 5---Live Stock, Animal Products, home-made Fabrics and Furs.

Horses over 3 years old: 1
Working Oxen: 2
Milch Cows: 4
Other horned Cattle: 6
Sheep: 12
Swine: 8
Cattle killed or sold for slaughter or export: 1
Sheep killed or sold for slaughter or export: 3
Swine killed or sold for slaughter or export: 8
Pounds of Butter: 300
Pounds of Wool: 60

Schedule No 7---Return of Products of the Forest.

Cords of Fire Wood: 100

- 1871** Reference Hogg's Map of the County of Simcoe. Compiled & Published by John Hogg. Collingwood Ontario.

Subject: Concession 12, Lot 17

The subject map locates Angus Bell's property as the second lot south of the Mad River fronting on the east side of the Singhampton main street, Melancthon.

Lot 18, bordering the Mad River on the north side of Angus' property, was owned by W. Pearson.

Lot 16, to the south of Angus' property, was owned by W. Jacques.

- **1871** Angus and Jane's son, Angus (*Jr*), age 22, bachelor, married Eliza Greenaway, age 21, spinster, in Stayner, Ontario, December 1.
See Biography of Angus (*Jr*) Bell
- **1872** Reference Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Simcoe for 1872-3.
Presbyterian Printing House, 102 Bay Street 1872.

SINGHAMPTON.---A village on the county line between Simcoe and Grey, 35 miles from Barrie, and 14 from Collingwood. There is excellent water power in the neighborhood. Population about 150.

Algeo, James, shoemaker
 Bell, Angus, conveyancer, ag't. Can. Per. Bldg. and Savings Society
 Blackstock, Edw., hotel-keeper
 Donaldson, John, M.D.
 Gowan, Wm., hotel-keeper
 HAMILTON, JAS., P.M, merchant
 Hilden, James, blacksmith
 Londrie, Eli, storekeeper
 McKinnon, Donald, blacksmith
 O'Neil, Thos., wagon-maker
 Pearson, Wm., miller
 Rancier, Joseph, waggon-maker (*wagon-maker*)
 Rowbotham, Wm., hotel-keeper
 Sing, J. R., commissioner
 Sproule, R. J., storekeeper
 Stinson, John, storekeeper
 Thompson, George, saddler
 Thornbury, Thomas, M.D.

Classified Business Directory:
Conveyancers: Angus Bell, Singhampton

Under the following heading NOTTAWASAGA
 Angus, sen. Bell Lot 12 (17) Con. 17 (12) f (*freeholder*)
 Angus, jun. Bell Lot 12 (17) Con. 17 (12) f (*freeholder*)
The lot and concession numbers were reversed in error in the subject publication.

- **1872** Angus and Jane's daughter, Elizabeth gave birth to a son Thomas Thornbury, March 23.
The birth appears to have been out of wedlock, the father being Thomas Thornbury M.D. (Reference the 1866 and preceding entries)
See Biography of Elizabeth Bell
- **1872** Township of Nottawasaga, Village of Singhampton, Lot No. 3 South (*South side*) of Osprey St.

NO. OF INST'MENT	INST'MENT	ITS DATE	DATE OF REGISTRY	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Consideration or amount of Mortgage	REMARKS & Quantity of Land
68565	B&S*	1 Aug 1872	28 Sept/72	William Pearson	Angus Bell et al Trustees of Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with The Church of Scotland	\$1.00	½ acre

*Bargain & Sell

- 1878** Death Registration #013243-78. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga.

Name and Surname of Deceased: **Jane Bell**

When Died: August 25th 1878

Sex--- Male or Female: Female

Rank or Profession: Tp. Clerk's wife

Where Born: Ireland

Certified cause of Death, and duration of Illness: Not Known to the Profession.
15 years.

Name of Physician, if any: Drs. Kirkland, Stephens, Snell, Thornbury, Mitchell, McKinnon.

Signature, description and residence of informant: Angus Bell, Tp Clerk, Singhampton.

When Registered: 31st August, 1878.

Religious Denomination of Deceased: Presbyterian

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

Jane's gravesite is located in the Union Cemetery and identified by a large red granite family monument of approximately seven feet in height.

Jane's inscription reads as follows:

JANE
BELOVED WIFE OF
ANGUS BELL
DIED AUG. 25, 1897
AGED 54 YRS

The year of Jane's death was inscribed incorrectly. The actual year of her death was 1878.

- 1878** Angus and Jane's son, Thomas Wildridge, age 18, marries Elisa Jane Bates, age 17, in Feversham, Ontario, December 16.

See Biography of Thomas Wildridge Bell

- 1881** Census Province of Ontario, District No.139, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page 11. Enumerator: John McKie.

Angus Bell, age 63.

Country or province of Birth: Scotland

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Commissioner

Married or Widowed: W

Elizabeth Bell, age 32 (*Angus' daughter*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Mary Ann Bell, age 30 (*Angus' daughter*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Seamstress

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Agnes Bell, age 19 (*Angus' daughter*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Thomas E. (Edward) Bell, age 9 (*Angus' grandson, son of Elizabeth Bell and Dr. Thornbury*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*

Instruction: Going to School

- 1881** Reference Last Will and Testament of Angus Bell.

The subject Will was made on November 30, 1881.

I, Angus Bell, of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe, Notary Public, being in ill health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

See 1898 Entry for Probate of Will.

- 1882** Reference The Enterprise and Collingwood Messenger (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*). Date Thursday January 12.

The following was commonly found in each edition of the subject newspaper in the advertisement area on the front page.

ANGUS BELL

NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, COM-
missioner in B.R., Coroner for Simcoe
and Grey, issuer of Marriage Licenses under
the new Act, Land and General Agent.
Singhampton.

- 1882** Reference The Enterprise and Collingwood Messenger (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*). Date Thursday March 16.

BREVITIES

We are pleased to learn that our old friend, Mr. Angus Bell, is again able to attend to his duties as Clerk of Nottawasaga.

- **1884** Angus and Jane's daughter, Agnes, age 26, marries Thomas Greenaway, age 24, in Singhampton, Ontario, December 24.
See Biography of Agnes Bell

- **1884-86** Reference County of Simcoe Directory And Gazetteer for the Years 1884-5-6, Including Directories of the Towns, Villages and Postal Localities, and the Post Office Addresses of the Farmers and Other Residents of the Townships of Adjala, Cardwell, Essa, Flos, Monck, Morrison, Muskoka, Nottawasaga, Orillia, Oro, Sunnidale, Tay, Tecumseth, Tiny, Tossoronto, Vespra, Watt, West Gwillimbury and Wood.
W. H. Irwin & Co., Compilers and Publishers, Hamilton.

CORONERS

RESIDENT IN SEVERAL TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS

Nottawasaga, Angus Bell, T. B. Dack, F. Hewson.

SINGHAMPTON.---A village on the county line between Grey and Simcoe, 14 miles from Collingwood. Population 100.

Algeo, James, shoemaker

Bell, Angus, commissioner in B. R.

Bell, John, hotel keeper (*Relationship to Angus, if any, unknown*)

Brown, Robert, merchant

Butler, ---, M. D.

Chestnut, Alexander

Chittic, C. blacksmith

Flint, Rev. Paul (Methodist)

Grant, David & Son., wagonmakers

Lindley, E., hotel keeper

McKinnon, A., blacksmith

Moore, Alex., merchant

Pearson, Wm., miller

Sing, J. R., insurance agent

Smith, James, wagonmaker

Smith, ---, shoemaker

Stinson, John, P. M., merchant

Taggert, Mrs., grocer

NOTTAWASAGA TOWNSHIP

Angus Bell jr, Linghampton (*Singhampton*), f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17
Angus sr. not recorded.

- 1889** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1889.

Name and P. O. Address of Taxable Party: Angus Bell

Occupation: Farmer

Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Landholder's Son, or Wage Earner: F

Age of Assessed Party: 69

Address: Singhampton

No. of Lot, House, &c: Pt 15

No. of Concession: 10

No. of Acres: 5

Name and P. O. Address of Taxable Party: Thomas Greenaway

Occupation: Farmer

Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Landholder's Son, or Wage Earner: T

Age of Assessed Party: 25

Address: Singhampton

No. of Lot, House, &c: Pt 17 & 18

No. of Concession: 12

No. of Acres: 50 $\frac{1}{4}$

No. of Acres Cleared: 25 $\frac{1}{4}$

Thomas was Angus' son-in-law, the husband of his daughter, Agnes.

