

Family History

of

William Henry Riddell

&

Margaret Henrietta Redmond

Marriage Date: August 17, 1873

Place of Marriage: Toronto, Ontario

William Henry Riddell

Born 18 Aug 1837
Sparta
County of York,
Upper Canada
(Ontario)
Died 9 May 1912
Waterloo,
Ontario
Int'd Mount Hope (R.C)
Cemetery,
Berlin (Kitchener),
Ontario

Margaret Henrietta Redmond

Born 23 Jan 1848
Cobourg
Canada West
(Ontario)
Died 3 Nov 1928
Waterloo,
Ontario
Int'd Mount Hope (R.C)
Cemetery,
Kitchener,
Ontario

Children

(Adopted by William from his brother George F. Riddell)

Minnie Maude (Mother Mary Carmel)

Born 2 Jan 1876
Nottawasaga
Township,
Singhampton,
Ontario
Adop'd Apr 1882
Died 25 Dec 1968
Chatham,
Ontario
Int'd St. Anthony's
Cemetery,
Chatham,
Ontario

Bertha Mary Theodora*

Born 10 Aug 1878
Nottawasaga
Township,
Singhampton,
Ontario
Adop'd Apr 1882
Died 5 Feb 1960
Waterloo,
Ontario
Int'd Mount Hope (R.C.)
Cemetery,
Kitchener,
Ontario

*Bertha was born as Bertha Theodora Riddell but became known as Bertha Mary Riddell or Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell. There was a change made to her Birth Registration.

Reference Biography of Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell (1928 entry)

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Revision Page

William Henry Riddell---Margaret Henrietta Redmond

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (November 2015) Added birth of William's niece, Josephine Cosgrove under 1877 entry.
Added Assessment Rolls under 1882, 1883,1891,1893,1896 through 1903, 1905 through 1913 entries.
Added "Biography of William Henry Riddell" from publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886 under 1886 entry.
Added scanned copies of Board of Trade minutes under 1890 entries.
Added scanned copy of "The Catholic Church in Waterloo County" under 1890 entry.
Added newspaper article from Acton Free Press under 1893 entry.
Added scanned copies of Board of Trade minutes under 1897 entry.
Added March 2015 photographs of Riddell's family house under 1906 entry.
Added copy of William's obituary to transcription under 1912 entry.
Added copy of William's Will under 1912 entry.
Added 1921 Province of Ontario Census under 1921 entry.
Added Land Registry record under 1921 entry.
Added copy of Margaret's Will under 1929 entry.
Also see (November 2015) entries under the Biographies of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel) and Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell.

Biography revisions:

Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel)

*Note:- Refer to **George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin's Family History** for Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel) for the period of her birth in 1876 through her adoption by William Henry and Margaret Henrietta Riddell in 1882.*

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (November 2015) Added Mother Mary Carmel's autobiography.
Added photograph of Minnie Maude under 1891-1896 entry.
Added photograph of Sister Mary under 1901 entry.
Added photograph of Mother Mary under 1944 entry.
Added photographs of Mother Mary under 1950s entries.
Added copy of Pamela Higgin's note under 1950s entry.

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Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell

*Note:- Refer to **George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin's Family History** for Biography of Bertha Theodora Riddell for the period of her birth in 1878 through her adoption by William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell in 1882.*

- Rev N/C—Original document including prior drafts and revisions.
- Rev A (November 2015) Added photograph of Bertha and her sister Minnie Maude under 1890ca entry.

Added November 2015 photograph of Bertha's former home under 1922-23 entry.

Added Land Registry records under 1949, 1952 and 1953 entries.

Added Bertha's burn accident between 1952-1953 entries.

Added copy of Bertha's Will under 1960 entry.

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Names and Residences of Witnesses.	John Jos Redmond Mrs Ellen Redmond Toronto
Date and Place of Marriage.	September 14 th 1873 St Michael's Cathedral, Toronto
Religious Denomination of Bridegroom.	Catholic
Religious Denomination of Bride.	Catholic
By whom Married.	Rev. J. J. Jamet. V.G.
By License or Banns. (L. or B.)	

- ◆ 1873 Reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" records that "In the fall of that year (1873) he was married to Miss Maggie H. Redmond (under authority of special indult, dated Rome, August 17, 1873), in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, by the very Rev. Vicar-General Rev. Dr. Jamot."

- ◆ 1873 William's father, William, age 69 years, died in the County of Grey (*most likely*), on December 12.
Reference William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History

- ◆ **1873-74** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that “William (*and Maggie*) spent the winter of 1873-4 in the great commercial capital of Canada (*Montreal*), assisting the Company’s (*Williams Manufacturing Co., Montreal*) officers to get out its financial statement for the year.”

- ◆ **1874-75** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that “In the spring of 1874 he again took the field, meeting with remarkable success. A change in the management having taken place, he left the service of the Company (*Williams Manufacturing Co., Montreal*) and embarked on the troubled sea of journalistic enterprise. Early in his somewhat checkered career, he aspired to the honour of contributing his mite towards the enlightenment of that uncertain factor in political calculations, namely public opinion, and we, therefore, find him either in the press or in the thick of the battle on the hustings, taking an active part in the electoral contests of the day.”

- ◆ **1875** Reference Toronto Directory for 1876. Corrected to January 1st, 1876.

Fisher & Taylor, Publishers.

Alphabetical Directory:

Wm. H. Riddell, of Hancock & Riddell, Simcoe (*no record of Riddell on Simcoe St., in Toronto Directory*)

HANCOCK & RIDDELL, city agency for Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Co, 43 Colborne

Business Directory:

Insurance Offices;

Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire, Samuel Thompson, manager, cor Wellington e and Church

This appears to be the first entry of William in the Toronto City Directory.

- ◆ **1876** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.

Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that “In 1876 he was offered, by Mr. J. L. Troy, the founder of the *Toronto Tribune*, and accepted, a joint interest in that paper. In the fall of the same year a sale of this publication was made to Messrs. Carroll and Larkin, St. Catharines, Mr. Thos McCrosson taking the nominal management, with Messrs. Troy and Riddell on the staff, and Mr. Alexander Robertson in charge of the editorial department.”

Header of newspaper follows.



- ◆ **1876** Reference Toronto Directory for 1877. Corrected to January 1st, 1877.
Might & Taylor, Publishers.
Alphabetical Directory:
William H. Riddell, of Hancock & Riddell, Simcoe (*no record of Riddell on Simcoe St., in Toronto*)
Hancock & Townsend (Herbert Hancock and S. H. Townsend, architects), 11 King w
(*Hancock appears to have a new partner, Townsend, at this date.*)

Tribune (The) weekly, published Thursdays, Troy & Co, publishers, 48 King e
William was in the process of moving from the Hancock partnership or had already moved over to the Tribune newspaper where he had accepted a joint interest according to the previous 1976 entry.)
- ◆ **1877** Reference Toronto Directory for 1878. Corrected to January 1st, 1878.
Might & Taylor, Publishers.
Alphabetical Directory:
William H. Riddell, business manager Tribune, 66 Adelaide e, h (*house*) 12 Trinity sq.
Tribune, weekly, annual subscription, \$2.00; Thos McCrosson, pub and propr, 66 Adelaide e.
Street Directory:
Trinity Square, from Yonge, bet. 258-260, west, St. John's ward. (*home address*)
North Side.
12 Riddell W H, mngr Tribune
(*William was living next to the Holy Trinity Church which has survived into the 21st Century*)
Adelaide East, from Yonge, bet. 109-111, to Jarvis, St. James' Ward. (*business address*)
North Side.
66 Tribune, Thos McCrosson, pub and propr
- ◆ **1877** Lillian Josephine Cosgrave, a niece for William and Margaret born reference the following Birth Registration 041259-78. County of York. Division of Toronto.
When Born: 13th December 1877
Name: Lillian Josephine Cosgrave (*more often spelled Cosgrove*)
Sex: Female
Name and surname of Father: John Cosgrave
Name and maiden name of Mother: Mary Ann(e) Riddell (*William Henry Riddell's sister*)
Rank of Profession of Father: Agent (*Insurance*)
Signature, description and residence of Informant: W.H. Riddell 12 Trinity Square
Toronto.
When registered: 12th January 1878

Name of Accoucheur: Dr. Burns
 Signature of Registrar: Robert Roddy
 Remarks: *no entry*

A copy of the Birth Registration follows (first column).

	No. 112 041259	No. 113 041260
When Born	13 th December 1877	30 th December 1877
Name	Lillian Josephine Cosgrave	Martha Lydia Leamen
Sex (M. or F.)	Female	Female
Name and surname of Father	John Cosgrave	Joseph Crossman Leamen
Name and maiden surname of Mother	Mary Ann Riddell	Louisa Mary Turner
Rank or Profession of Father	Agent	Undertaker
Signature, description and residence of Informant	W. H. Riddell 12 Trinity Square Toronto	Mary Leamen 81 Lumley Street Toronto
When Registered	12 th January 1878	12 th January 1878
Name of Accoucheur	Dr Burns	Dr L. B. Moorhouse
Signature of Registrar	Robert Roddy	Robert Roddy
REMARKS	✓	✓

- ◆ 1878 Reference Toronto Directory for 1879. Corrected to January 1st, 1879.
 Might & Taylor, Publishers.

Alphabetical Directory:

William H. Riddell, manager Tribune office, (*house*) 12 Trinity sq.

Tribune office, Thos McCrosson, propr, 66 Adelaide e.

Street Directory:

Trinity Square, from Yonge, bet. 258-260, west, St. John's ward. (*home address*)

North Side.

12 Riddell W H, manager Tribune office

Adelaide East, from Yonge, bet. 109-111, to Jarvis, St. James' Ward. (*business address*)

North Side.

66 Tribune, Thos McCrosson, propr

- ◆ 1878 Reference article by Thomas McCrosson, Publisher and Proprietor of the Tribune published in the January 18, 1878 edition.

**THE
TRIBUNE FOR 1878.**

A little more than a year has elapsed since THE TRIBUNE, passed under the present management. Since that time we have had the pleasure of welcoming over

Four Thousand

new subscribers to our list, and though a few, from causes that seem to them perfectly satisfactory, have withdrawn their patronage, THE TRIBUNE stands to-day as the

**Foremost Catholic Paper
in Canada.**

It gives the best, the most comprehensive, and the earliest Catholic news of any paper published in the Dominion. It deals with public questions from an intelligible and independent standpoint, and has never been allowed to sink to the level of a party driveller in discussing the questions of the day.

With a whole year's record to test its sincerity, it can now turn with confidence to the prospectus issued on the 1st of last December, and ask its readers whether, in any particular, the following pledges have been forgotten:

"In appealing to the Catholic public of the Dominion for support and patronage, and in offering them a journal which we design shall occupy an honourable place in the press of the country, and rank above suspicion, as an accredited mouthpiece of Catholic opinion, we enter upon the task with a full sense of the momentous character of the responsibilities we have undertaken, but with no misgivings as to the entire sincerity of our intentions to exert our utmost strength to fulfil in every particular the expectations which our promises may have justly excited. To realize this intention we need hardly tell our readers that we rely with confidence on our ability to win the approval and sympathy of the Venerable Hierarchy and beloved Priesthood of the Church; and that nothing shall be wanting on our part to promote unity in sentiment and hearty, energetic and mutually trusted co-operation in action."

There were many more things said in our prospectus which thousands of our new subscribers have not seen; but our whole exertion, throughout the year, has been to keep up to the line which we had originally marked out for ourselves, and we are gratified to say that we have succeeded, beyond our expectations, in gaining

The Public Favour.

Many have said to us, "Your paper is the best family paper we have seen; it contains nothing that may not be read with advantage in the family circle; and though it reprints Catholic sermons, and other doctrinal matter referring to the Catholic Church, it is such a paper as might well be welcomed in every Protestant family in the country, for it does not annoy them with any attacks on their own peculiar mode of belief."

THE TRIBUNE is not "polemical." It is not a wrangler, and professes to have no commission to disturb the social harmony which exists among the people of all creeds and classes. It gives news that cannot be found in any other paper in the country, and treats public questions, not from a partisan but from a logical standpoint. It

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warded on receipt of the subscription money.

4th. By this arrangement, every subscriber to THE TRIBUNE will have the opportunity, before the 1st of next July, of being the owner of a magnificent

CRAYON LITHOGRAPH,

of the Most Rev. Dr. Conroy, the first Delegate Apostolic ever sent from Rome to British North America. It is being executed by special order, by the well known establishment of the "Burland-Desbarats Company," from a magnificent photograph by Messrs. Notman & Fraser, of this city.

The portrait, lithographed on a large sheet of plate paper, will be a most elegant adornment for the walls of the Parlour or "Home" room, and every one of our agents is fully authorised to promise it to either new or old subscribers on the conditions above named.

We have made such arrangements that no subscriber, whether old or new, who has complied with the foregoing conditions, shall be without a copy of this magnificent presentation plate after the 1st of next July.

Local Agents are particularly requested to report from their several districts without delay.

THOMAS McCROSSON,

Publisher and Proprietor.

Tribune Office, Dec. 21, 1877.

OUR PRESENTATION PLATE.

FROM the very flattering manner in which the announcement of our presentation plate has been received, and the many encouraging assurances that have reached us, of increased exertions on the part of our friends to extend our circulation throughout the Dominion, and especially in the Province of Ontario, we have been induced, though at considerable expense, to have the portrait of his Excellency Mgr. Conroy, executed in a highly finished and most artistic manner. We had the offer of what would be considered a very handsome picture at half the price at which we can obtain the one now being executed for us; but, in deference to the high dignity of the subject we had ventured to select, and out of respect for the good taste of our patrons, we resolved upon securing the most excellent artistic workmanship, executed on the best of plate paper, trusting that the increased exertions of our friends throughout the country will amply repay us for the additional outlay.

We have received a "proof copy" of the plate, which has been very much admired by all who have seen it. It is not improbable that some copies of it may be placed upon the market for sale at ONE DOLLAR EACH; but our intention is to give it away on the terms and conditions elsewhere specified. It is only because of the very large number ordered by us that we are enabled to make this gift to our subscribers.

- ◆ **1879** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that “On Mr. McCrosson’s appointment, in 1879, to the wardenship of the Reformatory at Penetanguishene, Mr. Riddell became the manager (*of the Tribune*).”

- ◆ **1879** Reference Toronto Directory for 1880. Corrected to January 1st, 1880.
Might & Taylor, Publishers.
Alphabetical Directory:
Wm. H. Riddell, business man Tribune, 12 Trinity sq.
Tribune Office, J Bernard Carroll, pub, 66 Adelaide e.
Street Directory: (*home address*)
Trinity Square, from bet. 258-260 west, St. John’s ward.
North Side.
12 W. H. Riddell, manager Tribune
Street Directory: (*business address*)
Adelaide East, from Yonge, bet. 109-111 to Jarvis, St. James’ ward
North Side.
66 Tribune office, J. Bernard Carroll, pub

- ◆ **1880** Reference publication “A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography” by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from “Biography of William Henry Riddell” records that “and, in 1880, (*Mr. Riddell became*) managing editor of the paper (*Tribune*).”

- ◆ **1880** Reference Toronto Directory for 1881. Corrected to January 1st, 1881.
Might & Taylor, Publishers.
Alphabetical Directory:
W. H. RIDDELL & CO (W. H. Riddell), land, loan, insurance and real estate agents, 11 Adelaide e. (*business*)
W H Riddell, of W H Riddell & Co, 12 Trinity sq (*house*)
Tribune office, J Bernard Carroll, publisher, W H Riddell, bus manager, 11-13 Adelaide e. (*William was now involved in two businesses, W. H. Riddell & Co., and the Tribune newspaper*)

Street Directory (*business addresses*):
Adelaide East, from Yonge, bet. 109-111 east to Jarvis, St. James’ ward
SOUTH SIDE
11 Waterloo Mutual Fire Ins Co, W H Riddell & Co, agents
Riddell W H & Co, est agts
13 Tribune office, J Bernard Carroll, publisher
Street Directory: (*home address*)
Trinity Square, from Yonge bet, 258-260, west, St. John’s ward
NORTH SIDE
12 W. H. Riddell mgr Tribune

- ◆ 1880 The Tribune (*Toronto newspaper*) October 8, 1880, page 7, and December 31, 1880, page 3 editions.

The following advertisement appeared in the subject newspaper on the referenced dates for Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Established 1863.

Head Office Waterloo, Ontario and Toronto Office 11 Adelaide Street East.

W. H. Riddell & Co., Agents for Toronto and District.

**WATERLOO MUTUAL
FIRE INSURANCE Co**

ESTABLISHED 1863

LICENSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

Capital and Assets,.....\$215,914.00
 Amount paid in Fire Losses
 during the past Five Years..\$418,702.21

MERCANTILE, MANUFACTURING, AND HOME-
 STEAD RISKS written on the popular Mutual
 System for Three Years.

CASH POLICIES for one year or less written on
 the most liberal terms consistent with security.

Head Office..... Waterloo, Ontario.
 Toronto Office,.... 11 Adelaide Street East.

W. H. RIDDELL & CO.

Agents for Toronto and District.

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- ◆ 1881 Reference Census Province of Ontario. District No.134 Centre T.
 S. District D, St. Johns Ward No 3 Division. Page 104.
 Enumerator: Chs. Thompson Date: May 9th 1881

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: 435

Families: 448

Name: **Wm Hy Riddell**

Age: 43

Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)

Religion: R.C.

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Manager of Tribune (*Toronto newspaper*)

Married or Widowed: M

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Dates of Operations and Remarks: *no entry*

Name: **Margaret Riddell**

Age: 32

Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)

Religion: R.C.

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----

Married or Widowed: M

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **Margaret Sen. Riddell** (*William Henry's mother*)

Age: 78

Country or Province of Birth: Ireland

Religion: R.C.

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----

Married or Widowed: W

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

Name: **Caroline L. Redmond** (*Margaret Riddell's sister*)

Age: 25

Country or Province of Birth: O (*Ontario*)

Religion: R.C.

Origin: Irish

Profession, Occupation or Trade: -----

Married or Widowed: -----

INSTRUCTION:

Going to School: ---

No one in the family was enumerated as "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound Mind" under INFIRMITIES.

Reference following copy of Census divided vertically between columns 7 & 8, 12 & 13 and 15 & 16 resulting in the following four sections.

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Province of

Ontario

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NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION.						NAMES.
Vessels.	Shanties.	Houses in construction.	Houses uninhabited.	Houses inhabited.	Families.	
NUMÉROTÉS DANS L'ORDRE DES VISITES.						NOMS.
Bâtimens Chantiers.	Maisons en voie de construction.	Maisons inhabitées.	Maisons habitées.	Familles.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1				424	447	<i>Burt Arthur</i>
2						<i>Balderson James</i>
3						<i>Hill W. 400</i>
4						<i>Tisdell S. J.</i>
5				435	448	<i>Riddell Wm H</i>
6						<i>" Margaret</i>
7						<i>" Margaret Sr</i>
8						<i>Redmond Caroline</i>

Section one

District No. *134 Centre*

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Returns

TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement

SEX	AGE.	Born within last twelve months.	Country or Province of Birth.	RELIGION.
SEXE	AGE	Nés dans les douze derniers mois.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	RELIGION.
8	9	10	11	12
<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>Ch. England</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>R.C.</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Presb</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>R.C.</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

7th S. District 10/10
 of the Living.
 Vivants?

ORIGIN.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Married or Widowed
ORIGINE.	Profession, Occupation ou métier.	Mariés ou en Veuvage.
13	14	15
English	Teacher	—
"	Student	—
German	S.	—
Irish	Student, E.C.	—
"	Manager of Tribune	M
"	—	M
"	—	W
"	—	—

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St. John's Ward No. 3 Division
Ed. Thompson
Commis.

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Instruction.		INFIRMITES.			Dates of Operations and Remarks.
Going to School.	Deaf and Dumb.	Blind.	Unsound Mind.		
Instruction.		INFIRMITES			Dates de l'Enregistrement et Observations.
Allant à l'École.	Sourds-muets.	Aveugles.	Atteints d'aliénation mentale.		
16	17	18	19	20	
—	—	—	—		1
—	—	—	—		2
—	—	—	—		3
—	—	—	—		4
—	—	—	—		5
—	—	—	—		6
—	—	—	—		7
—	—	—	—		8

Section four

- ◆ **1881** Reference Toronto Directory for 1882. Corrected to January 1st, 1882. Might & Co., Publishers.
Alphabetical and Street Directories:
There is no record of William H. Riddell in the Toronto Directory. The Tribune Newspaper was now managed by John L Troy at 13 Adelaide e.
- ◆ **1882** Reference William Henry's obituary Waterloo newspaper, May 9, 1912 edition.
"William was offered and accepted the position of Secretary of the Mutual Life of Canada, and removed with his family from Toronto to Waterloo."
Note: The preceding date of 1882 recorded from the obituary was more likely within the latter part of 1881 due to the Toronto Directory information of January 1882.
- Also reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
Excerpt from "Biography of William Henry Riddell" records that "While holding this position (*managing editor of the Tribune*), his old friends at the head office of the Ontario Mutual Life, feeling the need for some person of Mr. Riddle's experience and training to assist the manager in the growing work of the company, offered him a position, and shortly after he entered on the discharge of his duties the board created the office of Secretary of the company and appointed him its first incumbent---

- ◆ **1882** William's sister-in-law, Mary Jane Riddell nee Martin (*his brother George's wife*), died at Singhampton, Ontario, April 2 as the result of burns received from an accidental fire, Monday, February 27.

Reference George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (Minnie Maude) Autobiography.

When I was six years old my mother died of burns received when her dress accidentally caught fire. She suffered great agony for over three weeks and died on April 2, 1882.

- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (Minnie Maude) Autobiography. Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months, along with her sister Bertha Theodora, age 3 years 8 months, were adopted by her father's brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane.

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (Minnie Maude) Autobiography.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

Minnie Maude's sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father's sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father's second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

- ◆ **1882** Assessment Roll for the Town of Waterloo, East Waterloo.

No. on Roll: 125

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **Wm. H. Riddell**

Occupation: Clerk

Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: H

Age of Occupant: 38 (*more accurately age 44*)

Name and Address of Owner when person in Column 2 is not the Owner: *no entry*

No. of Concession, Street, Square, or other Designation: Kumpf Sy pt 47

No. of Lot, House, &c: 1

No. of Acres, Feet, &c: 10 (*acres*)

Total Value of Real Property: \$600

Taxable Income: \$100

Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$100

Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$700

Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*

No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 5

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

No. of Children over 16 and under 21: *no entry*

No. of Children between 7 & 13: *no entry*

Supporters of Public or Separate School (P. or S.): S

Religion: R C
No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice Under Section 48: *no entry*

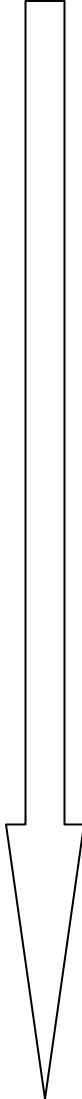
- ◆ **1883** Assessment Roll for the Town of Waterloo, East Ward.
No. on Roll: 126
Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **W. H. Riddell**
Occupation: Clerk
Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: H
Age of Occupant: 45
Name and Address of Owner when person in Column 2 is not the Owner: *no entry*
No. of Concession, Street, Square, or other Designation: Kumpty pt 47
No. of Lot, House, &c:
No. of Acres, Feet, &c: 10 (*acres*)
Total Value of Real Property: \$600
Taxable Income: \$100
Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$100
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$700
Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*
No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 5
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: 2
No. of Children over 16 and under 21: *no entry*
No. of Children between 7 & 13: 1
Supporters of Public or Separate School (P. or S.): S
Religion: R C
No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice Under Section 48: 27/4

- ◆ **1884** William's mother, Margaret, died at Hamilton, Ontario on March 9.
Reference William Riddell---Margaret Lavin family History

- ◆ **1884-85** Reference William W. Evans 1884-85 Waterloo County Gazetteer.
Waterloo County Directory
Riddoll (*Riddell*) W H, sec(*retary*) Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Co, h (*house*) Allan

- ◆ **1886-89** Reference W. H. Irwin & Co 1886-89 (September 1886) County of Waterloo Gazetteer & Directory.
Riddle Wm H, sec(*retary*) Ont. Mutual Life Ass. Co., h (*house*) Allan

- ◆ **1886** Reference publication "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography" by Geo Maclean Rose published 1886.
The following is the "William Henry Riddell Biography" scanned in its entirety from the referenced publication covering the period from the history of William's parents through the history of William Henry up to the publication year of year 1886.



was Irish by birth, having been born in the County of Mayo, Ireland, where also, we believe, were born his father and grandfather. The family, however, was of Scotch descent, and claimed kinship with the Riddels, of Glen-Riddel, in Scotland, one of whom was immortalized by Robert Burns, "Scotia's sweetest bard," in a poem written in April, 1794, on the death of his friend and patron, and whom the poet laments as "The Man of Worth, and has not left his peer."

His father was brought up a rigid Presbyterian, and having received a liberal education, was, by his parents, destined for the ministry; but in this, as the sequel will show, they were doomed to disappointment. Having mastered the Celtic language—a rare accomplishment in those days—he turned his attention to its ancient literature; but instead of finding, as he had been taught, that wherever the Catholic Church held sway ignorance and superstition flourished apace, he, on the contrary, was astonished to learn from authentic sources that when Europe was a corpse beneath the hoof of the Vandal, Catholic Ireland was the resort of students of all nations, the mart of learning and the home of worth; that she was then "the school of the west, the quiet habitation of sanctity and literature." Nor did his inquiries rest here. He pursued his investigations into the region of polemics, and examined the claims of the various sects, to be in spiritual matters, the divinely appointed teachers of mankind, with the result that, like Noah's dove, finding no repose he returned, weary of the search after truth elsewhere, to rest his head on the bosom of the Catholic Church. This step, which was taken from conviction and after much deliberation, cut him off at once from his family, and, in 1830, he left his native country and landed in Upper Canada. In the following year he was married to Miss Lavin, in St. Paul's Church, in what was then called "muddy little York," now the metropolitan City of Toronto. Her family, as the name *La Vin* indicates, was of French extraction, the founder of its Irish branch having crossed over from sunny France to the Green Isle in 1689, with the fugitive king, James II. of England, to assist that monarch to regain his crown; and on the conclusion of peace, after the disastrous campaign of 1691, settled in the country, and having married one of "Erin's fair daughters," the family, in the course of time, became even "more Irish than the Irish themselves." In the fall of 1837,

Riddell, William Henry, Waterloo, the subject of this memoir, was born in the village of Sparta, in the township of Markham, County of York, Ontario, on the 18th of August, 1837, a year memorable in the annals of our country as that of the rebellion—a popular uprising against the grinding domination of a junta of oligarchs, aided and abetted by the unwise administration of the arbitrary lieutenant-governors of those days. His father's name was William Riddell, and the maiden name of his mother Margaret Lavin. His father

while his parents were on their way into the city to have the subject of this sketch baptized, his father was arrested by the "royalists" as one who had dared to hold opinions on public questions in opposition to those held by the Family Compact; but when the peaceful nature of his mission was made known, he was released, and allowed to proceed on their journey. In 1848 he removed to the "Queen's Bush," and took up a block of land in the wilderness lying west of Nottawasaga, in what, when surveyed some years afterwards, was called the Township of Osprey, in the County of Grey. Here, out of the forest, he hewed a home for himself and family, where he resided for a quarter of a century, until his death in 1873, much respected by all who knew him. He was, in all that the term implies, a pioneer of civilization in Western Canada, and as such deserves a place among "Representative Canadians." The facilities of acquiring, "in the bush," even the rudiments of a common school education were, for many years, limited, but his parents having determined to give him the best education in their power, the subject of our memoir was sent, in 1854, to Collingwood, the school of which town was then taught by Mr. A. McMurchy, for many years past rector of the Toronto Collegiate Institute, and a graduate in arts of the Toronto University. This was his *alma mater*. From its halls, in 1856, at the age of nineteen, he entered the profession of teaching, which he followed with more than average success until the close of 1865, when he abandoned that calling for the more active if not more profitable business of fire underwriting, representing for many years the Waterloo Mutual and other companies in the counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce. In January, 1867, he married Miss Fannie L. Redmond, daughter of Ed. J. Redmond, Esq., an educationist of varied attainments and a teacher of much success, who occupied the position of head master of the Cobourg common school for twenty-five consecutive years. Many of his pupils (Chief Justice Thos. Moss, the Canavans and others), made their mark in the legal and other professions in after years. He counted among his lifelong personal friends the late lamented Dr. Bethune, Lord Bishop of Toronto, the late Judge McDonald, of Guelph, and many other distinguished men. He was Irish by birth, and was related to that noted Wexford family of Redmonds, which has given to Ireland two of the ablest men, orators and parliamentarians to be found among

that gifted body of statesmen who at the present time constitute the Irish party in the British House of Commons, under the leadership of Charles Stewart Parnell. Of this marriage there were born three sons and a daughter, but by one of those dispensations of Providence not always comprehended by human reason, he suffered the untimely loss of his wife and children—a bitter affliction in which he was sustained by the generous sympathy of a wide circle of relatives and friends. In 1868 the Ontario Mutual Life obtained an Act of Incorporation from the House of Assembly for Ontario, one of the conditions of which was that before the board could issue the first policy (it being a purely mutual company without any capital), 500 applications for insurance, averaging \$1,000 each, had to be procured; and to assist in floating the company (the first of its kind in Canada), Mr. Riddell undertook an agency for it, and succeeded in securing a fair share of the required 500 charter-members, several of whom may be counted among its policy holders at the present day. Thus he was identified with the company in its infancy, little thinking that later on he would become one of its chief executive officers. In 1869, desirous to gain experience of city business, he accepted a position in the counting room of the manufacturing establishment of Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., Hamilton, and in 1870 was made manager of their factory at Fergus, erected for the purpose of meeting the foreign demand then existing for the Lockman Family Sewing Machine. In the summer of 1872, this factory having shut down, owing to the depression then prevailing in all branches of business, both on this continent and in Europe, he severed his connection with the firm, and in the following spring engaged with the Williams Manufacturing Co., Montreal, of which Sir Hugh Allan was president, as their superintendent of agencies. In the fall of that year he was married to Miss Maggie H. Redmond (under authority of special indult, dated Rome, August 17, 1873), in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, by the very Rev. Vicar-General, now Right Rev. Dr. Jamot, Bishop of Peterboro', and spent the winter of 1873-4 in the great commercial capital of Canada, assisting the Company's officers to get out its financial statement for the year. In the spring of 1874 he again took the field, meeting with remarkable success. A change in the management having taken place, he left the service of the Company and embarked on

the troubled sea of journalistic enterprise. Early in his somewhat checkered career, he aspired to the honour of contributing his mite towards the enlightenment of that uncertain factor in political calculations, namely, public opinion, and we, therefore, find him either in the press or in the thick of the battle on the hustings, taking an active part in the electoral contests of the day. In 1876 he was offered, by Mr. J. L. Troy, the founder of the *Toronto Tribune*, and accepted, a joint interest in that paper. In the fall of the same year a sale of this publication was made to Messrs. Carroll and Larkin, St. Catharines, Mr. Thos. McCrosson taking the nominal management, with Messrs. Troy and Riddell on the staff, and Mr. Alexander Robertson in charge of the editorial department. On Mr. McCrosson's appointment, in 1879, to the wardenship of the Reformatory at Penetanguishene, Mr. Riddell became the manager, and, in 1880, managing editor of the paper. While holding this position, his old friends at the head office of the Ontario Mutual Life, feeling the need for some person of Mr. Riddell's experience and training to assist the manager in the growing work of the company, offered him a position, and shortly after he entered on the discharge of his duties the board created the office of Secretary of the company and appointed him its first incumbent—an office he has filled with general acceptance to all having business to transact with the company. That the popularity of the management has lost nothing by Mr. Riddell's accession to its staff may be learned from the fact that during the past five years, covering the period of his official connection with the company, its volume of assurances in force has increased over 150 per cent., and its income in cash over 200 per cent. Mr. Riddell is a self-made man, having been the architect of his success in life as well as of his education. From the desk of the schoolmaster he has passed from one post of responsibility to another until he has, while yet in the prime of manhood, attained to the honourable and responsible position of being one of the leading life insurance men of Canada.

Several excerpts of William's biography have been inserted in the following family histories e.g.
William Riddell---Margaret Lavin Family History (Biography of William Henry Riddell)
William Henry Riddell---Frances Louisa Redmond Family History
William Henry Riddell---Margaret Hennrietta Redmond Family History

- ◆ 1890 Petition from Waterloo merchants to the Mayor of Waterloo for consideration of the formation of a Board of Trade. February 1890.

February 1890

To his Worship
The Mayor of Waterloo

We, the undersigned Merchants,
Manufacturers, & ratepayers being of the
Opinion that a Board of Trade would be
greatly beneficial, in developing the interests
of our Town hereby petition You to call
a public meeting for the purpose of consid-
ering & discussing the organization of such
a body at an early date

Wm Snider	W. H. Riddell
Jacob Comad	H. J. Grassett
P. Sims	Wegenast & Co
Snider & Schuh	Ab. Habbick
Briker & Diebel	Wm Hogg
Thos Hilliard	Richard Popchman
J Snyder	Jo. E. Seagram
Ab. Murner	Franko Baight
R. Y. Fish	J. B. Hughes
Jacob G. Stroh	A. Rockel & Son
W. Keller & Son	L. Braybill
Geo Hasenflug	David Bean
J. Doering	J. Kalbfleisch
Jacob S. Roos	Ritzler & Slater
C. Kumpf	
John Fischer	
Geo Wegenast	
J. Neukeler	
Mo Devitt	
J. H. Webb	
John Schuh	
C. M. Taylor	
J. A. Roos	

- ◆ 1890 Public and Committee Meetings on March 11 to expedite formation of Board of Trade and a further meeting on March 24 to apply to Ottawa for certification.

Formation Mar 24-1890. } taken record
 Registration Apr. 22-1890. } at Ottawa

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC meeting of the ratepayers of the Town of Waterloo will be held in the Town Hall.

On Tuesday Evening, 11th March, 1890,

at 7.30 o'clock, for the purpose of considering and discussing the advisability of organizing a

BOARD OF TRADE.

As this is a matter of great importance to the town a full meeting is requested.

GEO. MOORE, Mayor.
Waterloo, 5th March, 1890.

Council Chamber March 11/90

Meeting held this evening 8 o'clock (P.M.) for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Board of Trade

The Mayor in the Chair

Moved by C. Kumpf sec by P.A. Sims that in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient to take the necessary steps to establish a Board of Trade for the Town of Waterloo

Moved by C. Kumpf sec by W.A. Biddell that J.H. Ross be appointed Secretary of the proposed Board of Trade

Moved by P.A. Sims sec by W^r Wells that Messrs Kumpf, Scully & Bricker be a committee to assist the Secretary to carry out the object of this meeting

The Committee requested the Secretary to have a petition according to the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes of Canada drafted, solicit signatures, & make application to the Secretary of State for incorporation

We the undersigned residents of the Town of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, which Town has a population of not less than two thousand five hundred and who under the provisions of Chapter No 130 of the Revised Statutes of Canada have associated ourselves together as a Board of Trade, do hereby certify:

That the association has assumed the name of, and shall be known as
The Waterloo Board of Trade

That the association is situated, and its business is to be transacted, in the Town of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo and Province of Ontario

That Julius A Roos of the said Town of Waterloo has been by us appointed Secretary to the said Board of Trade

Witness our hands and seals this
 24th day of March A.D. 1890

Name		Occupation	Residence
C Kumpf	Ld.	Postmaster	Waterloo
Wm Snider	Ld.	Miller	"
J. E. Bourman	Ld.	President of Life of Fire Ins Co	"
Jacob Comad	Ld.	Merchant	"
Chs Souther	Ld.	Brewer	"
Geo Diebel	Ld.	Merchant	"
Simon B Bricker	Ld.	Merchant	"
John B Snider	Ld.	do	"
John Shub	Ld.	Manufacturer	"
A Miller	Ld.	Merchant	"
Alex G Habbick	Ld.	Egg Merchant	"
Jacob G Stroh	Ld.	Tanner	"
Richard Roschman	Ld.	Manufact ^r	Berlin Ont Business in Waterloo
Louis Kuntz	Ld.	Brewer	Waterloo
W Wegmast	Ld.	Manufacturer	"

Secretary Ontario Mutual Life & Agent

W.A. Riddell	Ld.	Secretary Ontario Mutual Life & Agent	Waterloo
Geo Weagust	Ld.	President Graybill Mfg Co (Ld)	"
Geo Moore	Ld.	Shop Grower	"
Chas Moogk	Ld.	Arch ^t & Builder	"
J. McCully	Ld.	Ins ^{ce} Agent	"
J Doering	Ld.	Merchant	"
P. Sims	Ld.	Secretary Mercantile Fire Ins Co	"
Frank Haight	Ld.	Insurance & Manufac ^{ture}	"
O. Mc Taylor	Ld.	Secy W.M. Fire Ins Co	"
Thos Billiard	Ld.	Managing Director Dominion Life Ass ^{ce} Co	"
W.J. Hodgins	Ld.	Supt. Agencies O.M.L.F.	Berlin Business in Waterloo
Jos ^s E Scagram	Ld.	Manufacturer	Waterloo
W.J. Grassett	Ld.	Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce	"
David Bean	Ld.	Printer & Publisher	"
Mo Devitt	Ld.	Merchant	"
R. Kohmeier	Ld.	Ironmith	"
L. Graybill	Ld.	Manufacturer	"
Ja ^s Lockie	Ld.	Inspector Northern Ass ^{ce} Co of England	"
J. Hespeler	Ld.	Mgr of the Woolsons Bank	"
R. Y. Fish	Ld.	Merchant	"
J. Webb	Ld.	Physician	"
S. Snyder	Ld.	Druggist & Co	"
W. Wells Ld.S.	Ld.	Manufacturer	"
Kabofleisch	Ld.	Publisher	"
Wm Young	Ld.	Provisions Dealer	"
John Nichol	Ld.	Provisions Dealer	"
John Ritzer	Ld.	Merchant Tailor	"
Geo Nasenflug	Ld.	Merchant	"
D. Buckenough	Ld.	Ins ^{ce} Agent	"
Jno Keller	Ld.	Inspector	"
L. Bricker	Ld.	Manufacturer	"
Geo Butcher	Ld.	Solicitor	"
Jno Letter	Ld.	Contractor	"
J. Mc Muir	Ld.	Ass ^{ce} Agent	"

W. Hendry	L.S.	Manager Ontario Mutual Life Ass ^{ce} Coy	Business in Waterloo Berlin Residence
Julius H. Roos	L.S.	Clerk & Ins Agent	Waterloo
A. S. McBride	L.S.	Barrister	Berlin Business in Waterloo
J. Colquhoun	L.S.	Barrister	Waterloo

Ontario } J. Julius H. Roos
 County of Waterloo }
 To Wit } Of the Town of Waterloo, County of Waterloo and Province of Ontario.

