

**The Reverend Edward
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**HIS ILLUSTRATED
FAMILY JOURNAL**

**Salt Spring Island
1894 to 1908**

SUNDAY, February 4th, 1894, at 10.20 a.m.
 I first set foot on Salt Spring Island, having come over in a small boat from Kuparuk Island. Directed by the Biltancourts (of whom there seemed to be a large family) I wended my solitary way from Vesuvius Bay up through the woods to Mrs Stevens' Boarding House. There I had dinner; and word was sent round to the neighbors that there would be service at St. Mark's Church, (which was close by) at 3 p.m. It was rather short notice, but 22 persons assembled, and we had a nice little service, - Mrs Perry Brown playing the organ. That evening I went back to Kuparuk and returned on Monday to Victoria.

the Island and settled in at the Stevens Boarding House. That afternoon I called on the Browns, Walters and Broadwells, and in the evening started making a rough map of the Island.

finally, deciding that the most central and seemingly the most suitable in every way would be a hundred acre farm formerly owned by a colored man named Buckner, and now

for sale by a Mr. Fiscovitz, of Victoria. The price asked was \$1200, but by paying cash I got it considerably cheaper.

There was a rickety old

LOG-HOUSE

on the property, with a mud chimney, and two or three old apple trees around it.

There were no fences, and the whole place at that time was Bush and Swamp.

I was advised to burn the old house, but I thought I would use it. The doors had been left open, and cattle & sheep had evidently been in and out at will.



Lu

Nona

Norman

Kathleen

In the course of the week I called on the Bishop, and he offered me the Parish of Salt Spring if I liked to take it; the stipend he said would be \$500 from the Mission Fund and about \$400 from the people. I gladly accepted the offer, and the following Friday returned to

I very soon made up my mind that Salt Spring was to be our home, and began to look out for some suitable land on which to build. I looked at Sparrows (now Hamilton's) at Fulford Harbor, and at some land of Robertson's on Cushon Lake -

Winnie was the first of our party to visit the Island; she stayed a few days with Mrs Perry Brown, and then went back to Victoria. April 5th I was joined by Norman; and on the 13th we left Mrs Stevens and settled in at the Log Shack. I had engaged a young fellow named Frank Moulton

94 to work for me, Coulter having already left us, and got work elsewhere. We got lumber from Victoria, and soon set to work - laying down floors and making partitions, besides adding a kitchen at the back. We also fixed up a chicken house and got some hens, - and Mr Stevens came to do some ploughing for me on such of the land as was sufficiently clear for the purpose. We also found in about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre adjoining the house for a garden, sowed some seeds, and planted a few fruit trees. May 1st, Coulter came for a few days & helped us put up a stable. May 13th I went to Burnaby, Victoria, for a few days to see how things were getting on. May 24th we had our "May Day Celebration" at Cushon Lake, (about 200 present). Our new Church at Folford Harbor, which had been built since my arrival, was dedicated by the Bishop June 3rd; and we named it St. Mary's. June 12th, Kate-

leen, Nona and Llewelyn arrived, and settled in with me and Norman in the Shack. We had a cook stove now, and were gradually getting things more comfortable, and were beginning to look forward to the day when we should all be together again. June 18th I was back to Victoria to attend Synod. On my return

to the Island June 22nd I brought my dear wife with me, to be introduced to her new home. We stayed two nights with the Roberts on Keeper Island, and crossed to Vesovius Bay in their boat, the 'Julia' on Sunday morning, the 24th, arriving at St. Marks just in time for morning service. There were about 40 present. My wife put up at the Broadbills, as I had to go on to Folford.



In the above sketch it will be noted that our domain is gradually improving. We have put larger windows in, and have added a porch, a chimney, and have "chinked" the logs. The sticks at the back enclose our chickenyard. The figures from left to right are Llewelyn, Flossie, Evelyn,

and myself. My wife remained a week on the Island, and during that time we visited Folford Harbor and Beaver Point - after which, she returned to Victoria.

July 3rd, Keith joined us at the Shack, and Norman, a day or two after, returned to Victoria. July 16th Evelyn and Flossie arrived, to take the place of the other two girls, who had gone back to their mother.

Frank Moule was still with us and we had been gradually enlarging the house, and also getting the farm into shape, but everything still was very rough. August 21. Norman arrived back, bringing our cow Cherry. Unfortunately, she got her neck broken with the tie rope next morning; and to save burying her, we burnt the corpse.

Sept 1. I dismissed Frank Moule. Sept 11. My wife, Winifred, and Llewelyn returned to the Island. Sept 13 We had a grand concert in the old school house in aid of St. Marks' church. There were 120 present, and receipts came to \$65.

Sept 19 Being my wife's birthday I drove her in our two-wheel cart with 'Duke' to call on Mr. Bost at North End; then to afternoon tea at Mr. Brown's, then to the Tolsons for a second afternoon tea with John, Charles & Leonard. My wife and Norman left again for Victoria. Sept 22nd.

Sept 24th Mr. Bullock took the above photo of our house as it then was.

1894



SE Mark's Church.

to Mr. W. Gray, who agreed to remove and re-erect the building, and to convey all our furniture, fruit trees, live stock: from Barnsbury, Victoria, to Barnsbury Salt Spring Island for the sum of \$225. And so every thing was pack-

ed up, the intricate drawing-room ceiling and



A corner of our Drawing-room.

cornice taken down and bound in numbered packets, the fruit trees all carefully packed, and every thing placed on board a scow which would be drawn by a tug to Vesovius Bay and thence carted in wagons about 2 1/2 miles to our new home. The scow arrived December 14, and we had a busy time the next few days getting all teamed to its destination. And then Mr. Gray and his men set to work re-erecting the building. My wife

remained in town with friends until the house could be made habitable. The carpenters were 3 or 4 days putting up the drawing room & hall, and then we had carpets to lay, and furniture to get in. By Christmas Day we were all together again and the house family comfortable. Mrs. W. E. Scott kindly sent us a dressed turkey for our Christmas dinner. On the 28th our daughter Evelyn became engaged to Charlie Tolson. During the last week of the year I was busy painting pictures on the panels of our drawing room, around the walls.

AND now the time was drawing near for us to finally leave Victoria and to make a new home on Salt Spring Island. But the house was altogether too small for our large party - ten of us at home, besides the two Indian girls, Carolmie and Lily Anthony. So I devised the idea of pulling down our drawing room and the hall adjoining, both of which had but recently been added to our house at the Burnside, and re-erecting them here at Salt Spring. The job was given



Mrs. Stevens' Boarding House.

WE begin the year 1895 in our new Home on Salt Spring Island, very thankful indeed to be settled once more. We have 100 acres of land, a new barn, which cost 4295: horse 2 cows, 1 calf, 8 sheep, 3 pigs & 28 chickens. Our former home in Victoria, is at present rented, and is for sale.

Caroline is still with us as cook, but her sister, Lily has gone to work for Mrs W. S. Scott. Coulter is engaged in the milk business in Victoria.

Early in the year I brought out my Salt Spring Island Pamphlet which I had been preparing ever since my arrival on the Island.

There was no doctor at this time on the Island, and my services were frequently in request.

Feb: 20. I engaged a Swede named Ericson as farm man.

March 21. My wife met with a very serious accident.



On the 12th of August, Bertie was married to Oota Walters in Ottawa.



In the above Photo, - reading from left to right: -
 1st row (sitting) Flossie, Evelyn, Mother, Clair and baby, Winifred.
 2nd row, Harry A., Kathleen, Archie, Myself & grandchild, Nona, Norman.
 3rd row, Llewelyn, Basil Martin (a nephew who had come to us from England on a 3 months' visit), Keith, Fritz Walter. Lieut RN, H.M.S. Royal Arthur, engaged to Winnie.

1895

August 27th Archie, Clair, and their two children, Melita and Winifred arrived from Elkhorn to spend a couple of months with us. Archie was very keen on hunting and engaged two men, David Stark and another to go with him in quest of deer. Sept 13, they got 3 deer, Oct 14 two, and Oct 16 two more. Archie killed one more Oct 18, and Norman on that day killed his first. A number of large salmon were also caught.