From the preceding information, it appears Thomas and Agnes were tenants on the 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ & 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres lots while Angus resided on a five acre lot on Concession 10.

Total Value of Real Property: \$400.00

Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$400.00

No. of Persons in the family of each Person rated as Resident: *no entry*

- 1889** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for the Counties of Durham, Muskoka, Ontario, Simcoe and Victoria for 1889.

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Angus Bell, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

Angus Bell jr, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

SINGHAMPTON

Simcoe Co.

Population about 325

Angus Bell, Broker & Appraiser Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co.

- 1889** Reference the publication "The Outburst of the Iroquois" Published in 1934 by THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

INTRODUCTION

Some gleanings of the Historical Committee in connection with the Centennial Celebration of the first settlements in the Township. Held at Duntroon, July 1st, 2nd, 1934

Some Early History of Singhampton

The following is a sketch of the Village of Singhampton in 1889, written by J. B. Spurr, then Editor of The Creemore Star

Singhampton, holding a commanding position on the plateau of the Blue Mountains above the Collingwood valley, is picturesquely situated on the Mad River on the Town Lines of Osprey and Nottawasaga. Its history dates back to the year 1850 when it was first laid out by Mr. Sing, who at that time had a saw mill, grist mill and woollen factory there. It then went by the name of Mad River Mills, but as the place grew, it received another name and was called Mortimer. Mr. Sing endeavored to have the name changed from Mortimer to Sing Sing, but as there was at that time another post office of the same name in Canada a change was made to its present name, Singhampton. Part of the town is situated in Nottawasaga and part in the township of Osprey, but the greater number of buildings are on the Nottawasaga side, there only being fourteen stores and residences in Osprey. There are in the village altogether thirty-eight stores and dwellings, not including other buildings. Situated here are also three churches representing the Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations. Mr. Cooper is the present pastor of the English Church and resides at Duntroon, while the resident ministers are Mr. Wetheral and Mr. Wallace of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations respectively. The village also contains a good school house of which Mr. Brett is the present teacher, a cemetery in trustees' hands free to all denominations and an Orange Hall which is regularly attended monthly by a large membership. A daily mail plies between Duntroon and the village, and the inhabitants have daily connection with Collingwood, Creemore and Durham, as well as tri-weekly mail to Shelburne.

Among the principal business houses of the village is John Stinson, who keeps a large and commodious general store on the corner of Melancthon and Osprey streets. He is also the postmaster. The store has also a telegraph office and money order office in connection.

Robert Brown on *(the)* Osprey side of Melancthon street, is also a general merchant. Miss Grant has a general grocery and confectionery. She also has a well equipped millinery department in connection.

Mrs. Taggart has a similar store to that of Miss Grant.

J. Smith carries on business as a wagon builder. James Algeo, shoemaker, has been here for about thirty years. Mr. Brewster is also a shoemaker. Mr. McMillian is a blacksmith. Neil McKinnon also carries on blacksmithing. Mr. Thompson is a saddler and harness maker.

Singhampton House on the corner of Gerholm and Melancthon streets, is owned by Mr. Bell. The Exchange Hotel on the Osprey side of the Town Line, is kept by Mr. Blackstock.

The Township Clerk, Angus Bell, Esq., also resides here in a cosy residence south of the Mad River, opposite a suburb of the village which for some unobscure (*obscure*) reason was named Kelvin. In 1832, at the early age of 13 years, he left his native home in the Island of Islay, on the west coast of Scotland and came to the township of Innisfil, where he spent a number of his earlier years in teaching school. In 1846 he settled on the lot which has seen the rise and progress of the village of Singhampton, at that time a forest and under government control. His learning and education soon brought him into prominence so that in 1850 he was appointed clerk of the township of Nottawasaga, which office he has filled for thirty-nine consecutive years since, and enters on his fortieth year, having seen, in all probability, more years of office than any other township clerk in the country. Mr. Bell still continues to be an active worker in his municipal capacity and during his many years of office has performed a faithful duty to the township. He is also a conveyancer and does an extensive business in this line. As a friend, Mr. Bell is of the most genial kind and his hospitality is unbounded.

Mr. Sing does a large business in lime kilning on one of his farms. Mr. Sing is Justice of the Peace and dispenses justice to those who need it.

Robert Stephenson has two large lime kilns on lot 15. Mr. Pearson is owner of the mills situated on the Mad River.

- **1890** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for 1890. (*Incomplete Title and information*)

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- **1891** Census Province of Ontario, District No. 117 Simcoe (*County*), S. District: e, Township of Nottawasaga, No. 2. Page 32-33.
Enumerator and Date: James Bridges, 23 April 1891

Angus Bell

Age: 72

Married or Widowed: W

Country or Province of Birth: Scotland

Place of Birth of Father: Scotland

Place of Birth of Mother: Scotland (*Ireland*)
Profession, Occupation or Trade: Notary Public
Wage Earner

Elizabeth Bell

Age: 36
Married or Widowed: *no entry*
Relation to Head of family: Daughter
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Scotland
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Thomas Greenaway

Age 30
Married or Widowed: M
Relation to Head of family: S, L (*Son-in-Law*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Agnes Greenaway (*Angus' daughter and Thomas' wife*)

Age: 30
Relation to Head of family: Daughter
Married or Widowed: Married
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Scotland
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Ernest Greenaway

Age: 5
Relation to Head of family: G. S. (*Grandson of Angus*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Thomas B. Greenaway

Age: 2
Relation to Head of family: G. S. (*Grandson of Angus*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Thomas Thornbury (*Elizabeth's son*)

Age: 18
Relation to Head of family: G. S. (*Grandson of Angus*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Profession, Occupation or Trade: Student

Alice Taylor (*Daughter of Catharine [Angus' daughter] from her marriage to John Taylor*)

Age: 18

Relation to Head of family: G. D. (*Granddaughter of Angus*)
 Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
 Place of Birth of Father: Ireland
 Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
 The Religion of each family member was recorded as Presbyterian.
 All members of the family except Ernest and Thomas B. were recorded as able to Read and Write.

- **1891** Angus's daughter, Janet, age 30 years, 5 months, died of Consumption in Singhampton, Ontario, February 4.

See Biography of Janet Bell

- **1892** Reference The Enterprise and Collingwood Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*) Date Thursday February 11, 1892.

Auditors Statement

—OF THE—

Township Nottawasaga
 FOR THE YEAR 1891

TP. OFFICERS' SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES

Angus Bell, Municipal Election Expenses.....	\$165.00
Creemore Star, Printing.....	115.00
Bulletin, Printing.....	30.00
Enterprise.....	21.00
Martin McLeod, error in taxes.....	8.67
Joseph Kenwell " ".....	8.00
Alex Currie " ".....	3.28
<i>(Etc, etc)</i>	
Jas. Bridges, rep. Town Hall.....	16.05
W. H. Hamilton, lock T. Hall.....	1.80
R. T. Gray, ins. on Town Hall.....	9.00
Selectors of Jurors, Clerk.....	10.00
" " Reeve.....	8.00
" " Assessor.....	8.00
J. W. Archer, Grant to G. N. E.....	25.00
F. Hewson, Tp. Treas, Salary.....	250.00
" " " Postage, &c.....	30.00
Councillors Sal., J. Hamilton.....	100.00
" " Wm. Millie.....	100.00
" " Geo. Glover.....	100.00
" " Dr. McAllister.....	105.00
" " Jno. McBride.....	100.00
Angus Bell, Tp. Clerk, Salary.....	310.00
Clerk, B'd Health, Postage, &c.....	115.39

- **1893** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for the Counties of Haliburton, Peterboro, Simcoe and Victoria for 1893.

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- **1894** Reference N.W. Ayers & Son's American Newspaper Annual 1895.

A Catalogue of American Newspapers.

Listed under Ontario, Canada was the following:

SINGHAMPTON, pop. 300; SIMCOE Co. (C.) pop. 84,834. On Mad R., 50 m. W. of Barrie.

Nearest railroad stn., Duntroon, Grand Trunk R.R. Tel (*Telegraph*). Exp (*Express*) Bank, Collingwood.

Name of newspaper: Argus

Issue day: Wednesday

Political: Ind. Conserv.