Clerk & Insurance Agent, make oath and say that I was personally present and did see the annexed certificates duly signed and sealed by the respective subscribers thereto, and that the several facts set forth in such certificate are true & correct.

Sworn before me at
 Waterloo, in the County
 of Waterloo this 20th
 day of March 1890
Geo Moore J.P.

Julius H. Roos

Department

- ◆ 1890 Board of Trade meetings April 28 and May 2, 1890.

Board of Trade
Waterloo April 28th 1890

Dear Sir

You are requested, to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing and electing Officers for the Board of Trade on Friday Eve, May 2nd 1890 & select in the Council Chamber.

As you are one of the Charter Members your presence is urgently required.

J. H. Ross

Secretary

Council Chamber May 2nd /90

Meeting held this evening in the Council Chamber for the purpose of organizing & electing Officers for the Waterloo Board of Trade. There were present.

Messrs. Kumpf, Diebel, Stark, Habbick, M. Wegenast, Riddell, Geo. Wegenast, Moore, Scully, Sims, Haight, Taylor, Hilliard, Grassett, Bean, Devitt M., Fish, Webb, S. Snyder, Wells, Heasenflug, L. Bricker, Hutcherson, Muir, Ross, M^r Bride, Colquhoun,

Moved by J. M. Muir Sec by Geo. Hilliard that Geo. Moore act as Chairman of this Meeting

Moved by M. Sims Sec by W. Wells that Ch^r Kumpf be elected President of the Bof T.

Moved by John Shuh Sec by RY Fish
that Wm Snider be elected Vice President
of the B of T Carried

Moved by F Colquhoun Sec by J Mc Muir
that J H Ross be appointed Secretary
of the B of T Carried

Moved by C Mc Taylor Sec by P H Sims
that the Council constitute eight members
withdrawn

Moved by C Mc Taylor Sec by Tho Hilliard
that the Council constitute 12 members
Carried

Moved by Tho Hilliard Sec by F Haight
that nominations for Council be made
& voted upon by ballot Carried

Amendment

Moved by J W Muir Sec by Mr Mc Bride that
the Council be elected in the following manner
1st The Chairman shall receive nominations
of candidates for the position
2nd That the Chairman shall then submit
the names of the candidates so received by
him in the order in which they have been
received and this meeting shall ^{elect} elect such
Council from among such candidates by
open vote

Lost
Moved by W H Riddell Sec by Tho Hilliard
that the President & Secretary act as
scrutineers
Carried

The following members were nominated
as candidates for the Council.

Messrs. R. U. Fish, Geo Moore, Simon Snyder,
P. K. Sims, Jno Shuk, W. K. Biddell, J. H. Webb
J. E. Bowman, H. J. Grasset, J. O. Seagram
A. S. Habbick, Geo Diibel, Jacob Stroh, A. B. McBride
Geo Wegenast, Jacob Comrad, Tho. Hilliard, J. M. Scully
W. Wegemast, W. Wells, Levi Bricker, W. Keller, E. W. Taylor
David Bean, M. Devitt, Rich^d Roschman, J. B. Snyder
Geo Nasenflug, Frank Baight, J. Colquhoun,
G. H. Mutcherson, Louis Kuntz, J. W. Mounir, Chas. Mosogk

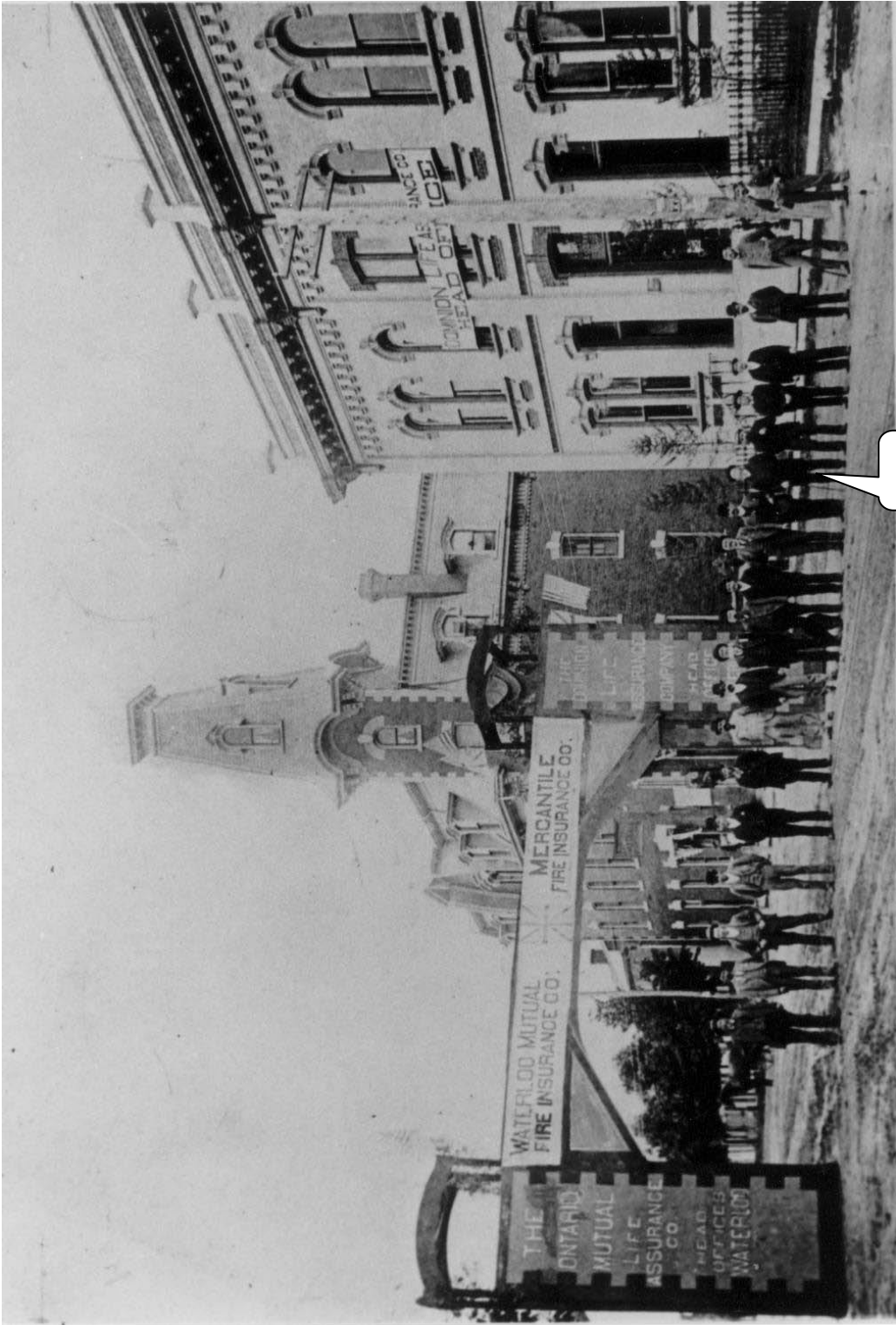
At a Town Scrutineers beg to report the following
Gentlemen elected Members of the Council
of the Board of Trade. ^{Scrutineers} Chas. Kuntz
J. R. Ross

R. U. Fish	23	_____
Geo Moore	21	_____
P. K. Sims	20	_____
Simon Snyder	18	_____
W. K. Biddell	17	_____
H. J. Grasset	15	_____
Geo Wegenast	14	_____
Jno Shuk	14	_____
J. E. Bowman	14	_____
A. S. Habbick	13	_____
Rich ^d Roschman	13	_____
J. M. Scully	13	_____

Moved by Walter Wells Sec by J. W. Mounir
that the membership fee of the Board of
Trade of the Town of Waterloo be \$1⁰⁰
for the current year.

Carried

- ◆ 1890 Saengerfest Celebrations, Waterloo, Ontario. Photograph taken in front of Dominion Life Insurance Building on King Street at Dupont.



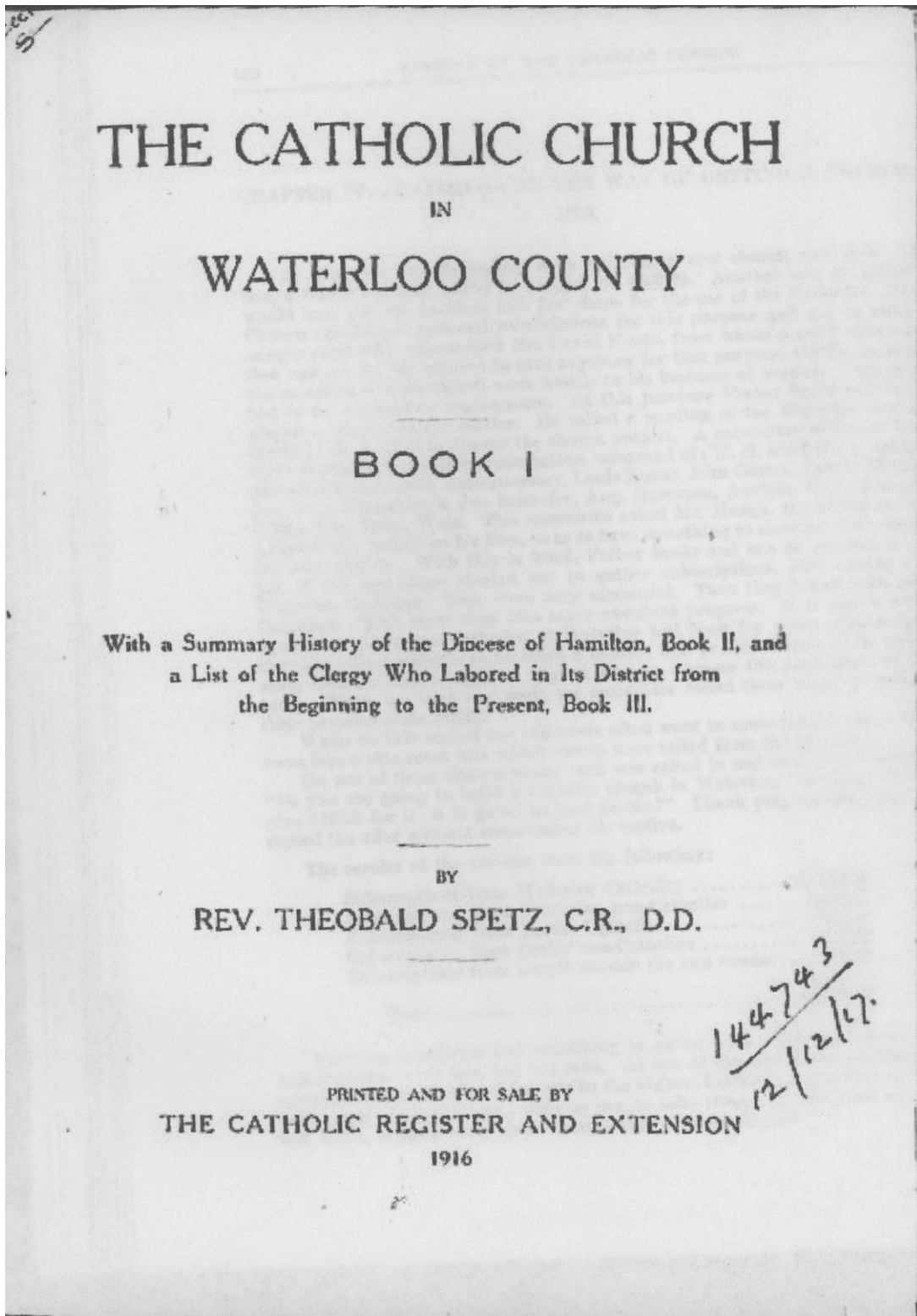
W. H. Riddell

L to R:- F. Conrad, (?), (?), (?), (?), T. Hilliard, C. Haehmel, T. Haight, C. Hendry, C. M. Taylor, W. E. Rogers, J. M. Muir, J. R. Cooper, W. H. Riddell, J. Winkler, (?), J.R. Roos, W. Hodgins, G. Wegenast, (?)



F. CONRAD, W. HODGINS, W. H. RIDDELL, C. HAEHMEL, T. HAIGHT,
C. HENDRY, C. M. TAYLOR, W. E. ROGERS, J. M. MUIR, THOS. HILLIARD,
J. R. COOK, J. WINKLER, J. H. ROOS, GEO. WEGENAST

- ◆ 1890 Reference following four page article "The Catholic Church in Waterloo County" pertaining to St. Louis Church at 53 Allen Street E in Waterloo.



CHAPTER IV.—WATERLOO ON THE WAY OF GETTING A CHURCH.
1890.

At this time the Methodists were building a new church and their old one, a frame building, could be bought for \$800.00. Another sum of \$200.00 would have put the building into fair shape for the use of the Catholics. The Church Committee gathered subscriptions for this purpose and got on swimmingly until they approached Mr. David Kuntz, from whom a good subscription was asked. He refused to give anything for that purpose, chiefly because the members of that church were hostile to his business of brewer. This plan had to be dropped in consequence. At this juncture Father Spetz had been placed in charge of the matter. He called a meeting of the Waterloo men in the C. M. B. A. Hall to discuss the church project. A committee of twelve was there elected as a building organization, composed of: W. H. Riddell, chairman; John B. Fischer, John Baumgaertner, Louis Kuntz, John Ginter, James O'Donohoe, John Bierschbach, Jos. Schaefer, Aug. Hermann, Adolphe Kern, Richard O'Donohue, Franz Walz. This committee asked Mr. Moogk, the architect, for a sketch of a church on his files, so as to have something to show on their round for subscription. With this in hand, Father Spetz and one or another member of the committee started out to gather subscriptions, first among the Waterloo Catholics. They were very successful. Then they began with non-Catholics. With them they also made excellent progress. It is worth while to state that the non-Catholics of Waterloo had been for years urging their Catholic fellow citizens on to build a church, and promised them their assistance, because they thought it a good plan to increase the population of the town. When the trial was made the committee found them ready to redeem their promise quite nobly.

While on this errand the collectors often went to some tavern where they went into a side room into which guests were called from the bar-room.

On one of these visits a young man was called in and told of our mission. "So you are going to build a Catholic church in Waterloo," he said; "I will give \$10.00 for it; it is going to hurt Berlin!" Thank you, we said, and accepted the offer without scrutinizing the motive.

The results of the canvass were the following:

Subscriptions from Waterloo Catholics	\$2,584.50
Subscriptions from Waterloo non-Catholics	1,469.25
Subscriptions from Berlin Catholics	742.50
Subscriptions from Berlin non-Catholics	272.00
Subscriptions from people outside the two towns...	421.75
Total	<u>\$5,490.00</u>

Now the committee had something to go on with. Yet these were only subscriptions—promises, but not paid. At one of the committee meetings the subscriptions were offered for sale to the highest bidder at a discount of 5 per cent., then of 10 per cent., with no one to take them. It was good no offer was made, because every dollar almost was afterwards paid.

The church site caused not a little difference of opinion and debate. Finally a large majority agreed on the present site on Allan and Willow Streets. One who looks at the site now can not realize what an unsightly hill it was, nor wonder that many would have preferred another place. An immense amount of labor had to be spent in grading and beautifying the site. Most of this work was done gratis by church members and others, after working hours and on holidays.

The architect was commissioned to make plans for the church. When completed tenders were called for. The contracts were let: Mr. John Letter receiving that for masonry, etc.; Mr. Roedel the carpenters', and Mr. C. Hoffman the painter's.

In the spring of 1890 Mr. Letter made an early beginning and had the basement finished towards the end of June.

His Lordship, Bishop T. J. Dowling, came to lay the corner stone on the afternoon of the third Sunday of June, a beautiful day that drew a very large crowd of people.

By New Year's of 1891 the church was so far completed that it could be dedicated on the Feast of Epiphany, January 6th, 1891, by our beloved Bishop. It was a day of great rejoicing and congratulations for the good people of Waterloo. At last they had the long-coveted church, and at that one of which they did not need to be ashamed.

A loan of \$2,500.00 had, however, to be obtained to pay off the contractors.

Henceforth Waterloo had Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. For many years two Masses have been the rule.

The first year or two everything went well. Towards the fall of 1893 hard times began to interfere with industry. In consequence quite a few church members, some of the better ones, moved away, while no new ones came to fill their places.

Yet the congregation was always able to meet the terms of the mortgage without extra effort. In a few years a turn in affairs came. Prosperity again prevailed, and new members moved in to swell the depleted ranks. This growth has kept up ever since. The mortgage was lifted in 1900, nine years after it was given.

At first the church was but poorly furnished. As the means came to hand this was gradually done.

The site and building cost about \$8,000.00. But much labor and money had yet to be spent in getting the land in order.

Here is a list of Waterloo Catholics who subscribed towards the site and building:

Baumann, Antony.	xFischer, Jos., Jr.	xKuntz, David K.
xBaumgaertner, John.	Fischer, John B.	xKoeesterer, F. J.
Ball, Jacob.	xHeimann, Michael.	xKern, Adolph.
Berges, Jos.	*Hirt, Franz.	xLauber, Conrad.
xBeitz, John.	xHeimann, August.	xMemel, Henry.
*Braniff, Henry.	xHopf, Aloysius.	*Nowakowski, Michael.
xBrandt, John.	xHerringer, John.	*Neumeier, Francis.
Connor, M. E.	Huber, Jacob.	xNihil, Thos.
*Callaghan, Miss.	*Haffie, Miss.	xO'Donohoe, James, Sr.
Carey, John.	Beirschbaech, John.	xO'Donohoe, Richard.
*Davis, James.	*Hiemler, Jos.	Ginter, John.
xDauer, Antony.	xKuntz, David.	Seller, Adam.
xEgle, Cajetan.	xKuntz, Louis.	Sobisch, Frank.
xFischer, Jos., Sr.	Kinski, August.	Sobisch, Jos.

*Hestermann, Henry.	Weber, Peter.	Riep, Michael.
*Schaefer, Joseph.	Weber, J. D.	xRiddel, W. H. ←
Steinhart, Christian.	Massel, Wm.	*Guitar, John.
Walz, Franz.	xPanter, Wm.	Schlusser, Xavier.
*Tracey, Miss L.	*McCallum, James.	Sobisch, Martin.
xJung, Miss Mary.	McCardle, James.	*Scherer, Anna.
*Walker, R.	Bishop Dowling.	Hartleib, Peter.
xWeiler, Conrad.	xO'Donohoe, James, Jr.	xSobisch, Adam.

Those marked with a cross died since, those with an asterisk left Waterloo—considerably over one-half the original church members gone in 25 years!

The chief improvements made since the church was erected are: Constant work for many years to grade and fix up the grounds.

In 1903 two fine church bells were bought, chiefly through the generosity of Mr. David Kuntz, Sr., and the Waterloo Branch of the C. M. B. A.

In 1900 the church was decorated at a cost of \$500.00.

In 1901 electric light was introduced. A piece of land was bought in the rear of the church and in 1904 another parcel was bought.

In 1909 a lot was secured with a small house on it in the rear of the school. These purchases of land totalled \$1,313.00.

In 1902 Mr. W. Spence, of Hamilton, built a splendid two-manual organ with pedals for \$1,200.00. Two years later it was equipped with a water motor to pump the organ at a cost of \$300.

Pulpit, altar, chandeliers, statues, lamps, chalice and ciborium, etc., were donated by liberal members and societies.

Early in the year 1900 the church tower was struck by lightning and damage of about \$100 done to the building. In 1909 a second stroke set the church on fire. The brigade soon had it out, but the water did much damage. The repairs and decorating cost \$2,600, of which the insurance companies stood \$2,167.08. For the decoration the services of Sister M. Engelbertha, of Notre Dame, Chicago, Ill., were secured. The Sister directed the work and did the fine painting herself.

Four missions were held since the opening of the church, the first in 1898 by the Jesuits, the second in 1901 by Redemptorists, the third in 1908, by the Capuchins, and the last in 1914 by the Passionists.

During Father Spetz's incumbency, from 1891 to 1911, he had assistance more or less frequently from the College. First Father Vincent W. Kloepfer, then Father Perius, A. Waechter, and for the last nine years, Father Schweitzer. When he resigned in 1911, Rev. Hubert Aeymans, C.R., succeeded him.

- ◆ **1890** Board of Trade meeting December 22, 1890.

Dec 22/90

Regular monthly meeting of the Council held
 this evg in the Council Chamber Present
 Messrs Riddell, Grassett, Shub, S Snyder
 W Snider, Sims & Wegenast.

Mr W^m Snider Vice Pres^t in the Chair—
 Mr Geo Wegenast acted as Secretary—

Moved by W^m Riddell Sec by S Snyder
 + that Messrs J. C. Bowman H. J. Grassett &
 P. H. Sims be a committee to draft a Petition
 to the Gov^t for better Post Office accommoda-
 tion and they submit the an adjourned meeting
 of the Council.

Moved by H. J. Grassett Sec by P. H. Sims
 That this meeting adjourn till Friday Evg
 Dec 26th

- ◆ **1891** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 122 North Waterloo.
 S. District d, Town of Waterloo W 1. Page 52
 Enumerated by me on the 22 day of April 1891.
 Chas H. F (?) Enumerator

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Houses inhabited: B2/9

Families: 250

Name: **William H. Riddell**

Age: 52

Married or Widowed: M

Relation to Head of Family:--- (Head)

Country or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ireland

Religion: R. C.

Profession, Occupation or Trade: Sec. Life ass

Employers: ---

Wage Earner: 1 (Yes)

Unemployed during week preceding Census: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (Yes)

Write: 1 (Yes)

Name: **Margarette H. Riddell**

Age: 38

Married or Widowed: M

Relationship to Head of Family: W
County or Province of Birth: Ontario
Place of Birth of Father: Ireland
Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario
Religion: R. C.
Profession Occupation or Trade: -----

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Minnie Maud(e) Riddell**

Age: 14

Married or Widowed: ----

Relationship to Head of Family: D (*daughter*)

County or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R. C.

Profession Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Bertha M. (Mary) T. (Theodora) Riddell**

Refer to **Biography of Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell** for explanation of middle names.

Age: 12

Married or Widowed: ----

Relationship to Head of Family: D (*daughter*)

County or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R. C.

Profession Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

Name: **Caroline Redmond**

Age: 32

Married or Widowed: ----

Relationship to Head of Family: Sis (*most likely Margaret's sister*)

County or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ireland

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R. C.

Profession Occupation or Trade: ---

INSRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

No one in the family was enumerated as "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound of Mind" under INFIRMITIES.

Reference following copy of Census divided vertically between columns 10 & 11 and 15 & 16 resulting in the following three sections.

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891.										
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					PAGE	52				SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal
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NUMÉRÉS DANS L'ORDRE DES VISITES.					NOMS.	Sexe.	Age.	Mariés ou en Veuve.	Lien de parenté avec le Chef de Famille.	
Établissements et Chantiers.	Maisons en voie de construction.	Maisons inhabitées.	Maisons habitées.	Familles.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		✓	B ¹ / ₉	249	Shelley, Sidney	M	35	M	—	
2					" Sophia	F	33	M	W	
3					" Lizzie	F	14	—	D	
4					" Aurellie	F	13	—	D	
5					" William	M	11	—	S	
6					" Agnes	F	9	—	D	
7					" Elana	F	7	—	D	
8					" Norman	M	4	—	S	
9					" Edward	M	2	—	S	
10					" Oliver	M	1	—	S	
11		✓	B ¹ / ₉	250	Riddell, William H.	M	52	M	—	
12					" Margerette H.	F	38	M	W	
13					" Minnie, Maude	F	14	—	D	
14					" Bertha, M ^r .	F	12	—	D	
15			✓		Redmond, Caroline	F	32	—	his	
16		✓	W ² / ₁₄	251	Kumpf, Christian	M	52	M	—	
17					" Baidget	F	53	M	W	
18					" Arthur	M	23	—	S	

Section one

District No. 122 *North Waterloo* S. I

Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the *22* day of
 par moi ce _____ jour de _____ 1891.

Country or Province of Birth.	French Canadians.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.
Pays ou Province de Naissance.	Canadiens Français.	Lieu de Naissance du Père.	Lieu de Naissance de la Mère.	RELIGION.
11	12	13	14	15
<i>Ontario</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Luth</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
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<i>"</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Luth</i>
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ontario</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

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9 april 1891.

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Chas St Fouché Enumerator.

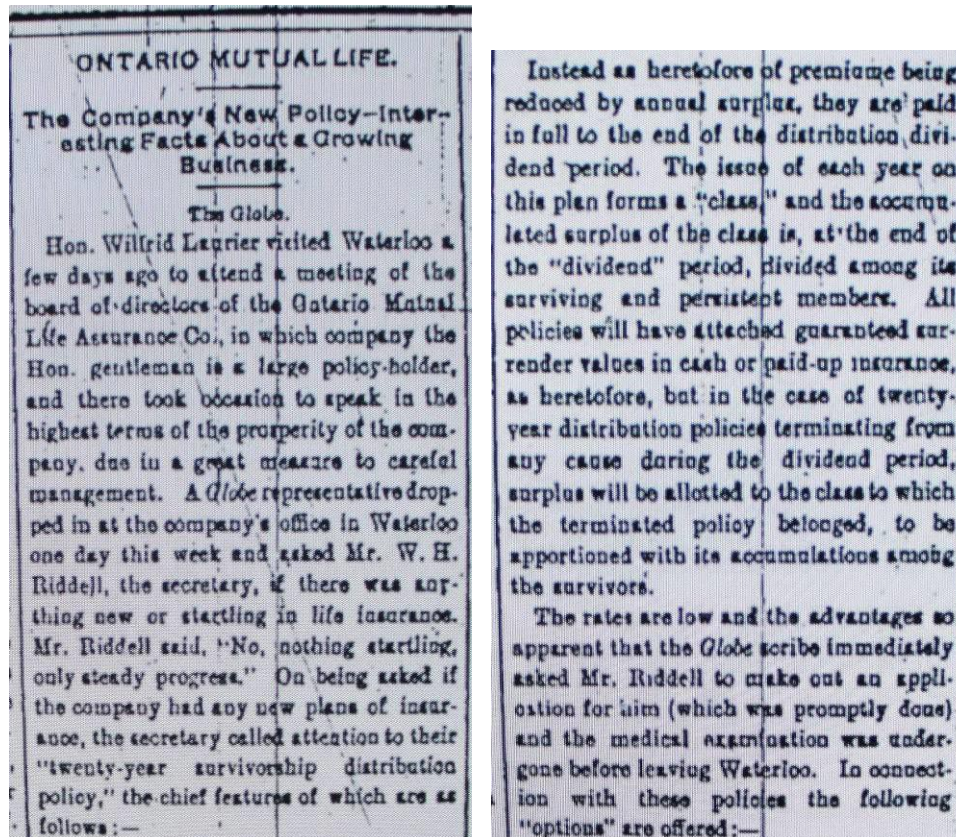
Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Employers.	Wage Earner.	Unemployed during week preceding Census.	Employer to state average number of hands employed during year.	INSTRUCTIONS.		INSTRUMENTS.			
					Read.	Write.	Deaf and Dumb.	Blind.	Unsound of Mind.	
Profession, Occupation ou Métier.	Patrons.	Employés.	Sans emploi durant la semaine précédant le recensement.	Nombre de personnes employées par les patrons durant l'année.	Sachant lire.	Sachant écrire.	INSTRUMENTS.			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Sourds- muts.	Aveugles.	Atteints d'aliéna- tion mentale.	
<i>Miller</i>	<i>W</i>				/	/				1
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<i>Post-master</i>	<i>C</i>			3	/	/				16
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<i>Tele agent</i>	<i>K</i>				/	/				18

- ◆ **1891** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
 - Successive Number on Roll: 126
 - Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**
 - Occupation: Secretary
 - Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F
 - Age of the Assessed Party: 52
 - Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner: *no entry*
 - No. of School Section: *no entry*
 - Public or Separate School Supporter: S
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: 2
 - No. of Children between the ages of 7 & 13: 1
 - No. of Children over 16 and under 21: *no entry*
 - No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation: E King St
 - No. of Lot, House, &c: 52 pt 53
 - No. of Acres or other Measure showing the extent of the Property: .30 (*acres*)
 - Value of each Parcel of Real Property: \$3000
 - Total Value of Real Property: \$3000
 - Taxable Income: \$1000
 - Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
 - Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4000
 - Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*
 - No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5
 - Religion: R C
 - No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
 - Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
 - Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*
 - Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 27/4
 - Steam Boiler: 24/3

- ◆ **1893** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
 - Successive Number on Roll: 208
 - Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**
 - Occupation: Secretary
 - Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F
 - Age of the Assessed Party: 54
 - Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner: *no entry*
 - No. of School Section: *no entry*
 - Public or Separate School Supporter: S
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: 1
 - No. of Children between the ages of 7 & 13: 1*
 - No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation: E King St
 - No. of Lot, House, &c: 52 pt 53
 - No. of Acres or other Measure showing the extent of the Property: .30 (*acres*)

Total Value of Real Property: \$3000
 Taxable Income: \$1000
 Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
 Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4000
 Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*
 No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5
 Religion: R C
 No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
 Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
 Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*
 Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 29/3
 Steam Boiler: *no entry*

- ◆ 1893 Acton Free Press (*Acton, Ontario newspaper*) Thursday April 27, 1893 edition



The options are continued in the article.

- ◆ 1893 Reference Union Publishing Co's 1893 Berlin and Waterloo Directory. Riddell William H, Secy Ont Mut Life Assurance Co h Eden Villa King s
- ◆ 1894 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward. Successive Number on Roll: 216 Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**

.30 (acres)

Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200

Total value of real Property: \$3200

Taxable Income: \$1000

Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000

Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200

Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*

No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5 (*William, Margaret, Minnie Maude, Bertha and Caroline Redmond*)

Religion: R C

No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*

Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*

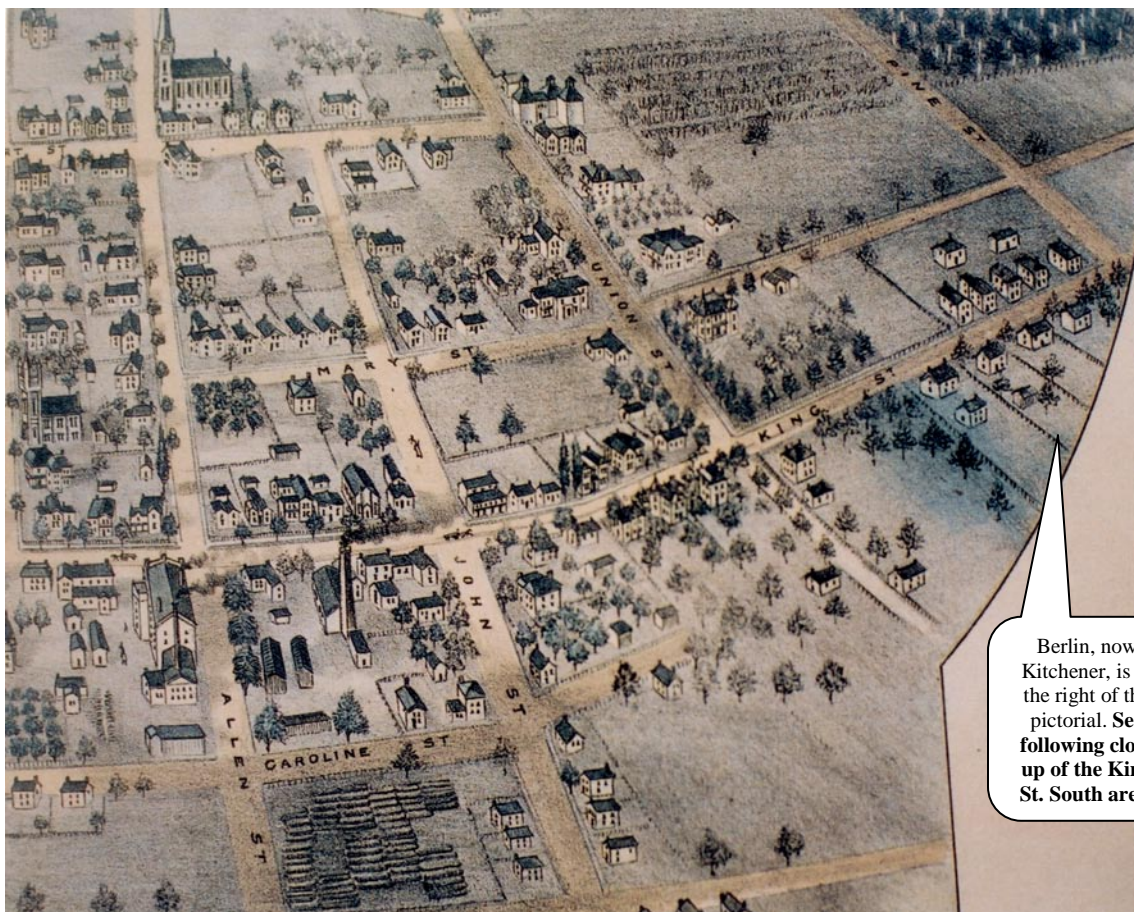
Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*

Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 29/3

Steam Boiler: *no entry*

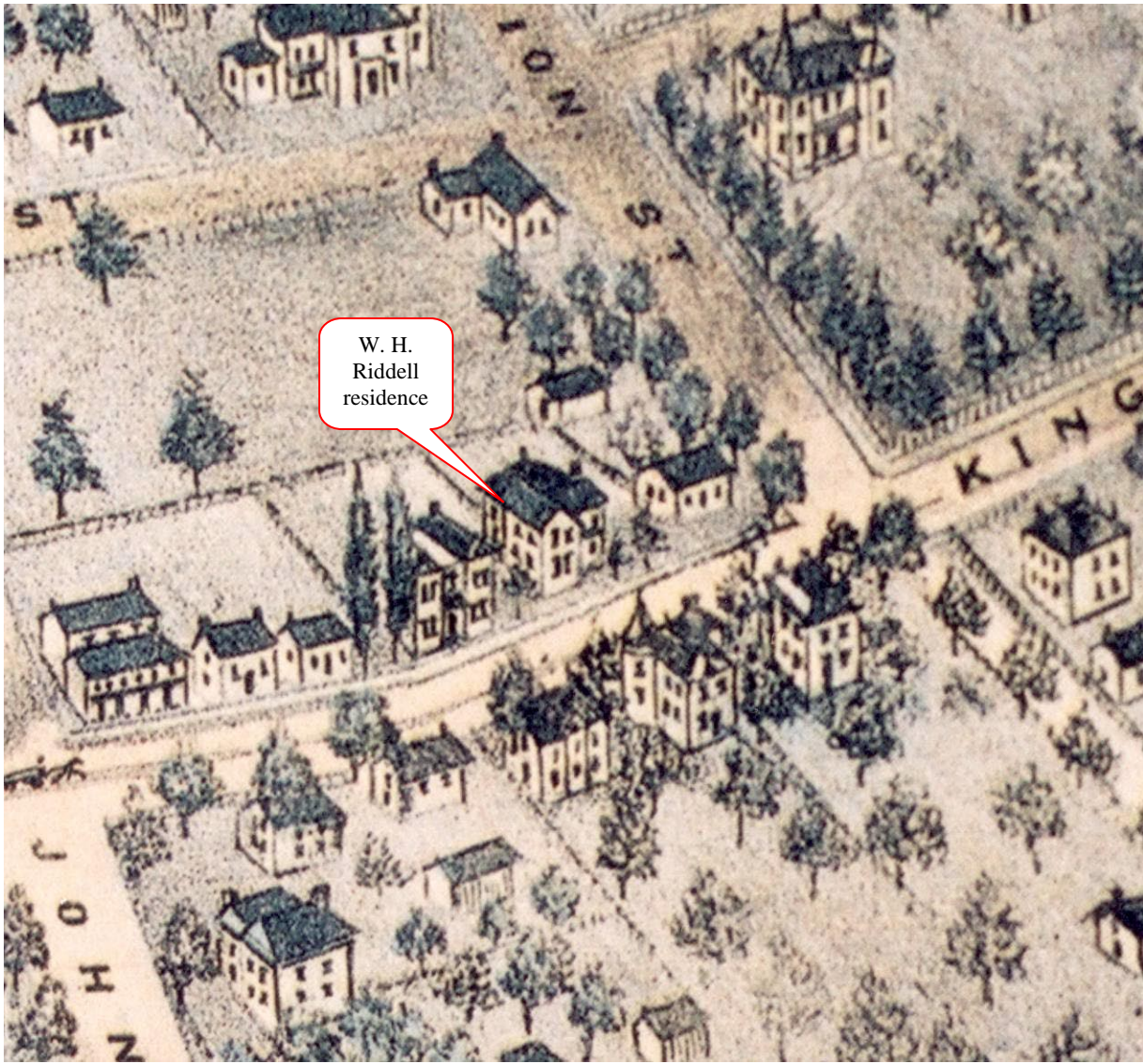
◆ **1896ca** Birdseye View of Waterloo, Ontario.