Archie's second child, Winifred, Born March 18.

Archie and Clair one day caught 7 monsters (4 of them weigh 30 lbs) Numerous pheasants and grouse also were shot.

1895

In the accompanying group, the first row, (sitting) reading from left to right, are: Nona, Mother, Norman, Myself with Melita, Winifred and Fritz (standing). On the back row are Kathleen, Charlie, Evelyn, Clair (with little Winifred), Flossie, Keith; and, against the door, Archie and Basil Martin. The porch is that of our hall door now covered with a dense mass of ivy.



Our Family group (Taken by Mr Bullock)

Our daughter Evelyn's wedding took place Sunday, September 15th, at St Mark's Church. The wedding breakfast was in our dining room immediately after the service. And then the happy couple left in a two-wheel rig for Ganges Harbor, where Charlie had chartered the Mary Harri to convey them to Victoria. There they took steamboat to San Francisco. On their arrival home about 3 weeks later, they went to live on Charlie's ranch at Ganges Harbor (now owned by A. Ward). Subsequently Charlie sold the ranch,



Charles W. Tolson & Evelyn Grace Wilson
United in marriage at St Mark's church,
Sept 15, 1895.

and they went to live in Victoria. There they remained until the Spring of 1898, when they returned to the Island, and Charlie built the Cottage now owned by E. C. Borradaile. They took possession of it August 23rd 1898. Charlie, about this time developed symptoms of consumption, and, by his physician's advice, they went to Denver, Colorado. Thence, in December 1899, they travelled to England, where on December the 26th Charlie died in his mother's house at Tamworth.

Archie & Clair and their children left us, to return to Elkhorn, Oct 19th, and Basil Martin left October 26th.

On Nov 24th we had a narrow escape of being burnt out. Flossie had sprained her ankle badly, and was sleeping on the drawing room sofa in front of the log fire, with Nona beside her. The drapery of the mantel piece caught fire, and blazed up to the ceiling. Considerable

damage was done before it could be extinguished.

January 1896. Our Farm is gradually assuming shape; we are pulling the woods slashed and preparing for Spring ploughing. Ericson remained with us as farmman until April; after that we managed with the boys. We had at this time 3 cows, 15 pigs and 110 fowls, and early in January we purchased a good team (Frank & Paul) of Mr. Nixon. Old Duke we lent to the Fishers, and he died in their care.

January 3rd there was a slight shock of earthquake at 10.30 p.m. Our daughter Kathleen was sitting at this time and had to undergo an operation at the Jubilee Hospital for "floating Kidney". This was March 21st, and she was in the hospital until the middle of April. Mother, Winnie, Fritz, and about a dozen friends visited her on April 15th, her Birthday.



Nona
Keith
Father
Flossie
Mother
Norman
Kathleen

1896

Our son Bertie was at this time living with his wife in Ottawa, and on the 11th of June their first child, Davis was born.

The Point Ellice Bridge accident was on May 26th, when 59 people on an overloaded street car were drowned. Flossie and Nona barely escaped being on the car, and Canon Padden went down with the car and was nearly drowned.

Our first Agricultural Show was held Oct 11th in the new Public Hall near to our house having just been built.

We took 8 first and 3 second prizes for fruit. Norman, on Plate took first prize for horse race, Flossie first prize for riding, and Keith 1st prize for foot race.

Nellie Hart was staying with us this Autumn.

The "Salt Spring Island Club" at this time met once a month at the various Members' houses.



Burns Bay
Mary

from Glasgow Pike

1897

Frances Mary Tolson was born March 5th.
Another little girl was born to Bertie and Oola
in Ottawa, June 18th, but it did not live. Kate
Leen's engagement to Harry Alexander was
broken off in the Spring, and later she became
engaged to Frank Scott. Caroline having left
us, we had a China man working for us. Then
Lily came for a month or two, after that a boy.

We built our New Wing this Summer - our bed-
room and Study below, and Spare bed room and
room for the two boys above. Mr Walker kindly ad-
vanced the money to pay for it. (It cost \$540). We
moved in October 29th.

Llewellyn left, and
Norman and Keith
took charge of the Farm.

Pascal Walker came
to us as Farm pupil
June 29th and remain-
ed about 2 years.

Mary Tolson in various stages of development.



There was a
bad accident
on our hill, April
13th, with Geoffrey, Scott's
team. We had Mr Chal-
decott for 10 days as a
patient, and Mr
A. Walter had his
leg broken.



The
Klondyke
excitement
began this sum-
mer, and every one
was off to the gold-fields.

Aunt Jessie,
at the Brandon Hos-
pital, Manitoba, July
17th, after suffering on
and off for several years from
Cancer, died.



St. Mark's
Ladies Guild
1895 inaugurated
November 11th.

OUR Daughter Kathleen was married to Frank Scott on Saturday February the 12th. at 1. 30 a.m. at St. Mark's Church. The Church was crowded, and after the ceremony about 36 guests came over to Barnsbury to partake of refreshments. The happy couple got away about 3pm, and went by boat to Mayne Island.

Just a week after the wedding, on the following Saturday, a very sad catastrophe happened at Ganges Harbor. It was a wild stormy day, and late in the afternoon Harold Scott and Freddy Smedley started from the Wharf in a small skiff to return to their home just across the Bay. On Sunday morning Frank Fisher, a boy of 12 years old, found the skiff broken up on the shore. A search was at once instituted, and

1898



Kathleen and Frank Scott. Married at St. Mark's, Feb¹²



The Wedding party. First Row (sitting) - Mr. W. E. Scott (with little Maud) Mrs. W. E. Scott (with Douglas). FRANK, KATHLEEN, Mother, Flossie (standing) At the back are Col. Craig, Norman, Mr. Robertshaw, Harold Scott, Leonard Tolson, Fred Crofton, Nona, Llewelyn, Pascal Walker, Winifred, Fritz, Keith, and myself. The back ground is a part of the original log hut.

late in the afternoon. The two bodies were found stranded on some submerged rocks near to the house now owned and occupied by Col. Craig. The funeral took place on Ash Wednesday, Feb 23, at St. Mark's Church. Two stone crosses have been placed over the graves, and a Memorial window in the Church.

Dining room was enlarged this year, and the Verandah built.

We had Japs as cooks this year, - first Yammawitch, and later Mutz and Tom.

I gave each of our three boys about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land this summer.

The War between the United States and Spain, over Cuba, was in progress at this time. War was declared April 21st. It lasted 114 days, and cost the United States \$150,000,000.

June 14^E - Oota and Doris arrived to spend the summer with us.

June 18^E. Mrs Walker (Pascals mother) and her daughter, Hilda, arrived, having hired Broadwell's house for the summer.

We had a Patagonian boy named Jimmy working for us at this time, and Oota had May Sampson as nurse.

Oota telegraphed to Bertie in Ottawa to come and take her home, and he arrived July 27^E, and remained with us till August 6^E. It was at this time that Oota lost a \$40 necklace and my wife missed her gold watch. Jimmy and May were suspected. Bertie acted detective.

The bracelet was traced and recovered before they left, - but the watch was not found till long after, badly broken, out at the Cow station.

Mrs Walker and her daughter held a number of meetings on the Island during their visit.

Charlie and Evelyn went to Denver, Col. this autumn.

1898



Winnie

Fritz



Above is a photo of H.M.S. "Royal Arthur", on which ship Fritz Walter was a lieutenant at the time of his engagement to our daughter, Winifred. Subsequently he joined the survey ship Egeria, of which he was Navigating Lieutenant at the time of his marriage.

Our daughter, Winifred, was married to Frederic Henry Walter (Fritz) at St. Marks Church, by the Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Rev. C. E. Cooper, on Tuesday, November the 8^E. The "Egeria", Fritz's ship, came to anchor in Vesovius Bay at 9.30 am. and was very prettily decorated by the blue jackets. The wedding was at 11.30, and the Church was crowded both by Naval men and Islanders. About 50 came to our house for the wedding breakfast, including the Bishop, Mr. Cooper, and the Captain & officers of the Ship.