Estab: 1894

Pages: 4

Size of page: 20x26

Subscription: 1.25

Circ: no entry

Name of Editor: John D. Mills

Name of Publishers: Mills & Brown

- **1894** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1894.

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Angus Bell

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Thomas Greenaway

Thomas was Angus' son-in-law, the husband of his daughter, Agnes.

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Thomas E. Thornbury

Thomas was Angus' grandson, the son of his spinster daughter, Elizabeth.

Thomas would have been 22 years of age at this time.

Occupation: *no entry*

Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Landholder's Son, or Wage Earner: *no entry*

Age of Assessed Party: *no entry*

Address: *no entry*

No. of Lot, House, &c: *no entry*

No. of Concession: *no entry*

No. of Acres: 55

Total Value of Real Property: *no entry*

Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$850.00

No. of Persons in the family of each Person rated as Resident: 8

- **1894** Reference The Singhampton Argus (*Singhampton, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday December 27, 1894.

The following advertisement appeared on the front page.

ANGUS BELL

Notary Public, Conveyancer, Commis-
sioner in H.C.J., Coroner for
Simcoe and Grey

Government issuer of Marriage Licenses
General Land Agent
Township Clerk for Nottawasaga
SINGHAMPTON Office

- **1895** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business
Directory for the Counties of Muskoka, Ontario and Simcoe for 1895.

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NOTTAWASAGA TOWNSHIP

Angus Bell, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

Angus Bell jr, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

- **1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Mr. Angus Bell

DEATH OF NOTTAWASAGA'S VENERABLE CLERK.---A VETERAN OFFICIAL.
OVER FIFTY YEARS IN HARNESS.

On Saturday morning, at his home in Singhampton, Mr. Angus Bell, Township Clerk of Nottawasaga, passed away to his long rest, after a long and painful illness, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Mr. Bell was one of the oldest municipal officers in the Province, having been Clerk of the Township since the early forties. He was one of the early settlers of Nottawasaga, and of course one of its best known residents. He was an expert in municipal affairs, and a faithful and attentive official, for long years a guide in procedure and public affairs to the Township Council, and he possessed the confidence and esteem of each successive body that he served so well. He resided, at Singhampton since his appointed over fifty years ago, on his farm.

Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the

survivors are his sons, Angus of Singhampton, and Thomas of Dakota. Of the daughters, Mrs. Greenaway (*Agnes*) and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) live at Singhampton, and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead. One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.

The funeral took place on Monday at one o'clock, to the Singhampton cemetery, under the auspices of the Orange body, of which deceased was a member for nearly half a century. He was an honorary member of Singhampton Lodge. The Rev. Mr. Davey was the officiating clergyman, and the Township Council attended in a body. There was also a large attendance of the general public.

- **1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Sept. 24, 1897.

ANGUS BELL DEAD

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Angus Bell, the veteran clerk of the township of Nottawasaga, which occurred at his residence at Singhampton, on Saturday last. The deceased has not enjoyed the best of health for some time, but was always found in his place at the meetings of the council. He was in his eighty-fourth year and had served the township as clerk for over fifty years. His funeral took place on Monday. Further particulars will be given next week.

- **1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

SINGHAMPTON

In our last issue we referred to the death of Mr. Angus Bell, the veteran Clerk of the Township of Nottawasaga. The deceased was born in Islay, Scotland in 1817, and when a young lad emigrated to America. After coming to this country he attended school and obtained a certificate on which he taught in the townships of Innisfil and Gwillimbury (*Gwillimbury*) for some years. About fifty years ago he came to Nottawasaga and settled on the farm on which he died. Two years after his arrival there he was appointed clerk of the township, a position which he has since held continuously. His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, Ronald and Thomas who are in the States and Angus who resides at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs. Crawford of Osprey, and Lizzie who is at home. The funeral took place under the auspices of Singhampton Lodge L.O.L. of which Mr. Bell was a honorary member. Rev. Mr. Davey was the officiating minister and Dr. Ball conducted the funeral ceremony of the Orangemen. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place in the Union Cemetery here. The township council attended in their official capacity. By the death of Mr. Bell the township has lost a most careful and efficient officer, and one who was always attentive to his business.

An article also appeared in the subject newspaper as follows:

At the meeting of the township council on Saturday afternoon (*September 25th*) Reeve (*Dr.*) McAllister resigned and was appointed to the vacant clerkship at a salary of \$350 per year.

With reference to the 1892 entry, one can determine there was a substantial difference between the wages of an elected and an appointed official.

□ **1897** Death Registration #023449-97. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga.

Name of Deceased: **Angus Bell**

Sex (M. or F.): Male

Date of Death: 18th Sept 1897

Age: 80

Residence

No. or House or Lot: 17

Concession or Street: Con. 12

Occupation: Notary Public

Where Born: Scotland

Cause of Death, Length of Illness: Kidney and Heart disease- 6 months

Name of Physician in Attendance: F. J. Ball

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Name of Person Making Return: Dr. Ball

Date of Registration: 10 Dec 1897.

Angus' gravesite is located in the Union Cemetery and identified by a large red granite family monument of approximately seven feet in height.

Angus' inscription reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF
ANGUS BELL
DIED SEPT. 18, 1897
AGED 81 YRS

Angus' wife, Jane and daughter, Janet, who predeceased Angus are also interred at the subject site.

□ **1898** **In the Surrogate Court** of the County of Simcoe

In The Estate of *Angus Bell*

Jan'y 25th 1898

I have the honor to submit the following papers hereunto annexed in the above matters all of which have been duly signed, sworn and executed namely:

1. **Application** of *Elizabeth Bell* for Probate
2. **Schedule** of Real Estate, valued at \$ *700-* and Inventory for Personal Estate valued at \$ *90-*

INVENTORY AND VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE

In the Surrogate Court of the County of *Simcoe*

In the Estate of *Angus Bell*

DECEASED

Inventory and Valuation of the REAL ESTATE OF THE SAID DECEASED.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 17 in the 12 th Concession of Nottawasaga in the County of <i>Simcoe</i> (50 acres)	650.00
Part of Lot 15 in the 10 th Concession of Nottawasaga, Co <i>Simcoe</i> 5 acres	50.00
	700.00

I, Elizabeth Bell of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of *Simcoe*, Spinster make oath and say that I am the executrix named in the Will of the said *Angus Bell* deceased THAT the above is to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, a true Inventory and valuation of the REAL ESTATE of the said deceased at the time of his death, so far as I can at present ascertain.

Swore before me at the Town
of *Collingwood*
in the ----- County of *Simcoe*
this 30th day
of December A.D. 1897

Elizabeth Bell

This affidavit is filed on behalf of the Executrix

Bruce S Fair

Solicitors

I, *Angus Bell*, of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of *Simcoe*, Notary Public, being in ill health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter Elizabeth Bell, to be sole executrix of this my last will, directing my said executrix to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Second. After the payment of my said debts and funeral expenses, I give and devise to my said executrix all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate. (except my parlor Organ, sheet and book music and silver

watch), to hold to her, her heirs and assigns for ever, my real estate being composed of the North West quarter of lot seventeen in the twelfth Concession of the said township of Nottawasaga containing fifty acres of land more or less.

Third. I give to my daughter Agnes Bell my parlor Organ, sheet and book music and silver watch.

Fourth. I give to my son Angus Bell all my wearing apparel and the several volumns (**volumes**) of books containing the Report of the Ontario Agricultural Commission.

Fifth. All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

In witness whereof I here unto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this thirtieth day of November in the year of the Lord Eighteen hundred and Eighty one.

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Angus Bell as and for his last will and testament in presence of us, who, in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have published our names as witnesses hereto.

James Richards
Neil McKinnon

- **1934** Reference the publication “The Outburst of the Iroquois” Published in 1934 by THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. Also reference recollections of Madeline June Mander, great granddaughter of Angus Bell.

About the time the subject publication became available, June Mander recalled that her mother (Georgina Leonard) became very upset with a publication error. The following explanation was the most likely reason.

Page nine of the subject publication displays a photograph of a gentleman with large mutton chop whiskers. The top of the photograph was inscribed “Clerk 1850 to 1897” and the bottom inscribed “Angus Bell”

This photograph was incorrectly inscribed in that this was the photograph of an Angus Bell that lived on Lot 23 of Concession 8 in the Duntroon area of Nottawasaga Township.