Originally the pictorial was dated 1891ca but subsequent research per Waterloo Library Archives now dates the pictorial as 1896ca.



Berlin, now Kitchener, is to the right of the pictorial. See following close up of the King St. South area.

The Church at the top of the drawing is St. Louis Parish (Roman Catholic)



- ◆ **1897** Reference Vernon's Berlin and Waterloo Directory for the years 1897-1899.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory.
King st, north side, from Berlin to limits.
Aug Schwinn (*no lot number entry*)
W. H. Riddell (*no lot number entry*)
J M Scully (*no lot number entry*)
A Klippert. jr (*no lot number entry*)
Adam Mayar (*no lot number entry*)
John Ginter (*no lot number entry*)
(*John Street intersect should have been recorded within this area*)
157 O Voegle
155 Geo Doerbecker
153 J Hueghlin
Orpheus Sanger Hall
149 And Bollender

147 Isaac Kaufman
145 E Shierholz
Allen st intersects

◆ 1897 Board of Trade meeting January 15, 1897.

Minutes of the annual meeting
of the Waterloo Board of Trade
held in the Board Room on Friday
evening January 15th 1897 -

The following members of the Board
were present:

Geo Diebel President in the Chair,
and Messrs Geo Wegman, V. M. Berlet,
J. H. Webb, Thos Hilliard, Julius Ross,
W. D. Hoagins, Cyrus Schindel, C. M. Taylor
and A. B. Messide -

Geo Wegman presented the Report
of the auditing Committee -

The election of officers was then
proceeded with
Moved by W. D. Hoagins
Seconded by Thos Hilliard
That W. H. Riddell be President for
1897 - Carried -

Moved by Julius Ross
Seconded by J. H. Webb
That J. G. Dush be Vice President
for 1897 Carried

Moved by Mr Hoagins
Seconded by Mr Hilliard
That A. B. Messide be Secretary
Treasurer for 1897 Carried -

Moved by Mr Taylor
Seconded by Mr Berlet
That the Council of this Board for

1897 shall consist of the following persons viz: - Simon Snyder, Wm Omden, John Shub, A J Habcock, Walter Wells, Geo Wagoner, J. H. Rod, D. B. Bricker, F. Downing, Richard Roschman, H. J. Grassett, J. F. Morley, Geo Moon, J. M. Knier, J. H. Webb, John Ritzler, E. M. Dewitt, J. Kasperler, Geo Davidson, C. W. Schriedel, J. B. Hughes and Geop Diebel - Carried -

Moved by Mr. Wagoner

Seconded by Dr. Webb,

That the Finance Committee of the Board for 1897 shall consist of the following members viz: H. J. Grassett, D. B. Bricker, and J. H. Rod,

Carried -

Moved by Mr. Hodgins

Seconded by Mr. Berllet

That the Printing Committee of the Board for 1897 shall consist of the following members viz: - Thos Hilliard, Cyrus M. Taylor, and C. W. Schriedel -

Carried -

Moved by Mr. Hilliard

Seconded by Mr. Hodgins

That the Railway Committee of the Board for 1897 shall consist of the following members viz: - Richard Roschman, J. E. Seagram, Geo Moon, Wm Omden, W. Wells, J. C. Bowman, J. F. Morley and E. W. B. Omden

Carried -

Moved by Mr. Burt
Seconded by Mr. DeWidell
That the Auditing Committee of
the Board for 1897 shall consist
of the following members viz: -
J. M. Scully and Geo. Weymaest,
Carried

Moved by Mr. Webb
Seconded by Geo. Weymaest
That the Manufacturing Committee
of the Board for 1897 shall consist
of the following members viz: - Wm
Quider, J. J. Stish, John Stunk
Richard Roselmann, D. Snyder, J. J.
Morley, and J. H. Webb
Carried -

Moved by Mr. Hilliard
Seconded by Mr. Taylor
That the Board have a Banquet
this year
Carried -

Moved by Mr. DeWidell
Seconded by Mr. Hodgkins
That the President, Vice President
Secretary and J. H. Ross be a Committee
to fix the time and place and make
all necessary arrangements for the
Annual Banquet - Carried

Moved by Mr. Ross
Seconded by Mr. Hilliard
That the Secretary be paid the usual
Salary of \$15⁰⁰ and \$1⁵⁰ his exp for
Postal cards or
Carried

Messrs John Fisker and J. C. Haight
 were proposed for membership by
 Geo O'Neil and no ballot being de-
 manded it was moved by Mr Hodgins
 seconded by Mr Ross that John Fisker
 and J. C. Haight be received as
 members of the Board - Carried -

Moved by Mr Hodgins
 seconded by O'Neil
 That a hearty vote of thanks be
 tendered to the retiring officers
 Carried -

The Board then adjourned -

W. A. Fiddell
 Secretary

W. A. Fiddell
 Pres.

- ◆ **1897** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
 - Successive Number on Roll: ?
 - Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**
 - Occupation: Secretary
 - Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F
 - Age of the Assessed Party: 58
 - Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner:
no entry
 - No. of School Section: *no entry*
 - Public or Separate School Supporter: S
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: 2
 - No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation: E King St
W. Mary St
 - No. of Lot, House, &c: 54 pt 53
340.341
 - No. of Acres or other Measure showing the extent of the Property: .30 (*acres*)
.30 (*acres*)
 - Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200
 - Total value of real Property: \$3200
 - Taxable Income: \$1000
 - Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
 - Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200
 - Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*
 - No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5
 - Religion: R C
 - No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
 - Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
 - Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*
 - Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 29/3
 - Steam Boiler: *no entry*

➤ **1897** The Klondike Gold Rush began July 17 when the first successful prospectors arrived back from the Yukon to Seattle, Washington.

➤ **1897** Writer Jack London sailed to join the Klondike Gold Rush on July 25 where his experiences encouraged him further into a serious writing career. Jack London was born John Griffith Chaney on January 12, 1876, in San Francisco, California. After working in the Klondike, London returned home and began publishing stories. His novels, including *The Call of the Wild*, *White Fang* and *Martin Eden*, placed London among the most popular American authors of his time. London, who was also a journalist and an outspoken socialist, died in 1916.

- ◆ 1897 Board of Trade meeting August 16, 1897. Minutes read and adopted Nov 22 1897

Windsor Aug 16th 1897

The Board of Trade met this evening
Present.

W. H. Riddell President in the Chair
and Messrs Kreutzger, Haight, Diebel,
Schiedel, J. H. Ross, D. Dwyer and
Rudolf Roschman -

The President reported that he had written
to the Grand Trunk Railway authorities
since the meeting of the Council in July
and had subsequently met representatives
of Grand Trunk Railway Company at Berlin
when said representatives on behalf of the
Company agreed to make a reduction of
ten cents per ton on coal to manufacturers
for manufacturing purposes.

Moved by D. Dwyer

Seconded by Mr. Kreutzger

That the President and Secretary be and
they are hereby requested to have a
Petition prepared and circulated amongst
the subscribers of the Bell Telephone Co. for
a night service, and that the Secy
forward said Petition when signed
to the proper officials of the Telephone Co.
Canada -

Moved by D. Dwyer

Seconded by Mr. Diebel

That the President and Secretary be
requested to prepare a Petition for the
establishment of a Customs outpost in this
Town with the view of an office for

at least two hours each day, and
that the same when signed be for-
warded to the Minister of Customs
Carried -

W. J. Weichel, A. E. Klippert and C. M.
Hutter were proposed for membership
by Cyrus Piddell, and no ballot being
demanded it was moved by J. H. Ross
Demanded by J. L. Haight -
That W. J. Weichel, A. E. Klippert and
C. M. Hutter be received as members
of the Board

Carried -

After an informal discussion as to
advertising the Town Park by pamphlets
or otherwise the Board adjourned -

A. B. McNeill
Secy.

Read and adopted
Nov 22nd 1897

W. A. Piddell
Pres't

- ◆ **1898** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
 - Successive Number on Roll: ?
 - Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**
 - Occupation: Secretary
 - Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F
 - Age of the Assessed Party: 59
 - Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner:
no entry
 - No. of School Section: *no entry*
 - Public or Separate School Supporter: S
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*
 - No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: 2
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 - No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5
 - Religion: R C
 - No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
 - Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
 - Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*
 - Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 17/3
 - Steam Boiler: *no entry*

- ◆ **1898** Reference Waterloo Board of Trade Minutes, April 7.
 - "Moved by W. H. Riddell that an effort should be made to obtain CPR connection with as little delay as possible."

- ◆ **1899** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
 - Successive Number on Roll: ?
 - Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**
 - Occupation: Secretary
 - Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F
 - Age of the Assessed Party: 60
 - Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner:
no entry

No. of School Section: *no entry*

Public or Separate School Supporter: S

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

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

No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation: E King St
W. Mary St

No. of Lot, House, &c: 54 pt 53
340.341

No. of Acres or other Measure showing the extent of the Property: .30 (*acres*)
.30 (*acres*)

Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200

Total value of real Property: \$3200

Taxable Income: \$1000

Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000

Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200

Dogs: 1. Bitches: *no entry*

No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 5

Religion: R C

No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*

Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*

Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*

Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 23/3

Steam Boiler: *no entry*

- ◆ **1899** Reference Vernon's Berlin and Waterloo Directory for the years 1899-1901.
Corrected to Aug 21st 1899.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

King st, north side, from Berlin to limits

Wm Underwood

Vacant

W. H. Riddell

J. M. Scully

A M Robarts

Adam Moyer

John Guenther

John Gatschere

Vacant

John st intersects

J Hohner

etc

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Directory:

Riddell W H, sec Ontario Life, h King

- o Advertisement in 1899-1901 Berlin and Waterloo Directory.

The Ontario Mutual Life

ESTABLISHED 1870.

DOMINION DEPOSIT, \$100,000.

Head Office, WATERLOO, ONT.
"The Hartford of Canada."

AGENCIES THROUGHOUT
THE DOMINION.

Assurance in force January 1st, 1899,	\$23,703,979
Cash Income, 1898.	923,941
Assets, December 31st, 1898,	4,136,129
Reserve for Security of Policyholders, 1898,	3,838,815
Surplus over all Liabilities, Dec. 31st, 1898, Actuaries, 4 per cent.,	271,197
Surplus, on Government Standard, 4½ per cent.,	440,000

The Oldest, Largest, Strongest and Best Life Assurance Companies in the World are Mutual Companies.

The ONTARIO is not an Assessment Company; it is an old line level Premium Company.

It holds Reserves for the security of its policy-holders based on the Actuaries' Table, with **4 per cent.**, being higher than **the Government** standard.

Its dividends to policy-holders under the quinquennial distribution of profits, declared in 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899, were **10 per cent. higher than the Estimates** put in the hands of the Company's Agents for canvassing purposes in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894.

All desirable forms of insurance and annuities are issued by this Company. We have the best of everything that is good in Life Insurance. Our rates compare favorably with those of other Companies, and the actual results to Policyholders are unequalled.

MONEY TO LOAN on improved farms, church property, etc., at lowest current rates. Terms of payment easy. Costs low.
Debentures purchased.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROBERT MELVIN, President, Guelph.
 C. M. Taylor, 1st Vice President. B. M. Britton, Q. C., M. P.
 Alfred Hoskin, Q. C., 2nd Vice Pres. E. P. Clement.
 Francis C. Bruce. W. J. Kidd, B. A.
 J. Kerr Fiskien, B. A. Geo. A. Somerville.
 Hon. F. W. Borden, M. D. Hon. J. T. Garrow, Q. C.
 Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P. C., G. C. M. G., Premier of Canada.

OFFICERS

T. R. EARL, C. S. FORREST,
 Supt. of Agencies. Loan Inspector.
 J. H. WEBB, M. D., MILLAR & SIMS,
 Medical Director. Solicitors.
 GEO. WEGENAST, W. H. RIDDELL,
 Manager. Secretary.

- ◆ **1899** William and Margaret's adopted daughter, Minnie Maude, entered The Pines, Chatham, Ontario as a Novitiate September 8, 1899 and received her Nun's Habit on December 8, 1899.

Reference Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel Riddell)

- **1900** The Hull-Ottawa fire of 1900 destroyed much of Hull, Quebec and large portions of Ottawa, Ontario. On April 26 a defective chimney on a house in Hull caught fire, which quickly spread between the wooden houses due to windy conditions. Along the river were the large lumber companies, and huge amounts of stacked lumber that quickly ignited.

Two thirds of Hull was destroyed, including 40 per cent of its residential buildings and most of its largest employers along the waterfront. The fire also spread across the Ottawa River, carried by wind borne embers and destroyed a large swath of western Ottawa from the Lebreton Flats south to Dow's Lake. About one fifth of Ottawa was destroyed with almost everything in the band between Booth Street and the rail line levelled.

- ◆ **1900** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

Successive Number on Roll: 272

Name and Post Office Address of Taxable Party: **William H. Riddell**

Occupation: Secretary

Freeholder, Householder, Tenant, Farmer's Son or Manhood Suffrage: F

Age of the assessed Party: 61

Name and Address of the Owner when the Party Named in Column 2 is not the Owner:
no entry

No. of School Section: *no entry*

Public or Separate School Supporter: S

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

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

No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Designation: E King St
W. Mary St

No. of Lot, house, &c: 54 pt 53
340 341

No. of Acres or other Measure showing the extent of the Property: .30 (*acres*)
.30 (*acres*)

Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200

Total value of real property: \$3200

Taxable income: \$1000

Total value of personal property and taxable income: \$1000

Total value of real and personal property and taxable income: \$4200

Dogs: *no entry*. Bitches: *no entry*

No. of persons in the family of person rated as resident: 4 (*William and Margaret's daughter, Minnie Maude, had entered the Ursuline Novitiat, Chatham, Ontario, September 8, 1899. The two remaining persons in the household would be their daughter, Bertha and Margaret's sister, Caroline Redmond*)

Religion: R C

No. of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses: *no entry*
Births, Deaths: *no entry* Registered: *no entry*
Acres of Woodland, Swamp, Marsh, Wasteland, Orchard, Gardens, under Fall Wheat: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 47: 30/4
Steam Boiler. Name of owner and purpose used for: *no entry*

- **1900** The Battle of Leliefontein (also known as the Battle of Witkloof) was an engagement between British/Canadian and Boer forces during the Second Boer War on 7 November 1900, at the Komati River 30 kilometres (19 mi) south of Belfast at the present day Nooitgedacht Dam.

It was during the fiercely contested British withdrawal from the banks of the Komati River that the Canadians of The Royal Canadian Dragoons, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles and "D" Battery Canadian Field Artillery, led by Lieutenant-Colonel François Louis Lessard were tasked with covering the withdrawal of the larger British force under the command of Major-General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien. The Royal Canadian Dragoons would save two Canadian guns during the battle and halt the initial Boer advance, successfully covering the withdrawal. Three dragoons, Sergeant Edward James Gibson Holland, Lieutenant Richard Ernest William Turner and Lieutenant Hampden Zane Churchill Cockburn, would win the Victoria Cross for their actions.

- ◆ **1901** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 112 Waterloo North.
S. District No. D. Polling sub-division No. 3 in Waterloo Town.
Page 11.

Enumerator and Date: Robert Y. Stuart, April 22, 1901.

SCHEDULE NO. 1. POPULATION.

NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:-

Dwelling House: 106

Family or Household: 113

Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901: **William H. Riddll**
(Riddell)

Colour: W

Relationship to head of family or household: Head

Single, married, widowed or divorced: M

Month and date of birth: 18 Aug

Year of birth: 1837

Age at last birthday: 63

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add "r" or "u" for rural or urban): Ont u

Racial or Tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: R. Cath

Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: Sec'y Ins M L (*Secretary Insurance Mutual Life*)

Living on own means: ---

Employer: ---

Employee: 1 (*Yes*)
Working on own account: ---
Working in trade in factory or in home: ---
Months employed at trade in factory: ---
Months employed at trade in home: ---
Months employed in other occupation than trade in factory or home: ---
Earnings from occupation or trade \$: ---
Education and Language of each person five years and over:
Months at school in year: ---
Can read: 1 (*yes*)
Can write: 1 (*yes*)
Can speak English: 1 (*yes*)
Mother language: English
Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901: **Margaret Riddll**
(Riddell)
Colour: W
Relationship to head of family or household: Wife
Single, married, widowed or divorced: M
Month and date of birth: 25 Jan
Year of birth: 1845
Age at last birthday: 53
Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add "r" or "u"
for rural or urban): Ont u
Racial or Tribal origin: Irish
Nationality: Canadian
Religion: R. Cath
Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: ---
Education and Language of each person five years and over:
Months at school in year: ---
Can read: 1 (*yes*)
Can write: 1 (*yes*)
Can speak English: 1 (*yes*)
Mother language: English
Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901: **Bertha M. Riddll**
(Riddell)
Colour: W
Relationship to head of family or household: Daughter
Single, married, widowed or divorced: S
Month and date of birth: 18 Aug (*According to birth registration birth date was Aug 10*)
Year of birth: 1878
Age at last birthday: 22
Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add "r" or "u"
for rural or urban): Ont u
Racial or Tribal origin: Irish
Nationality: Canadian
Religion: R. Cath
Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: ---

Education and Language of each person five years and over:

Months at school in year: ---

Can read: 1 (*yes*)

Can write: 1 (*yes*)

Can speak English: 1 (*yes*)

Mother language: English

Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901: **Carrie** (*Caroline*)

Redmond

Colour: W

Relationship to head of family or household: Sister-at-Law (*Margaret's sister*)

Single, married, widowed or divorced: S

Month and date of birth: 1 Dec

Year of birth: 1854

Age at last birthday: 46

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add "r" or "u" for rural or urban): Ont u

Racial or Tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: R. Cath

Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: ---

Education and Language of each person five years and over:

Months at school in year: ---

Can read: 1 (*yes*)

Can write: 1 (*yes*)

Can speak English: 1 (*yes*)

Mother language: English

No one in the family was enumerated as "Deaf and dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound mind" under INFIRMITIES.

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

Place of Habitation:-

Range on concession and lot: King St

Houses Inhabited: B

Number of families in house or institution: (*Illegible*)

Number of rooms in house or institution for each family: (*Illegible*)

Real Estate owned:

Grand total of acres: *no entry*

Number of town or village lots: 5

Number of dwelling houses: 1

Number of barns, stables and other outbuildings: *no entry*

Date of visit: April 22

Date of enumeration: April 22

Reference following copy of Census (Schedule No. 1) divided vertically between columns 7 & 8 and 15 & 16 and 27 & 28 resulting in the following four sections. See lines 37 through 40 for enumeration of William and Margaret Riddell and family.

**FOURTH CENSUS
OF CANADA, 1901.**

Province Ontario Di

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Numbered in the order of Visitation.		Personal Description.				
Dwelling House.	Family or Household.	Name of each person in family or household on 31st March, 1901.	Sex.	Colour.	Relationship to head of family or household.	Single, married, widowed or divorced.
Numérotés dans l'ordre des Visites.		Description de la Personne.				
Donneur.	Famille ou Ménage.	Nom de chaque personne dans la famille ou le ménage, le 31 Mars, 1901.	Sexe.	Couleur.	Relation de parenté ou autre avec le chef de famille ou du ménage.	Célibataire, marié, en veuvage ou divorcé.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

37	106	113	Riddell William	M	w	Head	M
38			" Margaret	F	w	wife	M
39			" Bertha	M	F	Daughter	S
40			Redmond Carrie	F	w	Daughter	S
41	107	114	Gibbons James	M	w	Head	M
42			" Margaret	F	w	wife	M
43			" Elizabeth	F	w	Daughter	S
44			" Francis	M	w	Son	S
45			" Astan	M	w	Son	S
46			" Irene	F	w	Daughter	S
47			" Beatrice	F	w	Daughter	S

**SCHEDULE } No.
TABLEAU }**

District No. *121 Madrasa estate*

S. District No. *D*

Nominal Return of Living Persons by } *Robert*
Dénombrement des Vivants par

Citizenship, Nationality and Religion.							
Month and date of birth.	Year of birth.	Age at last birthday.	Country or place of birth. <small>(If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add "r" or "u" for rural or urban, as the case may be.)</small>	Year of immigration to Canada.	Year of naturalization.	Racial or Tribal origin.	Nationality.
Citoyenneté, Nationalité et Religion.							
Mois et date de naissance.	Année de naissance.	Age au dernier anniversaire de naissance.	Pays ou lieu de naissance. <small>(Si c'est en Canada spécifier la province ou territoire, et ajouter "r" pour rural et "u" pour urbain, selon le cas.)</small>	Année d'immigration au Canada.	Année de naturalisation.	Origine, selon la race ou la tribu.	Nationalité.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

<i>18 Aug</i>	<i>1837</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>25 Dec</i>	<i>1848</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>13 Aug</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>1 Dec</i>	<i>1854</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>13 July</i>	<i>1849</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>6 Aug</i>	<i>1858</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>4 Oct</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Irish</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>22 May</i>	<i>1833</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>16 Nov</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>20 Sept</i>	<i>1895</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>22 Sept</i>	<i>1897</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Ont u</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11</i>

QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT
DU CANADA, 1901.

Vernon

(City, town, village, township or parish.)

(Cité, ville, village, canton ou paroisse.)

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Education and Language of each person five years of age and over.						Infirmities. (If infirmity dates from childhood, add "from childhood.")	Line Ligne
Months at school in year.	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Can speak French.	Mother tongue. (If spoken.)		
Education et Langue de chaque personne âgée de cinq ans et plus.						Infirmités. (Si l'infirmité date de l'enfance, ajoutez "depuis l'enfance.")	Line Ligne
Mois à l'école durant l'année.	Sachant lire.	Sachant écrire.	Sachant parler Anglais.	Sachant parler Français.	Langue maternelle. (Si elle est parlée.)		
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	

-	1	1	1	-	English		37
-	1	1	1	-	"		38
-	1	1	1	-	"		39
-	1	1	1	-	"		40
-	1	1	1	-	"		41
-	1	1	1	-	"		42
-	1	1	1	-	"		43
-	1	1	1	-	"		44
10	1	1	1	-	"		45
10	1	1	1	-	"		46
							47

- ◆ 1901-03 Reference Vernon's 1901 to 1903 Berlin and Waterloo Directory.
Corrected to September 3rd 1901
Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, W H, sec Mutual Life Ins Co of Canada, h King
- Town of Waterloo Street Directory:
King st, north side, from Berlin to limits

Fred Colquhoun
Union (Street) crosses
James Gibbons
Joseph Westfall
W H Riddell

◆ **1901-03 & 05** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

William H. Riddell, age 62 through 66
Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Street: E King St.
W. Mary St.
No. of Lot: 54 pt 53
340.341
No. of Acres: .30
.30
Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200
Total Value of real property: \$3200
Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200
No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 4
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*
Dogs: *no entry*
Supporters of Public or Separate School: Separate
Religion: R C
Date of Delivery of Notice: 30/4, 17/4, 25/8, 14/9, 28/9

◆ **1906** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

William H. Riddell, age 67
Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Street: E King St.
W. Mary St. *check to determine if all years agree*
No. of Lot: 54 pt 53
340.341
No. of Acres: .30
.30
Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200
Total Value of real property: \$3200
Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200
No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 4

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

Dogs: *no entry*

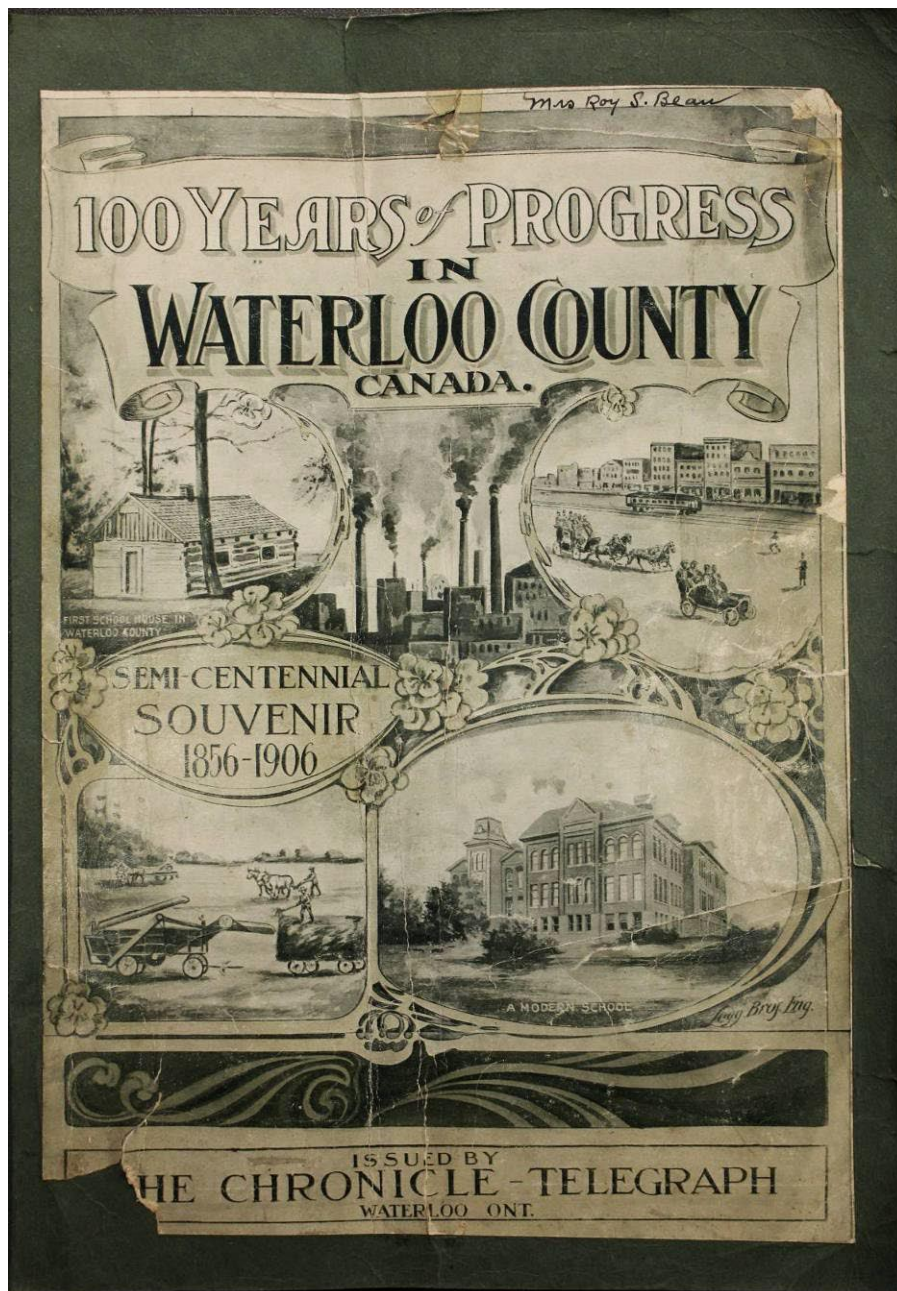
Supporters of Public or Separate School: Separate

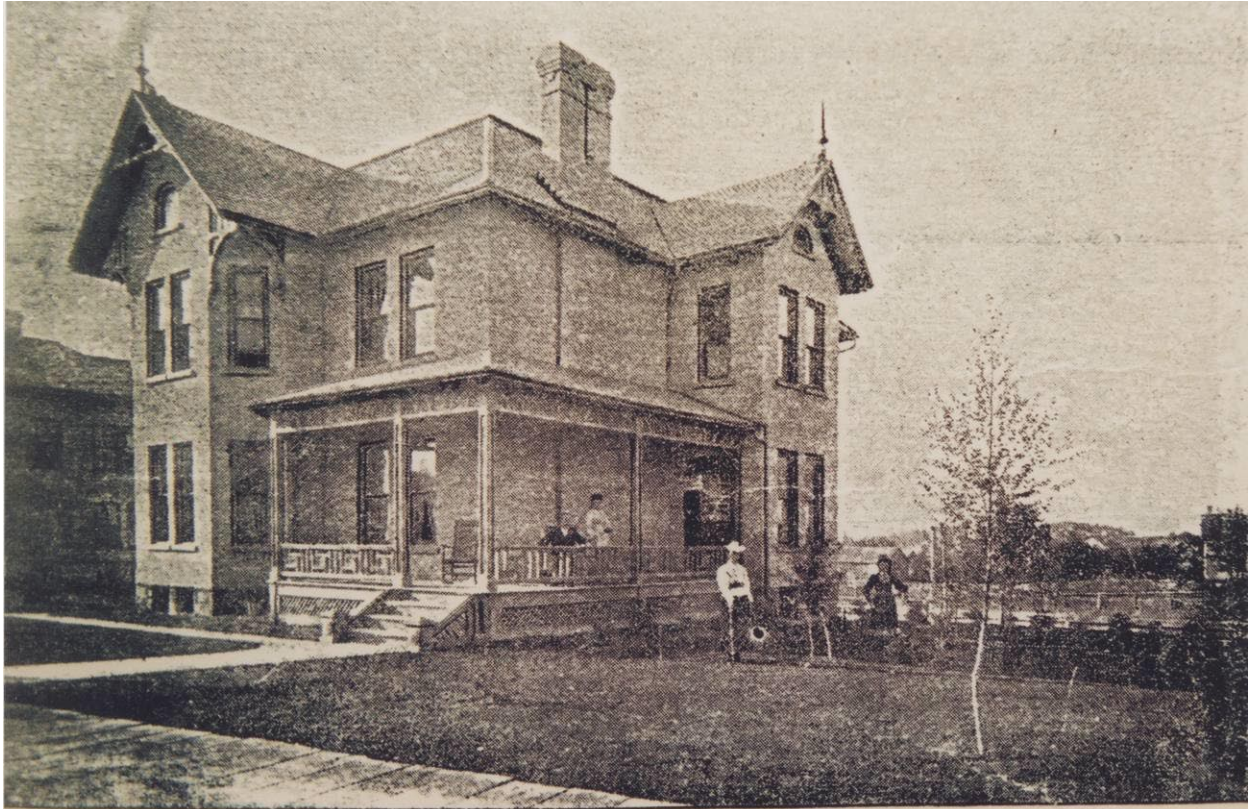
Religion: R C

Date of Delivery of Notice: 28/9

- ◆ **1906** Reference The Chronicle-Telegraph Semi-Centennial Souvenir 1856-1906. Published 1906.

Copies of photographs from the publication pertaining to Wm. H. Riddell and family probably taken in the 1904-05 time frame follow. These have been interspersed with present day colour photographs taken March 24, 2015.





Note the
boardwalk

Residence of W. H. Riddell, King St.



Close up of previous photograph. Not knowing when the photograph was taken, it is difficult to determine the identity of the two females in the garden. However, since Minnie Maud received her Nun's habit in 1899 the photograph was probably more recent towards the publication's date of 1906. Therefore, it is assumed that Bertha is in the garden and in the foreground is Caroline Redmond.

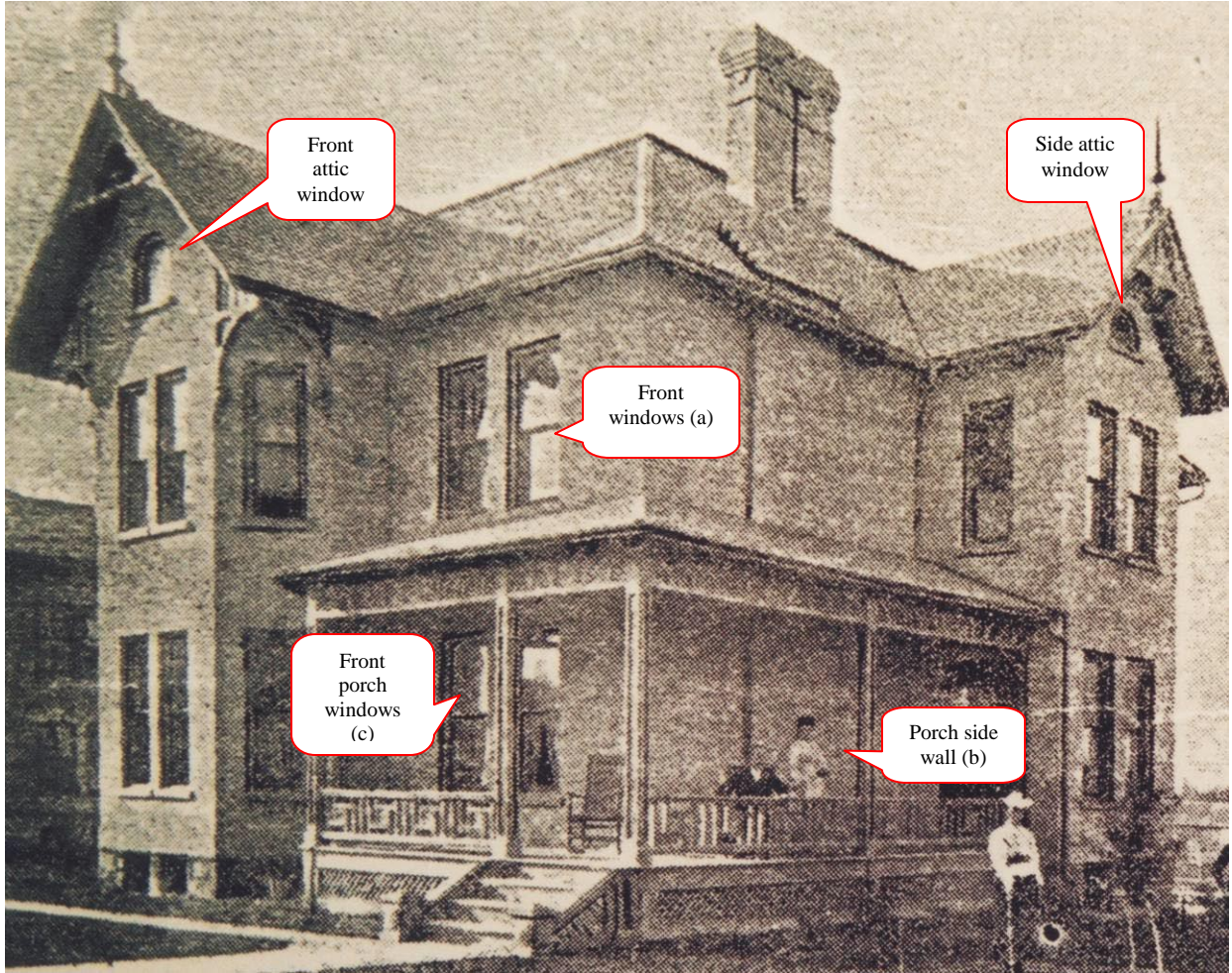
William and Margaret are on the porch.