Kathleen Brenda, Archie's third daughter, was born March 28^E, and died February 26^E, 1900.

There was quite a little excitement, Sunday January 1st. There had been heavy weather, and snow was lying 21 inches deep. We had to shovel snow instead of going to Church. At 2 pm. a Jap came with a note from Kate, asking me to go there immediately, also to send on word to Dr. Baker. The



Beryl Scott

end of it was that our dear little granddaughter Jessie Beryl was born about 5.15 p.m. and had her Grandfather in attendance to perform the first ablutions, and Miss Pedder, who at the risk of her life had come over on horseback through the deep snow, (her first ride), put the clothes on.

1899.

Bertie gave up business in Ottawa in August this year, & went to Sydney C.B.

Llewelyn stranded in the Klondyke, but eventually succeeded in getting home.



Betty Walter

Our daughter Winifred was living at this time at Oak house, Esquimalt; the Egeria being frequently away on Survey Trips. Their little girl, Beatrice Winifred, familiarly known as Betty, was born November 4th. Archie's New Institution at Elkhorn opened September 7th.

Our daughter Evelyn's husband, Charlie Tolson, got no better at Denver, and on October the 14th, they left (with their little girl Mary) for England, and went to his mother's, at Tamworth. He died at his mother's house, December the 20th.



Charlie Tolson.

Charles Wolfson Tolson, familiarly known as Charlie, was born at Tamworth, England, just two days after his father's death - Dec. 22nd.

Keith, this year, was working in Nanaimo.

1900.

THE BOER WAR, which commenced in October 1899, was in full swing this year. Cronje surrendered Feb. 27th; Ladysmith relieved 28th; Orange Free State annexed May 28th; Pretoria surrendered June 5th; President Kruger fled Sept 12th; The cost of the War was £100,000,000.

Evelyn enlarged our dining room by altering the back stairway. He also commenced building his own house.

New local boat L'Ange commenced running, Victoria to Kanaimo, taking in the Islands.

Winie and Nellie Hart arrived and put up at Norton's May 9th.

Evelyn and her two children arrived from England May 4th. May 25th she sold her cottage and 160 acres land to E.G. Borradaile.

The Caterpillar plague occurred this year, doing an immense amount of damage all through the Province.

Evelyn and his children settled in at Col Craig's house Oct 25th.

Flossie tried nursing at Vancouver this year, but did not like it, so gave it up and returned home.

We sold part of our farm this year to B. Leady.

We had an Incubator this year, and tried three hatches, but were not very successful.



Archie's 4th daughter, Moriel; born Jan 1900.

Our home party this year consists of myself and wife, Flossie, Nona, Norman and Keik. We have a Jap cook, Mits; and a fat faced Jap boy to work on the farm: Our horses are Prince and May, and Bots for the buggy. We have 3 cows, 3 calves, 10 pigs, and 300 fowls.

Bertie, Oota, and their child Doris, moved to Bisbee, Arizona, in November.

Archie's little girl, Brenda, (Cuddie Co) died February 26th, aged two.

1901.

Great Family
Gathering at Salt
Spring Island.



Llewelyn's house is
completed and he is
living in it.

Keith working on the
"City of Nanaimo".

Lizzie Belyea is now
our cook.

Archie has moved into
his new Home at Elk-
horn, Man.

Bertie left Bisbee in
November and went
to live at El Paso. He
is now Ass't Engineer.
Winnie's second daughter
Ruth, was born at Es-
quimalt - August 26th.

The Names are:-

Back row:-

Flossie, Keith, and
Frank (holding Beryl).

Second row:-

Fritz, Winnie, Nona,
Llewelyn, Evelyn (with
Charlie), Oota, Bertie,
Kathleen.

Front row:-

Betty, Norman,
Winifred, Mother,
Father (holding Mary
and Melita, and
Doris sitting in front)
Clair, Muriel, Archie.

Two grandparents

Five sons

Five daughters

Two sons in law

Two daughters in law

Eight grandchildren.

Twenty two in all.



Archie's two
children Winifred
and Melita.



Nona, Beryl and Kathleen.



Muriel.

QUEEN VICTORIA
DIED
JANUARY 22nd.

1902

The year opened with our GREAT FAMILY GATHERING. The party arrived just in time for Christmas Day (1901). Bertie, Oota & Doris were the first, all the way from Texas; then Winifred and Fritz and Betty from Esquimalt; then Archie, Clair and their three children from Manitoba. We managed some way to pack them all in. All gathered at St Mark's for the 11 am service on Christmas Day. The Christmas dinner was at 1.30 pm; 17 at the table in the Dining room and 8 children in the kitchen. In the evening we had a Magic Lantern Exhibition. On the 26th I made two water color sketches of the family group, and we also had a photograph taken. In the evening we had a Christmas tree for the children. Winnie, Fritz and Keith had to leave Dec. 27th; Bertie and Oota left January 7th; Archie and Clair and their 3 children stayed on till February 4th.

Three engagements this year - Llewelyn to Mappie Borehour; Flossie to E. G. Borradaile; Nona to

Fred Crofton. Evelyn has joined Llewelyn, and together with her two children is living with him in his new little house quite near to us. Keith is working for the Leghs at North End.

Our late Member and Speaker of the House of Commons Mr J. P. Booth, died the end of February, and was buried at St Mark's Cemetery March 1st, the Bishop assisting. James Dunsmuir, the premier, and thirty members of Parliament attended the funeral.

Kathleen and Beryl staying with Archie at Elkhorn.

Keith purchased our team; Llewelyn hired Frank's team, and they went into partnership, teaming.

KING EDWARD'S CORONATION - August 9th.

Frank Scott's throat operated on for Cellulitis July 16th. Llewelyn underwent operation for rupture September 19th.



Archie's little boy Edward
Born Sept. 1901

1903



Winnie and Fritz and the two children



Beryl on a visit to Manitoba.



"Barnsbury" from the Banges Road.

Winnie, with her two children and their nurse came to stay with us at Barnsbury Febr? 17th, just before leaving for England. Fritz also came for a day or two. They all left us March 7th, and were to leave Victoria on the 9th. Winnie, writing from England soon after their arrival, says she is introduced to people by Fritz's

^{Florrie}
Aunt ~~Fritz~~ as "My little niece who has just come from British Columbia with two children and no nurse - Isn't she a wonder my dear! and as fresh as paint!" ... When Aunt Florrie kissed me at bedtime, she said, "You will tell your little mother it felt 'homey' wont you".



Front view of Barnsbury.



The drawing room window and porch.



Mary and Charlie.



Nona, Evelyn, Flossie, and the two children.

WINNIE and FRITZ GO ROUND THE WORLD. (1903-05.)

After about three months spent in England, during which they met and visited most of our and Fritz's relatives, they returned to us July 21st. July 24th Fritz started for Australia, having been commissioned to H.M. Survey ship "Penguin," leaving his wife and two children with us at Bernsbury. November 11th they started on their long journey to join him. Having come from England this Spring, 1903, they were destined to reach England once more by way of New Zealand, Australia, India, and the Suez Canal, in 1905, making a complete circuit of the globe.