In the 1967 and 1981 edition of the subject publication, page six, a correction was made to the photograph inscribing the photograph as “Batteau Angus Bell. He chopped down the first tree at Duntroon”

In the 1967 and 1981 editions, the correct picture of the Township Clerk Angus Bell was inserted on page 74 with the following inscription: “Angus Bell First Township Clerk Served 1850 To 1897”

There have been other instances of mistakes made in publications confusing the two Angus Bells.

For example, the publication History of Simcoe County by Andrew F, Hunter. Page 233 of the subject publication describes “one of the earliest (*settlers*) to arrive at the five acre lots (*at Duntroon*) was Malcolm Bell who came with his family in October, 1834.” The article continues on to state “His eldest son, Angus Bell, was Clerk of the Township for a number of years.”

Malcolm Bell was the father of “Batteau” Angus Bell not the Township Clerk Furthermore, the Township Clerk, Angus Bell, did not arrive in Nottawasaga Township until approximately 1846 and his father’s name was Angus.

Malcolm Bell’s Angus who also was born in Islay, Scotland arrived in Nottawasaga with his father and brothers. Angus purchased Lot 23 of Concession 8. He married Flora Currie in 1845 and had a number of children including also an Angus junior.

Angus Bell (Batteau) was appointed a fence viewer in the Nottawasaga Township meeting of March 15, 1850. The Singhampton Angus Bell was the presiding Township Clerk at that time having been appointed on January 21, 1850.

Angus (Batteau) was a prominent member and elder in the Presbyterian Church in the Collingwood, West Nottawasaga and Stayner areas. He died on May 28, 1907 in his 90th year.

- **1981** Reference the publication “Let’s Reminisce” about Nottawasaga “The Outburst of the Iroquois” Originally Published in 1934 by THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTTAWASAGA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. Third Printing, 1981—With Revisions and Added Biographies by Charles Garrard

Reeves, Clerks & Treasurers

Reeve’s Longest Term Ten Years. Clerk’s Forty-Eight Years. Treasurer’s Fifty Years.

Long terms in municipal office probably have records or near records in the township of Nottawasaga. How few have had the township clerk for forty-eight or a treasurer for fifty years, or a reeve for ten years. All these have been in Nottawasaga. Frank Hewson was treasurer from 1850 to 1900, while Angus Bell, who was appointed at the same time, 1850, continued till his death in 1897.



Biography of Ronald Bell

- **1842 ca** Reference Return of Marriages, Solemnized by The Revd James Greenfield a Minister of The Canada Presbyterian Church for the year ending 31st day of December, A.D. 1866.

The subject document records Ronald's place of birth as West Guilby (Gwillimbury, Canada West) and his age as 24 years. Therefore Ronald was born in approximately 1842.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4.

Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Ronald's father*)

Ronald Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 19

Married or Single: S

Ronald was recorded along with his parents, Angus and Jane Bell, brothers, Angus, age 12, Thos. W., age 5 and sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Sarah Jane, age 10, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and Janet, age 1.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1865** Reference Directory of the County of Grey in 1865, which is Reproduced from the GAZETTER of the County Published by W. W. Smith of Owen Sound in 1865.

SINGHAMPTON

Ronald Bell

- **1866** Reference Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Simcoe for 1866-7.

SINGHAMPTON

Ronald Bell, licensed auctioneer.

TOWNSHIP OF NOTTAWASAGA

Angus Bell, tp. clerk Con 12 Lot 17h

Ronald Bell, auctioneer Con 12 Lot 17h

- **1866** Return of Marriages, Solemnized by The Revd James Greenfield a Minister of The Canada Presbyterian Church for the year ending 31st day of December, A. D. 1866.

BRIDEGROOM

Name: Ronald Bell

Age: 24

Residence: Singhampton

Place of Birth: West Guilby (*Gwillimbury*)

Name of Parents: Angus Bell, Jane McDowell

BRIDE

Name: Elizb Williamson

Age: 24

Residence: Singhampton

Place of Birth: St. Catherines (*Ontario*)

Name of Parents: Andrew Williamson, Mary Turnbull

WITNESSES

Name: John More (?)

Residence: 8 line Nottawa

Date of Marriage: Oct 18, 1866

- 1870** Ronald's sister, Sarah Jane, age 19, marries Thomas Rusk, age 22, in Singhampton, Ontario, July 7.
- 1878** Ronald's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- 1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Ronald's father) was the following item.

“Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the survivors are his sons, Angus of Singhampton, and Thomas of Dakota. Of the daughters, Mrs. Greenaway (*Agnes*) and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) live at Singhampton, and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead. One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

There was no mention of Ronald. However, see the following obituary.

- 1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Ronald's father) was the following item.

“His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, **Ronald** and Thomas **who are in the States** and Angus who resides at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs. Crawford of Osprey, and Lizzie who is at home.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

Ronald was residing in the States at this date. However, no specific location is identified.

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Ronald's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell



Biography of Margaret Bell

- **1843 ca.** Reference 1860 Marriage Registration. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga. Page 171.

The subject document records Margaret's place of birth as U.C. (Upper Canada) and her age as 17 years. Therefore, Margaret was born in approximately 1843.

- **1860** Return of Marriages Solemnized by the Rev. John Campbell A.M.
A Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland for the Year ending the 31st day of December A.D. 1860.

No 75½ Recorded this 9th of Jany A.D. 1861 at 10 o'clock A.M.

BRIDEGROOM

NAME: Robert Lang

AGE: 26

RESIDENCE: Nottawasaga

PLACE OF BIRTH: U.C. (*Upper Canada*)

NAME OF PARENTS: Jas Lang & Cath. Shields

BRIDE

NAME: Margaret Bell

AGE: 17

RESIDENCE: Nottawasaga

PLACE OF BIRTH: U.C. (*Upper Canada*)

NAME OF PARENTS: Angus Bell & Jane McDowell

WITNESS

NAME: Andrew Calr(?) & Mary Lang

RESIDENCE: Nottawasaga

DATE OF MARRIAGE: December 5th 1860

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior.

Robert Lang, age 42.

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Farmer

Married or Widowed: M

Margaret Lang, age 27.

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: M

Sarah Jane, age 10.

James, age 8

Joseph, age 6

Catherine, age 4

Emiline, age 2

Religion of each member of the family was recorded as Presbyterian. Each child

was recorded as born in Ontario of Irish origin. There was no indication of the children attending school.

Schedule No 3---Return of Public Institutions, Real Estate, Vehicles and Implements.

Grand total of acres of land owned: 100
Number of dwelling houses owned: 2
Number of barns and stables owned: 3
Number of carriages and sleighs: *no entry*
Number of cars, wagons, and sleds: *no entry*
Number of ploughs and cultivators: 1
Fanning mills: 1

Schedule No 4---Return of Cultivated Land, of Field Products and of Plants and Fruits.

Range or Concession: 11
Number of Lot: 17
Owner, Tenant or Employee: O
Total Number of acres occupied: 40
Number of acres improved: 20
Number of acres in pasture: *no entry*
Number of acres in gardens and orchards: *no entry*
Wheat Acres: 4. Spring Wheat Bushels: 100
Bushels of Barley: *no entry*
Bushels of Oats: 200
Potatoes Acres: 3/4. Bushels: 100
Bushels of Turnips: *no entry*
Bushels of Mangelwutzel and other Beets: 1
Hay Crops Acres 10.
Tons of 2000 lbs., or bundles of 16 lbs., of Hay: 12

Schedule No 5---Live Stock, Animal Products, home-made Fabrics and Furs.

Horses over 3 years old: *no entry*
Working Oxen: 2
Milch Cows: 1
Other horned Cattle: 1
Sheep: 6
Swine: 12
Cattle killed or sold for slaughter or export: *no entry*
Sheep killed or sold for slaughter or export: 2
Swine killed or sold for slaughter or export: 6
Pounds of Butter: 100
Pounds of Wool: 18

Schedule No 7---Return of Products of the Forest.

Cords of Fire Wood: 40

- **1878** Margaret's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Margaret's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell



Biography of Mary Ann Bell

- **1845 ca.** Reference 1861 Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell

The subject document records Mary Ann's place of birth as Canada West (Ontario) and her age as 16 years. Therefore, Mary Ann's birthrate was approximately 1845.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Mary Ann's father*)

Mary Ann Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 16

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Mary Ann was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Elizabeth, age 14, Sarah Jane, age 10, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and Janet, age 1 and brothers Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and Thos W., age 5.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Mary Ann's brother*)

Mary Ann, age 26.