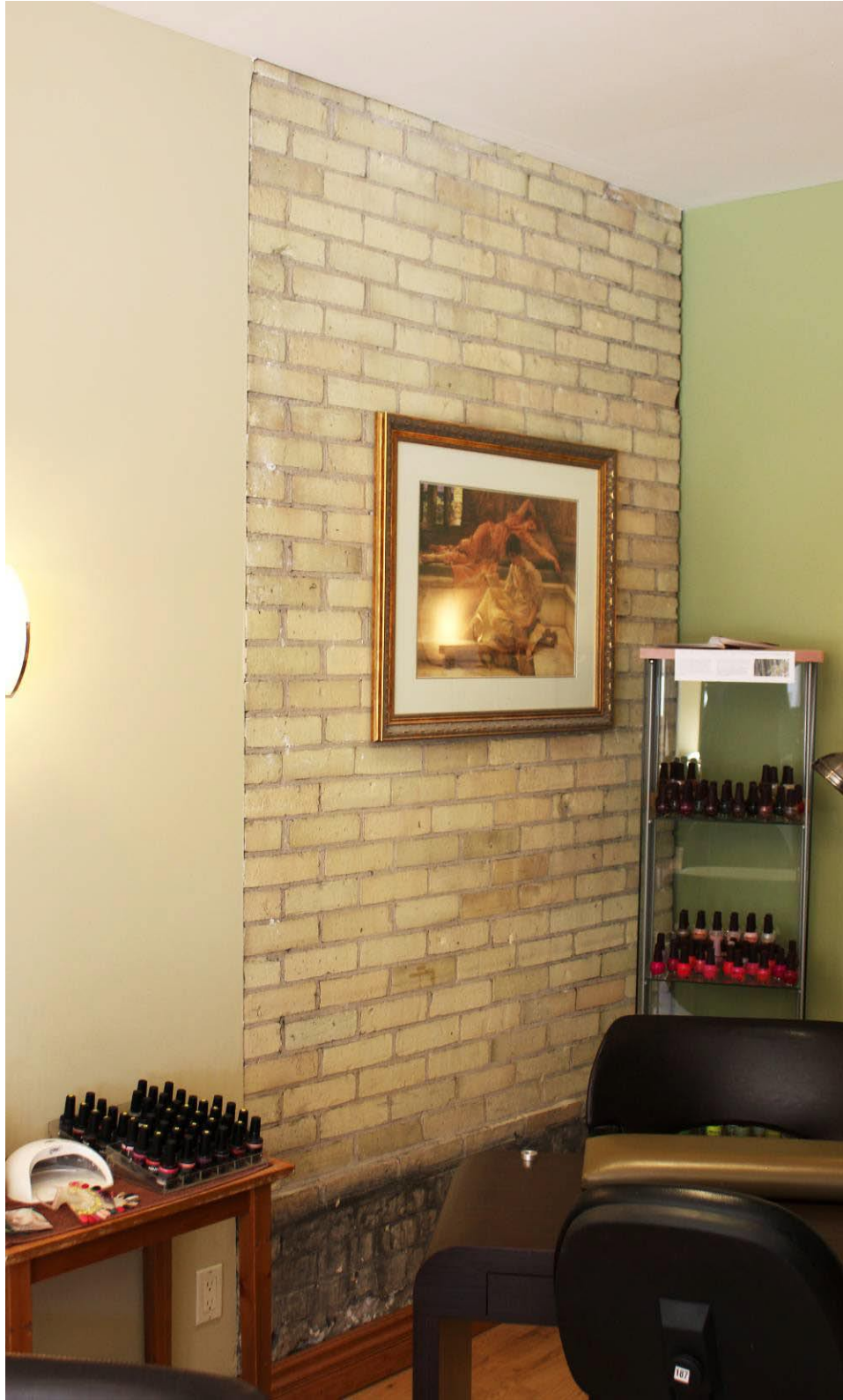
Side attic window from inside looking out.



Front attic window from inside looking out on King Street South. A second photograph showing the brick around the window.



Front windows second story (a)



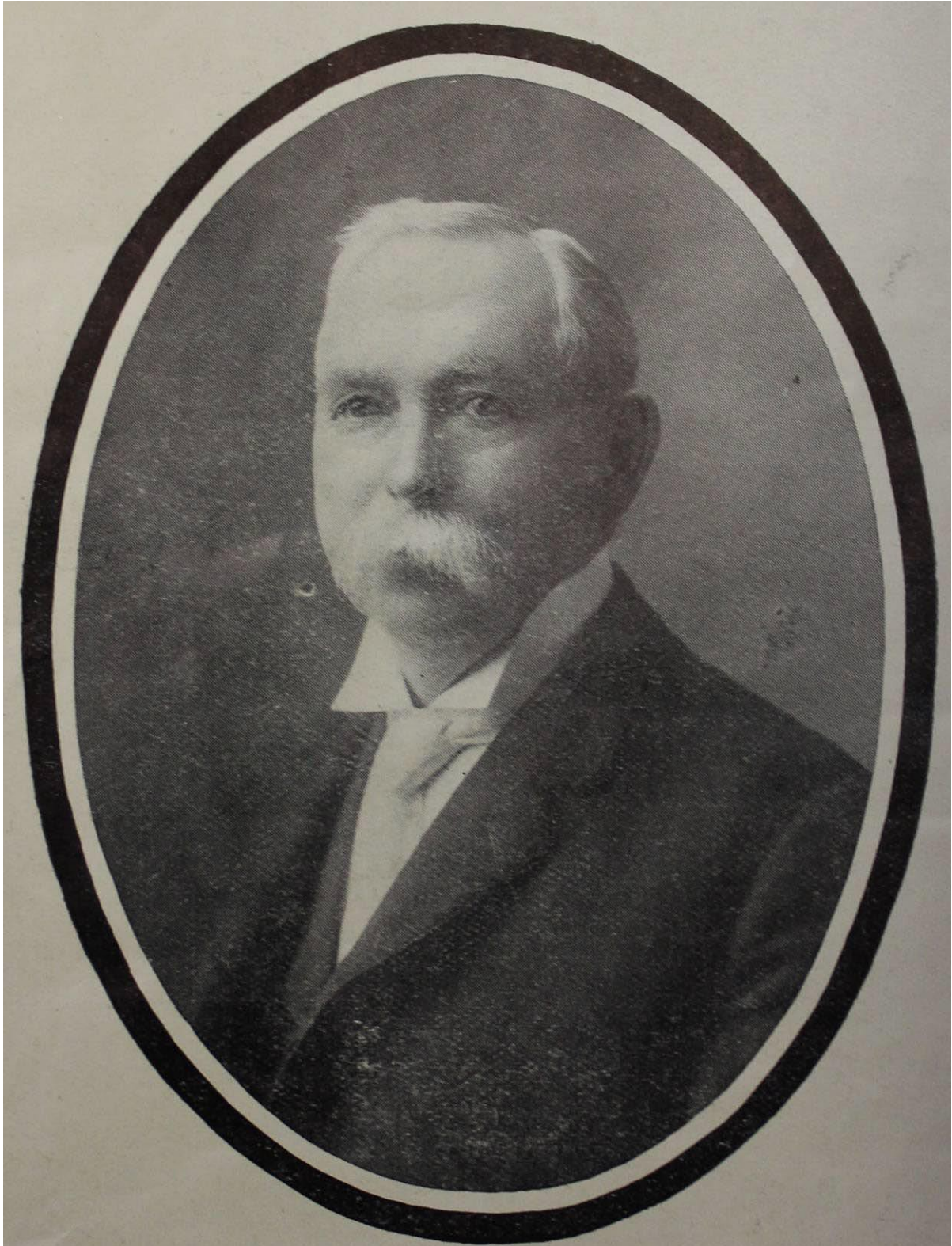
Side wall of former porch on right side of house (b).

Note brick area at bottom of photograph which was probably where the original porch floor was attached.



Front porch windows, one of which has been modified as a door into the main part of the building. (c).

Note: See under 1908ca entry which shows Wm. Riddell sitting in front of these windows on the porch that was present in the 1900s.



W. H. RIDDELL, Secretary.



Head Office
THE MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
 Waterloo, - - - - - Ontario.

In 1906 The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada was located at 14 Erb Street at Albert Street.
 By 1913 Mutual Life was located directly across from the Riddell's house on King Street South.

It was owing to the national proportions it had assumed that at the annual meeting of 1900 the Company's name was changed to the one it now bears, "The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada."

The present directors of the Company are: Robert Melvin, president, Guelph; Alfred Hoskin, K. C., 1st vice-president, Toronto; Hon. Mr. Justice Britton, 2nd vice-president, Osgoode Hall, Toronto; Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., Premier of Canada, Ottawa; Francis C. Bruce, Hamilton; J. Kerr Fiskin, Toronto; E. P. Clement, K.C., Berlin; W. J. Kidd, B.A., Ottawa; Geo. A. Somerville, London; Walter D. Beardmore, Toronto; Hon. Mr. Justice Garrow, Osgoode Hall, Toronto; Wm. Snider, Waterloo. The present officers at Head office, Waterloo, are: Geo. Wegenast, manager; W. H. Riddell, secretary; Julius H. Roos, treasurer; Charles Ruby, actuary; T. R. Earl, supt. of agencies; J. H. Webb, M.D., medical director; C. S. Forrest, inspector of loans; Millar & Sims, solicitors.

- ◆ **1907** Reference William Henry's obituary Waterloo newspaper May 9, 1912 edition.
William was promoted to the position of Assistant-Manager of the Mutual Life of Canada at the Head Office in Waterloo, Ontario in 1907.

- ◆ **1907-08** Reference Vernon's 1907-8 Berlin, Waterloo and Bridgeport Directory.
Corrected to September 1st 1907
Town of Waterloo:
Riddell, W H, asst mangr Mutual Life, h King

- ◆ **1907** Reference Twin-City Directory and Official Guide of the Towns of Berlin and Waterloo, 1907. Watts & Bowden Publishers
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory, Watts & Bowden Publishers:
King Street from Union to Limits, North Side
F. Colquhoun
James Gibbons
H. Plantz
W. H. Riddell (*Riddell*)
J. M. Scully
W. Preuss
M. Emil
Hy. Meyer
John Street Crosses.
W. Mertz
Orpheus Hall
etc
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Directory, Watts & Bowden Publishers:
Ruddell (*Riddell*), W. H. King, Mutual Life.

- ◆ **1907** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
William H. Riddell, age 68
Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Street: E King St.
W. Mary St. *check to determine if all years agree*
No. of Lot: 54 pt 53
340.341
No. of Acres: .30
.30
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\$200
Total Value of real property: \$3200
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Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200
No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 4
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*

Dogs: *no entry*
Supporters of Public or Separate School: Separate
Religion: R C
Date of Delivery of Notice: 28/9

- ◆ **1908ca** Reference following photograph of William on his porch at 230 King Street South.



William is sitting in front of the window which is now a doorway into the Voila Salon.
Refer to previous photograph (c)

- ◆ **1908 & 09** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
William H. Riddell, age 68 (1908), 69 (1909)
Freeholder, Householder or Tenant: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Street: E King St.
W. Mary St.
No. of Lot: 54 pt 53
340.341
No. of Acres: .30
.30
Value of each parcel of Real Property: \$3000
\$200
Total Value of real property: \$3200
Taxable Income: \$1000

Total Value of Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$1000
Total Value of Real and Personal Property and Taxable Income: \$4200
No. of persons in Family of person rated as resident: 4
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*
Dogs: *no entry*
Supporters of Public or Separate School: Separate
Religion: R C
Date of Delivery of Notice: 18/9 (1908), 31/7 (1909)

- ◆ **1910-11** Reference Vernon's 1910-11 Berlin, Waterloo and Bridgeport Directory.
Corrected to July 1st 1910

Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, W H, asst mgr Mutual Life, h King

Town of Waterloo Street Directory:
King St, north side, from Berlin to limits
Union (Street) crosses
James Gibbons
W H Riddell

- ◆ **1910** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

Name: William H. Riddell
Age of the Assessed person: 70
Owner, Tenant, Farmer's Son, Manhood Franchise: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Name of Street or other Designation: E King St.
No. of Lot, House etc: pt 54.53
No. of Acres or other Measure shewing extent of property: .30
Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$700
Value of Buildings: \$2300
Total Actual value of the parcel of Real Property: \$3000.
Total Amount of Taxable Real Property: \$3000.
Taxable Income: \$1000 and also \$1200 was entered.
Total Assessment: \$4000
Religion: R C
Public or Separate School Supporters: S (*Separate*)
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*
No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident including all persons on the premises: 4 (*William, Margaret, Bertha and Caroline*)
Dogs: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 46: 10/9

- ◆ **1911** Reference Census Province of Ontario, District No. 130 N Waterloo. S. District No. 8.
Enumeration District No. 4 in Waterloo Town.
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Nominal return of living persons by: R. F. Petch ENUMERATOR.
Date: June ?

SCHEDULE No. 1. Population By Name, Personal Description, ETC.
NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION:

Dwelling House: 113

Family, household or institution: 115

Name of each person in family, household or institution:

William H. Riddell

Place of Habitation: King St

Relationship to head of family or household: Head

Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: M

Month of birth: Aug

Year of birth: 1837

Age at last birthday: 73

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify province or territory): O (*Ontario*)

Year of immigration to Canada if an immigrant: *no entry*

Year of naturalization if formerly an alien: *no entry*

Racial or tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Can

Religion: R Catholic

Chief occupation or trade: (*Illegible*) Manager

Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any: 10-1-07 (?)

Employer: *no entry*

Employee: Yes

Working on own account: *no entry*

State where person is employed: Life Ins

Weeks employed in 1910 at chief occupation or trade: 52

Weeks employed in 1910 at other than chief occupation or trade, if any: *no entry*

Hours of working time per week at chief occupation or trade: 45

Hours of working time per week at other than chief occupation or trade, if any: *no entry*

Total earnings in 1910 from chief occupation or trade: 3000

Total earnings in 1910 from other than chief occupation or trade, if any: *no entry*

Rate of earnings per hour when employed by the hour--Cents: *no entry*

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE:

Upon life \$: 8000.00

Against accident or sickness \$: *no entry*

Cost of insurance in census year \$: 250.00

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER:

Months at school in 1910: *no entry*

Can read: Yes

Can write: Yes

Language commonly spoken: E. & G. (*English & German*)

Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or University: *no entry*

Name of each person in family, household or institution:

Margarette H. Riddell

Place of Habitation: King St

Relationship to head of family or household: wife

Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: M

Month of birth: Jan

Year of birth: 1848

Age at last birthday: 63

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify province or territory): O (*Ontario*)

Year of immigration to Canada if an immigrant: *no entry*

Year of naturalization if formerly an alien: *no entry*

Racial or tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Can

Religion: R Catholic

Chief occupation or trade: None

Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any: NS

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE:

Upon life \$: *no entry*

Against accident or sickness \$: *no entry*

Cost of insurance in census year \$: *no entry*

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER:

Months at school in 1910: *no entry*

Can read: Yes

Can write: Yes

Language commonly spoken: E

Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or

University: *no entry*

Name of each person in family, household or institution:

Bertha Riddell

Place of Habitation: King St

Relationship to head of family or household: daughter

Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: S

Month of birth: Aug

Year of birth: 1878

Age at last birthday: 32

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify province or territory): O (*Ontario*)

Year of immigration to Canada if an immigrant: *no entry*

Year of naturalization if formerly an alien: *no entry*

Racial or tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Can

Religion: R Catholic

Chief occupation or trade: None

Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any: NS

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE:

Upon life \$: *no entry*

Against accident or sickness \$: *no entry*

Cost of insurance in census year \$: *no entry*

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER:

Months at school in 1910: *no entry*

Can read: Yes

Can write: Yes

Language commonly spoken: E

Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or University: *no entry*

Name of each person in family, household or institution:

Caroline Redmond

Place of Habitation: King St

Relationship to head of family or household: sister in law

Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: S

Month of birth: Dec

Year of birth: 1854

Age at last birthday: 56

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify province or territory): O (*Ontario*)

Year of immigration to Canada if an immigrant: *no entry*

Year of naturalization if formerly an alien: *no entry*

Racial or tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Can

Religion: R Catholic

Chief occupation or trade: None

Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any: NS

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE:

Upon life \$: *no entry*

Against accident or sickness \$: *no entry*

Cost of insurance in census year \$: *no entry*

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER:

Months at school in 1910: *no entry*

Can read: Yes

Can write: Yes

Language commonly spoken: E

Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or University: *no entry*

Under the "Blind" heading there was no entry documented for each family member.

INFIRMITIES:

Blind: *no entry*

Page torn at this point, therefore losing the information on the following headings.

Deaf and Dumb: ?

Crazy or Lunatic: ?

Idiotic or Silly: ?

A copy of the Census divided vertically between columns 5 & 6 and 13 & 14 and 21 & 22 and 29 & 30 resulting in the following five sections. See lines 2 through 5 for enumeration of William and Margaret Riddell family.

FIFTH CENSUS OF
CANADA, 1911.

Province Ontario

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NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF VISITATION.		RESIDENCE AND PERSONAL		
Dwelling House.	Family, household or institution.	Name of each person in family, household or institution.	Place of habitation. (Township or parish, city, town or village. Range or concession and lot or cadastral number if in township or parish. Street and house number if in city, town or village. Or other description.)	Sex.
NUMÉROTÉS DANS L'ORDRE DES VISITES.		RÉSIDENCE ET RENSEIGNEMENT		
Domicile.	Famille, ménage ou institution.	Nom de chaque personne dans la famille, le ménage ou l'institution.	Lieu du domicile. (Canton ou paroisse, cité, ville ou village. Rang ou concession et lot ou No. de cadastre pour le canton ou la paroisse. Rue et No. de la maison pour la cité, la ville ou le village. Ou autres détails.)	Sexe.
Line.	Line.	3	4	5
1	2			
1	112 114	Ginter Dora	King St	F
2	113 115	Widdell William H.	King St	M
3		" Margarette H.	King St	F.
4		" Bertha	"	F.
5		Redmond Carolina	"	F.
6	114 116	Gibbons James	King St	M
7		" Margarette	"	F
8		" Oscar	"	M
9		" Irene	"	F.
10		" Beatrice	"	F
11		Dírgal John	"	M
12		" Louisa	"	F.
13		" Edna	"	F
14		" Eleanor	"	F.
15		" Marie	"	F.

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TAB

District No. 130 N. Watrous

Nominal return of living persons by }
Dénombrement des vivants par }

L DESCRIPTION.					CITIZENSHIP		
Relationship to head of family or household.	Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated.	Month of birth.	Year of birth.	Age at last birthday.	Country or place of birth. (If in Canada specify province or territory.)	Year of immigration to Canada, if an immigrant.	Year of naturalization, if formerly an alien.
PERSONNELS					CITOYENNETÉ		
Parenté avec le chef de la famille ou du ménage.	Célibataire, marié, veuf, divorcé ou séparé légalement.	Mois de naissance.	Année de naissance.	Age au dernier anniversaire.	Pays ou lieu de naissance. (Si le lieu de naissance est le Canada, spécifier la province ou le territoire.)	Pour les immigrants, année d'immigration au Canada.	Pour les étrangers, année de naturalisation.
56							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
wife	M	Apr	1894	67	Q		
Head	M	Aug.	1871	73	Q		
wife	M	Jan.	1898	63	Q		
daughter	S	Aug	1878	32	Q		
son-in-law	S	Dec	1894	26	Q		
Head	M	July	1849	61	Q		
wife	M	Aug	1860	30	Q		
son	S	Nov	1892	18	Q		
daughter	S	Sept	1884	16	Q		
daughter	S	Sept	1897	13	Q		
Head	M	Dec.	1865	48	Q		
wife	M	Feb.	1876	35	Q		
daughter	S	Feb.	1881	20	Q		
daughter	S	Dec	1907	3	Q		
daughter	S	Mar	1910	1	Q		

Section two

SCHEDULE } No. 1. { POPULATION BY NAME, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION
BLEAU } { POPULATION—NOM, RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNEL

S. District No. 5 { Enumeration District } No. 4
 { District du recenseur }

R. F. Peck Enumerator. { Recenseur.

P. NATIONALITY AND RELIGION.			PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, TRADE OR MEANS OF LIVING				
Racial or tribal origin.	Nationality.	Religion.	Chief occupation or trade.	Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any.	Employer.	Employee.	Working on own account (see instructions.)
NÉ, NATIONALITÉ ET RELIGION.			PROFESSION, EMPLOI, MÉTIER OU MOYEN D'EXISTENCE.				
Origine selon la race ou la tribu.	Nationalité.	Religion.	Emploi principal ou métier.	Emploi supplémentaire en dehors de l'emploi principal ou du métier, s'il y en a.	Patron.	Employé.	Travaillant à son compte (voir instructions.)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
German	can	Lutheran	None	NS			
Irish	can	R. Catholic	Manager	10-1-07		Yes	
Irish	can	R. Catholic	None	NS			
Irish	can	R. Catholic	None	NS			
Irish	can	R. Catholic	None	NS			
Irish	can	R. Catholic	Att. Jobs	7-9-00	No	Yes	No
Irish	can	R. Catholic	None	NS			
Irish	can	R. Catholic	Clerk	11-6-05	No	No	No
Irish	can	R. Catholic	Stenographer	10-7-92	No	Yes	No
Irish	can	R. Catholic	None	NS			
German	can	Lutheran	Lawyer	5-6-54	No	No	No
German	can	Lutheran	None	NS			
German	can	Lutheran	Lawyer	8-6-89		Yes	
German	can	Lutheran	None	NS			
German	can	Lutheran	None	NS			

N, ETC.
LS, ETC.

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Watrous Town

WAGE-EARNERS.							
State where person is employed, as "on farm", "in woolen mill", "at foundry shop", "in drug store", etc.	Weeks employed in 1910 at chief occupation or trade.	Weeks employed in 1910 at other than chief occupation or trade, if any.	Hours of work ing time per week at chief occupation.	Hours of working time per week at other occupation, if any.	Total earnings in 1910 from chief occupation or trade.	Total earnings in 1910 from other than chief occupation or trade, if any.	Rate of earnings per hour when employed by the hour -- Centa.
EMPLOYEES.							
Mentionner où la personne est employée, comme sur "la ferme", dans une "fabrique de laine", une "fondrie", une "pharmacie", etc.	Nombre de semaines données en 1910 à l'emploi principal ou au métier.	Nombre de semaines données en 1910 à d'autres travaux qu'à l'emploi principal ou au métier.	Heures de travail par semaine à l'emploi principal.	Heures de travail par semaine à d'autres emplois.	Gain total en 1910 provenant de l'emploi principal ou du métier.	Gain total en 1910 provenant des emplois supplémentaires (en dehors de l'emploi principal ou du métier, s'il y en a).	Taux du gain par heure lorsque employé à l'heure -- Centina.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Lif Insur</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>45</i>		<i>3.000</i>		
<i>Odd jobs</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>12</i>		<i>600</i>		
<i>C. P. H. Ad</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>60</i>		<i>1.10</i>		
<i>Clips</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>55</i>		<i>1.76</i>		
<i>Furniture</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>58</i>		<i>600</i>		
<i>Star. White</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>55</i>		<i>3.63</i>		

(City, town, village, township or parish.)
(Cité, ville, village, canton ou paroisse.)

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE—			EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER					IN	
Upon life.	Against accidents or sickness.	Cost of insurance in census year.	Months at school in 1910.	Can read.	Can write.	Language commonly spoken.	Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or University.	Blind.	
ASSURANCE EN VIGUEUR À DATE—			INSTRUCTION ET LANGUE DE CHAQUE PERSONNE DE CINQ ANS ET PLUS.					INFERM.	
Sur la vie.	Sur les accidents ou la maladie.	Coût de l'assurance dans l'année du recensement.	Nombre de mois à l'école en 1910.	Sait lire.	Sait écrire.	Langue communément parlée.	Coût de l'instruction en 1910 pour les personnes âgées de plus de 16 ans, au collège, au convent ou à l'université.	Aveugle.	
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
8000		250.		40	40	E.T.G.			
				40	40	E.T.G.			
				40	40	E.			
				40	40	E.			
1000		150		40	40	E.			
1500		1060		40	40	E.			
				40	40	E.			
				40	40	E.			
				40	40	E.T.G.			
				40	40	E.T.G.			
				40	40	E.			
				40	40	E.			

➤ Saengerfest

In the 1800s more than five million Germans immigrated to North America. While most settled in the United States many came to Waterloo Region bringing their cultural traditions with them.

One such tradition was the celebration of German choral music called the Saengerfest, or singer's festival. These music festivals would last two or three days, and included parades, theatre, picnics, fireworks, grand balls, and of course, concerts.

Between 1871 and 1911 Berlin and Waterloo hosted at least nine Saengerfests and local choirs participated in others hosted by cities across Ontario and the northern United States. During these festivals thousands of visitors would flock to the site of the Saengerfest to take part in the amusements, ease homesickness and celebrate life in their adopted country.

◆ **1911** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

Name: William H. Riddell

Age of the Assessed person: *no entry*

Owner, Tenant, Farmer's Son, Manhood Franchise: Freeholder

Occupation: Secretary

Name of Street or other Designation: E King St.

No. of Lot, House etc: pts 54.53

No. of Acres or other Measure shewing extent of property: .30

Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$700

Value of Buildings: \$2300

Total Actual value of the parcel of Real Property: \$3000.

Total Amount of Taxable Real Property: \$3000.

Taxable Income: \$1200

Total Assessment: \$4200

Religion: R C

Public or Separate School Supporters: S (*Separate*)

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

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

No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident including all persons on the premises: 4 (*William, Margaret, Bertha and Caroline*)

Dogs: *no entry*

Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 46: 15/9

◆ 1912 Reference Death Registration #31966-12. County of Waterloo. Division of Waterloo.

FULL NAME of Deceased. Initials only not accepted.	3°	Supernumerary first. x Riddell William Henry
Sex, and Race.	4.	male white
Date of Death.	5.	May 9/12
Date of Birth.	6.	Aug. 18 1837
Age and Place of Birth.	7.	Spain York Co
Place of Death, City, Town, Village, or Concession and Lot. If in Hospital, give name, how long Deceased was an inmate, and former or usual place of residence.	8.	74 years 9 mos. 9 days
Occupation.	9.	Waterloo
Single, Widowed, or Divorced.	10.	Asst. Manager ✓
Full Name of Father.	11.	Married 031966
Birthplace of Father.	12.	William Riddell
Maiden Name of Mother.	13.	Ireland
Birthplace of Mother.	14.	Margaret Lavin
Name of Physician who attended Deceased.	15.	Ireland
Certified by		H. J. Fischer
Address		Bertha M. Riddell
Date	16.	Waterloo, Ont.
		May 9/12 ✓

Document continued below

Name.

From

To

That I last saw h. ~~man~~.
alive on

That the Death occurred
on

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Primary.

Duration.

Immediate.

Duration.

Physician's name.

Address.

Date.

Remarks.

Medical Certificate of Death.
I hereby certify that I attended the deceased.

W. H. Riddell

May 8 19 *12*

May 9 19 *12*

May - 9 - 19 *12*

May 9 19 *12*

Apoplexy ✓

13 hours

✓

✓

W. J. Fischer

Watson

May 9/12

Transcription of Death Registration follows.

Full Name of Deceased. Initials only not accepted: **William Henry Riddell**

Sex, and Race: male white

Date of Death: May 9/12

Date of Birth: Aug 18, 1837
Age and Place of Birth: 74 years, 9 mos., 9 days. Sparta York Cty.
Place of Death: Waterloo
Occupation: Asst. Manager
Single, Widowed or Divorced: Married
Full Name of Father: William Riddell
Birthplace of Father: Ireland
Maiden Name of Mother: Margaret Lavin
Birthplace of Mother: Ireland
Name of Physician who attended Deceased: W. J. Fischer
Certified by: Bertha M. Riddell (*William's adopted daughter*)
Address: Waterloo, Ont.
Date: May 9/12

Medical Certificate of Death.

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased

Name: W. H. Riddell

From: May 8, 1912

To: May 9, 1912

That I last saw him alive on: May 9, 1912

That the Death occurred on: May 9, 1912

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Primary: Apoplexy (*a long-used [now obsolete] term for a cerebral stroke, in which the brain's blood system becomes impaired and muscle control and other nerve function may be affected*)

Duration: 13 hours

Physician's name: W. J. Fischer

Address: Waterloo

Date: May 9/12

Remarks: *no entry*

- ◆ **1912** The Waterloo newspaper (*Town of Waterloo, Ontario newspaper*).
Thursday May 9, 1912 edition.

MR. W. H. RIDDELL OF WATERLOO PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

**Well-Known Citizen and Assistant Manager of the Mutual Life of Canada
Suffers Paralytic Stroke Last Evening and Dies at 8:15 This Morning**

TWIN-CITY SUFFERS GREAT LOSS

The death of Mr. W. H. Riddell, Assistant-Manager of the Mutual Life of Canada, occurred at his home this morning.

The announcement came as a great shock to the community, for he had been in his usual health up to seven o'clock last night, and was on duty in his office yesterday. About seven o'clock last night, while preparing to leave his house for attendance at his church he was suddenly stricken with paralysis. His physicians, Drs. Webb and Fischer, were

hurriedly called, and although they did everything within their power, he became unconscious early in the night, and remained in that condition until the hour of his death. Mr. Riddell who was born in the village of Sparta, County of York, August 18th, 1837--- the year of the rebellion. His parents came originally from the County of Mayo, Ireland. He was educated at the Collegiate Institute in Collingwood, and at the age of 19 he entered the teaching profession, which, however, he abandoned in 1865 to take up the work of insurance, both life and fire. He represented for many years the Waterloo Mutual and Ontario Mutual (now the Mutual Life of Canada), and other companies in the Counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce.

In 1870 he became editorial writer on the Toronto Press, and in 1876 was joint owner and manager of the Toronto Tribune.

In 1882 he was offered and accepted the position of Secretary of the Mutual Life of Canada, and removed with his family from Toronto to Waterloo. He retained that position until 1907, when he was promoted to the position of Assistant-Manager.

On August 17th, 1873, he married Miss Maggie H. Redmond, who together with two daughters, Miss Bertha at home, and Sister Mary Carmel, Principle in the Ursuline Academy (*Academy*), Chatham, and two brothers and a sister, namely, George Riddell, Singhampton, Ont., John Riddell, in the State of Dakota, U.S.A., and Mrs. Margaret McCallum of Ottawa, survive him. Mr. Riddell was of a retiring disposition, but took an active interest in all local institutions such as the Waterloo Board of Trade, Library Board, Hospital Trust, and especially in the Berlin Club, of which he was President for a number of years. His geniality and kindness of heart won for him a host of friends, and it may safely be said that he had not an enemy in the world.

In politics he was a strong Liberal, and counted amongst his best friends, some of the leaders of the party, including Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier, with whom he was on terms of intimacy. In his earlier years he took an active part in many contests, and frequently appeared on the platform in the interests of the Liberal party.

Six years ago he became a member of the Council of the Knights of Columbus in Belleville, Ontario and when the local Funcken Council No. 1504, was established in Berlin about three years ago, was honoured with the office of Grand Knight, which he retained for two years. At the time of his death he was the Past Grand Knight, and was well known in Knights of Columbus circles throughout Canada.

In religion he was a consistent and faithful member of the Roman Catholic Church and was for many years a member of the Church Council of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Waterloo.

As an Officer of the Mutual Life he earned the respect and love of the directors, fellow-officers and staff. He was a man of refined tastes, of exceptional literary ability, and an able writer upon almost any subject, in which capacity his services were continually in demand, and his reputation in this respect was widely known. His terribly sudden removal from his business activities has created a vacancy that pains one to think of, and our citizens, both young and old, who were wont to meet him daily on the streets, will miss the smile and genial welcome of our dear departed friend.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at ten o'clock from his late residence on King Street to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, and thence to the Catholic cemetery.

Deceased was an uncle of Mr. J. J. MacCallum (*McCallum*) of Berlin.

- ◆ **1912** The Berlin News (*City of Berlin, Ontario newspaper*).

Saturday, May 11, 1912 edition.

The following article, along with a photograph was printed on the front page under the newspaper's banner. The photograph was a poor copy of the one under the 1906 entry.

MANY ATTENDED LAST SAD RITES

Remains of W. H. Riddell Laid to Rest at Waterloo This Morning

It was a solemn assembly that attended the obsequies of the late W. H. Riddell, which took place this morning at ten o'clock from his late residence on King Street to St. Louis Church and cemetery at Waterloo.

A host of sorrowing friends and acquaintances were present to pay homage to a departed citizen and friend. Prominent citizens of the Twin City, representing the civic departments, and members of the insurance fraternity were among those present at the sad rites.

Promptly at ten o'clock the funeral cortege headed a body of the Knights of Columbus of whom the deceased was a member, left his late residence, for St. Louis Church, where an impressive service was held.

Rev. Father Spetz solemnized Requiem High Mass, with Rev. Joseph Wey of St. Clemenes officiating as deacon and Rev. Father Gehl of Preston sub-deacon. Rev. Fathers Aeymans, the pastor of St. Louis Church, and Rev. Father Scafuro, of St. Jerome's College, assisted in the service. Rev. A. L. Zinger preached an impressive English sermon, pointing out that the essential thing in life was to keep in view the end and the future. Referring to the deceased, he said that as a citizen and a Christian he ranked high above the average.

The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Father Spetz.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Mayor Fischer and Louis Dietrich, representing the Board of Management of St. Louis Church; H. J. Zinger, representing the Knights of Columbus, and three personal friends of the deceased, Messrs. J. M. Scully, J. C. Haight, and Julius Roos.

The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous, including: spray from the board of directors of Mutual Life; wreath from the Mutual Life staff; wreath from the directors and members of the Berlin Club; wreaths from the Hamilton office staff; basket of flowers from the Toronto (*Toronto*) staff; column of flowess (*flowers*) from Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl; cross from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scully; spray from Mr. and Mrs. F. Haight; spray from Mr. and Mrs. E. Frowde Seagram; spray from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Devitt; spray from Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boehm; spray from Miss Brown, Toronto; spray from T. H. Best of Toronto; spray from J. Orlovski; spray of shamrocks from Miss Hattie Bruce and Miss Emma Anthes. Those from a distance were: G. G. Mills, J. G. Taylor, W. H. Irvine, F. L. Armstrong, Toronto, and Mr. Bowman, Belleville.

Offerings of Mass cards were received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ball; Misses Gertrude and Nellie Ball; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bauer; Misses Bauer; Edgar J. Bauer; W. O. Costello; Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Fischer; Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer; Mrs. Enoch Hergott; Mrs. Krug; Knights of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lang; Mr. and Mrs. August Lang; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Motz; Mrs. Margaret MacCallum; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacCallum; Mrs. Rabb, Rev. Theo. Spetz; Socitty Chrittian (*Society Christian*) Mothers of St. Louis Church; St. Louis Church choir; St. Louis Church council; Mr. and Mrs. P.

Sehl; Mr. and Mrs. P. Schweitzer; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stroh; Mr. H. Zinger; Mrs. Tracey; Mr. A. Savage.

The flag at the Mutual Life building was at half mast.

A copy of the newspaper obituary follows.

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A host of sorrowing friends and acquaintances were present to pay homage to a departed citizen and friend. Prominent citizens of the Twin City, representing the civic departments, and members of the insurance fraternity were among those present at the sad rites.

Promptly at ten o'clock the funeral cortege headed a body of the Knights of Columbus of whom the deceased was a member, left his late residence, for St. Louis Church, where an impressive service was held.

Rev. Father Spetz solemnized Requiem High Mass, with Rev. Joseph Wey of St. Clemens officiating as deacon and Rev. Father Gehl of Preston sub-deacon. Rev. Father's Aeymans, the pastor of St. Louis Church, and Rev. Father Scaturro, of St. Jerome's College, assisted in the service. Rev. A. L. Zinger preached an impressive English sermon, pointing out that the essential thing in life was to keep in view the end and the future. Referring to the deceased, he said that as a citizen and a Christian he ranked high above the average.

The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Father Spetz.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Mayor Fischer and Louis Dietrich, representing the Board of Management of St. Louis Church; H. H. Zinger, representing the Knights of Columbus, and three personal friends of the deceased, Messrs. J. M. Scully, J. C. Haight and Julius Roos.