Fritz, writing from Auckland, New Zealand, Jan. 10 '04, says, "We had a delightful Christmas and glorious weather, our two babes delicious and much appreciated by every one. The photos of the ship and the two children with Fritz on page 142, were taken at this time). ~~Again~~ Nov. 28th, "We have just spent a week in Wellington but had to go to a hotel and left the chicks at Palmerston in a cottage with Miss Jacobs. Wyn writes from Christ Church, N.Z. April 6th. "This is the nicest place we have been in thus far in N.Z., the streets are so pretty, plenty of trees, and the river Avon with willows on the banks. Morning tea is a favorite institution here - a

Call and tea at 11 a.m. On Easter Sunday at 3 p.m. we went to a Children's gift service at St. Michael's. Our two did look such darlings, Betty took her pet picture book, and Baba was hugging a huge ball". Again from Christ Ch. N.Z. June 5th. "I am so cold. To think of you in the midst of warmth and Sunshine and strawberries. We go on to Sydney on the 13th". Wyn writes from Sydney, N.S.W. July 16th '04. "We are settled here for 3 months at any rate. The Penguin will probably return to N.Z. in September. This is an enormous city I don't attempt to go about alone. The shops are very good, and cheaper than New Zealand. In Sept. and Oct. Wyn's address was: - Naringla, Varranabee Road, Darling Point, Sydney. A lady asked Betty. How could we have what she liked best, what would she choose, and Betty replied, "Just to go straight back to my Granmie". Wyn was 9 months altogether in Sydney. Jan. 1st 1905. "We wish you all a happy New Year; - but it is so hot and my pen so sticky I can hardly move it - the glass 108° in the shade!" In February - Wyn and the children were at a Cattle station - 12 miles from nearest neighbor - 50,000 acres owned by a Mr. Menzies. March 20th 1905. The whole

party on their way home to England, Fritz having been ordered home: He expects to be sent to W. Africa. They are sailing by the German Liner, Bremen. After leaving Australia, their first stopping place was Colombo, Ceylon, where they saw Indian jugglers and snake charmers. Thence they crossed the Indian Ocean to Aden. Here no one was allowed to go ashore because the plague was raging. April 12th they arrived at Port Suez and entered the Suez Canal. - "Such a desolate sandy looking place... Natives swarmed on board with their wares for sale... I picked up an oxidized silver belt and said to the fat old Egyptian - How much? He said, 'Oh nonsense, too much', and I walked off. He shrieked after me, "How much you give me lady?" I said, "Take it, take it", he screamed. "The Canal is very narrow, - only about 30 yards in the narrow parts; not 1/2 but sand on either side as far as the eye can see; - once we passed a lot of Camels, - it is so weird. It will take us 18 hours to go through". After leaving Port Said, it took them 3 days to reach Naples. There it was 24th and they saw little, but got a glimpse of Vesuvius. Then on to Genoa. Thence to Gibraltar; on up through the Bay of Biscay, and landed at Southampton Tues. April 24th.

1903

Llewelyn and Keith went up to the Yukon this Spring. They left in May, and got back home Sept 26th. Llewelyn had acquired two gold claims on Ruby Creek, and purposed getting some of the Salt Spring Islanders to form a Syndicate and return with him in the Spring to work them.

The photo below is the White Horse Pass with men and teams on their way to the gold mines.



Keith and
Fred Crofton.



1903



Nona's Wedding - Sept. 17, 1903.

The wedding group in our garden, Barnsbury, Salt Spring Island. The figures in the group are as follows: On the left sitting - Frank Scott (with the wedding cake on the table just behind. Then Mrs. W. E. Scott, with Mr. Manley squatting in front, and Mr. Ward's face just above her hat. Mrs. Ward is holding her little daughter, Valdez, and has Mr. R. B. Young on her right and Rev. E. F. Wilson on her left. Over E. F. W.'s shoulder is Mr. Edw. Walter, and below him is Beryl, with Maude Scott on her right, and her mother, Kathleen, on her left. To the right of Kathleen is Mrs. E. F. Wilson, with Mrs. Fletcher behind, and Norman, with Kōkō in front. Then come the Bride and Bridegroom, and behind them (from left to right) Evelyn, Miss Brown, Flossie, Miss Collins, Dr. Baker, Frank Crofton. Squatting in front (right to left) are Messrs. Chalderst, Robertshaw, Gorman, Royal, John Collins. Behind Mr. Chalderst are Winifred, Mrs. Garnet, Mr. Fletcher, Pompey, and Mr. Garnet.

1903



Betty and Ruth Walter.

Our daughter, Winifred, on her return from England, July 21st 1903, came with her two children, Betty and Ruth, to live with us at Barnsbury. While her husband (Fritz) went on to join his ship "the Penguin", at Auckland New Zealand. They remained with us through the summer, and were present at Nona's wedding, Sept. 17th. On November 11th, they left us, to rejoin Fritz in New Zealand. The photo above is of



Ernest George Borradaile

E. G. Borradaile bought C. W. Tolson's cottage & ranch May 25th 1900. Our daughter Flossie became engaged to him in the Spring of 1902, and they were married March 15th 1904.



Baba and the dog

Betty and Ruth in our garden at Barnsbury, the one on the right being of Ruth with our Collie dog, Donster.



Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crofton.
married Sept 17 '03.

Keith, after returning from the Yukon, went to work for the Legh's at North End. Llewelyn went to work in Vancouver.

Evelyn and her two children occupied Llewelyn's cottage.

1904

February 26th a party of five started for the Yukon, consisting of A. Llewelyn Wilson, Dr. Baker, Frank Scott, W. Chaldecott, and J. Niphlingale, - their object being to develop Llewelyn's gold claims on Ruby Creek, each taking a share. They took horses with them and everything needful for a long camp out. The expedition however did not turn out as favorably as they had hoped; gold was found, but not in paying quantities, and Sept 26th, the party had all returned excepting Llewelyn.

October 18th, we received a telegram from Dr. Nicholson, Whitehorse, Yukon, saying that Llewelyn was in hospital - & that he had had to operate on him for rupture.

On getting out of hospital in about 3 weeks time, Llewelyn got a job papering the hospital; and later was appointed Assistant post-master at Whitehorse at \$100 a month. There was opposition however to his appointment, and he lost it 2 months after taking it. He then got work on a River Steamboat.

Our daughter, Florence Muriel, was married to George Borradaile at St. Mark's Church at 3.30 pm. on Friday, March 16th. They went by "City of Nanaimo" to Victoria, - thence on to Seattle - for their honeymoon, and returned to the Island March 23rd.



George and Flossie

Spring October 30th, and remained with us at Barnsbury until Evelyn's marriage to Scott Ritchie.

Mother, Father, and Norman are now alone at Barnsbury. They have no servant, and do all their own work both in the house and out of it.

May 16th, Evelyn and her two children Charlie & Mary left for El Paso, Texas, - Bertie having invited them to come for the summer. They had rather an unfortunate time of it, being delayed 3 days in San Francisco; and when they got there they found Doris had measles, and Mary and Charlie both took it and were very ill. They returned to Salt

1904

Norman has now the Barnsbury Farm

(65 acres) on shares with his father, and is getting it into very good shape; about 25 acres are now under cultivation and we have an Orchard of about 350 trees. We are gradually building up a dairy and poultry business, and this with fruit will we hope in time become quite profitable.



Norman Wolfe Wilson

Nona's eldest child, Dermot Kennett was born May 17.

Dermot

A Jap named Toki comes in once a week to work for us.

Since Frank's return from the Yukon, he and Kathleen and Beryl have been living at his brother Geoffry's, and are running the two farms together, on shares.

Keith is now working for Mr. H. W. Bullock. He also has his own little farm on the Lake.

Winifred, after leaving us November 11th 1903

went first with her two children to Honolulu. The photo in the lower corner shows 4 little children in their bathing suits, - Ruth,

Betty, and 2 little friends with whom they were stopping. From Honolulu, they

went on to Auckland, New Zealand, and

later to Christ Church N.Z., and Sydney N.S.W.

While in Sydney, Winnie had occasion one day to scold both the children for naughtiness and put them to bed. As she was leaving them she heard Ruth whisper to Betty, "but we are very pleased

with ourselves isn't we Betty-kin". The above photo of Wynn

was taken in Christ Church N.Z. in April 1904. Before they went on to

Australia, and the photo of Ruth below at Sydney. Winnie, writing from Sydney,

Sept 30th 04, says: "I came home from the mountains to find Betty complaining of a pain in her side, and began to think of appendicitis,

and after awful things; however a little later I asked her where the pain was now, and she said, "Oh Mummy,

it changed its mind in me inside and now its gone to me Stummick".



Winnie in N.Z.



Ruth in Australia



Betty & Ruth at Honolulu

1905

At the beginning of the year 1905, our daughter Evelyn and her two children Mary and Charlie were living with us at Barnsbury, Mary aged 7 and Charlie 5.