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Seamstress

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Mary Ann was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Elizabeth, age 24, Agnes, age 13 and Janet age 11 and brothers Angus, age 22 and Thomas W., age 15.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1878** Mary Ann's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.

- **1881** Census Province of Ontario, District No.139, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page 11. Enumerator: John McKie.
Mary Ann Bell, age 30 (*age in question, more likely age 26. See 1871 census*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Occupation or Trade: Seamstress

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Mary Ann was recorded along with her father, Angus Bell, sisters, Elizabeth, age 32, Agnes, age 19 and nephew Thomas E., age 9, son of Elizabeth.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Mary Ann's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell



Biography of Elizabeth Bell

- **1847** Reference 1901 Census Province of Ontario.
Elizabeth was recorded as born in Ontario, May 22, 1847.
- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4.
Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Elizabeth's father*)

Elizabeth Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 14

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Elizabeth was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Sarah Jane, age 10, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and Janet, age 1 and brothers Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and Thos W., age 5.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Elizabeth's brother*)

Elizabeth, age 24

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Elizabeth was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 26, Agnes, age 13, Janet age 11 and brothers Angus, age 22 and Thomas W., age 15.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1872** Reference Birth Registration #020396-72. County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga.
When Born: 23rd March 1872
Name: Thomas
Sex, (M. or F.): M
Name and Surname of Father: Thomas Thornbury
Name and maiden surname of Mother: Elizabeth Bell
Rank or profession of Father: M. D.
Signature and residence of Informant: Angus Bell, Esqr.

Singhampton

When Registered: 17 th May 1872

Name of Accoucheur: Mrs. Green

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

Division: Nottawasaga

County: Simcoe

The birth appears to have been out of wedlock, the father being, the Singhampton doctor, Thomas Thornbury M.D.

- 1878** Elizabeth's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- 1881** Census Province of Ontario, District No.139, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page 11. Enumerator: John McKie.
Elizabeth Bell, age 32 (*Angus's daughter*)
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*
Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Elizabeth was recorded along with her father, Angus Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 30, Agnes, age 19 and son Thomas E., age 9.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- 1881** Reference Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was made on November 30, 1881.

I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter Elizabeth Bell, to be sole executrix of this my last will, directing my said executrix to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- 1886** Reference Collingwood Bulletin (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*).
Date Thursday, June 10, 1886.

Report of Singhampton Public School

The standing of pupils according to merit is as follows:-

Fourth Sr.—1st, Mary Pearson; 2nd, Bella Whitson; 3rd, Thos. Thornbury.
(*Elizabeth's son, who was within a month of his 14th birthday*)

- 1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Elizabeth's father) was the following item.

“Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the survivors are his sons, Angus of Singhampton, and Thomas of Dakota. Of the daughters, Mrs. Greenaway (*Agnes*) and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) live at Singhampton, **and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead.** One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

Therefore at this date, Elizabeth was residing on the homestead which was located at Lot 17, Concession 12 at the South end of Singhampton, Ontario.

- **1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Elizabeth’s father) was the following item.

“His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, Ronald and Thomas who are in the States and Angus who resides at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs. Crawford of Osprey, **and Lizzie who is at home.**”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth’s father, Angus Bell.

The subject will was probated with Elizabeth as the Executrix on January 25, 1898.

After the payment of my said debts and funeral expenses, I give and devise to my said executrix all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate. (except my parlor Organ, sheet and book music and silver watch), to hold to her, her heirs and assigns for ever, my real estate being composed of the North West quarter of lot seventeen in the twelfth Concession of the said township of Nottawasaga containing fifty acres of land more or less.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1898** Birth Registration #038306-98. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga.

Elizabeth becomes a grandmother.

NAME: Myra Victoria Thornbury

SEX- M. or F: F

DATE OF BIRTH: 3rd March 1898

NAME OF FATHER: Thomas E. Thornbury

NAME OF MOTHER: Myra Morton

OCCUPATION: Farmer

NAME OF PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE: None

NAME OF PERSON MAKING RETURN: T. E. Thornbury

Date of registration: 6th April 1898

- **1901** Census Province of Ontario, District No. 114 North Simcoe (*County*),
S. District: E, Polling sub-division No. 9 in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*). Page 4.

Enumerator and Date: Robert Royal, April 19, 1891.

Thomas Thornbury, Head (*of family*).

Month and date of birth: 23 March

Year of birth: 1872

Age at last birthday: 29

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: English

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: Pres

Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: Farmer

Employee: Yes

Working on own account: Yes

Myra, Wife

Month and date of birth: 25 April

Year of birth: 1873

Age at last birthday: 27

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: English

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: Pres

Harry, Son

Month and date of birth: 21 Feb

Year of birth: 1896

Age at last birthday: 5

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: English

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: Pres

Myra, Daughter

Month and date of birth: 3 Mar

Year of birth: 1898

Age at last birthday: 3

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: English

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: Pres

Elizabeth Bell, Mother (*mother of Thomas Thornbury*)

Month and date of birth: 22 May

Year of birth: 1847

Age at last birthday: 53

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: Scotch

Nationality: Canadian
Religion: Pres
Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: Domestic

SCHEDULE NO. 2 Buildings and Lands, Churches and Schools

Place of habitation: N.W. ¼ Lot17 Con12
Houses Inhabited: B
Number of families in house or institution: 1
Number of rooms in house or institution: 8 (?)
Real Estate owned:-
Grand total of acres: 55
Number of town or village lots: *no entry*
Number of dwelling houses: 1
Number of barns, stables and other outbuildings: 1
Date of visit: 18 April
Date of enumeration: 18 April

1901 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1901.

Date April 26, 1901.

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Elizabeth Bell, Singhampton.

Occupation: Farmer

Freeholder, Tenant, Farmer's Son, or Manhood Franchise: O (*Owner*)

Age of the Assessed Party: *no entry*

No. of School Section: 16

No. of Concession, Name of Street: 10th Con, E 5ac, N 19ac, W 65ac.

No. of Lot: S ½ 15

No. of Acres: 5

No. of Acres Cleared: *no entry*

Value of each the parcel of real property: \$50.00

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: T. E. Thornbury, Singhampton.

It appears that Elizabeth was living with her son T. E. Thornbury per the following entry)

Age of the Assessed Person: 29

Freeholder, Tenant, Farmer's Son, or Manhood Franchise: M.F.F.

Occupation: Farmer

No. of children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*

No. of children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*

No. of Concession, Name of Street: 12th Con.

No. of Lot: N W ¼ 17

No. of Acres: 50

No. of Acres Cleared: 30

Value of each the parcel of real property: \$800.00

Total Assessment: \$850.00 (*T. E. Thornbury's value was combined with Elizabeth's portion*)

Male persons 21 to 60 years: 1
No. of Dogs: 1
No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident: 5
Number of Cattle: 4
Number of Sheep: 9
Number of Hogs: 22
Number of Horses: 2
Acres of Woodland: 10
Acres of Swamp, Marsh or waste land: 15
Acres of Orchard and Garden: 1

☐ **1911** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1911.

Date May 1st, 1911.

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Eliza Bell, Singhampton.

Age of the Assessed Person: 61

Freeholder, Tenant, Farmer's Son, or Manhood Franchise: O (*Owner*)

Occupation: Farmer

No. of Concession, Name of Street: 10th Con, E 5ac, N 19ac, W 65ac.

No. of Lot: S ½ 15

No. of Acres: 5

No. of Acres Cleared: 5

Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$10.00

Value of buildings: (*No entry. It appears there is no building on the subject parcel of land, therefore the assumption is that Elizabeth was living with her nephew, D'Alton per the following entry*)

Total actual value of the parcel of real property: \$10.00

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: D'Alton Bell, Singhampton.
(*D'Alton was Elizabeth's nephew, her late brother Angus Jr's son*)

Age of the Assessed Person: 26

Freeholder, Tenant, Farmer's Son, or Manhood Franchise: M.F.F.

Occupation: Farmer

No. of Concession, Name of Street: 12th Con.