The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous, including: spray from the board of directors of the Mutual Life; wreath from the Mutual Life staff; wreath from the directors and members of the Berlin Club; wreath from the Hamilton office staff; basket of flowers from the Toronto office staff; column of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl; cross from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scully; spray from Mr. and Mrs. F. Haight; spray from Mr. and Mrs. E. Frowde Seagram; spray from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Devitt; spray from Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boehm; spray from Miss Brown, Toronto; spray from T. H. Best of Toronto; spray from J. Orłowski; spray of shamrocks from Miss Hattie Bruce and Miss Emma Anthes. Those from a distance were: G. G. Mills, J. G. Taylor, W. H. Irvine, F. L. Armstrong, Toronto, and Mr. Bowman, Belleville.

Offerings of Mass cards were received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ball; Misses Gertrude and Nellie Ball; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bauer; Misses Bauer; Edgar J. Bauer; W. O. Costello; Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Fischer; Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer; Mrs. Enoch Hergott; Mrs. Krug; Knights of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. August Lang; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moiz; Mrs. Margaret MacCallum, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacCallum; Mr. and Mrs. Rabø, Rev. Theo. Spetz; Society Christian Mothers of St. Louis Church; St. Louis Church choir; St. Louis Church council; Mr. and Mrs. P. Sehl; Mr. and Mrs. P. Schweitzer; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stroh; Mr. H. Zinger; Mrs. Tracey; Mr. A. Savage.

The flag at the Mutual Life building was at half mast.

o Probate of William Henry Riddell's Will and Codicil. June 6, 1912.

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Probate of Will
and Codicil of
William Henry
Riddell,
deceased.

Canada Province of Ontario.
In His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo.
Re It is shown that on the Sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve the last Will and Testament and Codicil of William Henry Riddell late of the Town of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo and Province of Ontario Assistant Manager of Insurance Company, deceased, who died on or about the Ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve at the Town of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo, and who at the time of his death had a fixed place of abode at the Town of Waterloo in the said County of Waterloo was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court a true copy of which said Will and Testament and Codicil is hereunder written, and that the administration of all and singular the property of the said deceased, and in any way concerning his Will ^{and Codicil} granted by the aforesaid Court to Margaret Henrietta Riddell, of the Town of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, Widow, the executrix named in the said Will and Codicil, she having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the deceased and the legacies contained in his Will and Codicils as far as she is thereunto bound by Law; and by distributing the residue (if any) of the property according to law and to exhibit under oath a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said property and to render a just and true account of her execution thereof whenever required by Law as to do.

J. M. Scully
Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

Transcript of Will

This is the last Will and Testament of me William Henry Riddell of the Town of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo, and Province of Ontario, Canada, made this twenty sixth day of June, A. D. 1911.
First I give to my wife Margaret Henrietta Riddell all my real and personal property of which I may die possessed, subject, however, to the pay-

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- ment of my just debts and also to the following legacies and bequests— to wit—
- (a) Two hundred dollars to my (adopted) daughter Minnie Maude Riddell of the City of Chatham, Ontario, in religion known as Sister Mary Carmel, a member of the Community of St. Ursula whose Mother House is located at the Pine in the said City of Chatham, Ontario, in full of all claims in any way arising in respect to her reception into the said Order or Community of St. Ursula.
 - (b) Two Thousand Dollars to my (adopted) daughter Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell for her own use and benefit and in the event of her marriage with the consent of my said wife the further sum of one thousand dollars.
 - (c) Five hundred dollars to the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario, for the benefit of St. Louis Church, in the Town of Waterloo, Ontario, out of which sum shall be purchased a Memorial window, credited to the donor in the new wing or addition to be erected to the present Church building.
 - (d) One hundred dollars to be paid for masses to be said for the repose of the soul of my deceased wife Frances Louise Riddell; one hundred dollars for masses for the repose of the souls of my deceased parents; one hundred dollars for masses for the repose of the souls of my wife's deceased parents and one hundred dollars for masses for the repose of my own soul.
 - (e) One hundred dollars to St. Jerome's College, in the Town of Berlin, County of Waterloo, Ontario, and 32 volumes entitled "Universal Classics Library" and Two Simile Volume" belonging thereto.
 - (f) One hundred dollars to James J. MacCallum of Berlin, Ont. to assist in the education of his son, John (Jack) my Godchild.
- Second I appoint my said wife my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

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Third In the event of my wife predeceasing me I give all my real and personal property to my (adopted) daughter Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell, subject, however, to the payment of my just debts and the several legacies and bequests hereinbefore mentioned which may still remain unpaid (if any) and also to the following legacies and bequests -- to wit --

(g) Two Thousand Dollars or a lesser sum if found sufficient, to be paid in trust, immediately upon my death to the head or principal of the House of Providence in the City of Toronto, or in the City of Hamilton, or to the head or principal of some other approved Catholic Institution or Home, or to the head of a Catholic family, under binding articles of agreement and suitable bond, for the proper support, keeping and clothing of Caroline Redmond, my sister-in-law, during her lifetime, and at her death for decent funeral. And the sum thus set apart for the maintenance and burial of the said Caroline Redmond who has made her home in my house for many years, shall be and shall be deemed to be in full of any and all claims or demands which may be made by the said Caroline Redmond or any person or persons on her behalf against my estate. Should any money of this Trust remain unexpended at her death, it shall revert to and be paid over by the Trustee or Trustees of the Trust, to my estate or to my legal representative or representatives.

(h) Five hundred dollars to my sister Margaret Constanza MacCallum of the City of Ottawa, Ontario, Widow, Two hundred dollars to my nephews,

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William L. MacCallum, of the Western Province of Canada; One hundred dollars per year for ten years only to my sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, of the Village of Caledon East, Ont., widow, should she out live the said term; Fifty dollars per year for ten years only to my brother-in-law John J. Redmond, of the City of Toronto, widow, should he out live the said term of ten years, and payments to cease in either case at their death within the said ten years, but fifty dollars to be paid towards funeral expenses of death in either case should occur during the said ten years.

(i) Three hundred dollars to my (adopted) daughter Winnie Maude Riddell, in religion Sister Mary Carmel, in addition to the legacy of Two hundred dollars already mentioned.

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171 One hundred dollars for masses to be said for the repose of the soul of my said wife Margaret H. Riddell.
And in the event of my wife predeceasing me I appoint my (adopted) daughter, Bertha Mary J. Riddell, the sole Executrix of this my Will and Testament.

(Signed) W. H. Riddell.

Signed by the said William Henry Riddell at his request as his last Will in the presence of us, being present at the same time, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribe our names as witnesses.

(Signed) E. W. Scribner. ----- Mrs. Clerk, Waterloo, Ont.

(Signed) J. H. McEwen. ----- Mrs. Clerk, Waterloo, Ont.

I certify the above to be true and correct

J. M. Sully

Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

Transcript of Codicil to Will.

This is my Codicil to my last Will and Testament, bearing date, June 25th 1911.

The said Will is hereby and shall be deemed to be varied and altered by this Codicil as follows -- that is to say --

In the event only of the death of my wife Margaret Henrietta Riddell, the death of my (adopted) daughter Bertha Mary J. Riddell, and my own death -- all occurring at or about the same time -- by accident or drowning, I do hereby appoint my (adopted) daughter, Minnie Maid Riddell a religious of the order of St. Ursula, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent Ontario, in religion Sister Mary Carmel, my nephew James J. MacCallum, of the Town of Berlin, Ontario, and my friend Rev. Theo. Spetz, C.P. of the said Town of Berlin, Executrix and Executors of this my Codicil and of my said Will.

I direct that all my real estate and other effects of which I may die possessed, including my life insurance, stocks, Bonds, Furniture and other Valuable, be turned into Cash with as little delay as may be found convenient.

I direct that the bequests and legacies and all the terms and conditions of my Will shall be first complied with and in addition thereto and supplementing the same I give and bequeath the following legacies -- to wit --

Five hundred dollars to my sister Margaret A. MacCallum;
Five hundred dollars to my sister-in-law Elizabeth Armstrong;
Five hundred dollars to my brother-in-law John J. Redmond;
Five hundred dollars to my nephew William Francis MacCallum;
Five hundred dollars to my nephew John Paul Riddell of the City of
Chicago for his son George.
Five hundred dollars to my nephew James J. MacCallum for his
son John (Jack).

Three hundred dollars to my niece Margaret Mary Sullivan,
Two hundred dollars to my niece Belle Quinn;
Two hundred dollars to my sister-in-law Alice J. Kennedy;
and... One hundred dollars to my God-child, Frank Hughes.

I give and bequeath Four hundred dollars to St. Jerome's College
of the Town of Berlin, Ontario, and One hundred dollars for masses
for the repose of the soul of my (adopted) daughter Bertha Mary J.
Riddell. I direct that my Executors shall pay One thousand dollars
or some such sum for a suitable monument, commemorating the
deaths of myself, wife and daughter, to be erected in the Berlin
& Waterloo Catholic Cemetery, whether the bodies be recovered
or not.

The residue of my Estate and effects I direct to be handed over to
and paid to my (adopted) daughter Winnie Maud Riddell, called in
religion Sister Mary Carmel, for her own use and benefit, to be
disposed of by her as she may judge best.

This Codicil shall be operative only upon undoubted proof
being furnished to the satisfaction of the Executors herein appointed
of the actual death of the persons first named in this Codicil and
not otherwise.

Dated on the twenty seventh day of June A.D. 1911 at the Town
of Waterloo, Ont.

(Signed) W. H. Riddell.

Signed by the said William Henry Riddell as his last Will and
Codicil in the presence of us being present at the same time & he
at his request in the presence of each other and in his presence,
subscribe our names as Witnesses.

(Signed) A. W. Knelker - Jno. Clerk, Waterloo, Ont.

(Signed) H. Daille Jno. Clerk, Waterloo, Ont.

I certify the above to be true and correct.

L. M. Scully
Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

- Reference Kitchener Mount Hope Cemetery records.

William H. Riddell was interred in Lot #291 in the Roman Catholic section.
A large monument, approximately seven feet tall, is embossed with the family name.

RIDDELL

A separate headstone was inscribed as follows.

WILLIAM H. RIDDELL

1837-1912

R. I. P.



- ◆ **1912-13** Reference Vernon's 1912-13 City of Berlin, Town of Waterloo and Bridgeport Directory.
Corrected to July 17 1912
Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, Margt (wid W H), h King

Town of Waterloo Street Directory:
King St, north side, from Berlin to limits
Union st crosses
James Gibbons
John Diegel
Mrs W H Riddell
H. Longhurst
H. McKinnon
Five more names follow
John n (*St*) commences
- ◆ **1912** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
Name: William H. Riddell
Age of the Assessed person: *no entry*
Owner, Tenant, Farmer's Son, Manhood Franchise: Freeholder
Occupation: Secretary
Name of Street or other Designation: E King St.
No. of Lot, House etc: pts 54.53
No. of Acres or other Measure shewing extent of property: .30
Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$900
Value of Buildings: \$2500
Total Actual value of the parcel of Real Property: \$3400.
Total Amount of Taxable Real Property: \$3400.
Taxable Income: \$1800
Total Assessment: \$5200
Religion: R C
Public or Separate School Supporters: S (*Separate*)
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*
No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident including all persons on the premises: 3 (*Margaret, Bertha and Caroline*)*
Dogs: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 46: 22/8
**William was deceased. However, the majority of the information was probably taken in 1911 when William was alive. Also this applies to his ownership of lots on Mary Street as follows.*
- ◆ **1912** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.
Name: William H. Riddell
Age of the Assessed person: *no entry*
Owner, Tenant, Farmer's Son, Manhood Franchise: Freeholder

Occupation: Clerk
Name of Street or other Designation: Mary Street South.
No. of Lot, House etc: pts 340.341
No. of Acres or other Measure shewing extent of property: .30
Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$350
Value of Buildings: *no entry*
Total Actual value of the parcel of Real Property: \$350.
Total Amount of Taxable Real Property: \$350.
Taxable Income: *no entry*
Total Assessment: \$350
Religion: R C
Public or Separate School Supporters: *S (Separate)*
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 21: *no entry*
No. of Children between the ages of 5 & 16: *no entry*
No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident including all persons on the premises: *no entry*
Dogs: *no entry*
Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 46: 22/6

- ◆ **1913** Reference Vernon's City of Berlin and Town of Waterloo and Bridgeport Directory for the year 1913.

Corrected to Aug 20th 1913.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

King st, north side, from Berlin to limits

Union st crosses

Jas Gibbons

John Diegel

Mrs. W H Riddell

H. Longhurst

Five more names follow

John n (*St*) commences

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Directory:

Riddell, Mrs H. h (*house*) King

- ◆ **1913** Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Waterloo, East Ward.

Name: Margaret Riddell

Age of the Assessed person: *no entry*

Owner, Tenant, Farmer's Son, Manhood Franchise: Freeholder

Occupation (in the case of females, state whether spinster, married woman or widow, opposite the name of the party: Widow

Name of Street or other Designation: East King.

No. of Lot, House etc: pt 53.54

No. of Acres or other Measure shewing extent of property: .30

Actual value of the parcel of real property exclusive of buildings thereon: \$900

Value of Buildings: \$2500

Total Actual value of the parcel of Real Property: \$3400.

Total Amount of Taxable Real Property: \$3400.

Taxable Income: *no entry*

Total Assessment: \$3400

Religion: R C

Public or Separate School Supporters: S (*Separate*)

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

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

No. of persons in the family of each person assessed as a resident including all persons on the premises: 3 (*This would probably be Margaret, her daughter Bertha and sister, Caroline Redmond*)

Date of Deaths if any during the year: 5/9. (*William H. Riddell, May 9, 1912*)

Dogs: *no entry*

Date of Delivery of Notice under Section 46: 8/27 (*August 27*)

◆ **1918** Reference Cairnes' 1918 Official Directory of the City of Kitchener.

Town of Waterloo, alphabetical listing:

Riddell, Bertha, Miss, h S. King St. (*Margaret's daughter*)

Riddell, Margeruite (*Margaret*), Mrs., h (*house*) S. King St.

Although Margaret and Bertha were listed in the alphabetical listing as being on South King Street, they were not recorded in the Street Directory.

◆ **1919** Reference Vernon's 1919 (June) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:

Riddell, Bertha, King s (*Margaret's daughter*)

Riddell John, King s (*Bertha's brother, John Paul*)

Riddell Margt (wid Wm H), King s

Town of Waterloo Street Directory:

King South, e side, from Erb

John (Street) e begins

Vacant houses (2)

John Ginter

Andrew Fischer

A V Tracey

W L Wilton

C E Robertson

Mrs M Riddell

John Diegel

Hy Marth

(Union St crosses)

From 1919 Vernon's Directory began referencing the residences on King Street South from Erb Street through to John Street and Union Street. Therefore referring to the Birdseye View Map of 1896ca the residences were recorded from left to right where prior to 1919 they were listed from right to left from the City of Berlin limits (Union Street) to beyond John Street.

- ◆ **1920** Reference Vernon's 1920 (August) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 - Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
 - Riddell, Bertha, 228 King s (*Margaret's daughter*)
 - Riddell John, clk, 228 King s (*Bertha's brother, John Paul*)
 - Riddell Margt (wid Wm H), 228 King s
 - Town of Waterloo Street Directory:
 - King South, e side, from Erb
 - John e begins
 - 216 John Ginter
 - 218 Andw Fischer
 - 222 A V Tracey
 - 224 W L Wilton
 - 226 C D Collins
 - 228 Mrs M Riddell (*It appears that 230 King South address became 228 King South. See City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory under 1921 entry*)
 - 232 John Diegel
 - 232 Hy Marth
 - New house
 - Union (*St*) begins

- ◆ **1921** Reference Census Province of Ontario. Population. District No. 136. Enumeration Sub-District No. 44 in Waterloo Town.
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 - Enumerated by G. M. Kennedy ENUMERATOR.
 - Date: June 9, 1921
 - NUMBER in the order of visitation:-
 - Dwelling house: 114
 - Family, household or institution: 122
 - NAME of each person in family, household or institution: **Margaret Riddell**
 - PLACE OF ABODE (In rural localities give parish, section, township, range and meridian. In cities, towns and villages, give street and number of dwelling):-
 - Parish or Township: 228 King St.
 - Municipality: E Ward
 - Home owned or rented: O
 - If rented, given rent paid per month: BB
 - Class of house (see instructions): s
 - Materials of construction (see instructions): B (*Brick*)
 - Rooms occupied by this family: 8
 - Relationship to head of family or household: Head
 - Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: W
 - Age at last birthday: 71
 - Country or place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada give province. If Foreign born give Country:-
 - PERSON: Ont
 - FATHER: Ireland

MOTHER: Ireland
Year of immigration to Canada: *no entry*
Year of Naturalization: *no entry*
NATIONALITY (Country to which this person owes allegiance): Can
Racial or tribal origin: Irish
Can speak English: yes
Can speak French: no
Language other than English or French spoke as Mother tongue: *no entry*
Religious body, Denomination or Community to which this person adheres or belongs: R.
Cath
Can read: yes
Can write: yes
Months at school since Sept 1, 1920: *no entry*
Chief occupation or trade (Be specific, give as definite information as possible): Income
Employer "E", Employee or Worker "W", Working on own account "OA": *no entry*
a) If "Employer" state principal product. b) If "Employee" state where employed as
"farm", "Cotton mill", "foundry", "grocery", etc. c) If on "own account" state nature of
work: *no entry*
Total earnings past 12 months (since June 1, 1920): *no entry*
If an employee, were you out of work June first 1921: *no entry*
Number of weeks unemployed in the past 12 months (since June 1, 1920): *no entry*
Number of weeks unemployed since June 1st, 1920 because of illness: *no entry*
NAME of each person in family, household or institution: **Bertha Riddell**
Relationship to head of family or household: daughter
Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: S
Age at last birthday: 40
Country or place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada
give province. If Foreign born give Country:-
PERSON: Ont
FATHER: Ont
MOTHER: Ont
Year of immigration to Canada: *no entry*
Year of Naturalization: *no entry*
NATIONALITY (Country to which this person owes allegiance): Can
Racial or tribal origin: Irish
Can speak English: yes
Can speak French: no
Language other than English or French spoke as Mother tongue: *no entry*
Religious body, Denomination or Community to which this person adheres or belongs: R.
Cath
Can read: yes
Can write: yes
Months at school since Sept 1, 1920: *no entry*
Chief occupation or trade (Be specific, give as definite information as possible): none

A copy of the Census divided vertically between columns 5 & 6 and 17 & 18 and 25 & 26 resulting in the following four sections. See lines 34 and 35 for enumeration of Margaret and Bertha.

FORM 1.

SIXTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1921.

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Province Ontario

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Line	NUMBER in the order of enumeration	NAME AND RESIDENCE	
		NAME of each person in family, household or institution.	PLACE OF ABODE. <small>(In rural localities give parish, section, township, range and meridian. In cities, towns and villages, give street and number of dwelling.)</small>
Ligne	NUMÉRO d'ordre des personnes	NOM ET RÉSIDENCE	
		NOM de chaque personne dans la famille, le ménage ou l'institution.	DOMICILE. <small>(Dans les localités rurales, spécifier la paroisse, le canton, le range et le méridien. Dans les villes, les villages et les villages, spécifier la rue et le numéro de la maison.)</small>
		Parish or township.	Municipality.
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21	3		Andy		
22	117	Diegel	John	232 King St.	
23		"	John	"	
24		"	John	"	
25		"	Edward	"	
26		"	Marie	"	
27		"	Laura	"	
28	113	Bellar	Andrew	232 King St.	
29		"	Martha	"	
30		"	Ray	"	
31		"	Wend	"	
32		"	Rose	"	
33		"	Ruth	"	
34	114	Liddell	Margaret	225 King St.	
35		"	Bertha	"	

Section one

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—BUREAU

POPULATION

District No. 136 Enumeration Sub-District / Sous-district de recensement No. _____

Enumerated by / Recensé par Ed Kennedy

TENURE AND CLASS OF HOME					PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				NATIVITY		
Home owned or rented.	If rented, give rent paid per month.	Class of house (See instructions.)	Materials of construction (See instructions.)	Room occupied by this family.	Relationship to head of family or household.	Sex.	Single, married, widowed, divorced, legally separated.	Age at last birthday.	Country or place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada give province. If Foreign born give Country. (See instructions.)		
Propriétaire ou locataire.	Si locataire indiquer le loyer mensuel.	Classification des maisons. (Voir instructions.)	Matériaux de construction. (Voir instructions.)	Chambre occupée par cette famille.	Parent ou relative avec le chef de la famille ou du ménage.	Sexe.	Célibataire, marié, veuf, divorcé ou séparé légalement.	Âge au dernier anniversaire.	Pays ou lieu de naissance de cette personne et de ses père et mère. Si elle est née au Canada, dire la province. Si elle est née à l'étranger, dire le pays. (Voir instructions.)		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

R (12) S.D. B (4)	daughter F S 4	Out	Out	Out
	Mar 50 M Jan (54)	Out /	Germany	Germany
	wife F M 45	Out	Out	Out
	son M S 4	Out	Out	Out
	daughter F S 13	Out	Out	Out
	daughter F S 11	Out	Out	Out
	daughter F S 5	Out	Out	Out
R (12) S B (4)	Mar 50 M Jan (31)	Germany	Germany	Germany
	wife F M 27	Out	Out	Out
	son M S 6	Out	Germany	Out
	daughter F S 5	Out	Germany	Out
	daughter F S 7	Out	Germany	Out
	daughter F S 1	Out	Germany	Out
BB S B (6)	Mar 50 F 8W (11)	Out /	Ireland	Ireland
	daughter F S 40	Out	Out	Out

Section two

LEAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQU SI TION.

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Enumerator.
Énumérateur.

CITIZENSHIP.			RACE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION.				
Year of Immigration to Canada.	Year of Naturalization.	NATIONALITY. (Country to which this person owes allegiance)	Racial or tribal origin.	Can speak English.	Can speak French.	Language other than English or French spoken in Mother tongue.	Religious body, denomination or community to which this person adheres or belongs.
CITOYENNETÉ.			RACE, LANGUE ET RELIGION.				
Année d'immigration au Canada.	Année de naturalisation.	NATIONALITÉ (Pays dont la personne est citoyen du sujet.)	Origine selon la race ou la tribu.	Peut parler anglais.	Peut parler français.	Langue autre que l'anglais ou le français parlée comme langue maternelle.	Religion, dénomination ou société à laquelle cette personne appartient ou est affiliée.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

		Can	English	ye	no		Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no	1-300-000	Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no	German	Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no		Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no		Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no		Evangelical
		Can	German	ye	no		Evangelical
1905	ye	Germany	German	ye	no		R. Cath
	al	Germany	German	ye	no		R. Cath
		Can	German	ye	no		R. Cath
		Can	German	ye	no		R. Cath
		Can	German	ye	no		R. Cath
		Can	Irish	ye	no	1-000-100	R. Cath
		Can	Irish	ye	no		R. Cath

Section three

DUE.

XIEME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1921.

“B”

town, village, township or parish).
ville, village, canton ou paroisse).

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EDUCATION.			PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, AND EMPLOYMENT.						
Can read	Can write	Months at school since Sept. 1, 1920	Chief occupation or trade. (Be specific, give as definite information as possible.)	Employer or Employer or Worker or Working in own account "U.S."	"a" If "Employer" state principal product. "b" If "Employer" state where employed as "Superintendent" "Builder" "Printer" etc. "c" If in own account" State nature of work.	Total earnings in past 12 months (Since Jan. 1, 1920).	If an employer state gross profit of work (Since Jan. 1, 1920).	Number of weeks unemployed in the past 12 months. (Since Jan. 1, 1920).	Number of weeks unemployed since Jan. 1, 1920. (Since Jan. 1, 1920).
Has liter.	Has liter.	Months at school since Sept. 1, 1920	Emploi principal ou métier. (Donner les renseignements aussi complets que possible.)	Patron Employeur ouvrier Travailleur à son compte "U.S."	"a" Pour les patrons mentionner le produit principal. "b" Pour les employeurs le lieu de l'emploi, comme "Superintendant" "Bâtimeur" "Imprimeur" etc. "c" Pour les personnes travaillant à leur compte donner le genre de travail.	Crédit total dans les derniers 12 mois (Depuis le 1er Jan. 1920).	Si un employeur, états le profit brut de son travail pendant les 12 mois (Depuis le 1er Jan. 1920).	Nombre de semaines sans travail dans les 12 mois (Depuis le 1er Jan. 1920).	Nombre de semaines sans travail depuis le 1er Jan. 1920. (Depuis le 1er Jan. 1920).
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Section four

◆ **1921** Reference Land Registry Records for the Town of Waterloo.
Plan 385. Lot No 53 (*Original Riddell family home*)

No. of Inst'ment	Nature of Inst'ment	Its Date	Date of Registry	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Quantity of land	Consideration or Amount of Mortgage	Remarks
10708	Mortgage	6 May 1912	24 June 1921	Margaret Riddell Wd Extr Legatee of William H. Riddell	Josiah G. Webber	<i>no entry</i>	\$3500	<i>illegible</i>

It appears that Margaret acquired a \$3500 mortgage to purchase the new house next door which became 230 King St. South. See below.

◆ **1921** Reference Vernon's 1921 (August) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:

Riddell, Bertha, 228 King s (*Margaret's daughter*)

Riddell John, clk, 228 King s (*Bertha's brother, John Paul*)

Riddell Margt (wid Wm H), 228 King s

Town of Waterloo Street Directory:

King South, e side, from Erb

John e begins

216 John Ginter

Three more addresses follow up to

224 C D Collins

228 Mrs M Riddell

New house (The new house address became 230 King South and Margaret's address was changed from 230 to 228 King Street south. See following 1922-23 entry)

Note: *For a year 2015 photograph of the "new house" (230 King Street south) refer to **Biography of Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell (1921 entry)***

232 John Diegel

232 R Heller

Union (St) begins

◆ **1922-23** Reference Vernon's 1922-1923 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1922.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

King South, east side, from Erb

John e begins

216 John Ginter

Six more names follow up to

228 Geo Schnarr (The Schnarr family moved into 228 King South while Margaret and her daughter, Bertha, moved next door into the new house known as 230 King South. See following 1923-24 entry)

230 Mrs. M. Riddell
232 R Heller
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, 230 King s (*south*) (*Margaret's daughter*)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1923-24** Reference Vernon's 1923-1924 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1923.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
216 John Ginter
Five more names follow up to
228 Geo Schnarr
230 Mrs. M. Riddell
232 R Heller
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (*south*) (*Margaret's daughter*)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1924-25** Reference Vernon's 1924-25 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1924.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
216 John Ginter
Six more names follow up to
230 Mrs. M. Riddell
232 R Heller
234 C G Herbst
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 239* King s (*south*) (*Margaret's daughter*)
* This house was owned by C. J. Alteman. (*It is difficult to determine if this was an error or whether Bertha was in actual fact residing at the residence of C. J. Alteman*)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1925-26** Reference Vernon's 1925-1926 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1925.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
O-216 John Ginter
Five more address follow up to

O-228 Geo Schnarr
O-230 Mrs. M. Riddell (O = Owner)
T-232 R Heller
T-234 Cameron Wilson
Union (St) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (south) (Margaret's daughter)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (house) 230 King s (south)

- ◆ **1926-27** Reference Vernon's 1926-27 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1926.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins

O-216 John Ginter
Five more names follow up to
O-228 Geo Schnarr
O-230 Mrs. M. Riddell (O = Owner)

T-232 R Heller
T-234 Oscar Geisler
Union (St) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 228* King s (south) (Margaret's daughter)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (house) 230 King s (south)
**Bertha was shown as residing at Geo Schnarr's address. He was a button manufacturer at 141 King e. in Kitchener.*

- ◆ **1927-28** Reference Vernon's 1927-28 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1927.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins

O-216 Mrs Dora Ginter
Seven more names follow up to
O-230 Mrs. M. Riddell (O = Owner)
T-232 R Heller

T-234 Oscar Geisler
Union (St) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (south) (Margaret's daughter)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm), h (house) 230 King s (south)

- ◆ **1928** Death Registration #035472-28. County of Waterloo. Division of Town of Waterloo.
Surname of Deceased: **Riddell**
Full given Name: **Margaret**
Place of death, street and number: 230 King St. S.

Sex: Female Racial Origin: Irish
Single, Married, Widowed: Widowed
Age: 80 yrs, 9 mos, 11 dys.
Place of Birth: Cobourg (*Ontario*)
Date of Birth: 23rd Jan. '48 (*1848*)
Trade or Occupation: Retired Housewife
Length of Residence: at place of death 7yrs
in Ontario Lifetime
in Canada *no entry*
Name of Father: Edward Redmond
Birthplace of Father: Ireland
Maiden Name of Mother: Alice Osborne
Birthplace of Mother: Canada
Name of Physician: Dr. J. M. Livingston
Address: Waterloo
Name of Informant: Bertha Riddell
Address: 230 King S
Relation to Deceased: Daughter
Place of Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery (R.C.)
Date of Burial: Nov. 6th 1928
Name of Undertaker: Letter & Dresinger
Address: Waterloo
Date of Death: November 3rd 1928

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Name of Deceased: Margaret Riddell
Date of Death: Nov. 3rd
Dates from which to which Medical Practitioner attended Deceased:
From 1920 to Nov 3rd
CAUSE OF DEATH
Primary: Arterio sclerosis
Duration: many yrs
Contributory: Cerebral softening
Duration: several months
a) Did an operation precede death? No
b) Was there an autopsy? No
Name of Physician: Dr. J. M. Livingston
Address: Waterloo
Date received by Division Registrar: 5th Nov.

A copy of the registration follows consisting of one page divided into two segments between "Date of Burial" and "Name of Undertaker".

Surname of Deceased

Full given Name

Place of Death, street and number or

(a) Sex, (b) Racial Origin, (c) Single, Married, Widowed

Age

(a) Place of Birth
(b) Date of Birth

LAST OCCUPATION

Trade or Occupation

Kind of Industry

Date from which to which employed

Length of Residence

PARENTS

Name of Father

Birthplace of Father

Maiden Name of Mother

Birthplace of Mother

Name of Physician

Address

Name of Informant

Address

Relation to Deceased

Place of Burial

Date of Burial

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035472

Margaret

230 King St. S.
If in a Hospital or Institution give name

a Female | b Irish | Widowed

80 yrs. | 9 mos. | 11 dys. | hrs. min.

a Cobourg | b 23rd Jan. '48

Retired housewife

from | to

7 yrs | Lifetime |
at place of death | in Ontario | in Canada

Edward Redmond

Ireland -

Alice Osborne

Canada

Dr. J.M. Livingston

Waterloo

Bertha Riddell

230 King S

Daughter

~~Mount Hope Cemetery (R.C.)~~

Nov. 6th 1925

Name of Undertaker

Address

Cause of Death if no Physician attended

Date of Death

Name of Deceased

Date of Death

Dates from which to which Medical Practitioner attended Deceased

CAUSE OF DEATH

Primary

Duration

Contributory

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(a) Did an operation precede death?

(b) Was there an autopsy?

Name of Physician

Address

Date of Return

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Waterloo

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Margaret Riddell

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yrs. several mos. days

a no b no


Dr. J.M. Livingston

Waterloo

5th Nov.

- ◆ 1929 Margaret Henrietta's Last Will and Testament, registered January 4, 1929, Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo having been initially made and declared May 27, 1921.

No. 10010

CANADA  Province of Ontario

In His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

Be it known that on the fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine the last Will and Testament of MARGARET H. RIDDELL late of the Town of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo and Province of Ontario, Widow, who died on or about the third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at the Town of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, and who at the time of her death had a fixed place of abode at the said Town of Waterloo, was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true Copy of which said last Will and Testament is hereunto annexed.

And that administration of all and singular the property of the said deceased, and in any way concerning her Will, was granted by the aforesaid Court to BERTHA M. RIDDELL of the Town of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, Spinster.

sole the executor named in the said Will, she having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the deceased and the Legacies contained in her Will, so far as she is thereunto bound by Law; and by distributing the residue (if any) of the property according to law.

And to exhibit under oath a true and perfect **Inventory** of all and singular the said property and to render a just and full account of her executorship when thereunto lawfully required.

Witness His Honour EDWARD JAMES HEARS, Judge of the said Surrogate Court at the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo, the day and year first above written.

By the Court
(SEAL)

E. H. SCULLY,
Registrar.

TRANSCRIPT OF WILL.

I, Margaret Henrietta Riddell of the Town of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo, Widow, do make publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament.

I revoke all testamentary writings by me at any time heretofore made.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my adopted daughter, Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell, all my estate of every nature and kind and, wherever situated, to and for her own use and benefit, SUBJECT ONLY to the following conditions, that is to say: That she shall pay all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses; THAT she shall pay the sum of One hundred Dollars for masses to be said for the repose of my soul, and One Hundred Dollars for masses to be said for the repose of the soul of my deceased husband William H. Riddell; THAT she shall pay the necessary funeral expenses of my sister Elisabeth Armstrong and of my sister Caroline Redmond; AND THAT she shall pay to Daniel Sullivan of Caledon East, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in consideration of services and kindnesses rendered to my sister Elisabeth Armstrong.

AND I do hereby nominate and appoint my said adopted daughter, Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell, the sole executrix of this my said Will, with full power and authority to do and perform all acts, matters and things necessary to carry out the provisions hereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty one.

(Signed) Margaret H. Riddell (Seal)

SIGNED, sealed, published and declared by the said Testatrix, Margaret Henrietta Riddell, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signed) Lillian M. Tysen (Signed) R. P. Uffelmann

I certify the above to be true and correct.

E. H. Scully
Registrar of the Surrogate Court
of the County of Waterloo.

- Reference Kitchener Mount Hope Cemetery records.

Margaret H. Riddell is interred in Lot #291 in the Roman Catholic section.
A large monument, approximately seven feet tall, is embossed with the family name.

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A separate headstone was inscribed as follows.

MARGARET H. RIDDELL
HIS WIFE
1848-1928
R. I. P.

Note: The cemetery records incorrectly records a death date of 1929.

Refer to year 1912 entry for photograph of Margaret's headstone.



Biographies

of

Children

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Biography of Minnie Maude Riddell (Mother Mary Carmel Riddell)

- ◆ **1876–1881** Refer to **George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History** for Minnie Maude Riddell's history prior to her adoption by William and Margaret Riddell.
- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months, along with her sister Bertha Theodora, age 3 years 8 months, were adopted by her father's brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane, who had died as a result of a fire.
- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

When I was six years old my mother died of burns received when her dress accidentally caught fire. She suffered great agony for over three weeks and died on April 2, 1882.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

Minnie Maude's sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father's sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father's second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

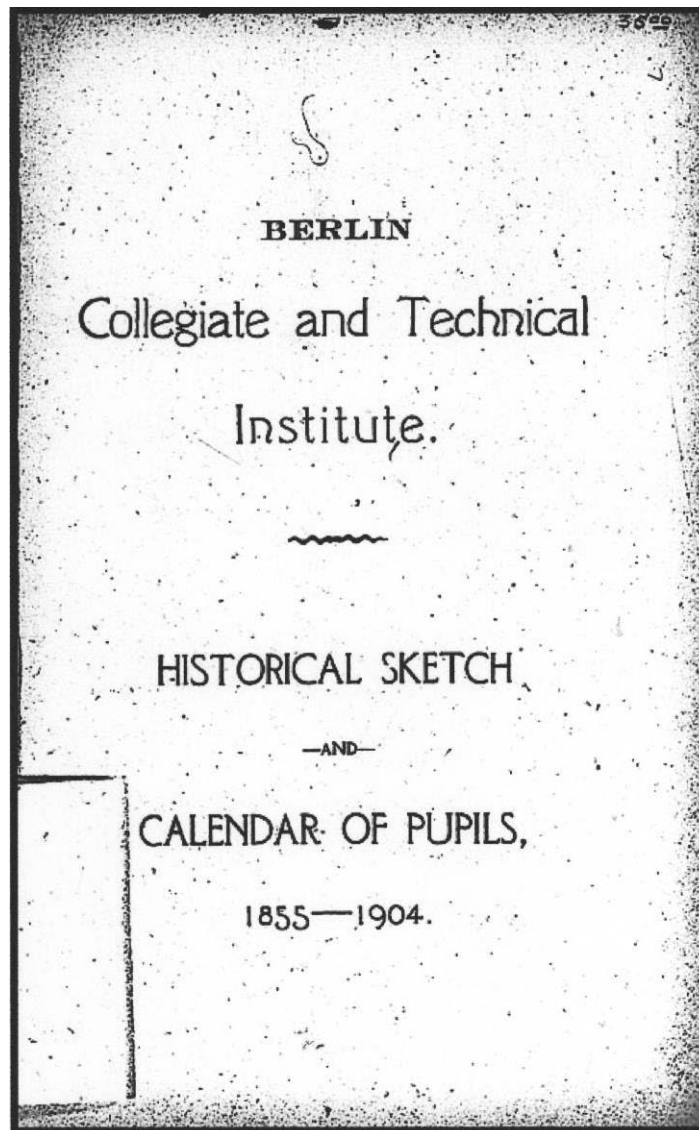
- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Minnie Maude baptized in Kitchener, Ontario on July 14.
- ◆ **1882** Minnie Maude's father, George F. Riddell married Catharine Taylor, in Collingwood, Ontario on August 16.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History
- ◆ **1882-1891** Reference following excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. (*Continuation from 1882 autobiography entries*)

There was at that time no Catholic parish in Waterloo, and the nearest church and school were in Berlin (now Kitchener) two miles from our home. Bertha and I were not yet baptized. There must have been difficulties in getting to a priest in that little old Orange settlement of Singhampton, for although father had managed to have his first three children (all boys) baptized at the time of mother's death. So our new parents, whom we now called papa and mama, lost no time in arranging for our baptism. It took place in the vestry of St. Mary's Church in Berlin, and was administered by Rev. Father Kloepper, C.R., a member of the Resurrectionist Father who had charge of the parish and operated the College of St. Jerome. There was no means of transportation between Waterloo and Berlin and cars had not yet been invented! So it was a long time before Bertha and I were able to walk the long distance to St. Mary's for Sunday Mass. But I well remember being at Mass there many times with my parents and noticing the high regard the priests showed for my father.