Flossie's first child, Phyllis Florence Marion, was born January 24th and was baptized at St. Mark's Church April 10th.



The whereabouts of our children and other relatives is at present as follows:

Archie, wife, and 4 children at Elkton

Man.; Bertie, wife,

and 1 child at

El Paso, Texas;

Evelyn & 2 children

wives at Barnsbury;

Winnie, Fritz, and two

children in Australia; Kathleen,

Frank and 1 child on Geoffrey's

farm, Ganpes Harbor; Llewelyn

at Whitehouse, Yukon; Flossie,

George and 1 child at Ganpes Harbor;

Nona, Fred, and 1 child, at Ganpes Harbor; Norman at home

wife vs; Keitt working for Mr. Bullock. My eldest brother,

Daniel is Vicar of Mitchem, England; My second brother,

Wilberforce is at Broadview, Man.; My sister Emily and her



W. S. Ritchie propounding the question.



husband, Rev. D. B. Hankin, are at present at Mildmay, North London, but about to move to Reading, Berks; My sister Lois, and her husband, Rev. W. Martin, are at Darley Abbey, Derby; My sister Chenda (widow) is living at Hampstead; My brother Arthur, a year and a half younger than myself, is in the London Stock Exchange, and lives with his wife at Hampstead; My wife's half brother Hardwicke, the

Rev. Canon Spooner has a parish near Liverpool; Her second brother, Alan, is also a clergyman.

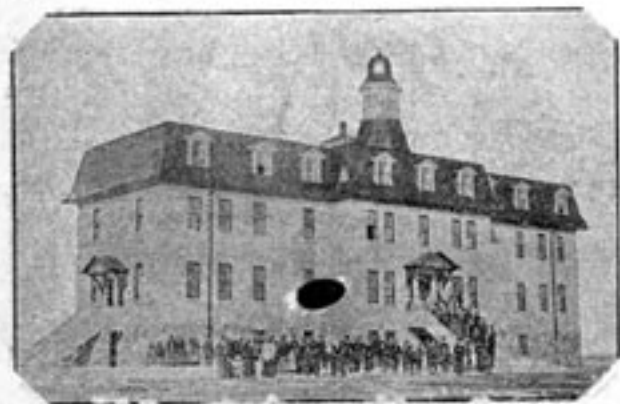
On the 6th of June my daughter Evelyn became engaged to Mr. W. Scott Ritchie who secured about 7 acres of land a mile & a half from Barnsbury, and started to build a very nice house. (p. 107)

The wedding took place on her birthday, September 2nd. They were married at St. Mark's Church at 1 p.m. A party of about 60 assembled on our lawn after leaving the Church for refreshments, among them were the Scotts, Stevens, E. Walters, Mrs. A. Walter, Collins, Garnets, Mackenzies, Hollyers, the Leggs, Miss Montrey, Hamiltons, Mrs. Jackson, Smith, Haller, Young, Ramsay, Amy Simpson, the Beech's, Mrs. Baker etc.

M^r and M^{rs} Archibald E. Wilson and their

Our eldest son, Archibald Edward, was born at St. Clair Parsonage, Sarnia, May 4th 1869. He was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, where he went with his brother Bertram in 1882. In 1888-89 Archie was in business at Elkhorn, working with M^r. Rowswell. In the spring of

1889, M^{rs} Vidal and her daughter, St. Clair, took charge of the newly built Washakada Home. Archie for a time assisted at the Shingwauk Home. Subsequently, he married Clair Vidal and became the Principal of the Washakada Home. (March 28, 1892)



The New Indian Home.



Melita, Winifred and Muriel, 1905

Eliza Charlotte St. Clair Vidal was born at Sarnia, Ont. Her father died in 1878, and her mother in 1898. The late Admiral Vidal of the British Fleet, was her father's Uncle, and the Hon. Alex. Vidal, Senator, of Ottawa, her Father's brother. Her Father's name was William Pentose Vidal, and her mother's maiden name Eliza Ann Bâby. Clair was edu-



Archie in his office - 1905

cated at the Sarnia High School. She has 3 brothers living: - James Frederick, Qu'Appelle, Sask. married and 7 children living; William Milton, Wonuna, Man., married, and 10 children living; Francis Pentose, New York, married, and 1 child. Archie and Clair have had five children, Melita, born 1893; Winifred, born 1895; Brenda, born 1898, died

1905

Winnifred and Fritz and their two children left Australia March 20th, and travelling via Colombo, the Suez Canal and Gibraltar, reached England April 24th.

Soon after their arrival Fritz was appointed Commander of H.M.S. Goldfinch and ordered away to the West Coast of Africa, leaving Winnie and the children in lodgings at Kensington.

Nona's second child, Gerald Desmond, was born July 10th.

Archie's little boy Edward Vidal died September 7th. It was very sad, for Archie was away at the time in the North West collecting pupils for his Institution, and he did not even know of the child's illness until his return - which was several days after the funeral. But Archie and Clair were devotedly attached to their little son, and it was a sore grief to them to lose him.

Keith's engagement to Katie King was announced on the day of Evelyn's wedding - September the 22nd. The wedding took place at Christ's Church Cathedral, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 6th, at 5 p.m., the Bishop and Canon Beanlands officiating: the service was choral and there was a goodly attendance. The

guests subsequently assembled at Mrs King's residence for refreshments and to view the wedding presents. Keith and his wife returned from their honey moon December the 16th and settled in at Mr Bullock's cottage, about a mile and a half from Barnsbury.



Katie



Keith.

During this year the war was still raging between Russia and Japan. Port Arthur fell January 10th, the Russian General Strossell and 48,000 Russians being taken prisoners. The Russian fleet, after making fools of themselves - shooting at some of our fishermen in the North Sea, was wholly annihilated by the Japanese, under Togo, May 27th.

Indian Institution at Elkhorn, Manitoba.

1900: Muriel born 1900;
Edward born 1902, died 1905.

In the year 1888, the Government having made us a grant of \$12000, we erected and furnished the buildings shown on page 92. The Washakada was at that time a Branch of the Shingwauke Home, and under my control. It was only partly supported by Government, and we had to collect money in England and in Canada for its support.

In the year 1895 (Nov 13th) all these buildings were burned to the ground. It seemed doubtful at first whether they would be rebuilt; but finally the Government decided to take the whole thing into its own hands and to rebuild on a larger scale than before. The present buildings are of brick, as shown above, and are fitted with every modern convenience. They were opened September 7th 1899,



The Indian Homes, Elkhorn, Man.

our son, Archie, is the principal, and they have over 100 pupils.



April 1905. Vancouver
Just leaving for England.



Archie Clair, and their 4 children, Melita, Winnie, Muriel & Edward 1904.

OUR second son, Francis Bertram, was married to Oota, only daughter of Thos. J. Walters and his wife Lucia, at St Alban's Church, Ottawa, on the 12th of August, 1895. Oota had two brothers, Don and Rex. Her father and her brother Rex (now a civil engineer in employ of the Southern Pacific Railway) are still living, but her mother and her brother Don are dead. Oota was educated, first at Miss Veal's Ladies' school, Toronto, where she remained 3 years; then one year at Trafalgar Institute, Montreal, and 4 years at Miss Harmon's school, Ottawa.

Lake Girard Mica Co for about a year. For several years after this he spent his time mostly in Montreal and Ottawa, being engaged part of the time in Commission business, & partly in engineering and railway construction. In Nov: 1900, he moved with his wife and child to Bisbee, Arizona, and obtained em-



Bert, in his office at EL Paso (1905)



Plan of F. B. Wilson's house (Scale $\frac{1}{16}$ " = 1 foot)

Bertie, after leaving the Royal Military College, in 1891, obtained employment on the C. P. R. until Dec: 1893. Then he was with the

air home in Texas. 1906.

ployment as a civil engineer on the Arizona and South Eastern Railway. After being there a year, they removed to El Paso Texas, where he was soon after appointed Assistant Engineer of the El Paso and South Western Railway, - his Chief being H. J. Simmons. His salary at present is \$300 a month.