No. of Lot: N W ¼ 17

No. of Acres: 50

No. of Acres Cleared: 50

Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$600.00

Value of buildings: \$400.00

Total actual value of the parcel of real property: \$1000.00

Total Assessment: \$1010.00 (*D'Alton's value was combined with Elizabeth's portion*)

No. of School Section: 5 (*D'Alton*) U4 (*Elizabeth*)

No. of children between the ages of 5 & 21: 2

No. of children between the ages of 5 & 16: 1

No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident: 5

Male persons 21 to 60 years: 1

No. of Dogs: 1

- **1941** Reference Monument in Union Cemetery, Singhampton, Ontario.

Elizabeth's gravesite is located in the Union Cemetery and identified by a large red granite family monument of approximately seven feet in height. Elizabeth's inscription reads as follows:

ELIZABETH
1847 -- 1941

According to the date inscription Elizabeth lived to 94 years of age.

Elizabeth's mother, Jane, sister Janet and father Angus who predeceased Elizabeth are also interred at the subject site.



Biography of Angus (Junior) Bell

- **1848** Reference 1901 Census Province of Ontario, District No. 114 North Simcoe (*County*), S. District: E, Polling sub-division No. 9 in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*). Page 8. Enumerator and Date: Robert Royal, April 26, 1901.

Angus was recorded as born in Ontario, August 24, 1848.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4.
Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Angus Jr's father*)

Angus Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Labourer

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 12

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Angus was recorded along with his parents, Angus and Jane Bell, brothers, Ronald, age 1, Thos W., age 5 and sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Sarah Jane, age 10, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and Janet age 1.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior.

Angus, age 22

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry (Note: Angus jr. was the enumerator for 1871)*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Angus was recorded along with his parents, Angus and Jane Bell, brother, Thomas W., age 15 and sisters, Mary Ann, age 26, Elizabeth, age 24, Agnes, age 13 and Janet age 11.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Marriage Registration. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga. Page 186.

BRIDEGROOM

His Name: Angus Bell

Age: 22

Residence when Married: Nottawasaga

Place of Birth: Nottawasaga

Bachelor or Widower (B. or W.): B

Rank or Profession: Farmer

Name of Parents: Angus and Jane Bell

BRIDE

Her Name: Eliza Greenaway

Age: 21

Residence when Married: Nottawasaga

Place of Birth: Ont.

Spinster or Widow (S. or W.): S

Name of Parents: Wm & Mary Greenaway

Names and Residences of Witnesses: Flora Ann McDonald
Singhampton

Date and place of Marriage: 1 December 1871
Stayner

Religious Denomination of Bridegroom: Presbyn

Religious Denomination of Bride: Presbyn

By whom Married: J. W. Jackson
Minister

By License or Banns. (L or B.): L

- 1873** William Baxter, a son, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, March 2.
- 1874** Alice Maud Mary, a daughter, born in Singhampton, Ontario, July 14.
- 1876** Elizabeth, a daughter, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, March 23.
- 1878** Angus, a son, born in Singhampton, Ontario, February 11.
- 1878** Angus' mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- 1880** Thomas Henry, a son, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, February 1.
- 1882** Jane McDowell, a daughter, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, April 14.
Obviously the baby was named after Angus' mother who had died in 1878.
- 1884** Dalton, a son, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, August 13.

Note: There are several spellings of Dalton's name over the years i.e. De Alton and D'Alton. However, his birth certificate records Dalton.

- 1887** Alberta Blanche, a daughter, born in Singhampton, Ontario, January 17.
- 1889** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1889.
Name and P. O. Address of Taxable Party: Angus Bell Jr.
Occupation: Farmer
Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Landholder's Son, or Wage Earner: F
Age of Assessed Party: 39
Address: Singhampton
No. of Lot, House, &c: NE¼ 17 & Pt 15
No. of Concession: 12 & 10

No. of Acres: 50 & 14
No. of Acres Cleared: 25
Total Value of Real Property: \$400.00
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$400.00
No. of Persons in the family of each Person rated as Resident: *no entry*

- 1889** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for the Counties of Durham, Muskoka, Ontario, Simcoe and Victoria for 1889.

NOTTAWASAGA TOWNSHIP

Angus Bell, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17
Angus Bell jr, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

- 1890** Annie Theresa, a daughter, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, August 30.

- 1891** Census Province of Ontario, District No.117, Simcoe, S. District Township of Nottawasaga No. 2. Page 28. Enumerator: James Bridges, April 21, 1891.

Name: **Angus Bell**

Sex: M

Age: 41

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of Family: ---

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Scotland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Farmer

Name: **Eliza Bell**

Sex: F

Age: 41

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of Family: W

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----

Name: **William B. Bell**

Sex: M

Age: 18

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: S

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist
Profession, Occupation or Trade: Farmer

Name: **Alice M. Bell**

Sex: F

Age: 17

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: D

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

Name: **Elizabeth Bell**

Sex: F

Age: 15

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: D

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

Name: **Angus S. Bell**

Sex: M

Age: 13

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: S

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

Name: **Thomas H. Bell**

Sex: M

Age: 11

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: S

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: Methodist

Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

Name: **Jane Bell**

Sex: F

Age: 9

Married or Widowed: ---

Relation to Head of Family: D
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: Methodist
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---
Name: **De Alton Bell**
Sex: M
Age: 6
Married or Widowed: ---
Relation to Head of Family: S
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: Methodist
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---
Name: **Alberta B. Bell**
Sex: F
Age: 4
Married or Widowed: ---
Relation to Head of Family: D
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: Methodist
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---
Name: **Annie T. Bell**
Sex: F
Age: 8/12
Married or Widowed: ---
Relation to Head of Family: D
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ontario
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: Methodist
Profession, Occupation or Trade: ---

- 1892** Alexander Newcombe, a son, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, June 18.
- 1893** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for the Counties of Haliburton, Peterboro, Simcoe and Victoria for 1893.

SINGHAMPTON

Simcoe Co.

Population about 350

Angus Bell, Appraiser Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co & Broker
(*Angus jr. 's father*)

NOTTAWASAGA TOWNSHIP

Angus Bell, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

Angus Bell jr, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

- 1894** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga for 1894.
Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Angus Bell Jr.
Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: W. B. Bell
W. B. Bell was Angus Jr's son, William.
Occupation: *no entry*
Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Landholder's Son, or Wage Earner: *no entry*
Age of Assessed Party: *no entry*
Address: *no entry*
No. of Lot, House, &c: *no entry*
No. of Concession: *no entry*
No. of Acres: 100 (*listed under Angus Jr*) & 64 (*listed under William*)
Total Value of Real Property: *no entry*
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$800.00 (*listed under Angus Jr*) & \$850.00 (*listed under William*)
No. of Persons in the family of each Person rated as Resident: 9 (*listed under Angus Jr*) & 12 (*listed under William*)
- 1894** Clarence, a son, born in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*), Ontario, November 6.
- 1895** Reference The Union Publishing Co's (of Ingersoll.) Farmers and Business Directory for the Counties of Muskoka, Ontario and Simcoe for 1895.

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Angus Bell, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

Angus Bell jr, Singhampton, f (*freeholder*) Con 12 Lot 17

- 1897** Angus and Eliza's daughter, Alice Maud, age 22, married George Hughson, age 29, in Collingwood, Ontario, March 17.
- 1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Angus' father) was the following item.

“Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the survivors are his sons, **Angus of Singhampton**, and Thomas of Dakota. Of the daughters, Mrs. Greenaway (*Agnes*) and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) live at Singhampton, and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead. One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

Therefore at this date, Angus was residing in Singhampton, Ontario.

- **1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Angus' father) was the following item.

“His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, Ronald and Thomas who are in the States and **Angus who resides at home**, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs. Crawford of Osprey, and Lizzie who is at home.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Angus' (*jr*) father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

*I give to my son Angus Bell all my wearing apparel and the several volumns (*volumes*) of books containing the Report of the Ontario Agricultural Commission.*

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1901** Census Province of Ontario, District No. 114 North Simcoe (*County*),
S. District: E, Polling sub-division No. 9 in Nottawasaga (*Twshp*). Page 4.
Enumerator and Date: Robert Royal, April 19, 1901.

Angus Bell, Head (*of family*).

Month and date of birth: 24 Aug

Year of birth: 1848

Age at last birthday: 51

Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural

Racial or Tribal origin: Scotch

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: Methodist

Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: Farmer

Angus was both recorded as an Employer and Working on own account.