During this time my mother taught both of us at home, both our religion and ordinary school subjects suited to our age. For a while I attended the school in Berlin to prepare for my entrance to High School exams and for my first Holy Communion, which in those days was not made until the age of twelve. I passed the entrance exams, but was overtaken by sickness, and had to receive my first Communion alone sometime after my class had received.

After that I attended the Waterloo-Berlin High School for a few years, until again overtaken by sickness. That ended my formal schooling. My health was always a matter of anxiety-- lung trouble was feared. But for several years during my teens I studied piano with a very good woman teacher and continued until I had obtained the Intermediate certificate from the Toronto Conservatory.

- ◆ **1890** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Minnie Maude's confirmation occurred in Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario on June 1.
- ◆ **1890-91** Reference Berlin Collegiate and Technical Institute Historical Sketch.



1890.

(Staff as in 1888.)

Cairnes, John 90-4 Mat. & 1st yr. Tor. Univ.; Sr. Lvg.;
Teacher, Berlin
Clemens, James (non-res.) 90
Downie, David 90 Bank Manager, Elgin, Man.
Hagey, Jno Wesley 90-3 Primary; D. D. S., Innisfail, N.
W. T.
Heipel, Charles 90-4 Pr.
Hilliard, Charles 90-1
Hogg, Wm 90-2 Prim'y; Insp. Dep, Bank of Commerce,
Toronto
Huff, Alfred 90-97 Pr; & Part II; of Senior Lvg;
Jansen, Chas 90 Prim'y
Killer, Edmund 90-1
Kreutziger, Edw W B 90 Banker, Toronto
Kumpf, Ford 90-2, 94 Waterloo
Kuehner, Lincoln 90-1
Latsch, Geo W 90-1
Master, Albert 90
Meyer, Edw H 90-1 Farmer, Kossuth
Moogk, George 90 Waterloo
Pfeffer, Wm 90
Plum, Sangster, 90-1 New Hamburg
Reiner, Eckhardt 90 Wellesley
Riener, Edward 90-1 Tailor, Berlin
Starnamau, Walter A 90 Publisher, Berlin
Stricker, Fred 90
Unger-Austin 90-1 Preston Nat; Bank, Detroit
Weber, Ephraim 90-4 Teacher & Farmer, Didsbury, Alta
Witmer, Edwin H 90
Zahn, Herman 90

Bingeman, Ida C 90-4 Sr. Lvg.
Diebel, Sylvia 90-2 (ob)
Downie, Henrietta 90-1 Trained Nurse

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Dumas, Evelyn 90-1
Elsley, Rose 90-91 Galt
Haehnel, Flora 90-1
Hoffman, Lily J 90-1 Waterloo
Howell, Lulu 90-1
Howie, May 90-1 Mrs. Hedley Hilborn, Brooklyn, N Y
Kaempf, Margeret 90-5 Jr Lvg (ob)
Meyer, Annie 90, 4-5 Jr Lvg (ob)
Meyer, Sara C 90-2 Mrs. Nelson Boehmer, Berlin
Mitchell, Bella (non-res.) 90-1
Montgomery, Jane 90
Moyer, Edith 90 Mrs Chase, Berlin
Moyer, Ellen E 90-5 Mrs Winter, Toronto
Riddell, Minnie Maude 90-1 Sister Mary Carmel, Head
Teacher of Music and Mathematics, Ursuline Con-
vent, Chatham.
Schmidt, Effie 90-2 Librarian, Berlin
Shiry, Eliz 90-1 Mrs Abr Snider, Bloomingdale
Smith, Bertha 90
Snyder, Minnie 90
Young, Mary 90-93 Mrs J B Crawford, Ottawa

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Excerpts from pages 36 and 37 documenting the year 1890.

Minnie Maude recorded as attending in the years of 1890 and 1891. The document also shows what became of the former students. As can be seen Minnie Maude Riddle became Sister Mary Carmel, Head Teacher of Music and Mathematics, Ursuline Convent, Chatham.

- ◆ **1891** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 122 North Waterloo.
S. District d, Town of Waterloo W 1. Page 52
Enumerated by me on the 22 day of April 1891.
Chas H. F (?) Enumerator

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

Name: **Minnie Maud (e) Riddell**

Age: 14

Married or Widowed: ----

Relationship to Head of Family: D (*daughter*)

County or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R. C.

Profession Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

No one in the family was enumerated as "Deaf and Dumb", "Blind" or "Unsound of Mind" under INFIRMITIES.

Minnie Maude was enumerated with her adoptive parents, William and Margaret Riddell, sister Bertha M. T. Riddell, age 12 and Aunt Caroline Redmond, age 32.

At this time the family was living on E King St., Waterloo, Ontario.

- ◆ **1891-1896** Reference following excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. (*Continuation from 1882-1891 autobiography entry*)

During these years of adolescence, I was very much concerned about what my future should be, but I never spoke of it or discussed it with anyone.

I was a dreamer, and my dreams presented to my imagination an endless variety of futures as no doubt all adolescent dreams do. I was very fond of music, but I realized that I had personally no gift whatever to produce art in any form, but only to recognize and appreciate it. For a long time I had a flair for drawing plans for beautiful homes, surrounded by lovely gardens, always with a stream flowing through them crossed by an artistic bridge. These drawings I kept hidden up the chimney of the parlour fire-place and destroyed them only just before leaving to enter the convent.

No doubt my mother was considering my future at this time also, and once when she asked me what I would like to do, I told her I would like to be an architect. She expressed surprise, but did not think it a very practical suggestion, and no more was said about it..... Travel, adventure, seeing the world and peoples of other lands and similar ideas filled my dreams until, as my 20th birthday approached I realized that something more definite should engage my thoughts, and I set myself to pray with all earnestness for light and guidance to know what was God's will for my future.

After a stormy siege of prayer, my problem narrowed down to this: the only futures I could see before me were marriage or the convent! But which should it be?



Minnie Maude probably photographed in her late teen years about 1895

- ◆ **1897-1899** Reference following excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. (*Continuation from 1891-1896 autobiography entry*)

Then followed one or more equally stormy sieges of prayer in which my prayer was very simple-- "My Lord, if you want me to marry, show me the man. But if you want me to be a nun, send me a vocation." It was the beginning of the year (my 21st) and I asked for a decision by Easter. And the answer came as I had asked! Day after day my mind seemed to settle more and more on the convent. I was really very immature,

knew almost nothing about life, marriage, birth; what I longed for was peace of mind and a happy life, and I felt convinced that the convent was the place to find this.

I should have told you that before this Waterloo had become a parish, with a fine little church, St. Louis, and Father Spetz as pastor and a young C.R. priest, Father Ignatius Perus, as assistant. Both of these were very frequent visitors at our home, and the latter became my confidant, confessor and director. He approved my vocation and helped me to make my decision; then advised me to tell my parents.

All the while, with the exception of Father Perus, I had said nothing, not even to Bertha, of what was going on in my mind and soul. On the eve of Pentecost, my mother suggested to me that I should pray to the Holy Spirit for light to know what God wanted me to do with my life. I seized on the opportunity and told her that I had been praying and had decided that I wanted to enter a convent.

I omit all other details. This much is just to show how my vocation came about. I wanted to enter a convent. But why?

Not for any lofty motive of giving my life to God and serving in his great apostolate for the salvation of souls. No,- such a thought never entered my mind! I thought only of myself. I wanted a life of personal peace and happiness and believed the convent would give me that. How selfish I was! And how good and indulgent were my dear Lord and my sweet heavenly Mother to give me exactly what I wanted and direct me to "The Pines" to find it. The moment I passed through the gateway in the old board fence in front of the convent a voice in my soul said to me, "This is your home for life". And this it has proved to be through all the long years of my religious life,- my home of peace and happiness.

- ◆ 1899 Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.
Minnie Maude entered the Ursuline Novitiate, Chatham, Ontario on September 8, 1899 and received her Habit December 8, 1899.
- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

MY LIFE IN THE CONVENT

And now began my life in the convent. I had never been in a convent before, and had absolutely no idea of the routine of the religious life or of any occupation that might be given me; but perhaps that was no different from anyone else,- we all had to learn everything by degrees,- and often by the hard way of making mistakes and paying the penalty for them!

But one thing I should say at the start,- I never once was lonely for the good home, dear sister and kind parents to whom I had said farewell. I loved the convent - poor and primitive as it was - with its scrubbed floors in the parlours, its big cloister grates, its hundred-and-one inconveniences and hardships,- loved every one in it and everything I had to do.- in spite of my many mistakes, reproofs and penances. I was the only postulant with four novices,- Sisters de Chantal, Agatha, Martha and Clotilde; and five professed: Sisters Antoinette, Justina, Gertrude, St. Anne and Joachim. There was no Juniorate in those days, nor temporary vows. These five had made perpetual vows but remained in the novitiate for four years after profession.

My first assignment after my entrance was mistress of Third Division, of which the two outstanding members were Angela Crotty and Henrietta Collins.

I knew nothing of the duties of a mistress, and could not have made much of a success of this charge, But as my postulancy lasted only three months,- September 8 to December 8,- my term as mistress was soon interrupted to prepare for my Reception. This took place at an afternoon ceremony in the little old chapel, next to the old auditorium (today's music auditorium). Three days later I was appointed assistant mistress of 2nd Division with Sr. Clotilde as first mistress.

- ◆ **1901** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Minnie Maude made her perpetual vows December 10.



Photograph of Sister Mary Carmel taken in her early years at the Convent

- Reference an early biographical sketch of Sister Mary Carmel.

FAMILY NAME	RELIGIOUS NAME	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
<i>Mary Riddell</i>	<i>Sr. Mary Carmel</i>	<i>Canadian</i>	<i>Irish</i>
	Date		Place
Born.....	<i>January 2 1876</i>	<i>Winhampton, Ontario</i>	
Baptized.....	<i>July 14 1882</i>	<i>Kitchener (Berlin) Ontario</i>	
Confirmed.....	<i>June 1 1890</i>	"	"
Entered Novitiate.....	<i>September 8 1899</i>	<i>The Pines, Chatham, Ontario</i>	
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Temporary Vows.....			
Perpetual Vows.....	<i>December 10, 1901</i>	"	"
Death.....	<i>December 25 1968</i>	"	"
Father's Name.....	<i>George F. Riddell</i>	Birthplace (Province or Country)	<i>Ontario</i>
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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE	INTERIM		PERMANENT	
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High School Assistant				
Auxiliary				
Art - - - - Elementary				
Specialist				
Supervisor's				
Agriculture - - Elementary A				
Intermediate				
Specialist				
Home Economics Elementary A B				
Intermediate				
Specialist's				
Manual Training Elementary				
Intermediate				
Specialist				
Music - - - - Elementary A B				
Intermediate				
Specialist's				
Commercial				
Physical Training				
Kindergarten Primary				
Dramatics				
Nursing - - - -R. N.				
Home Nursing				
First Aid				

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's Autobiography.
(Continuation of "My Life in the Convent")

Now I also began teaching piano, having for my music room one-half of the present-day pupils' room with Sr. Clotilde using the other half and very soon the teaching of the theory of music was added to my programme and preparing my pupils for the local exams and both piano and theory of the Toronto Conservatory.

Before entering the convent I had taken piano lessons from a young woman in Waterloo who was a graduate of the Toronto Conservatory and had learned from her about these local exams, and had tried them in my hometown as far as the Intermediate, which I passed with fair marks but without promise of ever reaching the final grades.

After entering the convent I told the nuns about the local exams, and they at once communicated with the Toronto Conservatory, and arranged to have them introduced at "The Pines" where they have continued to be held every year since.

This combination of Mistress of 2nd Division and music teacher continued to be my program for several years. During this time I continued practising piano with occasional lessons, but as I said, I had little or no gift for any form of art, and soon concentrated my efforts on the theoretical subjects in music, harmony, counterpoint, double counterpoint, canon and fugue, form, orchestration, analysis and composition. Most of these subjects I studied from text books, with a correspondence course in Form from Dr. Humphrey Anger of the Toronto Conservatory.

I was more successful in the teaching of the theoretical subjects and prepared many pupils for such exams at the grade they were taking in vocal or instrumental. But I remember only two taking the complete course in theory,- one was Mother Immaculata (Agnes Bauer) and when she went to Toronto to try the final exams I went with her and tried mine at the same time. Agnes failed in one of her subjects, but I passed all mine and obtained a diploma as Associate of the Toronto Conservatory (A.T.C.M.). My pupil who obtained this diploma later was Gertrude Carnowsky (Mrs. George Folsom), a talented young girl, who, at her music graduation recital played the piano composition she had written for her examination.

During these years many of the nuns who were teaching in our parish schools were not legally qualified, but because of the scarcity of teachers in the province they were allowed to teach on "permits" from the Department. But now the time came when proper qualifications were required and summer normal courses were provided to help those who were academically prepared to obtain professional certificates. So all those nuns who were teaching on permits made every effort to prepare for the summer normal courses. They took the evening recreation time, holidays and weekends to study in private or in groups or even in classes. And because I had about three years of High School and was fond of study, I asked to join them. We all tried the examinations in June and passed, but when the others went for the normal courses in the summer, I was not allowed to go, because my health was considered delicate - my lungs being for many years a cause of constant vigilance.

However, it was not long until a shortage of teachers in our boarding school classes was experienced and I was called upon to take charge of the first year high school class. We were a private school and not under departmental inspection. So I took the class but was not allowed to teach music at the same time,- again for health reasons. I loved the class teaching much more than the piano and felt I could do it much better; and as there was no call for the advanced work in the theory of music and younger teachers were able now to do all the theory that was required, I drifted out of the music department entirely.

After this I taught only in the High School classes in different forms until at the last for a number of years Mother Paul Coveny and I shared the subjects of the graduation class, Form III, between us,- she teaching religion, history and languages- Latin and French- while I took the English, Physics and Chemistry, Algebra and Geometry.

Meanwhile, after the death of our dear Mother St. Anne Wallace in 1911, I was appointed to succeed her as General Mistress.

Something should be said here also about "The Echoes". After the death of our dear first Mother Rose Kennedy in 1901, "The Echoes" passes to Mother Baptiste O'Grady who was Superior at the time, and Mother Clare Gaukler, who was General Mistress, and they often called on me for poems and articles and I served quite a long apprenticeship under them. But Mother Clare continued in charge even after she was made Superior in 1909 until the Golden Jubilee of "The Pines" number of 1910 was published.

A glance at the book will show the enormous amount of work that went into it - correspondence to get messages from the hierarchy, from the Holy Father down, articles from old pupils and from nuns - all these out-going letters were written by Mother Clare herself - one especially long article on the history of our foundation and fifty years was written by "old" mother Ignatius McDonald (1843-1927 - letters from Alumnae all over Canada, United States and Europe. I did the work of editing, proof-reading, etc. but I think my only contribution in writing was a little three-stanzered poem! After that the whole charge of "The Echoes" was given to me and remained with me until Mother Inez ~~IREZ~~ became editor in 1939 ?.

- ◆ 1912 Sister Mary Carmel's adoptive father, William Henry Riddell died May 9. Reference Waterloo newspaper dated May 9, 1912 where it was recorded "...who with two daughters, Miss Bertha at home, and Sister Mary Carmel, Principal in the Ursuline Academy (*Academy*), Chatham,...."
Reference **Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1912 entry)**
- For details related to the proceeds William Henry Riddell's will related to Sister Mary Carmel refer to **Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1912 entry)**
- ◆ 1912-1921 Reference following excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS

At the beginning of the century, and just about the time I entered, certain events were taking place that necessitated some modifications in our Constitutions which supposed a cloistered Community.

But our Bishop McEvoy wished us to take charge of the parish schools in the diocese - the first break from cloister was to teach in St. Joseph's School in Chatham, and so the old "Black Maria" provided the compromise to make this possible. Then came calls from Tilbury and Windsor schools, Tecumseh and Wallaceburg.... This necessitated vast changes in our cloistered Constitutions. These came at first in the form of a number of "Statutes", authorized by Bishop McEvoy. But that was a mere item in what had yet to be done,- a complete reorganization of our Constitutions.

At first these parish houses in which we formed small communities had to be dependent for any important matters on the decision of the local council of "The Pines". This, of course, was not satisfactory,- but what to do about it?

In Rome the Canon Law of the Church was in course of revision, and with us things seemed at a standstill. But when in 1910 Bishop Fallon was made Bishop of London, he advised us to begin a complete revision of our old Constitutions. This was to be done by the local council of "The Pines", which for the time being was to continue acting as a general council for all our houses.

In the old Minute Book (with the mottled cover) of "Local Council Meetings" and "Local Chapter Meetings" we find under the date of August 3rd, 1912, the following entry:

"Right Rev. M.F. Fallon assembled the Chapter to consult their views regarding a revision of our constitutions. He suggested that the Constitutions of the Ursulines of the Roman Union be adopted so far as the exigencies of our work in the diocese of London would permit.

It was unanimously agreed that revision was necessary.

His Lordship's motion that the work of revision should be entrusted to the Council of the Community was carried by the almost unanimous consent of the Chapter.

His Lordship requested that a copy of this revision be submitted to each member of the Chapter, who would be expected to read it in a spirit of faith and prayer, and suggest any alterations she might deem necessary; the whole work to be completed within the coming year, 1912/13.

Signed: M.M. Clare, Supr., M.M. Paul, Ass't,
M.M. Theresa, Zel. & Sec'y

In accordance then with the advice of our bishop, the Local Council, with the temporary status of a General Council, set to work on their good task.

The full local council of "The Pines" at this time, 1912, consisted of M.M. Clare, Superior, M.M. Paul Coveny, Assistant, M.M. Theresa McGregor, Zelatrice & Sec'y (these had been elected at the Chapter elections of 1912). With these three were associated for the work of revision the three "Discreets" - M.M. Nativity, Mistress of Novices, M.M. Cecilia, Head Portress, M.M. Carmel, General Mistress of pupils.

According to our old Constitutions, after the election of the Councillors had been made, these four Councillors assembled and elected the so-called "Discreets" to fill the three offices above.

This group of seven constituted the revising committee. They met every day at the time of the evening meditation to discuss and form a plan.

As the Roman committee had not yet finished their work or at least the new Canons were not yet available in English there was little to guide us. Our only source books were the Constitutions of the Roman Union Ursulines and a Commentary on the Normae which contained a sort of specimen constitutions for a community such as ours, and of course also, the constant advice and assistance of our Bishop.

After about two years of these daily meetings, our committee was able to submit our first provisional copy of a new constitution. According to an entry in the Chapter minutes of the local house in 1914 we read: "In Christmas week of 1914 the Chapter nuns were assembled in the auditorium and the revised constitutions were read to them. It was almost unanimously resolved to adopt them provisionally with a few amendments. It was decided later 'not to admit any more lay sisters and to omit the Chapter concerning them'."

The revising committee continued their work until all things seeming to be satisfactory, the new constitution was submitted to our Bishop who gave his full approval on Easter Monday, April 5, 1915, and the new constitutions went into effect immediately. They were then to be printed to be tried for the next six years. Preparations were then made for the first General Chapter.

- ◆ 1921 Reference excerpt from "A Tribute to Mother M. Carmel Riddell" by Sister St. Michael Guinan upon Mother Carmel's death.
"She was Superior from 1915 to 1921."

FIRST GENERAL CHAPTER

The first General Chapter, in accordance with the new Constitution, was held in the summer of 1915, and as expected, Mother Clare Gaukler was chosen as first Superior General with old Mother Theresa McGregor as Vicar and First Councillor, Mother Carmel, 2nd Councillor, M. Genevieve 3rd Councillor and M. Gertrude Cunningham 4th; M. Joachim, Sec'y General and M. Paul, Treasurer.

NB: In those days the community was small, and there were not many of sufficient age and experience to fill the generalate offices,- with the consequence that I was kept in office on the General Council for 36 years: 1st Councillor and Vicar 1921/27 again 1927/33, 33/39; 2nd Councillor 1939/45 and 4th Councillor 1945/51.

SECOND GENERAL CHAPTER 1921

The new Constitutions were carefully tried out for the six years, 1915-21, and a great many suggestions were offered with regard to them. These suggestions were presented and discussed at the Second General Chapter, held June 30, 1921.

The elections in this Chapter were as follows: M.M. Clare, Superior General, M. Carmel, Vicar and 1st Councillor, M. Genevieve, 2nd Counc., M. St. Roch, 3rd Coun., M. Paul, 4th Coun., M. Gertrude, Sec'y General and M. Baptiste, Treas. General.

With regard to the Constitutions, it was decided that the work of revision should be continued by a special revising committee: M. Carmel, M. Genevieve and M. St. Roch. A report on the revisions was to be prepared and submitted as soon as possible. For this purpose it was decided to prorogue this Chapter and meet again in December to hear the report of the revising committee.

The first report was given to the reconvened chapter in December in the presence of the Bishop. During the following year M. St. Roch was sent to Calgary in charge of our newly assumed work there. The two other members continued their work of revision and gave reports of their work to successive General Chapters, not only on the Constitutions but also on the Regulations and Ceremonials.

- ◆ 1921 Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's biological father, George Francis Riddell died at Singhampton, Ontario, October 3.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History

- Reference continuing excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's Autobiography.

Now I must get back to my more personal life as an Ursuline Religious. The first decade of my religious life was spent in doing mistress work, first in 3rd division, and then in 2nd division, also in teaching music and some classes in the High School department.

Then as the time drew near for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of "The Pines", 1910, Mother Clare who was Superior at the time, began to consider the formation of an alumnae association of the former pupils. I entered heart and soul into her plans and helped her in every way possible. Together we composed their first little book of constitutions and planned a grand mayoral celebration, to be held on the second day of the Golden Jubilee celebration of their Alma Mater in 1910.

The account of the three days' celebration, May 31- June 2, 1910, is fully recorded in the Golden Jubilee issue of The Echoes; and it will be seen there the functions of the special Alumnae Day, June 1st, the graduation of the class of that year including some of the devoted and still living members as Mary Park, Angela Crotty-Boucher, Eva Doyle..... The Alumnae banquet and the programme are also recorded; but no record could be made of the jolly reunion of those Charter members, among whom had been Mrs. Eleanore Jacobs-O'Connor, of Windsor, who had been the first resident pupil of the Ursuline School in 1961, and Miss Mary Crotty, also an early boarder, who was on this occasion elected first President of the Alumnae Association.

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After that the Alumnae began holding their meetings annually and later joined the I.F.C. - International Federation of Convent Alumnae. For many years both the Alumnae and The Echoes were my special charge as well as being General Mistress (Principal) of the school always under the supervision of Mother Clare, who was Superior of "The Pines" from 1909-1915.

I have already told of my work in the revising committee on the Constitutions under the authority of Bishop Fallon.

Then came the first General Election, when the General Chapter elected Mother Clare as Superior General, Mother Theresa as Vicar and myself as 2nd Councillor; and immediately afterwards, the General Council elected me as Superior of "The Pines". After my term, Mother Baptiste Lachance became Superior of "The Pines" and took charge of the Alumnae as Federation Sister.

Meanwhile, other educational openings came for attention. First a request from our bishop to open a residence and school in London to take charge of the classes that were being relinquished by the Sacred Heart Religious, who were withdrawing from the city. Our community accepted the offer, and Mother Paul and I were sent up to London to look for a building large enough to provide residence for the nuns and rooms for the classes.

There was no such building to be found in the city, but on the corner of Queen's Avenue and Colborne Street, there was a large old apartment house. The situation was desirable but the house was in no way suitable; moreover all the apartments in it were filled with tenants. But there was no other building to be found.

This was the report we brought home,- after much deliberation we bought the building,- all the tenants moved elsewhere, and somehow the place was fitted up for our needs, with a chapel, living quarters for the nuns, classrooms for primary, secondary and commercial courses, and for music teaching. This was the beginning of our St. Angela's School in London.

BRESCIA HALL

Brescia is the only university-level women's college in Canada (2015)

And now it was not long before another call was made upon us. Certain changes and developments were going on within Western University, and Bishop Fallon saw an opportunity and a need for the opening of a Catholic Women's College within the University. Again he called upon our community to prepare to fill the need.

There were very few nuns in our community at the time who were professionally qualified to assume classes at college level. Mother Immaculate Dwyer had a B.A. Degree from Toronto University but was past the age to obtain anything higher. Mother Paul was a gifted scholar in Latin, but without a degree; Mother St. Michael Major had a degree from England and had a few more credits to acquire before being fully qualified as a Professor of ...

Mother St. Anne Lachance had a B.A. Degree from Queen's, Kingston, and began at once to prepare for an M.A. in French at Columbia University, New York. I myself had sufficient credits for a B.A. but because these were obtained from different colleges - Toronto, Queen's, Western - I could not obtain a degree. So I was sent to Columbia to obtain an M.A. Degree in English.

Meanwhile we had acquired a handsome old house in London on the corner of Wellington as residence and lecture halls for religious and students, and the new college began operation in the fall of 1920 offering first year courses in English, French and History, with Philosophy, religion and such courses taught by priests from St. Peter's Seminary.

Property had been purchased in the vicinity of the main buildings of Western, and the new Catholic Women's College, Brescia Hall, began to rise on Brescia Heights opposite the University. By 1925 the new building was ready for occupation, and the formal opening was celebrated the following year.

During the first years I was in London in charge of the English courses in the new college, but at our Second General Chapter in 1921, I had been elected first General Councillor and therefore Vicar, and my place was rightly at the Motherhouse of "The Pines". As soon as it became possible to replace me in the English Department in London, I returned to "The Pines" for good.

- ◆ **1927** Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's Autobiography.

At the Third General Chapter in 1927, I was re-elected as 1st Councillor and Vicar, and also taught some English classes in the High School at "The Pines".

- ◆ **1928** Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's adoptive mother, Margaret Riddell, age 80 yrs 9 mos, died of arterio sclerosis at Waterloo, Ontario, November 3.
Reference Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1928 entry)

- ◆ **1933-39** Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's Autobiography.

At the 4th General Chapter in 1933 Mother Genevieve was elected Superior General with Mother Clare as 1st Councillor and Vicar and I became 2nd Councillor. I continued to teach some English in the High School, and Rev. Mother Genevieve had me start a class in the Novitiate in Ursuline Department and Courtesy. Later she had me begin a "reading circle" in the Juniorate.

In 1935 was celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of "The Pines" and the Silver Jubilee of the Alumnae Association and I had much to do with the preparation of the programmes for both occasions, especially for the Alumnae Jubilee, for which occasion "Our Lady's Flower Garden" on the south side of the school campus had been specially prepared. The Holy Family shrine in the pine grove had also been donated by the Alumnae to commemorate the event.

In the 5th General Chapter, in 1939, Rev. Mother Genevieve, M. Clare and I were re-elected to the same offices, and my work in the community and the school continued as before.

◆ 1944 Reference photograph of Mother Mary Carmel.



Caption reads: "M. Carmel Riddell 1944"
Mother Mary was 68 years and about six months at that time.

◆ 1945-51 Reference final excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's Autobiography.

In the elections of the 6th General Chapter in 1945, Rev. Mother M. Kathleen was elected Superior General, with M.M. Baptiste Lachance as Vicar and 1st Councillor, and M.M. Clare, M. Dolores and myself as 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Councillors.

Somewhere around this time (I don't remember the year) I retired from teaching in the school, but retained my classes in the Novitiate and the reading circle in the Juniorate, and devoted much time to the care of Our Lady's Garden and other ornamental parts of the grounds.

Then came the celebration of my Diamond Jubilee in 1951, after which all my activities came suddenly to an end. Deo gratias! Fiat!

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Our dear Mother Carmel's activities did not "come to an end" suddenly as she thought, but continued even in her beloved Community until her death, and her beautiful spirit still moves amongst us into the new days of Spiritual renewal we are all so happily experiencing.

The dear Lord now set Mother Carmel a new freedom from the burden of office to give expression to her love of Him as His humble beautifier of spirit, souls and nature. Our Lady's Garden took form and shape and became a beauty spot in "The Pines"; spirit-filled poetry flowed from her pen, and each soul who visited her left her side nourished and strengthened.

In her last years of complete confinement Our Lady's Rosary never left her hands until the dear Lord Himself rewarded her loving devotion by tenderly taking her home to Himself on His own birthday, Christmas morning 1958. R.I.P.

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◆ 1951 Reference Reverend Mother Mary Carmel's Golden Jubilee of July 16.

<p style="text-align: center;">P R O G R A M IN HONOUR OF REVEREND MOTHER CARMEL'S GOLDEN JUBILEE The Pines, July 16th 1 9 5 1</p>	<p>God Save the King</p> <p>Jubilate Deo Choir</p> <p>Address to the Jubilarian</p> <p>Presentation of the Spiritual Bouquet</p> <p>The Dream of Gerontius Novi- by Cardinal Newman tiate Directed by Sister Corona</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N O T E</p> <p>John Henry Cardinal Newman was a famous Oxford teacher who became a Catholic in 1845. His long life of almost ninety years produced many fruitful writings, which first reflected his struggle to find the light of faith, and after his conversion, his joy and peace in possessing it.</p>
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Suffering came to him in large measures, both because he broke his Anglican ties and because as a convert he was misunderstood and held in suspicion by Catholics. Pope Leo XIII, however, acknowledged his greatness by bestowing on him the Cardinal's hat in 1879. Then Catholics everywhere united in hailing his elevation.

As a writer and orator, Newman reached the heights of masterliness. His motto, as Cardinal, Heart speaketh to Heart, reveals the secret of his eloquence--graceful, unaffected, tender, penetrating.

In The Dream of Gerontius, written in 1865, he anticipated his dying hours, threw into concentrated, almost

Dantean, imagery his beliefs as suggested by the Offices of the Requiem, and looked forward to his final pilgrimage. The idea of this poem is that life on earth is only a dream compared to the realities of eternal life. Hence it is a study of a soul just before and just after death.

Scene I - shows Gerontius, which is the Greek word for "old man", dying among his friends, who pray for him.

Scene II - The soul of Gerontius, now in his new life, young and vigorous, speaks with his Guardian Angel. The Angel explains to him the condition of his

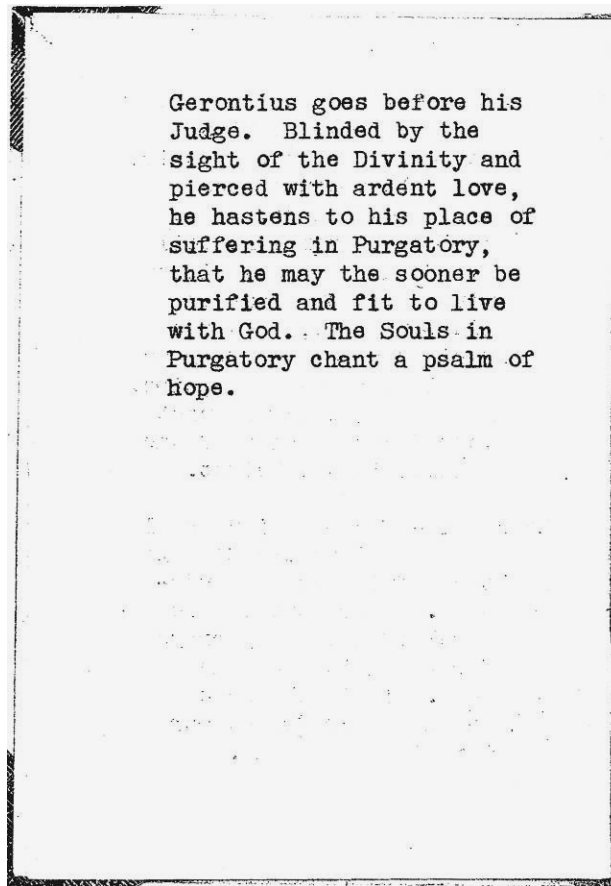
new life. The Angel solo and the music throughout the play are from the magnificent oratorio on The Dream of Gerontius, composed by Sir Edward Elgar around 1900.

Scene III - Gerontius is almost put to fear by the demons in the outer court of judgment. They are contorted with rage and envy that this soul has escaped their grasp. He learns that he has no bodily senses.

Scene IV - Gerontius advances through the heavens, and is consoled by choirs of Angelicals, telling the story of man's creation and painful development after the fall of Adam.

Scene V - The Guardian Angel and Gerontius approach the sacred stairs which lead toward the Presence Chamber. More choirs of Angelicals tell how fallen man was gifted with God's presence and His very Self, when the Saviour came to suffer and to die for his redemption. All the Angelicals burst into joyous praise of the Holiest in the height.

Scene VI - The Guardian Angel guides the soul to the awful place of judgment. There the sombre Angel of the Agony prays for the dying and the dead. It is the same Angel who comforted Our Lord in Gethsemane.



- ◆ 1951 Reference Newspaper Article. Date Tuesday, July 24.

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Her Sisters in the Ursuline Community feel deep gratitude to their revered jubilarian for the service she has rendered in her office of Vicar General and as a member of the General Council. Among her outstanding contributions has been the compiling and printing of Ursuline Books of Rule.

One of Mother Carmel's closest associates in her religious and administrative duties, Mother M. Clare, a former Superior General, also remarkable for her zealous labors for her community and her devotion to the education of youth, passed to eternal reward last April. Plans had been made by the community for a combined celebration of Mother M. Clare's diamond jubilee, sixty years of life in religion, and Mother Carmel's golden jubilee.

Mother Carmel received many spiritual and floral gifts, telegrams and messages of congratulation. As a tribute of gratitude, the Ursuline Community will have an out-door Way of the Cross erected at "The Pines" in memory of Mother Carmel.

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Transcription of balance of newspaper article follows.

Founded Magazine

The Echoes of "The Pines", the well-known school magazine owes its origin and tradition to Mother Carmel. She has served not only as editor for years, but she still contributes inspiring articles and gems of poetry.

Her Sisters in the Ursuline Community feel deep gratitude to their revered jubilarian for the service she has rendered in her office of Vicar General and as a member of the General Council. Among her outstanding contributions has been the compiling and printing of *Ursuline Books of Rule*.

One of Mother Carmel's close associates in her religious and administrative duties, Mother M. Clare, a former Superior General, also remarkable for zealous labors for her community and her devotion to the education of youth, passed to eternal reward last April. Plans had been made by the community for a combined celebration of Mother M. Clare's diamond jubilee, sixty years of life in religion, and Mother Carmel's golden jubilee.

Mother Carmel received many spiritual and floral gifts, telegrams and messages of congratulations. As a tribute of gratitude, the Ursuline Community will have an out-door Way of the Cross erected at "The Pines" in memory of Mother Carmel.

Twelve Sisters renewed their vows with Mother Carmel on their twenty-fifth anniversary.

- ◆ **1950s** Reference photographs of the grounds of "The Pines" and Mother Mary Carmel probably taken in the 1950s.









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*M. Carmel with her
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- ◆ **1950s** Reference a note written by Pamela Higgin during recollections of Mother Mary Carmel during an interview with Greg Mander in the early 2000s.