After living for several years in lodgings, they have now built a house of their own, a photo of which is here shown, also a plan of the building.

They have one little girl, named Doris, who was born June 11th 1896.



Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wilson's house

1309 Boulevard, El Paso, Texas. (Built 1905)

Doris (on left) and two little friends.

Bertram is at present Resident Engineer of the E. P. and S. W. System, comprising 806 miles of railroad. He has charge of construction of all new work, and all assistant engineers report to him.

Commander F. H. Walter, R.N. and Mrs. Walter (Mrs. Goldfinch)

Our daughter Winifred was married to Lieut. F. H. Walter, R.N. of H.M. Survey Ship *Egeria*, at St. Mark's Church, Salt Spring Island, Nov. 8th 1898.

They have now two children, Betty, born November 5th 1899, and Ruth born August 26, 1901. At the time of their marriage Fritz was engaged in Survey work on the British Columbia Coast and Winnie resided at Esquimaux. Early in March 1903

Fritz was ordered to England, & Winnie and the two children went with him. They returned to Canada in June. Fritz went on to New Zealand where he joined H.M.S. *Penguin*, leaving Winnie and the children with us at Barnsbury. In November (1903) Winnie and the children left us to join Fritz in New Zealand. In June 1904 they went on to Sydney, NSW.

In March 1905 they continued their trip round the world, via India and the Suez Canal, reaching England in May 1905. A month or so later, Fritz was placed in Command of H.M.S. *Goldfinch*, and ordered to W. coast Africa, Winnie remaining in London.

FRITZ H. WALTER is the eldest son of Major Frederic Edw^d Walter, Twickenham Park, England, his mother being Mary Grace (nee Urnston).

He was born in Camp at Aldershot. He was educated at Marlborough and St. John's (scholar), and took his naval course at Dulwich and Royal Woolwich Academy and on H.M.S. *Britannia*. His first Commission was to H.M.S. *Imperieuse*, Flotilla, China, 1888-91. Subsequent Commissions were H.M.S. *Volage*, Training Squadron, 1891-92. R.N. College, Portsmouth 1892. H.M.S. *Champion*, North Pacific, 1893-94. H.M.S. *Royal Arthur*, 1894-95. H.M. Survey Ship *Egeria* 1897-1903. H.M.S. *Penguin*, Australia and New Zealand, 1903-05. In Command of H.M.S. *Goldfinch*, W. coast Africa, 1905.

Fritz is the eldest of 7, having three brothers and three sisters. The brother next to him married a daughter of Vice Admiral Le Hunt Ward, and they are living at Wei-kei-wei, China. The next brother is Captain in the Royal Artillery, Quetta, India. The other one in Siam. The sisters live at home with their father. Fritz has travelled on the average about ten thousand miles per annum, and has crossed the Equator fourteen times. When in the *R. Arthur*, his two 6 inch guns made the Record in H.M.S. service. 13 rounds, 11 hits in 3 minutes. Fritz was promoted Commander Dec. 31st 1905, being the youngest surveyor thus promoted for a generation.



Fritz's little brother Robert



H.M.S. "Penguin" (N.Zealand)



On board the Penguin, Christmas 1903.



Winnie and the two children



Fritz and family Honolulu, Nov. 1903. B., R., & J. present



Fritz's Auntie

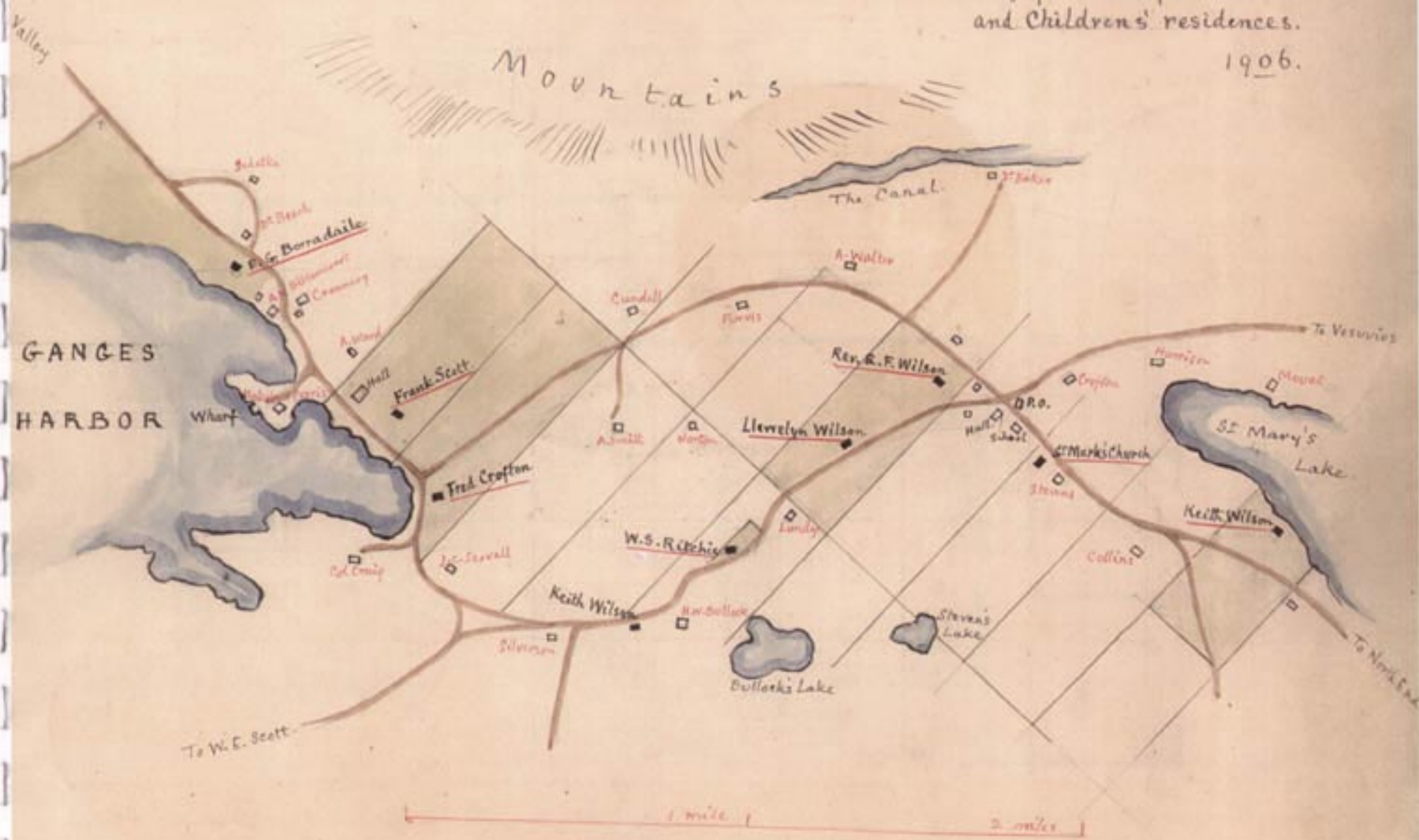


Bearwood, Wokingham, (the residence of Fritz's Uncle)

SALT SPRING ISLAND. B.C.

Shewing position of our own
and Children's residences.

1906.



Valley

MOUNTAINS

The Canal

GANGES
HARBOR

Wharf

St. Mary's
Lake

Bullock's
Lake

Stevens
Lake

1 mile

2 miles

To W. E. Scott

To Vesuvius

To North End

Galbraith

St. Beach

P. G. Borna dale

Williamson
Cannery

A. Ward

Frank Scott

Fred Crofton

Col. Craig

J. C. Seavall

Silverson

W. S. Ritchie

Keith Wilson

Wm. Bullock

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Llewelyn Wilson

A. Smith

Worth

D.R.O.