Eliza, Wife

Month and date of birth: 9 Jan
Year of birth: 1849
Age at last birthday: 51
Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ontario rural
Racial or Tribal origin: Irish
Nationality: Canadian
Religion: Methodist

Elizabeth, Daughter
Month and date of birth: 23 Mar
Year of birth: 1876
Age at last birthday: 25.
Religion: E. Church

Dalton, Son
Month and date of birth: 13 Aug
Year of birth: 1884
Age at last birthday: 16.
Months at School: 4

Alberta, Daughter
Month and date of birth: 17 Jan
Year of birth: 1887
Age at last birthday: 14
Months at School: 4

Annie, Daughter
Month and date of birth: 30 Aug
Year of birth: 1889 (*incorrect, ref birth certificate should be 1890*)
Age at last birthday: 11
Months at School: 4

Alexander, Son
Month and date of birth: 18 June
Year of birth: 1892
Age at last birthday: 8
Months at School: 6

Clarence, Son
Month and date of birth: 6 Nov
Year of birth: 1894
Age at last birthday: 6
Months at School: 2

All the children were recorded as Employees.

Mary Greenaway, Mother (*Eliza [Greenaway] Bell's mother*)
Month and date of birth: 12 May
Year of birth: 1825
Age at last birthday: 75
Country or place of birth (rural or urban): Ireland
Year of Immigration to Canada: 1842
Racial or Tribal origin: Irish
Nationality: Canadian

Religion: E. Church
Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: Domestic
All members of the family were recorded as able to read, write and speak English

SCHEDULE No. 2: BUILDINGS AND LANDS, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Place of Habitation:-
Range on concession and lot: NE1/4 Lot 17. Con 12
Houses Inhabited: W
Number of families to house or institution: 1
Real Estate owned:-
Number of rooms in house or institution: 3
Grand total of acres: 50
Number of town or village lots: *no entry*
Number of dwelling houses: 2
Number of barns, stables and other outbuildings: 1
Date of visit: 18 April
Date of enumeration: 18 April

- 1901** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Nottawasaga. Date April 24, 1901.
Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: Angus Bell (*Jr.*) Singhampton
Occupation: Farmer
Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son, or Manhood Franchise: MFF
Age of Assessed Party: 51
Address: *no entry*
No. of School Section: 5
No. of Children between the ages of 5 and 16: 3
No. of Concession: 12th
No. of Lot, House, &c: NE¼ 17
No. of Acres: 50
No. of acres cleared: 33
Total Value of Real Property: \$800.00
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: *no entry*
No. of Bitches: 1
No. of Persons in the family of each Person rated as Resident: 6
- Number of Cattle: 3
Number of Hogs: 7
Number of Horses: 3
Acres of Swamp, Marsh or waste land: 17
Number of Acres under Fall Wheat: 5

- 1906** Death Registration #026865-06. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga.
Name of Deceased: **Angus Bell (*Jr.*)**
Sex (M. or F.): Male
Date of Death: 2nd March, 1906
Age: 56 years

Residence, Street No. or Concession and Lot: N½ Lot 17-Con12
Occupation: Farmer
Single or Married: Married
Where Born: Nottawasaga
Cause of Death: Consumption
Length of Illness: 1 Year
Name of Physician in Attendance: Dr. Shaw
Religious Denomination: Methodist
Name of Person Making Return: Mrs. Angus Bell (*Wife, nee Eliza Greenaway*)
Date of Registration: 7 May 1906.

- 1926** Reference Collingwood Enterprise (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday October 21, 1926.

SINGHAMPTON

Mrs. Angus Bell, Sr., a former resident of this village, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. George Hughson, and other relatives.

Mrs. George Hughson was the former Alice M. Bell, daughter of Mrs. Angus Bell (formerly Eliza Greenaway).



- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a,
Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 5.

Date and Enumerator: 11th Apl, A. Bell Junior. (*Sarah Jane's brother*)

Thomas Rusk, age 24.

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

Profession, Trade or Occupation: Blacksmith

Married or Widowed: M

Married within last twelve months: July

Sarah Jane Rusk, age 20.

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: M

Married within last twelve months: July

Angus, age 1/12.

Born within last twelve months: Mar

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Irish

Religion of each family member recorded as Presbyterian.

Schedule No 3---Return of Public Institutions, Real Estate, Vehicles and Implements.

Grand total of acres of land owned: $\frac{1}{4}$

Number of town or village building lots: 1

Number of dwelling houses owned: 1

Number of warehouses, stores, factories, shops, &c., owned: 1

Number of barns and stables owned: *no entry*

Number of carriages and sleighs: *no entry*

Schedule No 4---Return of Cultivated Land, of Field Products and of Plants and Fruits.

Range or Concession: 12

Number of Lot: 18

Owner, Tenant or Employee: O

Total Number of acres occupied: $\frac{1}{4}$

Number of acres improved: $\frac{1}{4}$

Schedule No 5---Live Stock, Animal Products, home-made Fabrics and Furs.

Horses over 3 years old: *no entry*

Working Oxen: *no entry*

Milch Cows: *no entry*

Other horned Cattle: *no entry*

Sheep: *no entry*

Swine: 2

Schedule No 6---Return of Industrial Establishments.

Kind of Industrial Establishment, Name of Proprietor or Company, and other such information:

Blacksmith Forge

Thomas Rusk

Fixed Capital invested in \$: 400

Floating Capital employed in \$: 150

Number of working months in the year: 3

Average Number of People employed:

Over 16 Years; Male: 1

Female: *no entry*

Under 16 Years; Boys: *no entry*

Girls: *no entry*

Aggregate amount of Yearly Wages in \$: 250

RAW MATERIAL:

Kind: Iron and Steel

Quantities: 16 Quintals (*A measure of weight which varies according to the country, 100 pounds U.S., 112 pounds English or 100 kilograms metric*)

Aggregate Value, in \$: 54

PRODUCTS:

Kind: All sorts of Country

Blacksmith work and repairs

Aggregate Value, in \$: 350

- 1878** Sarah Jane's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- 1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Sarah Jane's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell.



Biography of Catharine Bell

- **1854** Reference 1901 Census Province of Ontario, District No. 114 North Simcoe (County), S. District: E, Polling sub-division No. 9 in Nottawasaga (Twshp). Page 8. Enumerator and Date: Robert Royal, April 26, 1901.

Catharine was recorded as born in Ontario, September 3, 1854.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (Ontario), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell. (Catharine's father)

Catherine Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 8

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Catharine was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Agnes, age 3, Janet, age 1 and brothers Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and Thos. W., age 5.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1870** Catharine, age 17 (16), spinster, married John Taylor, age 26, bachelor in Singhampton, Ontario, February 23.
See John Taylor--- Catharine Bell Family History



Biography of Thomas Wildridge Bell

- **1856 ca.** Reference Marriage Registration 002808-76. Registration District of Grey. Division of Osprey. Page 116.

The subject document records Thomas Wildridge's place of birth as Nottawasaga (Canada West) and his age as 18 years. Therefore Thomas was born in approximately 1856.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Thomas' father*)

Thos. W. Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 5

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year.

Thomas was recorded along with his parents, Angus and Jane Bell, brothers, Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Sarah Jane, age 10, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and Janet, age 1.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Thomas' brother*)

Thomas W., age 15

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Thomas was recorded along with his parents, Angus and Jane Bell, brother, Angus, age 22 and sisters, Mary Ann, age 26, Elizabeth, age 24, Agnes, age 13 and Janet age 11.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1875** Marriage Registration #002808-76. Registration District of Grey. Division of Osprey. Page 116.

BRIDEGROOM

His Name: Thomas Waldridge (*Wildridge*)Bell

Age: Eighteen

Residence when Married: Nottawasaga

Place of Birth: Nottawasaga

Bachelor or Widower (B. or W.): B

Rank or Profession: Farmer

Name of Parents: Angus Bell &
Jane Bell

BRIDE

Her Name: Elisa Jane Bates

Age: Seventeen

Residence when Married: Feversham

Place of Birth: Artemesia

Spinster or Widow (S. or W.): S

Name of Parents: John Bates

Jane Bates

Names and Residences of Witnesses: John Bates, Collingwood
Elisabeth Bell, Singhampton

Date and place of Marriage: Feversham
December 16th 1875

Religious Denomination of Bridegroom: Presbyterian

Religious Denomination of Bride: Methodist

By whom Married: J. W. Dochader

By License or Banns. (L or B.): License

- 1876** Angus Wildridge, a son, born in Nottawasaga, (*Twshp*), Ontario, September 17.
- 1878** Thomas' mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.
- 1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Thomas' father) was the following item.

“Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the survivors are his sons, Angus of Singhampton, and **Thomas of Dakota**. Of the daughters, Mrs. Greenaway (*Agnes*) and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) live at Singhampton, and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead. One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

Therefore at this date, Thomas was residing in the Dakota Territory in the USA

- 1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Thomas' father) was the following item.

“His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, Ronald and **Thomas who are in the States** and Angus who resides at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs.

Crawford of Osprey, and Lizzie who is at home.”
See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Thomas Waldrige’s father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell



Biography of Agnes Bell

- **1858 ca.** Reference 1861 Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell (*Agnes' father*)

The subject document records Agnes' place of birth as Canada West (Ontario) and her age as 3 years. Therefore, Agnes' birthrate was approximately 1858.

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell. (*Agnes' father*)

Agnes Bell,

Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*

Place of Birth: Canada West

Age next Birthday: 3

Married or Single: S

Attending School within the year. (*probably an incorrect entry*)

Agnes was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Catharine, age 8, Janet, age 1 and brothers Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and Thos. W., age 5.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Agnes' brother*)

Agnes, age 13

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Instruction: Going to School

Agnes was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 26, Elizabeth, age 24, Janet, age 11 and brothers Angus, age 22 and Thos W., age 15.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1878** Agnes' mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.

- **1881** Census Province of Ontario, District No.139, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division No. 2. Page 11. Enumerator: John McKie.

Agnes Bell, age 19

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Origin: Scotch

Profession, Occupation or Trade: *no entry*

Married or Widowed: *no entry*

Agnes was recorded along with her father, Angus Bell, sisters, Elizabeth, age 32, Mary Ann, age 30 and nephew Thomas E., age 9, son of Elizabeth.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1875** Marriage Registration #010821-84. County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga. Page 315.

BRIDEGROOM

His Name: Thomas Greenaway

Age: 24

Residence when Married: Nottawasaga

Place of Birth: Canada

Bachelor or Widower (B. or W.): B

Rank or Profession: Farmer

Name of Parents: William and

Mary Greenaway

BRIDE

Her Name: Agnes Bell

Age: 26

Residence when Married: Nottawasaga

Place of Birth: Canada

Spinster or Widow (S. or W.): S

Name of Parents: Angus and

Jane Bell

Names and Residences of Witnesses: J. H. Stinson and

Elizabeth Bell (*Agnes' sister*)

both of Singhampton

Date and place of Marriage: 24th December 1884

at Singhampton

Religious Denomination of Bridegroom: Presbyterian

Religious Denomination of Bride: Presbyterian

By whom Married: Rev. Alex McDonald B. A.

By License or Banns. (L or B.): License

Date of Registration: fifth of January 1885

Division Registrar: Angus Bell (*Agnes' father*)

- **1891** Census Province of Ontario, District No. 117 Simcoe (*County*), S. District: e, Township of Nottawasaga, No. 2. Page 32-33.

Enumerator and Date: James Bridges, 23 April 1891

Agnes, who at this time was married to Thomas Greenaway, was living with widowed father, age 72, sister Elizabeth, age 36, Elizabeth's son, Thomas

Thornbury, age 18 and her niece, Alice Taylor, age 18.

Thomas Greenaway (*Agnes' husband*)

Age 30

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of family: S, L (*Angus' son-in-law*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Agnes Greenaway

Age: 30

Relation to Head of family: Daughter

Married or Widowed: Married

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Scotland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Ernest Greenaway

Age: 5

Relation to Head of family: G. S. (*Grandson of Angus*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Thomas B. Greenaway

Age: 2

Relation to Head of family: G. S. (*Grandson of Angus*)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

The Religion of each family member was recorded as Presbyterian.

All members of the family except Ernest and Thomas B. were recorded as able to Read and Write.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1897** Reference The Enterprise-Messenger. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Thursday Sept. 23, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Agnes' father) was the following item.

“Deceased had a large family. His wife died some years ago. The best known of the survivors are his sons, Angus of Singhampton, and Thomas of Dakota. Of the daughters, **Mrs. Greenaway (Agnes)** and Mrs. Riddell (*Catharine*) **live at Singhampton**, and another Lizzie, lives on the homestead. One daughter lives in Toronto, and another in Collingwood Township.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

Therefore at this date, Agnes was residing in Singhampton, Ontario.

- **1897** Reference The Collingwood Bulletin. (*Collingwood, Ontario newspaper*)
Date Friday, Oct 1, 1897.

Within the subject obituary of Angus Bell (Agnes' father) was the following item.

“His wife died at Singhampton nineteen years ago. Their family consisted of three sons, Ronald and Thomas who are in the States and Angus who resides at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Stephenson, of Toronto, Mrs. Crawford of Osprey, and Lizzie who is at home.”

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

However, there was no mention of Agnes in the subject obituary.

- **1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Agnes’ father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

I give to my daughter Agnes Bell my parlor Organ, sheet and book music and silver watch.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell



Biography of Janet Bell

- **1860** Reference 1861 Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell
The subject document records Janet's place of birth as Canada West (Ontario) and her age as 1 year and birth in 1860".

- **1861** Census Province of Canada West (*Ontario*), Enumeration District No. 2 of the Township of Nottawasaga in the County of Simcoe. Page 4. Enumerator Angus Bell (*Janet's father*)
Janet Bell,
Profession, Trade or Occupation: *no entry*
Place of Birth: Canada West
Age next Birthday: 1
Married or Single: S
Births in 1860: 1 (*Janet*)

Janet was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 16, Elizabeth, age 14, Catharine, age 8, Agnes, age 3 and brothers Ronald, age 19, Angus, age 12 and Thos. W., age 5.
See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1871** Census Province of Ontario, District No.42, N. Simcoe, Sub- District a, Nottawasaga, Division 1. Page 1. Enumerator: Angus Bell Junior. (*Janet's brother*)
Janet, age 11
Country or Province of Birth: Ontario
Origin: Scotch
Instruction: Going to School

Janet was recorded along with her parents, Angus and Jane Bell, sisters, Mary Ann, age 26, Elizabeth, age 24, Agnes, age 13, and brothers, Angus, age 22 and Thos W., age 15.
See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

- **1878** Janet's mother, Jane, died in Singhampton, Ontario, August 25.

- **1891** Reference Death Registration #014918. County of Simcoe, Division of Nottawasaga Tp.
Name and Surname of Deceased: Janet Bell
When Died: 4th February 1891
Sex--- Male or Female: Female
Age: 30 Years 5 Months (*Therefore, Janet's birth was most likely October, 1860*)
Rank or Profession: Music Teacher
Where Born: Canada

Certified Cause of Death and duration of Illness: Consumption
15 Months

Name of Physician if any: Dr. McEwen

Signature, Description and Residence of Informant: Angus Bell
father of deceased
Singhampton

When Registered: 14th Feby 1891

Religious Denomination of Deceased: Presbyterian

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

Janet's gravesite is located in the Union Cemetery and identified by a large red granite monument of approximately seven feet in height.
Janet's inscription reads as follows:

JANET BELL
DIED FEB. 10, 1891
AGED 30 YRS

The day of Janet's death was inscribed incorrectly. The actual day of her death was the 4th.

Janet's mother, Jane, who predeceased Janet is also interred at the subject site.

- 1898** Reference Last Will and Testament of Janet's father, Angus Bell.

The subject Will was probated on January 25, 1898.

All the rest of my children, namely: Ronald, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann, Thomas Wildridge, and Janet have all had their portion during my life time, I therefore leave them nothing.

See Biography of Angus and Jane Bell

However, Janet had passed away in 1891.



Biography of John Bell

- **1863** Reference Northern Advance and County of Simcoe General Advertiser
(Collingwood, Ontario newspaper) Wednesday August 26, 1863.

BIRTHS

At Singhampton, on the 9th inst (*August 9*), the wife of Mr. Angus Bell, of a son.

- **1864** Reference Northern Advance and County of Simcoe General Advertiser
(Collingwood, Ontario newspaper) Wednesday April 13, 1864.

DIED

At Singhampton, on Sunday, the 3rd instant (*April 3*), John, infant son of Angus Bell, Esq., aged 7 months and 23 days.