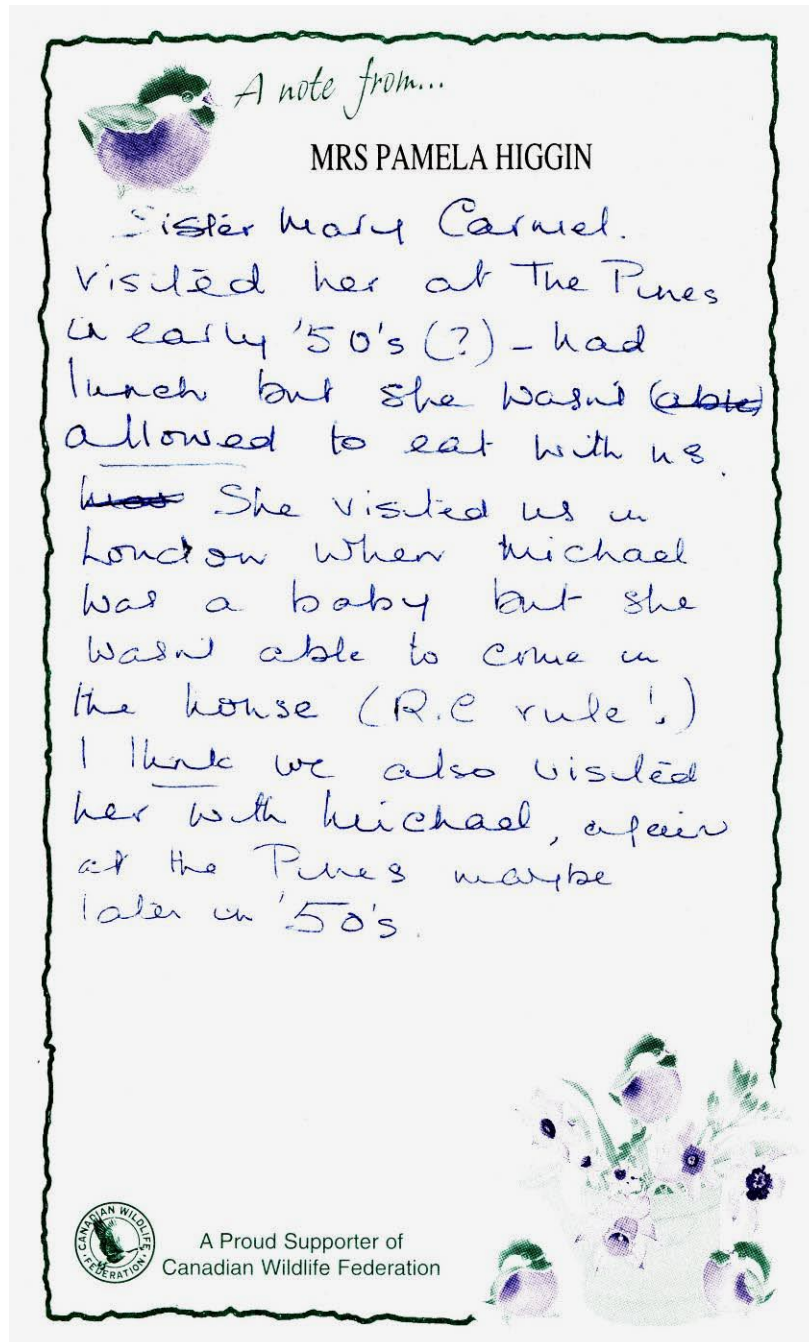


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Pamela Higgin married Edwin Sharples Higgin whose mother was Pearl Higgin nee Riddell. Pearl and Mother Carmel were half sisters. Both Pearl and Mother Mary Carmel (Minnie Maude Riddell) had the same biological father, George Francis Riddell. Michael mentioned in the note was Pamela and Edwin Higgin's son.

- ◆ **1960** Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's sister, Bertha Mary Riddell, age 81 years, five months, three weeks, died at Waterloo, Ontario, February 5.
- ◆ **1960** Reference following articles celebrating Mother Mary Carmel's Diamond Jubilee of August 15.

Tribute

*To Our Diamond Jubilarian
Mother Mary Carmel*

If a Golden Jubilee is such a wonderful thing, what then can be said of a Diamond celebration? To the golden cycle have been added ten more years of active work in the Vineyard of the Lord, - ten more years of hidden contemplation and growth in Him, Who is alone the object of all our love and sacrifice, - 3650 days more of intimate union through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

"Through Him, and with Him, and in Him,
is to Thee, Eternal Father, in union with
the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory . . ."

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"The Echoes" would pay tribute to you, dear Mother Carmel, who from your earliest novitiate days have been an intimate part of its growth and development; who, even now, after more than sixty years still watch over it and guide its each emergence. Looking back over the years, how many poems and articles of interest and devotion we find signed with your humble "-C." But we cannot reckon the months, days, hours, - the editing, planning and printing claimed from you. We cannot weigh the meticulous care and scholarship devoted to each new page.

Wonderingly and gratefully we pay tribute to you!



Mother M. Carmel

"St. Ursula's Alumnae Association of The Pines" would pay tribute to you, dear Mother Carmel, who from its inception in 1910 until 1939 guided its development as Alumnae Sister; who since then have maintained close contact with its earliest members and shared its joys and sorrows and its growing-pains! The Centennial Echoes of 1960 will reveal to later generations through your scholarly article "A Story about ourselves" your hidden work for the Alumnae Association and its growth will be your testimony!

Lovingly and reverently we pay tribute to you!

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And we, your Sisters in Religion, would pay tribute to you, beloved Mother Carmel. If we had words, we would recount for future generations the unflinching generosity of your service to the Order you have loved so well! And your Community has not hesitated to make full use of the talents God has given you. Step by step, you advanced from your novitiate days of teaching, with increased experience to General Mistress, - to Superior of "The Pines", and from there to the Generalate, newly established under Reverend Mother Clare, - first as Secretary-General and then to the second highest office of the Order as Mother Vicar.

Lovingly, wonderingly, gratefully and reverently we pay tribute to you!

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Again we pay tribute to you, beloved Mother, in the stillness which now encompasses you after the activities of life, and we say to you in the words of your beloved Dante:

. for though my vision fades,
The sweetness growing from it yet distills
Its essence in the wellsprings of my heart.
Thus the snow is melted in the sun
By Love,
Which moves the sun in heaven and all the stars.

Par. 33.

-A.

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JUBILEE GREETINGS

The air is filled with music,
Our hearts are filled with song,
For this glad day brings memories
Which to you alone belong.

We offer you best wishes,
Congratulations — and a prayer,
That the joys of this day may
linger

And be with you everywhere.

Vision

Precious stones, chisled with tools of a master,
Diamonds that flame with a prismatic splendor,
 These form a coronet,
Circling the brow of a lovely young maiden,
Ravishing every glad heart that beholds her.

 Joyously triumphing;
Stepping with ease on the bright clouds of morning,
Breathless, her eager face raised as in greeting,
Rosily flushed, like the sky at dawn's rising.
Whence comes this radiant one?
Can she be earth-born, or springs she from fancy?
Ask of the angels who cluster around her,
 Singing their jubilant songs.

“She is your very own”, proudly they answer,
“Long has she lived, and still dwells in your midst.
Surely you recognize this soul exultant,
Clad in her wedding robes, gift of her Loved One?”

Misty-eyed, poised on the heights of Mount Carmel,
Most hallowed trysting place, loved through the ages.
Calmly and trustfully, there her soul lingers,
Hearing from heaven's gates mystical harmony,
 Heralding Bridegroom, and nuptials
 Divine.

Loved Jubilarian, our Mother Carmel,
May we, all reverently, with lamps a-trim,
 Tranquilly watch with you there?

MCP.

from "Echoes" - 19~~74~~
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A Tribute To Our Diamond Jubilarian

FROM HER JUNIORATE READING CIRCLE 1960-61

In chapter 31 of the Book of Proverbs the Holy Spirit asks: "Who shall find a valiant woman? Far and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her . . . she will render good and not evil all the days of her life."

And we answer the Holy Spirit: We have found that valiant woman. All the days of her religious life - for over sixty years now - she has rendered good and not evil. She has "risen in the night to give victuals to her maidens". Yes, every Sunday night she has risen from her black rocking chair in the quiet of her cell to give victuals of the mind to her maidens in the Juniorate.

"She hath sought" beauty and truth and hath "wrought by the counsel" of her years. "She is like a merchant's ship, she bringeth her bread from afar", - from Oberammergau, superb coloured scenes of the famous Passion Play; from Rome, a tattered Papal banner of historic fame; from Florence, statuary and models of the Baptistery and the Campanile; Giotto's fresco of Dante from the chapel of the Bargello; from France, the black and white, picture story of the Divine Comedy, by the great Dore; from Spain, the little "charred crucifix" made famous by the devotion of the Prince who cherished it from childhood and pressed it to his heart as he lay dying in the ruined dovecote near Namur; from Mexico, a beautiful hymn to Our Lady by the "tenor with the golden voice", Padre Jose Mojica of opera fame; and even from the underworld, the head of Medusa!

"She hath tasted and seen that her traffic is good." What traffic more noble than the Black Nobility of Rome? The meteroric splendor of Don John at Lepanto? The inspired imagination of Cervantes in his Don Quixote? The exaltation of love in Dante's worship of Beatrice? But where does our friend Boccaccio get in with these? Because our valiant woman with her truly catholic mind, savours what is good in all things and in all men. It was Boccaccio who began the immortalization of Dante's name and his "mediaeval miracle of song" . . . Moreover, in his Decameron there is ONE story fit for a virgin's mind, - the Patient Giselda, - and THAT she allows her virgins to read!

And lo! Upon one occasion what should her treasure ship disclose but a jewel from Heaven, the "Mystic Rose of Paradise"! And this was our greatest adventure and traffic of the season, - through all the dismal rounds of the Inferno, up the hope-filled Mountain of Purgatory, on through Heaven after Heaven, through the Garden of Christ, into the Mystic Rose of Paradise and the spaceless Empyrean of the Triune Divinity.

Such has been our year, and this our tribute of appreciation on this memorable Diamond Jubilee of a valiant woman. May the name of the Lord be praised in her, and may she be praised in us, -

By that love impelled,
That moves the sun in heaven
And all the stars!

Alumnae Tribute

May 9, 1960 marked the beginning of the Centennial Year at the Ursuline Motherhouse, "The Pines" in Chatham, - the beloved Pines of our student days. What a wonderful year it was! It began with the Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Church. It featured Mother Catherine's fine pageant "The Old Way and the New Life", which brought to us so vividly the story of Reverend Xavier Le Bihan. What a time of visits, congratulations, greetings! How happy the Alumnae were to greet old friends and to make new ones! What hospitality we all received from our Ursuline Mothers!

August 15 of this year is another important anniversary, - especially for us of "The Old Guard", and we would have liked to make a big day of it, - but the celebrant wished otherwise. So Reverend Mother Mary Carmel, - the Alumnae's own Mother Carmel, - will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee quietly with her own Sisters of "The Pines".

We did not see Mother Carmel often during the Centennial, but she was there - in the background, as she always wishes to be, - and her work was there too. Her vision, her forethought, her well-organized records of past events at "The Pines", her clear memory and judgment all helped in making the celebration the success that it was.

When Mother Carmel became an Ursuline, the memory of Mother Xavier was still fresh in the small community. I am sure that what she heard and read of the beloved Foundress strongly influenced the young postulant. From a study of Mother Paul's "From Desenzano to The Pines", I am led to believe that Mother Carmel accepted Mother Xavier's scale of values as her own, - her attitude towards work,

meticulous care in her correspondence, knowledge and appreciation of good literature, above all her keen appreciation of poetry which Mother tried to pass on to us, untalented as we were! Thank you for your efforts, Mother, I shall never be a poet, but I do love poetry and I believe that it was you that planted that love in me.

The Alumnae of "The Pines" knew well that Mother Carmel was a good teacher who expected, or at least hoped, that her pupils would be perfectionists like herself, - which alas, they seldom were! Forgive us, Mother, if we failed you time and again!

For us, however, it was as Alumnae Sister and as Editor of "Echoes from The Pines" that Mother filled her great role in public relations. She, who always avoided publicity for herself, has been responsible for some of the best publicity the Convent ever received. Next to the personal contacts made by the Ursulines themselves and by their pupils, nothing has brought "The Pines" closer to the public than our own "Echoes from The Pines". "Echoes" has also brought the Alumnae closer to one another. Separated, as so many old students are, by many miles and unable to return for the annual meetings, communion with Alma Mater and with each other has been kept intact through "The Echoes", due to the faithful carrying out on the part of our Mother Carmel of the Echoes motto: Genius begins great things, labour always finishes them.

Congratulations to you, dear Mother Carmel, on your Diamond Jubilee from all the Alumnae of "The Pines". God bless you always!

Mary Park

To our revered Diamond Jubilarian, Mother M. Carmel,

As you stand at this impressive milestone of your long life within the hallowed walls of this "Enclosed garden of the Lord", no doubt your mind will, in retrospect, recall the particular circumstances - the certain places, certain people, certain objects, even, through which God manifested Himself to you in a special way. You became conscious of His Voice, calling you by name. It was the call of One you loved, and Who loved you. It was a call you had to answer!

The story of Nathaniel is a beautiful example of God's dealing with each individual soul. In the same way as He saw Nathaniel "under the fig tree" in his garden, so, also, dear Mother Carmel, He saw you, even as a child in your own childhood home. And "when the fullness of time had come" He who had called you Himself set your youthful feet upon the path destined for you to follow.

Without hesitation, never faltering nor looking back, you simply and humbly placed your hand in His and followed along the steep and thorny road leading to perfection.

How eminently, dear Mother, you have justified God's (inexpressible) faith in you! Praise belongs to God, for the glory of whose Kingdom on earth you have so zealously laboured. In the golden pages of God's Book of Life all your heroic sacrifices are now recorded. He has watched your steadfast journey along the winding way of the cross, climbing patiently ever upward! Lovingly has He noted the courage with which you shouldered burdens weighed down with heavy responsibility; the magnanimity which inspired the selfless giving of yourself and your God-given talents to the complete service of the Order and all its members.

Truly, God has called you to do great things for Him, hidden though your life has been from the great world outside the cloister. And He has been ever at your side. As St. Paul says: "He is faithful Who has called you." Your heartfelt cry may well be *today* "For He that is Mighty hath done great things unto me, and holy is His Name".

In the annals of "The Pines", in the memory of your admiring and loyal friends, and in the hearts of your loving and devoted Sisters in Christ, your achievements have also been gratefully recognized. We, who are privileged to share the happiness of this beautiful jubilee celebration, join with those of our Community who have gone on before, and with the choir of rejoicing angels, to sing with you a Magnificat of praise to God who has so blessed you. We beg of Him to let the Light of His Divine Love continue to lead you gently along His Way until you reach the eternal (reward) promised to those who truly love and serve Him.

Your devoted Sisters,

*By that love repelled
That moves the sun in heaven
And all the stars*

Since your Novitiate
days

And the Order you have loved and served so well, beloved Mother, has not hesitated to avail itself of your talents and unfailing generosity down through the years since 1899! The Alma Mater of your soul called you successively to serve her step by step; teaching (as a novice), - advancing with the years of experience to General Mistress-to Superior of "The Pines" and from there in 1924 (2) to the second highest office in the Order as Mother Vicar to Reverend Mother M. Clare, first Superior General of the Ursuline Union of Chatham. In this capacity the revised Ursuline Constitutions, our Directory and Prayer Book took shape in your dedicated hands and heart in conference with our Mothers Genevieve and Gertrude. But this was not all, for besides this hidden work, your active love and interest kept you busy with the growth and administration of the Alumnae you had co-founded with Reverend Mother Clare, and in editing "The Echoes" with whose earliest beginnings (too) you were intimately entwined! Even "The Echoes" of your Diamond Jubilee year owes its finishing touches to your firmly guiding hand! The young people of our Order ~~are~~ are deeply in your debt, dear Mother Carmel, for they also have received your "finishing touch" in twenty-five years of Reading Circle and Courtesy Classes. How many of your Sisters, young and old, have found their way to God lightened and enlightened after a little chat with you? The corridors of the Infirmary have known your footstep, the gardens of "The Pines" have greened *and*

grown

- **1961** U.S. breaks diplomatic relations with Cuba (**Jan. 3**). John F. Kennedy's inauguration as president of U.S. (**Jan. 20**). Moscow announces putting first man in orbit around Earth, Maj. Yuri A. Gagarin (**April 12**). Cuba invaded at Bay of Pigs by an estimated 1,200 anti-Castro exiles aided by U.S.; invasion crushed (**April 17**). First U.S. spaceman, Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard, Jr., rockets 116.5 miles up in 302-mile trip (**May 5**). Virgil Grissom becomes second American astronaut, making 118-mile-high, 303-mile-long rocket flight over Atlantic (**July 21**). Gherman Stepanovich Titov is launched in Soviet spaceship *Vostok II*: makes 17½ orbits in 25 hours, covering 434,960 miles before landing safely (**Aug. 6**). East Germans erect Berlin Wall between East and West Berlin to halt flood of refugees (**Aug. 13**). USSR fires 50-megaton hydrogen bomb, biggest explosion in history (**Oct. 29**). There are 2,000 U.S. military advisers in South Vietnam.

- **1963** France and West Germany sign treaty of cooperation ending four centuries of conflict (**Jan. 22**). Michael E. De Bakey implants artificial heart in human for first time at Houston hospital; plastic device functions and patient lives for four days (**April 21**). Pope John XXIII dies (**June 3**)—succeeded **June 21** by Cardinal Montini, who becomes Paul VI. U.S. Supreme Court rules no locality may require recitation of Lord's Prayer or Bible verses in public schools (**June 17**). U.K.'s Profumo scandal (**June**). Civil rights rally held by 200,000 blacks and whites in Washington, D.C.; Martin Luther King delivers "I have a dream" speech (**Aug. 28**). Washington-to-Moscow "hot line" communications link opens, designed to reduce risk of accidental war (**Aug. 30**). President Kennedy shot and killed by sniper in Dallas, Tex. Lyndon B. Johnson becomes president same day (**Nov.**

22). Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, is shot and killed by Jack Ruby, Dallas nightclub owner (Nov. 24). Kenya achieves independence. There are 15,000 U.S. military advisers in South Vietnam.

◆ 1965 Reference following Questionnaire dated February 25, 1965.

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SISTER'S NAME: M. Carmel
Religious

Mary Riddell
Secular

QUESTIONNAIRE
February 25, 1965

1. CITIZENSHIP AT THE TIME OF ENTRANCE INTO THE CONGREGATION:
1) Canadian ✓
2) American
3) Or other citizenship _____

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (YOUR HOME) AT TIME OF ENTRANCE: Waterloo

3. NAME OF YOUR DIOCESE AT TIME OF ENTRANCE: (If there has been a change in boundaries since, give name of the new diocese.)
Hamilton

4. OCCUPATION OF FATHER (See accompanying sheet for details regarding classifications and check mark the one below which you think applies):

1) Professional	5) Clerical and like workers
2) Manager or administrator ✓	6) Craftsman, foreman, skilled workman
3) Semi-professional	7) Unskilled workman
4) Proprietor of small business	8) Farmer

5. NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY AT THE TIME OF ENTRANCE: 2

6. LEVEL OF EDUCATION AT TIME OF ENTRANCE: (Answer in sufficient detail)

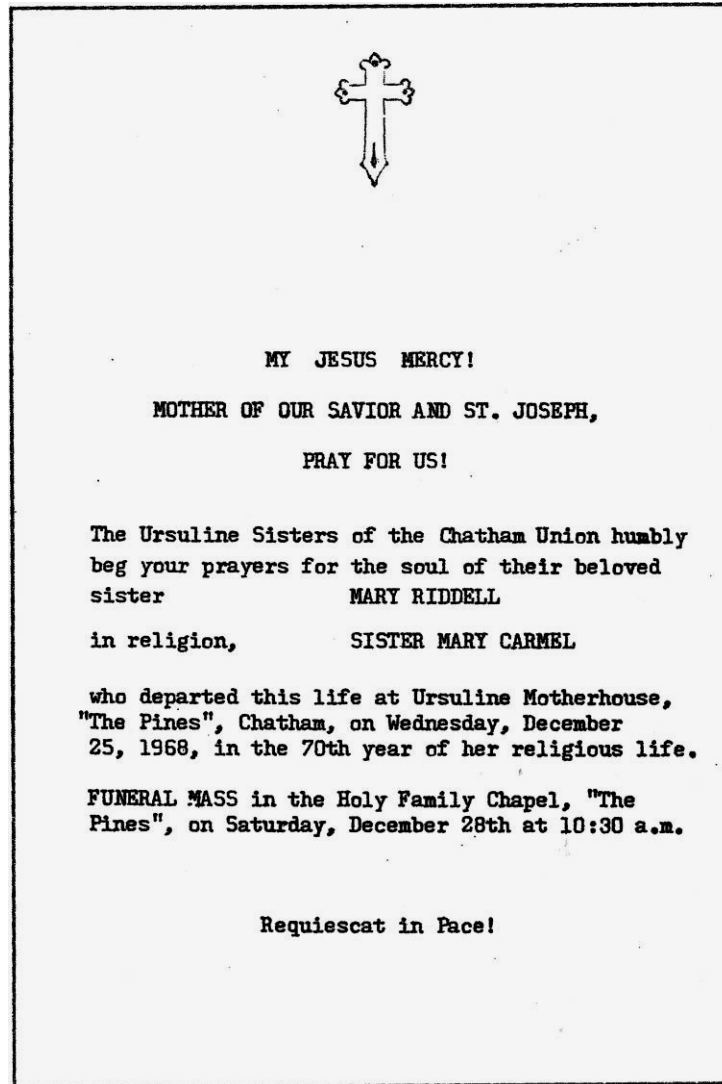
- 1) Elementary School (Gr. 1 - VIII) ✓
- 2) High School (Gr. IX - XII or XIII)
- 3) Normal School
- 4) Commercial
- 5) Home Economics
- 6) Nursing
- 7) Music
- 8) Other special certificates or qualifications
- 9) College - One year
Two years
Three years
Graduate
- 10) Post-graduate

7. PRESENT QUALIFICATIONS (Specify courses followed or subjects majored in):

- 1) Academic ✓ High School Grade IX-XII M.A. Columbia University
- 2) Professional ATCM Music
- 3) Special certificates and diplomas (List all, as it is required that these be totalled.)

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- ◆ 1968 Reference Ursuline Sisters death announcement of Mother Mary Carmel.



- ◆ 1968 Reference Newspaper obituary.

Ursuline nun dies at home in Chatham

Chatham—Rev. Mother Mary Carmel Riddell, a former local superior at the Ursuline girl's school, The Pines, died Christmas Day at the Ursuline Motherhouse here.

The Ursuline teacher and administrator had been in the religious order for almost 70 years. Her association with The Pines began in 1911, when she took charge of the school.

She taught music as well as classes in the high school, wrote for and edited The Echoes, and was instrumental in founding and consolidating the alumnae association.

Mother Mary Carmel Riddell was local superior at The Pines for six years. She headed the English department at Brescia College when it was founded in 1920, until responsibilities as a general counsellor made her return to The Pines necessary. Surviving is a half-brother, Oscar Riddell of Hamilton.

The funeral mass will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Chapel at The Pines.

◆ 1968 A Tribute to Mother M. Carmel Riddell by Sister St. Michael Guinan.

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER M. CARMEL RIDDELL

One of the important chapters of Canada's history revolves around great boarding schools. And the spirit and the influence of these boarding schools focused upon a great personality. Before modern transportation brought city schools within the reach of all, when population in the country areas was sparse, when even good-sized towns had only one public high school, when teachers were so scarce as to be almost non-existent the only way to obtain good secondary education was to send the eager boy or girl to boarding school.

This was especially true for girls. In 1865 when the English Parliament passed the third Reform Bill, it is said that Gladstone remarked to the members of Parliament: "Gentlemen, you have made the people your masters. Now you must begin to educate your masters so they may know enough to command you wisely".

So primary education and public schools began and, in due process, secondary schools. But these schools were for boys, not girls. So the struggle for equality of educational opportunities for women, in England, in the American colonies now become the United States, in Canada is tied up with the institution of the "Dames' School", the young ladies seminary, the ancestor of the boarding school for women, when women had demonstrated their capacity to learn in a measure equal to the masculine of the species. They were admitted to public schools and co-education was established. But until the second quarter of the Twentieth Century the quality of high school education in the small towns and rural areas of Ontario left much to be desired. So the era of great boarding schools began and grew, centres of culture and of the arts as well as academic information centres. Havergal, Branksome, Whitby Ladies' College, Loretto Academy and "The Pines" were such centres, with the educational dynamism they engendered always revolving around a great educational figure. In the case of the Catholic Boarding School that figure was usually a priest or a religious woman. At "The Pines" for many years the religious and educational focus of ferment was centred on Mother Mary Carmel.

Mother Carmel was a religious and a scholar. Rather, she was a scholar because she was convinced that by acquiring and dispensing knowledge, coupled with a dedication to the pursuit of truth, she could best diffuse the religious fire she cultivated in prayer and worship. To her education, in that it gave opportunity to form the spirit of the women of Canada's future, offered one of the greatest apostolates. She had earned an M.A. in English Literature at Columbia University. But she had also made herself proficient in Mathematics and in Musical Theory, and she was prodigal in offering her excellent teaching to her sisters and to whole generations of high school and college students.

Mother Carmel saw great changes in the status of women during her life span. All of these deepened her conviction of the importance of the education of women. She was a young teacher when women suffrage was accorded after World War One. She saw with interest one area of university studies after another opened to them, even medicine and law once reserved almost totally to men. During her life-time the advances of Medical Science gave doctors control of communicable diseases with the result that women now could look forward to an extra 30 years of life. In 1910 fifty percent of Ontario's women were dead or invalids by the end of their child-bearing years. In 1968 the expectation of life for women in our Province of Ontario was 75. And so she saw that education must advance until it prepared women not only for their role as mothers, but also for the social role and leadership they must offer society during those thirty added years of life.

To her education was not just an affair of the classroom. As General Directress of Studies and as Superior she tried to make "The Pines" a place where education was a way of life. Literature, whether drama, poetry novels or criticism, if rightly understood and evaluated, should prepare the young student to proceed by way of a deeply developed love of the good, the beautiful and the true in imaginative life to a true womanly evaluation of life's realities. For her, a mother who could speak to her child beautifully about God, was a better mother than one whose tongue stumbled in communicating the wonders of His greatness. So she filled the boarding school with reading circles, drama teams, a library of good books, and even found money for visiting lecturers.

Of course, she was a product of her age. It was the Nineteenth Century Romantics and the classic writers who preceded them who stirred her enthusiasm. And she could communicate that enthusiasm even to Grade X and Grade XI students. Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, Milton, Shakespeare and even Dante became familiar friends of the very young. The introduction came by way of an unusual illustration or a superb etching, but it came. None of those she taught had any doubts about the identity of the very greatest of the English Masters in her estimation-- Francis Thompson and Gerard Manley Hopkins. She even managed to inspire these teen-agers to try out imitating the style and rhyme schemes of some of these Masters in the laboriously constructed doggerel in which they celebrated to their own hilarious satisfaction the tragedies and triumphs of boarding school life.

But perhaps what had most lasting influence on those fortunate enough to have her for teacher came from the institution of The Knights of the Round Table. Many years before Camelot, with its songs immortalized in the memories of the young because of John Kennedy's love of the musical, she had grasped the importance of art and literature for the firing of the susceptibilities of youth. Likewise, in an age when Puritanism and Jansenism were rife in religion, and when the Victorian mistrust of strong friendships ruled the secular world, she frankly gave her friendship to those who sought her love among her sisters and her students. And because she seemed to experience no difficulty in keeping her love for the Christ she served at the heart of her life, she seemed to have no Victorian guilt-complexes about her deep and enduring friendships.

So, when one group of students had mastered to her satisfaction Tennyson's Idylls of the King with their Mallory background, she suggested that they form a round table of friendship, and that each should choose a knight with some characteristic imitable in a life-- and build that "virtue" into her subsequent life. She herself was of course King Arthur but she let it be known that

that this King Arthur had declared and kept fealty to a greater King. There was a Galahad-- now a well known Social worker still carrying a healing Grail to suffering human hearts; there was Bedivere, who when her sons were grown, turned to writing and broadcasting radio and TV scripts; there was Parsifal, now a religious; there was Launcelot who, widowed when her children were young, showed an almost masculine courage in the tournament of life.

When Camelot played for so long to vast crowds in New York and when television spread its songs across North America it was of that boarding-school Camelot that this latter-day Arthur's knights thought when the mass media proclaimed:

"Let it not be forgot
That once there was a spot,
For one brief and shining moment,
That was known as Camelot."

Having found a way of life that fulfilled her yearnings for the Love of her Lord, the love of friends and the love of youth, it is not surprising that Mother Carmel also found the energy to serve her community in many and varied ways. She entered the novitiate on September 8, 1899 and was finally professed in December 1901. She taught at high school and college level. She served as Directress of Studies at "The Pines" from 1909 to 1915. She was Superior from 1915 to 1921. She taught English to Brescia students when that college was founded at Bishop Fallon's command in 1919. She was a member of the General Council of the Ursulines of the Chatham Union from 1915 to 1951. And when she "retired" from formal teaching she still guided the novices in their studies and their reading, and she tutored new Canadians in their struggles with English.

But above all, in her retirement, she loved to garden. If she could not cultivate a love of art and beauty in human minds, she could at least grow roses. When a coronary made stairs difficult for her, and her sisters could not as yet afford an elevator, she went to her garden after Mass and breakfast, "rested" in a chair in the basement after lunch, went back to her gardening until weary in the afternoon. Then she slowly climbed the long stairs to her room and had supper in bed. Her last years were spent between an infirmary room and the infirmary chapel. Though sight was almost gone, and her physical strength consumed by many illnesses, her mind remained remarkably keen, at most times, until the end. And she still used that mind, so long as it was lucid, to speak to her Lord in prayer, and to speak about the beauties of His creation found in literature.

She always recognized any of her "knights" who wrote or visited her and kept for them a special place in her prayers. She often wondered out loud why the Great King failed to come with a welcome summons of death for an old servitor grown useless, but she was content to leave the timing to Him. And when His time ripened, He sent the summons on Christmas Day, 1968, at 7:45 a.m. Had she lived until January 2nd, she would have celebrated her 93rd birthday.

Strengthened for her last tournament by all the spiritual helps of the Church and the prayers of her sisters, Mother Carmel died. For those who knew and loved her two memories will survive. One, the memory of the brief and shining moment of Camelot. Second, a thought from a contemporary theologian: "For those who believe in God, all the rules are fair and there will be wonderful surprises."

Sister St. Michael Guinan

- Reference Sister Mary Carmel headstone at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Chatham, Ontario



Biography of Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell

- ◆ **1878–1881** Refer to **George Francis Riddell---Mary Jane Martin Family History** for Bertha Theodora Riddell's history prior to her adoption by William and Margaret Riddell.
- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Bertha Theodora, age 3 years 8 months, along with her sister, Minnie Maude, age 6 years, 3 months were adopted by her father's brother, William H. Riddell of Waterloo, Ontario, immediately after the funeral of their mother, Mary Jane, who had died as a result of a fire.

- Reference excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography.

When I was six years old my mother died of burns received when her dress accidentally caught fire. She suffered great agony for over three weeks and died on April 2, 1882.

My father's brother, William Henry Riddell, and his wife Margaret Redmond, came to Singhampton for the funeral, and having no children of their own, they offered to adopt me and my younger sister Bertha, then 3½ years old. My father consented, the agreement was made, and after the funeral we were taken by our foster parents to live with them in Waterloo, where they had recently moved and where my new father had accepted the position of secretary in the newly organized Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, with head office in Waterloo.

Bertha Theodora's sister, Margaret May was adopted by their father's sister, Margaret Anastasia McCallum, probably prior to their father's second marriage of August 16, 1882*.

Reference William McCallum---Margaret Anastasia Riddell Family History

***Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History**

- ◆ **1882** Reference Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. Bertha was baptized in Kitchener, Ontario on July 14.
- ◆ **1882** Bertha Theodora's father, George F. Riddell married Catharine Taylor, in Collingwood, Ontario on August 16.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History

- ◆ **1882-1890ca** Reference following excerpt from Mother Mary Carmel Riddell's (*Minnie Maude*) Autobiography. (*Continuation from 1882 autobiography entries*)

There was at that time no Catholic parish in Waterloo, and the nearest church and school were in Berlin (now Kitchener) two miles from our home. Bertha and I were not yet baptized. There must have been difficulties in getting to a priest in that little old Orange settlement of Singhampton, for although father had managed to have his first three children (all boys) baptized at the time of mother's death. So our new parents, whom we now called papa and mama, lost no time in arranging for our baptism. It took place in the vestry of St. Mary's Church in Berlin, and was administered by Rev. Father Kloepper, C.R., a member of the Resurrectionist Father who had charge of the parish and operated the College of St. Jerome. There was no means of transportation between Waterloo and Berlin and cars had not yet been invented! So it was a long time before Bertha and I were able to walk the long distance to St. Mary's for Sunday Mass. But I well remember being at Mass there many times with my parents and noticing the high regard the priests showed for my father.

During this time my mother taught both of us at home, both our religion and ordinary school subjects suited to our age.

Section deleted. Does not apply to Bertha

- ◆ **1890ca** Reference following photograph of Bertha Theodora and Minnie Maude.



Bertha (on left) appears to be about 12 years of age and Minnie Maude appears to be almost 15 years of age. There were two years and eight months between the two sisters.

- ◆ **1891** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 122 North Waterloo. S. District d, Town of Waterloo W 1. Page 52
Enumerated by me on the 22 day of April 1891.
Chas H. F (?) Enumerator

Schedule No. 1---Nominal Return of the Living.

Name: **Bertha M. (Mary) T. Theodora) Riddell**

Refer to **Biography of Bertha Mary Theodora Riddell (1928 entry)** for explanation of middle names.

Age: 12

Married or Widowed: ----

Relationship to Head of Family: D (*daughter*)

County or Province of Birth: Ontario

Place of Birth of Father: Ontario

Place of Birth of Mother: Ontario

Religion: R. C.

Profession Occupation or Trade: ---

INSTRUCTION:

Read: 1 (*Yes*)

Write: 1 (*Yes*)

No one in the family was enumerated as “Deaf and Dumb”, “Blind” or “Unsound of Mind” under INFIRMITIES.

Bertha M. T. was enumerated with her adoptive parents, William and Margaret Riddell, sister Minnie Maud(e), age 14 and Aunt Caroline Redmond, age 32.

At this time the family was living on E King St., Waterloo, Ontario.

- ◆ **1901** Reference Province of Ontario Census. District No. 112 Waterloo North. S. District No. D. Polling sub-division No. 3 in Waterloo Town. Page 11.

Enumerator and Date: Robert Y. Stuart, April 22, 1901.

SCHEDULE NO. 1. POPULATION.

Name of each person in family or household on 31st March 1901: **Bertha M. Riddll**
(Riddell)

Colour: W

Relationship to head of family or household: Daughter

Single, married, widowed or divorced: S

Month and date of birth: 18 Aug (*According to birth registration birth date was Aug 10*)

Year of birth: 1878

Age at last birthday: 22

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify Province or Territory, and add “r” or “u” for rural or urban): Ont u

Racial or Tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Canadian

Religion: R. Cath

Profession, occupation or trade or means of living: ---

Education and Language of each person five years and over:

Months at school in year: ---

Can read: 1 (*yes*)

Can write: 1 (*yes*)

Can speak English: 1 (*yes*)

Mother language: English

No one in the family was enumerated as “Deaf and dumb”, “Blind” or “Unsound mind” under INFIRMITIES.

Bertha M. was enumerated with her adoptive parents, William and Margaret Riddell and Aunt Carrie Redmond, age 46.

- ◆ **1911** Reference Census Province of Ontario, District No. 130 N Waterloo. S. District No. 8. Enumeration District No. 4 in Waterloo Town.

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Nominal return of living persons by: R. F. Petch ENUMERATOR.

Date: June ?

SCHEDULE No. 1. Population By Name, Personal Description, ETC.

Name of each person in family, household or institution:

Bertha Riddell

Place of Habitation: King St

Relationship to head of family or household: daughter

Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: S

Month of birth: Aug

Year of birth: 1878

Age at last birthday: 32

Country or place of birth (If in Canada specify province or territory): O (*Ontario*)

Year of immigration to Canada if an immigrant: *no entry*

Year of naturalization if formerly an alien: *no entry*

Racial or tribal origin: Irish

Nationality: Can

Religion: R Catholic

Chief occupation or trade: None

Employment other than at chief occupation or trade, if any: NS

INSURANCE HELD AT DATE:

Upon life \$: *no entry*

Against accident or sickness \$: *no entry*

Cost of insurance in census year \$: *no entry*

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER:

Months at school in 1910: *no entry*

Can read: Yes

Can write: Yes

Language commonly spoken: E

Cost of education in 1910 for persons over 16 years of age at College, Convent or

University: *no entry*

INFIRMITIES:

Blind: *no entry*

Page torn at this point, therefore losing the information on the following headings.