Hall

Shoat

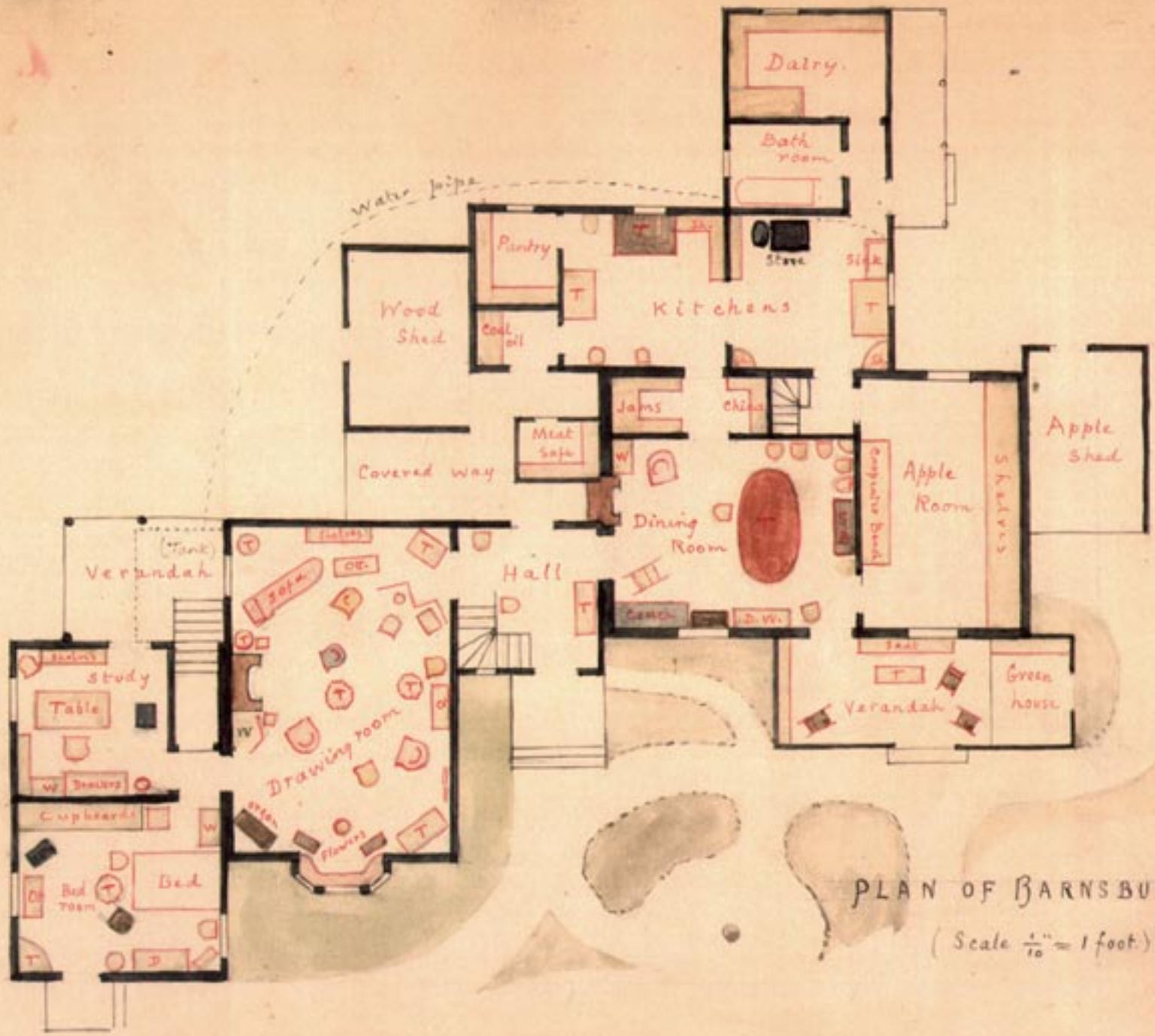
Shoat

Collins

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Moyal

Keith Wilson



1905-6.

Our Home and our Children's Homes on Salt Spring Island.

(on this and the next ten pages)



BARNSBURY, Salt Spring Island
(Built 1895)

In the above sketch, the original old log shanty is on the right, showing the Dining room window, with dormer window and chimney above, and the ivy covered entrance to the Verandah. In the centre of the picture is the ivy covered porch leading to the hall. To the left of the porch is the Wing (containing drawing room below and bedrooms above) which we pulled down and brought by scow from Victoria (see page 118). Still further to the left is the additional Wing built in 1897, containing our bedroom, the Study, and two rooms above.

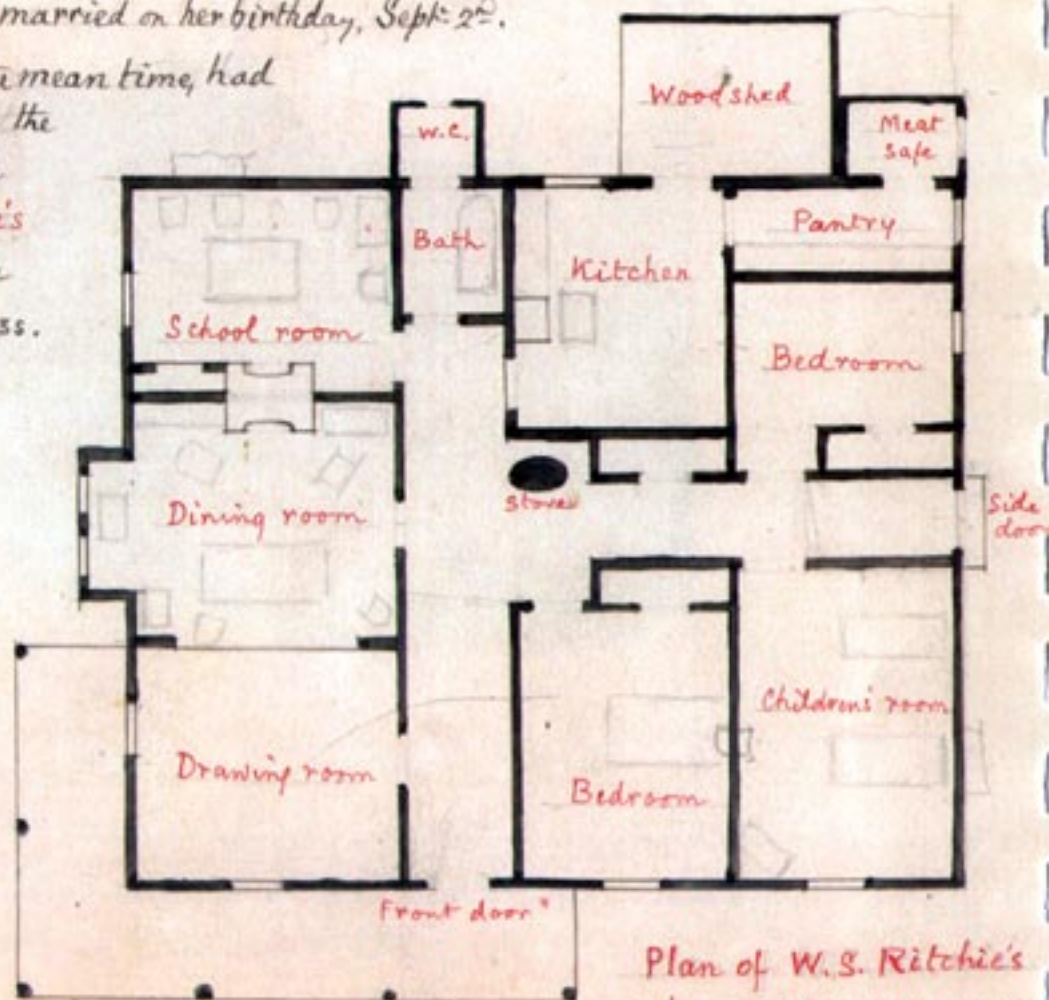
Mr and Mrs W.S. Ritchie, and the



Our daughter, Evelyn's first husband (C.W. Tolson) died in England Dec: 20th 1899, and her little boy, Charlie, was born two days later. On returning to Canada, she stayed, with her two children, first with us at Barnsbury for a few months; then at Col. Craig's house, G.H. (the family being away) - Then in Lewellyn's Shack. In May 1904 she paid a visit to her brother at El Paso, Tex. In June 1905 she became engaged to Mr W. S. Ritchie, and they were married on her birthday, Sept: 2nd.