Deaf and Dumb: ?

Crazy or Lunatic: ?

Idiotic or Silly: ?

Bertha was enumerated with her adoptive parents, William, age 73, Margaret Riddell, age 63 and Aunt Caroline Redmond, age 56.

- ◆ **1912** Bertha Mary's adoptive father, William Henry Riddell died May 9.
Reference Waterloo newspaper dated May 9, 1912 where it was recorded "...who with two daughters, Miss Bertha at home, and Sister Mary Carmel, Principal in the Ursuline Acadamy (*Academy*), Chatham,..."
Bertha was recorded as "certifying" the death on the death registration.
Reference Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1912 entry)
- For details related to the proceeds William Henry Riddell's Last Will and Testament related to Bertha, refer to
Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1912 entry)
- ◆ **1918** Reference Cairnes' 1918 Official Directory of the City of Kitchener.
Town of Waterloo alphabetical listing:
Riddell, Bertha, Miss, h S. King St. (*Mother's home*)

Although Bertha and her mother, Margaret, were listed in the alphabetical listing as being on South King Street, they were not recorded in the Street Directory.
- ◆ **1919** Reference Vernon's 1919 (June) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, Bertha, King s (*Mother's home*)
Riddell John, King s
(*Bertha's brother, John Paul was living with Bertha and her adoptive mother*)
- ◆ **1920** Reference Vernon's 1920 (August) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, Bertha, 228* King s (*Mother's home*)
Riddell John, clk, 228 King s
(*Bertha's brother, John Paul was living with Bertha and her adoptive mother*)

**A newly constructed house became 230 King South and Bertha mother's house was readdressed from 230 to 228 King Street south. See following 1921 entry.*
- ◆ **1921** Reference Census Province of Ontario. Population. District No. 136.
Enumeration Sub-District No. 44 in Waterloo Town.
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Enumerated by G. M. Kennedy ENUMERATOR.
Date: June 9, 1921

NAME of each person in family, household or institution: **Bertha Riddell**
 Relationship to head of family or household: daughter
 Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated: S
 Age at last birthday: 40

Country or place of birth of this person and of parents of this person. If born in Canada give province. If Foreign born give Country:-
PERSON: Ont
FATHER: Ont
MOTHER: Ont
Year of immigration to Canada: *no entry*
Year of Naturalization: *no entry*
NATIONALITY (Country to which this person owes allegiance): Can
Racial or tribal origin: Irish
Can speak English: yes
Can speak French: no
Language other than English or French spoke as Mother tongue: *no entry*
Religious body, Denomination or Community to which this person adheres or belongs: R.
Cath
Can read: yes
Can write: yes
Months at school since Sept 1, 1920: *no entry*
Chief occupation or trade (Be specific, give as definite information as possible): none

Bertha was enumerated with her adoptive mother, Margaret, age 71.

- ◆ **1921** Bertha's brother, John, unaccompanied, crossed the Canada border; destination his brother's (*Augustus*) residence at Port Huron, Michigan, June 25.
- ◆ **1921** Reference Vernon's 1921 (August) City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Town of Waterloo Alphabetical Directory:
Riddell, Bertha, 228 King s (*Mother's home*)
Riddell John, clk, 228 King s
(*Bertha's brother, John Paul, was living with Bertha and her adoptive mother up until June 25, 1921 per the previous entry*)
- ◆ **1921** Bertha's biological father, George F. Riddell, died at Singhampton, Ontario, October 3.
Reference George Francis Riddell---Catharine Taylor nee Bell Family History
- ◆ **1922-23** Reference Vernon's 1922-1923 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1922.
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, 230* King s (*south*) (*Mother's home*)

**The Schnarr family moved to 228 King South while Bertha and her mother, Margaret, moved next door into the new house known as 230 King South.
See following November 2015 photograph of 230 King Street South constructed in about 1920/21.*

To the left is 228 King Street South which originally addressed as 230 King Street South and was the residence of the Riddell family up to mid 1921.



Photographed November 16, 2015

- ◆ **1923-24** Reference Vernon's 1923-1924 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1923.
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (*south*) (*Mother's home*)

- **1924** The first Winter Olympic Games were actually called "The International Winter Sports Week" and went on for 11 days in the French Alps, 60 miles northeast of Grenoble. As expected, the Scandinavians dominated the 16-nation field. Norway and Finland won 27 of the 43 medals available, including all four Nordic events and four of the five speed skating races. Speed skater Clas Thunberg of Finland and Norwegian Nordic skier and jumper Thorleif Haug each won three gold medals. American speed skater Charles Jewtraw won the first event of the Games with an upset in the 500 meters. But the most remarkable U.S. medal was the bronze won by Anders Haugen in the ski jump. Due to a scoring error at the time he didn't receive it until 1974 – when he was 83 years old.
In its first four hockey games, Canada beat Switzerland 33–0, Czechoslovakia 30–0, Sweden 22–0 and Great Britain 19–2, before winning the tournament with a 6–1 victory over the U.S. in the final.

- ◆ **1924-25** Reference Vernon's 1924-25 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory. Dated November 1924.
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 239* King s (*south*)

* This house was owned by C. J. Alteman. (*It is difficult to determine if this was an error and should have read 230 King south, her mother's address, or whether Bertha was in actual fact residing at the residence of C. J. Alteman*)

- **1925** The cornerstone of Toronto's new Cenotaph to be built in front of the (*Old*) City Hall was laid on June 25 by Field Marshal, Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Great War.
Styled after the great Cenotaph in London, Toronto's memorial to the many thousands of Canadians killed in the First World War was carved out of granite and on its sides appear the names of nine historic battles: Ypres, Somme, Mount Sorrell, Vimy, Paaschendaele, Amiens, Arras, Cambria and Zeebrugge. The memorial was dedicated on November 11, 1925.
- ◆ **1925-26** Reference Vernon's 1925-1926 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1925.
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (*south*) (*Mother's home*)
- ◆ **1926-27** Reference Vernon's 1926-27 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1926.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
O-216 John Ginter
Five more names follow up to
O-228 Geo Schnarr
O-230 Mrs. M. Riddell (*O = Owner*)
T-232 R Heller
T-234 Oscar Geisler
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 228* King s (*south*) (*Margaret's daughter*)
Riddell, Margt, (wid Wm H), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)
**Bertha was shown as residing at Geo Schnarr's address, the former residence of the Riddell family. G. Schnarr was a button manufacturer at 141 King e. in Kitchener.*
- ◆ **1927-28** Reference Vernon's 1927-28 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1927.
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha, 230 King s (*south*) (*Mother's home*)
- ◆ **1928** Bertha Mary's adoptive mother, Margaret Riddell, age 80 yrs 9 mos, died of arterio sclerosis at Waterloo. Ontario, November 3.
Bertha was recorded on the death registration as the "Informant" **Reference Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1928 entry)**

- ◆ 1928 Reference Birth Registration #28300-79. County of Simcoe. Division of Nottawasaga (Township).

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Schedule A. BIRTHS.

County of *Simcoe* Division

	No. <i>7</i>	No. <i>8</i>
When Born	<i>13th December 1878</i>	<i>10th August 1878</i>
Name	<i>Jennet</i>	<i>Bertha (Theodora) Mary</i>
Sex (M. or F.)	<i>F.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Name and Surname of Father	<i>Andrew Jardine</i>	<i>George F. Riddell</i>
Name and maiden surname of Mother	<i>Jennet Kinnaird</i>	<i>Mary Jane Martin</i>
Rank or profession of Father	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
Signature, description and residence of Informant	<i>Andrew Jardine Farmer Nottawasaga</i>	<i>Geo: F. Riddell Labourer Highampton</i>
When Registered	<i>10th February 1879</i>	<i>15th February 1879</i>
Name of Accoucher	<i>Mrs. James Kinnaird</i>	<i>Mrs. Green</i>
Signature of Registrar	<i>August Bell</i>	<i>August Bell</i>
REMARKS	<i>✓</i>	<i>ALTERED BY J. Riddell VITAL STATISTICS SEC. 2, 1928 J. Riddell Chicago Dec 1/28</i>

A transcription of the second column follows documenting the alteration to the registration on December 1, 1928.

When Born: 10th August 1878
 Name: **Bertha (Theodora) Mary**
 Sex (M. or F): F
 Name and Surname of Father: George F. Riddell

Name and maiden surname of Mother: Mary Jane Martin
Rank or profession of Father: Farm Laborer
Signature, description and residence of Informant: George F. Riddle
Laborer
Singhampton

When Registered: 15th February 1879

Name of Accoucheur: Mrs. Green

Signature of Registrar: Angus Bell

REMARKS: *see below*

The subject registration has been altered by J. P. Riddell.

A stamp, in red ink, has been applied to the bottom of the subject document. It is illegible in part and reads as follows: **Altered by Authority of vital statistics Act 191? Sec 27 S S (sub section ?)**

The signature of J. P. Riddell, Chicago, Ill. Dec 1/?8 was applied over the stamp. The year was most likely 1928 because Dec 1 fell on a Sunday in 1918 but on a Saturday in 1928.

J. P. Riddell was most likely Bertha's brother, John, born in July 1873 thus making his age as at about 55 years in 1928.

The only obvious change appears to be in Bertha's middle name. It appears to have been originally Theodora but red brackets were placed around this name and Mary recorded in red ink above Theodora.

It appears that Bertha was gravitating from her birth middle name of "Theodora" to "Mary" from after her 1882 adoption possibly to honour her mother Mary's memory.

In the 1891 Ontario Census she is recorded as Bertha M. (*Mary*) T. *Theodora*) Riddell but by the time of the 1901 Ontario Census, her father's death and subsequently she was commonly recorded as Bertha M. (*Mary*) Riddell.

On December 1, 1928 her official middle name became "Mary" changed from "Theodora" per the preceding alteration of her birth registration signed by J. P. Riddell.

- ◆ **1929** For details related to the proceeds Margaret Hennrietta Riddell's Last Will and Testament related to Bertha, refer to
Biography of William Henry and Margaret Hennrietta Riddell (1929 entry)
- ◆ **1929** Reference Vernon's 1929 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1929.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214 Synder, Mrs M (*includes what appear to be four apartment tenants at 214 and 216*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell, Mrs M (*Since Bertha's mother was deceased, Bertha should be listed*)
232 Heller R
234 Young Bertran

Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, 230 King s (*south*)
Riddell, Margt*, (wid Wm), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)
**Deceased in November 1928)*

- ◆ **1930** Reference Vernon's 1930 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1930.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214 Synder, Mrs M (*includes what appear to be four apartment tenants at 214 and 216*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell, Mrs M (*Since Bertha's mother was deceased, Bertha should be listed*)
232 Heller R
234 Young Bertran
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, 230 King s (*south*)
Riddell, Margt*, (wid Wm), h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)
**Deceased in November 1928)*

- ◆ **1931** Reference Vernon's 1931 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1931.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214 Synder M, Mrs (*includes what appears to be four apartment tenants at 214 and 216*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell Bertha* (** = house appears to be owned by some member of family*)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young Bertran
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)
Note: Bertha's mother left the house to Bertha

- ◆ **1933** Reference Vernon's 1933 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated November 1933.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins

214 Synder M, Mrs (*includes what appears to be four apartment tenants at 214 and 216*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = *house appears to be owned by some member of family*)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young B E
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1934** Reference Vernon's 1934 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated December 1934.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214 Synder M, Mrs (*includes what appears to be four apartment tenants at 214 and 216*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = *house appears to be owned by some member of family*)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young B E
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1935** Reference Vernon's 1935 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated December 1935.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = *house appears to be owned by some member of family*)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young B E
Union (*St*) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1937** Reference Vernon's 1938 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated December 1937.
Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young B E
Union (St) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1938** Reference Vernon's 1939 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated December 1938.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Young B E
Union (St) begins
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1944** Reference Vernon's 1945 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated March 1945.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
King South, east side, from Erb
John e begins
214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses follow up to
228 Schnarr Geo*
228 Schnarr R R
230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
(*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone.*)
232 Heller Rudolph
234 Koehler L W C and Schmidt Jacob
Union (St) crosses
Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1945** Reference Vernon's 1946 City of Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated April 1946.
 Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (*St*) e begins
 214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses consisting of six names follow up to
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).
 232 Heller Rudolph
 234 Koehler L W C and Schmidt Jacob
 Union (*St*) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1947** Reference Vernon's 1948 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated April 1948.
 Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (*St*) e begins
 214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses consisting of six names follow up to
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).
 232 Heller Rudolph
 234 Koehler L W C
 Union (*St*) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h 230 King s (*south*)

- ◆ **1948** Reference Vernon's 1949 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated April 1949.
 Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (*St*) e begins
 214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
Five more addresses consisting of six names follow up to
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).
 232 Heller Rudolph

234 Koehler L W C
 Union (St) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h 230 King s (south)

- ◆ **1949** Reference Land Registry Records for the Town of Waterloo.
 Plan 385. Lot No 53 (*Original Riddell family home*)

No. of Inst'ment	Nature of Inst'ment	Its Date	Date of Registry	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Quantity of land	Consideration or Amount of Mortgage	Remarks
23620	Grant	6 May 1949	27 May 1949	Bertha M. Riddell and as Extr of Margaret H. Riddell and as Extr by Succession of William H. Riddell	George Schnarr	no entry	\$1.00	Pt Lot et al Subject to Mortgage

It appears that Margaret officially granted the original family home at 228 (formerly 230) King Street South to George Schnarr for \$1.00 and subject to mortgage. It appears that George Schnarr paid off the original mortgage 10708 of \$3500 acquired by Margaret Riddell from Josiah Weber and a further mortgage 19773 acquired from the estate of Josiah Weber (Maria Weber). See 1921 entry under Biography of William and Margaret Riddell.

- ◆ **1950** Reference Vernon's 1951 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated March 1951.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (St) e begins
 214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes four apartment tenants and one vacancy*)
Four more addresses follow up to
 226 Reidel M E*
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).
 232 Heller Rudolph
 234 Koehler L W C
 Union (St) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h 230 King s (south)

- ◆ **1951** Reference Vernon's 1952 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated April 1952.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (St) e begins

214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
 218 Klaehn D L*
 220 Ueberschlag A E*
 222 Dickson M F*
 224 Collins A Mrs*
 226 Reidel M E*
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
 (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone.*)
 232 Heller Rudolph
 234 Koehler L W C
 Union (St) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h 230 King s (*south*)

◆ **1952** Reference Land Registry Records for the Town of Waterloo.
 Plan 385. Lot No 54

No. of Inst'ment	Nature of Inst'ment	Its Date	Date of Registry	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Quantity of land	Consideration or Amount of Mortgage	Remarks
26291	Mortgage	23 Jan 1952	24 Jan 1952	Bertha M. Riddell spinster	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Co.	<i>no entry</i>	\$1500	Not rec'd in full

◆ **1952** Reference Vernon's 1953 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
 Dated April 1953.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:
 King South, east side, from Erb
 John (St) e begins
 214-16 Holle Apartments (*includes five apartment tenants*)
 218 Klaehn D L*
 220 Ueberschlag A E*
 222 Dickson M F*
 224 Collins A Mrs*
 226 Reidel M E*
 228 Schnarr Geo*
 228 Schnarr R R
 230 Riddell B M* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)
 (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone.*)
 232 Heller Rudolph
 234 Koehler L W C
 Union (St) crosses
 Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:
 Riddell, Bertha M, h 230 King s (*south*)

◆ **1953** Reference Land Registry Records for the Town of Waterloo.
Plan 385. Lot No 54

No. of Inst'ment	Nature of Inst'ment	Its Date	Date of Registry	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Quantity of land	Consideration or Amount of Mortgage	Remarks
28130	D. of M. *	11 June 1953	15 June 1953	The Waterloo Trust & Savings Co	Bertha M. Riddell	<i>no entry</i>	<i>no entry</i>	See 26291 (Mortgage)

*Discharge of Mortgage

◆ **1953** Reference Land Registry Records for the Town of Waterloo.
Plan 385. Lot No 54

No. of Inst'ment	Nature of Inst'ment	Its Date	Date of Registry	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Quantity of land	Consideration or Amount of Mortgage	Remarks
28842	Grant	22 Oct 1953	17 Nov 1953	Bertha M. Riddell spinster formally & as Extr Margaret H. Riddell & as Extr by Succession of William H. Riddell	Charles J. Mac Gregor	<i>no entry</i>	\$14000	NE 52' Lot

At this time Bertha had sold her home for probably the reason as recorded in the following 1952-1953 entry.

Note that Charles Mac Gregor on 25 March 1954 per Instrument #29263 (Agreement for Sale) agreed to sale to Lewis and Olive Chaplin.

◆ **1952-1953** The following was related on March 24, 2015 by **Olive Chaplin** who has been residing in the subject house at 230 King Street South since about 1954.

“Sometime within this time frame, Bertha was putting paper into the fireplace when due to a faulty damper the fire leapt out and caught her dress on fire. She ran next door with her dress ablaze and was helped by a neighbour who was a nurse at the hospital. Apparently she was badly burned and never returned to that house. Instead she took up residence on Allen Street”.

How ironic that Bertha had a very similar accident as her biological mother died from in 1882.

◆ **1953** Reference Vernon’s 1954 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.
Dated March 1954.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen West, south side

G R Ry crosses

21 Waterloo Bedding Co Ltd.

Park (St) crosses

37 Reimer, S, Mrs *

43 Heiman, Lorne

43 Daum John * (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)

43½ Riddell Bertha M (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone*).

It appears that Bertha was renting at this address since John Daum was the owner.

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M, h 43 Allen w (*west*)

◆ **1954** Reference Vernon's 1955 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated ?.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen West, south side Bauer's Ltd, shoddy mill

G R Ry crosses

21 Waterloo Bedding Co Ltd.

Park (*St*) crosses

37 Reimer, S, Mrs *

43 Hahn Eliz

43 Daum John *

43½ Riddell Bertha M, (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone*).

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M, h (*house*) 43 Allen w (*west*)

◆ **1955** Reference Vernon's 1956 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated April 1956.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen West, south side

G R Ry crosses

21 Waterloo Bedding Co Ltd.

Park (*St*) crosses

37 Reimer, S, Mrs *

37 Reimer, V

43 Capindale, K

43 Daum John *

43½ Riddell B M, Mrs (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone*).

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M, (wid--) h 43 Allen w (*west*)

Bertha was recorded erroneously as a Mrs. and as a widow.

◆ **1956** Reference Vernon's 1957 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated April 1957.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen East, north side from 180 King s

Herbert (*St*) crosses

Five addresses follow up to

68* Riddell B M, (*There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone*).

**This house is directly across the street from the St. Louis Parish.*

68 Stalkie, Carl* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)

68 Ziegler, Gerald

It appears that Bertha was renting at this address since Carl Stalkie was the owner.

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M Mrs h 68 Allen e (east)

Bertha was recorded erroneously as Mrs.

◆ **1959** Reference Vernon's 1959 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated June 1959.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen East, north side from 180 King s (south)

Herbert (St) crosses

50 Kelley C M Mrs*

54 Moser Rose*

56 Joyce S C*

60 Tuckwood W T*

64 Welker A H*

68 Riddell B M, *(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).*

68 Dahmer Franz* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)

It appears that Bertha was renting at this address since Franz Dahmer was the owner.

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M h (house) 68 Allen e (east)

◆ **1960** Reference Vernon's 1960 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated June 1960.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen East, north side from 180 King s (south)

Herbert (St) crosses

Five addresses follow up to

68 Riddell B M, *(There is a symbol beside Bertha's name indicating she had a telephone).*

68 Dunauskos J Mrs* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)

68 Bryce Donald

It appears that Bertha was renting at this address since Mrs. J. Dunauskos was the owner.

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

Riddell, Bertha M h (house) 68 Allen e *(Bertha was deceased at the time of the June 1960 release date of this directory).*

Note: Reference Vernon's 1961 Kitchener and Town of Waterloo Directory.

Dated June 1961.

Town of Waterloo, Street Directory:

Allen East, north side from 180 King s (south)

68 Vacant

68 Dunauskos J Mrs* (* = house appears to be owned by some member of family)

Town of Waterloo, Alphabetical Listing:

There is no listing for Bertha Riddell.

- ◆ 1960 Reference Kitchener-Waterloo Record (*newspaper*). Saturday February 6, 1960 edition.

The following two items appeared in the subject newspaper.

Miss Bertha Mary Riddell

Miss Bertha Mary Riddell, 68, Allen St. East, Waterloo, died Friday at her home after a short illness.

She was born Aug. 10, 1878, in Simcoe County, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Riddell.

Miss Riddell was a member of St. Louis RC Church, Waterloo, and a former housekeeper.

She is survived by a sister, Mother Mary Carmel of the Ursuline sisters, Chatham.

The body is at the Walsh Funeral Home, Waterloo, where the rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday. Prayers will be said at 8:45 a.m. Monday followed by requiem high mass at St. Louis RC Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in Waterloo Mount Hope RC Cemetery.

Deaths

MORGAN, Miss Gertrude, Elora, Jan. 31, 71 years.

CAMERON, Darlene Eleanor, Bentinck Township, Feb. 5, 10 months.

RIDDELL, Bertha Mary, 68 Allen St. East, Waterloo, Feb. 5, 81 years.

- ◆ 1960 Bertha Mary Theodora's Last Will and Testament was registered March 10, 1960 at the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo having been initially made and declared April 27, 1959.

See following ten page document.

No. 23,114

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo
In the Estate of Bertha M. Kiddell Deceased

UPON READING THE APPLICATION of Wilson A. McIntyre
W. Ronald Caskey

the affidavits and papers filed in support thereof, and the Report of the Registrar thereon I DO ORDER THAT Letters.....
Probate issue to the applicant

S. C.

Dated at Chambers this 16th
day of Mar
A.D. 19 60

O. Shachtel
Surrogate Judge
Bryce

Memorandum of Crown, Judge's Fees and Registrar's Fees

PROCEEDINGS	REGISTRAR'S FEES	JUDGE'S FEES	CROWN FEES
For services under R.S.O. 1950, chapter 380, section 74 (1). Value not exceeding \$400	\$1.50	\$0.50	
Receiving and examining papers and entering application	2.00		\$0.50
Notice to Registrar, Supreme Court	.50		
Return of Grant to Registrar, Supreme Court	.50		
Certificate of Registrar, Supreme Court, 50 cents; and 10 cents additional beyond three years			.50
Receiving and entering Certificate of Registrar, Supreme Court	.50		
Recording every bond with affidavits of justification and execution	1.00		
Recording each additional separate affidavit of justification or execution if more than one of each.....folios, each 10 cents.....folio			
Fiat on bond		2.00	
Grant—Value of Property: Personal \$..... Real \$..... (Refer to back of page for Memo of Fees) Total Estate \$ <u>7,706.89</u>	8.00	8.00	4.00
Attendance to Grant Probate, Administration or Guardianship (Refer to back of page for Memo of Fees)		<u>2.00</u>	
Submitting papers with Registrar's Report to Judge to lead grant	.50		
Preparing Probate or Letters of Administration, or Guardianship (Refer to back of page for Memo of Fees)	<u>2.00</u>		.50
Search for will and certificate (Administration Applications only)	1.00		
Recording Grants..... <u>14</u> fol..... 10c per fol. <u>1.40</u>			
Transcript of Will (attached to Grant)..... <u>10</u> fol..... 10c per fol. <u>1.00</u>			
Certificates—for certification in Register when copied	.50		
Attending and entering order for grant	.50	1.00	
19. Taking every Affidavit and administering oath to witness, each 25 cents			
20. Drawing special order or other papers directed by the Judge, 50 cents; if over three folios, 10 cents each additional			
21. Fylings, each 10 cents..... <u>9</u> <u>90</u>			
22. Writing necessary letters, each 25 cents..... <u>2</u> <u>50</u>			
23. Copy of will for Public Trustee, when required..... folios at 10c per fol.			
24. Notice to Public Trustee, when required, \$1.00			
25. Notice to cemetery owners under R.S.O. 1950, chapter 46, section 16 (6) \$1.00			
Half fees to Judge and Registrar, where estate exceeds \$400 but does not exceed \$1,000 Fees under R.S.O., 1950, chapter 380, section 74 (4) where the whole property is insurance money—One-quarter of fees go to Judge; three-quarters to the Registrar Not exceeding \$1,000, \$4.00; Exceeds \$1,000, not exceeding \$2,000, \$6.00 Exceeds \$2,000, not exceeding \$3,000.....\$8.00			
26. Postage..... <u>80</u>			
TOTAL FEES	<u>19.60</u>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>5.50</u>

SUMMARY OF FEES

JUDGE'S FEES \$..... 11.00
CROWN FEES \$..... 5.50
TOTAL STAMPS..... 46.50
(See back of page for memo of fees)

REGISTRAR'S FEES \$..... 19.60
TOTAL FEES..... 75.60



PROBATE CERTIFICATE

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO
SURROGATE OFFICE

Osgoode Hall, Toronto

In the Estate of *Bertha M. Riddell*
Deceased, named in a certain Notice of Application to the Surrogate Court of the
County of *Waterloo*
for Grant of Probate dated the *10th* day of *March* 19 *60*, and
described therein as *Spinster* late of *City of*
Waterloo in the County of *Waterloo*
who died on the *5th* day of *Feb.* A.D. 19 *60*.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that no Notice of Application, in respect to the property of the
deceased, has been received by me from any of the Registrars of the Surrogate Court in Ontario, save the
above for grant of Probate of the will bearing date the *27th* day of *April* A.D. 19 *59*.

And I further certify that no Caveat, or copy of Caveat, against the Grant of Probate or Administration
of the Property of the Deceased has been lodged with or received by me.

Chas. M. Smythe
Registrar of Supreme Court of Ontario.

Dated the *14th* day of *March*, 19 *60*.

To the Registrar of the Surrogate Court

Kitchener



23,143/122

Unto the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

IN THE ESTATE OF Bertha M. Riddell,

Deceased.

The Petition of Alison A. McIntyre, in the County of
of the City of Waterloo

Waterloo, Gentleman, and W. Donald Caskey, (occupation)
of the said City of Waterloo, Accountant,

Complete name
address, in full
to include street
name and number
also occupation.

SHEWETH:

Complete name
address, in full
to include street
name and number
also occupation.

1. Bertha M. Riddell late of Waterloo in the
County of Waterloo in the Province of Ontario
Spinster (occupation), deceased, died on or about the 5th
day of February 1960, at Waterloo in the County
of Waterloo, and the deceased at the time of her death had a fixed place of abode
at the City of Waterloo, in the County
of Waterloo.

2. The deceased was at the time of her death (unmarried, ~~married, a widower or divorced~~)-

If ever divorced
give particulars

3. The deceased in her lifetime duly made her last will bearing date the 27th day
of April 1959, and at that time was of the full age of twenty-one years, (and codicil (or
codicils), bearing date the day of 19

4. The deceased did not marry subsequent to the last mentioned date.

5. Neither witness to the will (or codicils) is a beneficiary or the husband or wife of a beneficiary
named therein.

6. Your Petitioner s are the execut ors named in the will (or
codicil (or codicils)

7. The value of the whole property of the deceased which she in any way died possessed of or entitled
to is the sum of 7706.89 - - - - - dollars,
full particulars of which are shown in the inventory and appraisalment exhibited herewith.

Wherefore your Petitioner s pray that Probate of the will (and codicil (or codicils) of the
deceased may be granted to them.

Dated the 10th day of March, A.D. 19 60

Every application
for Probate shall
be made by
Petition,
prepared, signed
and presented by
the applicant or
his solicitor.

Bruce Schaffield
127 Frederick St. C. C. Chapman, D. G. Datarab,
Solicitors for the Executors



In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

In the Estate of **Bertha M. Riddell** deceased

Name, address and occupation in full.

I, **Alice Schumann** of the City of Kitchener
in the County of Waterloo, Secretary (Occupation)

make oath and say:

Name, address and occupation in full.

1. I knew **Bertha M. Riddell** late of the City of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo, Spinster, deceased. (Occupation)

2. On or about the **27th** day of **April** A.D. 19 **59**. I was personally present and did see the paper writing hereunto annexed and marked as exhibit "A" to this affidavit, executed by the testatrix, as the same now appears, as and for her last will and testament, by signing her name at the foot or end thereof.

3. The testatrix was on that date of the full age of twenty-one years to the best of my knowledge and belief.

4. The will was so executed by the testatrix in the presence of myself and **J. Harold Smyth**, of the City of Kitchener in the County of Waterloo, Barrister-at-law, who were both present at the same time; whereupon **J. Harold Smyth** and I did, in the presence of the testatrix, attest and subscribe the will as witnesses.

If deceased was a markman or blind, add. Delete if not applicable.

5.- Previously to the execution of the will by the testatrix - the same was read over to her - by me (or by _____ in my presence) and the testatrix at such time seemed thoroughly to understand the same (or had full knowledge of the contents thereof).

SWORN before me at the City of **Kitchener** in the County of **Waterloo**

Alice Schumann

this **10th** day of **March** A.D. 19 **60**.

[Signature]
A Commissioner, Etc.

This affidavit is filed on behalf of the applicants by **Bray, Schofield, Mackay & Lawrence,** Solicitors for the applicants.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me, BERTHA M. RIDDELL, of the City of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, Spinster, made this twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

1. I REVOKE all former Wills or other Testamentary Dispositions by me at any time heretofore made, and declare this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament.
2. I NOMINATE AND APPOINT Allison A. McIntyre, of the City of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo, and W. Donald Caskey, of the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo, to be the Executors and Trustees of this my Will.
3. I GIVE, DEVISE, BEQUEATH AND APPOINT all my estate, both real and personal, which I am seised or possessed of, or entitled to, or over which I have any power of appointment, unto my said Trustees upon the following trusts, namely:
 - (a) TO PAY all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.
 - (b) TO GIVE to H. A. Reid, of London, Ontario, all my music and the book "Stories of the Grand Operas" by Ernest Newman.
 - (c) TO GIVE to the said W. Donald Caskey, my sectional bookcase and the books therein.
 - (d) TO PERMIT Mr. Georg Schadt, of Kitchener, Ontario, and his wife, Maria Schadt, to select any articles of household goods or furniture or household ornament which belonged to me. This bequest shall extend far enough that they may take all of my household goods and furniture or household ornament.
 - (e) TO SELL, call in and convert into money all the rest and residue of my estate not consisting of money, at such time or times and in such manner as my Trustees deem most advantageous to my estate, and to deal with the proceeds as follows:
 - (f) TO PAY to the Rector of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church at Waterloo, Ontario, the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for Masses for the repose of my soul; the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for Masses for the repose of the souls of my adopted parents, William H. Riddell and Margaret H. Riddell; the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for Masses for the repose of the soul of my sister, the Reverend Mother Carmel; the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for the repose of the soul of the Reverend Theodore Spetz, and the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for Masses for the repose of the soul of the Reverend Ignatius Perius.
 - (g) TO PAY the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars to John Heller, the son of Ferdinand Heller, for his own use absolutely. In case the said John Heller predeceases me, the said legacy shall lapse and shall fall into and form part of the residue of my estate.
 - (h) TO PAY the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars to Eldon Kavelman, for his own use absolutely. In case the said Eldon Kavelman predeceases me, the said legacy shall lapse and shall fall into and form part of the residue of my estate.
 - (i) TO PAY the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars to

Norman F. Soloman, for his own use absolutely. In case the said Norman F. Soloman predeceases me, the said legacy shall lapse and shall fall into and form part of the residue of my estate.

(j) TO GIVE all the rest and residue of my estate to the said Georg Schadt and Maria Schadt and the survivor of them.

(k) IF upon the realization of my estate there is not sufficient to pay all of the specific legacies hereinbefore set forth in full, then I direct my Trustees to pay the legacies set out in paragraph 3 (f) in full in priority to the other legacies, and the remaining legacies shall be abated proportionately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, PUBLISHED AND DECLARED)
by the above-named Bertha M.)
Riddell, testatrix, as and for)
her last Will and Testament,)
in the presence of us both)
present at the same time, who,)
at her request, and in her)
presence, have hereunto sub-)
scribed our names as witnesses.)

Bertha M. Riddell

Alice Schumann

Barbara de Kitchener, Ont.

We acknowledge this to be the last will and testament of Bertha M. Riddell, deceased.

A. A. McIntyre
W. Donald Caskey

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo
In the Estate of Bertha M. Riddell, deceased
This is exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavits
of Alison A. McIntyre and W. Donald Caskey, sworn
before me this 18th day of March, A. D. 1960.

[Signature]
A Commissioner, etc.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo
In the Estate of Bertha M. Riddell, deceased
This is exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavit
of Alice Schumann, sworn before me this 18th
day of March, A. D. 1960.

[Signature]
A Commissioner, etc.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

In the Estate of **Bertha M. Riddell** deceased

Name, complete address in full, to show Street and No., also occupation

I, **W. Donald Caskey** of the City of Waterloo
of the County of Waterloo, Accountant,
(Occupation)

make oath and say:

If so-called, produce and identify them.

1. The document now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit, is to the best of my knowledge and belief the last will of the deceased.
2. I am one of the executors named in the will and am of the full age of twenty-one years and my name, place of residence and occupation are above correctly stated.
3. I have read over carefully the annexed petition and the statements therein are true.
4. Now shown to me and marked as Exhibit "B" to this my affidavit is the inventory and appraisal of the property of the deceased.
5. I will faithfully administer the property of the deceased by paying her just debts and legacies, so far as the same will thereunto extend and the law bind me, and by distributing the residue (if any) of the property according to law; and that I will exhibit under oath a true and perfect inventory of all the property of the testatrix and render a just, full and true account of my executorship when lawfully required.

SWORN before me at the City
of Kitchener
in the County
of Waterloo
this 10th day of March
A.D. 19 60.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.

in and for the Province of Ontario

This affidavit is filed on behalf of the applicants by **Bray, Schofield, Mackay & Lawrence,**
Solicitors for the applicants.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

In the Estate of Bertha M. Riddell

deceased

Name, complete address in full, to show Street and No., also occupation

I, Alison A. McIntyre
of the City of Waterloo, Gentleman
of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo
(Occupation)

make oath and say:

If oaths, produce and identify them.

1. The document now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit, is to the best of my knowledge and belief the last will of the deceased.
2. I am one of the executors named in the will and am of the full age of twenty-one years and my name, place of residence and occupation are above correctly stated.
3. I have read over carefully the annexed petition and the statements therein are true.
4. Now shown to me and marked as Exhibit "B" to this my affidavit is the inventory and appraisalment of the property of the deceased.
5. I will faithfully administer the property of the deceased by paying her just debts and legacies, so far as the same will thereunto extend and the law bind me, and by distributing the residue (if any) of the property according to law; and that I will exhibit under oath a true and perfect inventory of all the property of the testatrix and render a just, full and true account of my execution when lawfully required.

SWORN before me at the City of Kitchener in the County of Waterloo this 10th day of March A.D. 19 60.

A. A. McIntyre

[Signature]

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.

in and for the Province of Ontario

This affidavit is filed on behalf of the applicants by Bray, Schofield, Mackay & Lawrence,

Solicitors for the applicants.

CANADA



No. 23,114

Province of Ontario

In Her Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Waterloo

Be it known that on the Sixteenth day of March 19 60 the last Will and Testament of BERTHA M. RIDDELL late of the City of Waterloo in the County of Waterloo, Spinster who died on or about the Fifth day of February 19 60 at the City of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo

and who at the time of her death had a fixed place of abode at the City of Waterloo in the said County of Waterloo

was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true copy of which said last Will and Testament is hereunto annexed.

And that administration of all and singular the property of the said deceased, and in any way concerning her Will was granted by the aforesaid Court to ALISON A. McINTYRE, of the City of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo - Gentleman; and W. DONALD CASKEY, of the City of Waterloo, in the County of Waterloo - Accountant; the Executors named in the said Will, they

G. M. GILLIES
Sole Registrar, S.C.A.
County of the County Court

having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the deceased and the legacies contained in her Will so far as they are thereunto bound by law and by distributing the residue (if any) of the property according to law

And to exhibit under oath a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said property and to render a just and full account of their executorship when thereunto lawfully required.

Witness His Honour DAVID SYLVESTER CHARLTON Judge of the said Surrogate Court at the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo, the day and year first above written.

By the Court

Seal

G. M. Gillies

Registrar.

- o Reference Kitchener Mount Hope Cemetery records.

Bertha M. Riddell was interred in Lot #291 in the Roman Catholic section.
A large monument, approximately seven feet tall, is embossed with the family name.

RIDDELL

A separate headstone has the following inscription.

BERTHA M. RIDDELL
DAUGHTER
1878-1960
R. I. P.