Mr Ritchie, in the mean time, had been building a house, the plan and sketch of which

are here shown. Below is a sketch of Mr Ritchie's old home in Scotland, the Land of his birth. On the following page he tells of his own origin and progress.



Plan of W.S. Ritchie's house, (Scale $\frac{1}{10}$ " = 1 foot)



W. S. Ritchie's Birthplace.

Home on Salt Spring Island, 1906.

WILLIAM SCOTT RITCHIE was born in the year 1871 in the merry month of **May**, on the unlucky **13th** day of the month, at **Milton of Campsie**, Stirlingshire, Scotland. I was hatched in an **oven** with the aid of cotton wool, and, being given very little to eat, have felt cold and hungry ever since.

My education devolved first upon a governess, to the great trial of her temper.

Later became a pupil at **Stanley House, Kirkinilloch, Bridge of Allan**. Thence

I went successively to the **Albany Academy** and **Andersonian College, Glasgow**,

and the **Aspatia Agricultural College**. I also had a private tutor at home.

There was nothing extraordinary to note during my part of my **boyish career**



Mr and Mrs W. S. Ritchie's house (Built 1905)

except my love of outdoor life and animals, down to the keeping of **frogs, toads, slow worms, pigeons, canaries, bees, beetles, butterflies** etc., and I was fond of inventing and making "patent places" to keep my pets in.

I was always an ardent admirer of the **Rev. J. G. Wood**, and at one time had (for a boy) several good collections of stuffed and preserved **insects and reptiles**, and a few live ones.

After leaving College, I was a farm pupil in the North of England and in **Orkney**. I sailed for **New Zealand** in **S.S. "Omrah"** on February 3rd 1899. There I worked under **John Reid of Motu Tapu**, and, later, as Book Keeper and

Station Cadet under the **Land Co.** This, with

intermittent holidays, filled up my time until

1904. These five years I spent mostly in **New Zealand**, some in **Australia**, and in a trip

round the world.

In 1904 I sailed from **New Zealand** to **Australia**, and came on to

Salt Spring Island, from which place I am not

likely to get away for quite a lengthy period.

I may here add that my father, whose name

was **WILLIAM RITCHIE**,

died in 1901. My mother whose name was **MARY (Nee Grey)**, died in 1885. I have two sisters living, **Margaret**, now

Mrs W. E. Pickford, and **Mary Aymer**, unmarried. My

cousins, **Andrew Smith** and **Mrs George Halley**, live quite near to us on this Island, and it was originally a visit to them that led me to come and settle on **Salt Spring**.



W.S. Ritchie, as a boy.

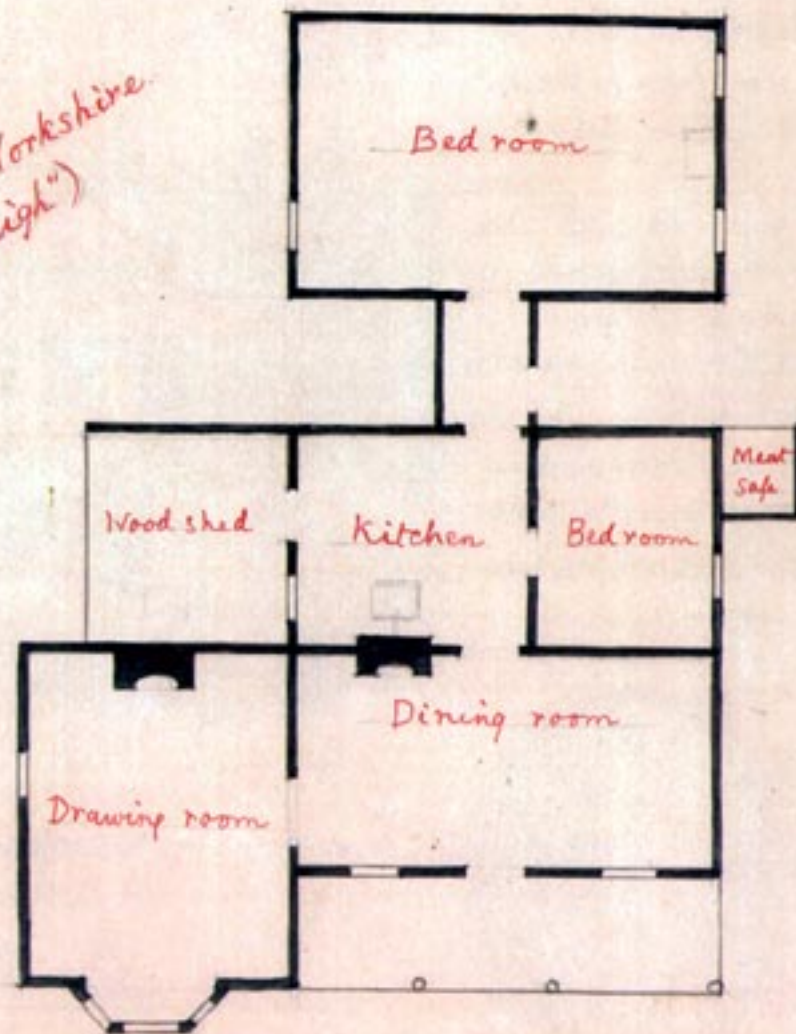


Frank Scott's
old home in Yorkshire.
("Oakleigh")

M^r and M^{rs} Frank Scott, and the

Harbor in 1898; and lastly, Frank and his twin brother, Alfred. The sister, Lizzie, married M^r George Douglas, and they have two children, Muriel and Keith.

OUR daughter Kathleen was married to Frank L. Scott, at St Mark's Church on the 12th of February, 1898. Frank is a son of the late M^r Walter Scott and Jessie Forbes Scott, his wife; their home being "Oakleigh" in the suburbs of Bradford, Yorkshire. His father died in 1877, and his mother in 1880. There are 10 sons in the family and one daughter, nearly all of whom are still living. The eldest son is D^r Walter Scott, who is married and has two children, Walter and Arthur; then follow Arthur Scott, and William E. Scott, the latter married and two children, Maude and Douglas, living on Salt Spring Island. Then come Charles (K.C.), married & 1 child, Audrey; Norman, married & 2 children, James P. & Margery; Herbert, married, & 3 children, Violet, Maisie & baby; Geoffrey, unmarried, and living on Salt Spring; Harold, who was drowned in Ganges



Plan of F. G. Scott's house (scale $\frac{1}{10}$ " = 1 foot)

home on Salt Spring Island, 1906.

FRANK SCOTT received his education first at **Donaldson's School**, **Edinburgh**, and later at **University School**, **Hastings**, and, to prepare for a farming

life, attended the **Aspatia Agricultural College**, **Cumberland**. In **June 1893**, he left **England**, and joined his brothers who had already settled

on **Salt Spring Island**, **British Columbia**,—arriving in time to be present at his brother **William's** marriage. He had intended to go on to **New Zealand**, but



Mr and Mrs Frank Scott's house (Built 1893)

found **Salt Spring Society** so congenial that he decided to remain. In 1896 he went on a six months visit to **England**; after which he returned and bought his present farm of 100 acres from **T. D. Mansell**.

Mr and Mrs Scott have one little girl, **Beryl Jessie**, born **January 1st, 1899**. The house has been enlarged and improved since it was first purchased. A large barn also has been built, and

a new orchard set out.

(Through examining this book **Frank Scott** and **Scott Ritchie** have discovered that they were fellow pupils and knew each other at **Aspatia Agricultural College**.)

M^r and M^{rs} E. G. Borradaile

OUR daughter, Florence Muriel, was married to Ernest George Borradaile at St Mark's Church, on the 4th of March 1904. They have now two little children, Phyllis, born Jan^y 24, 1905, and Bernard John, born Jan^y 27, 1906.

George was born at Stroud, Kent, his father being the late Ernest Borradaile, who died in June



George, as a boy.

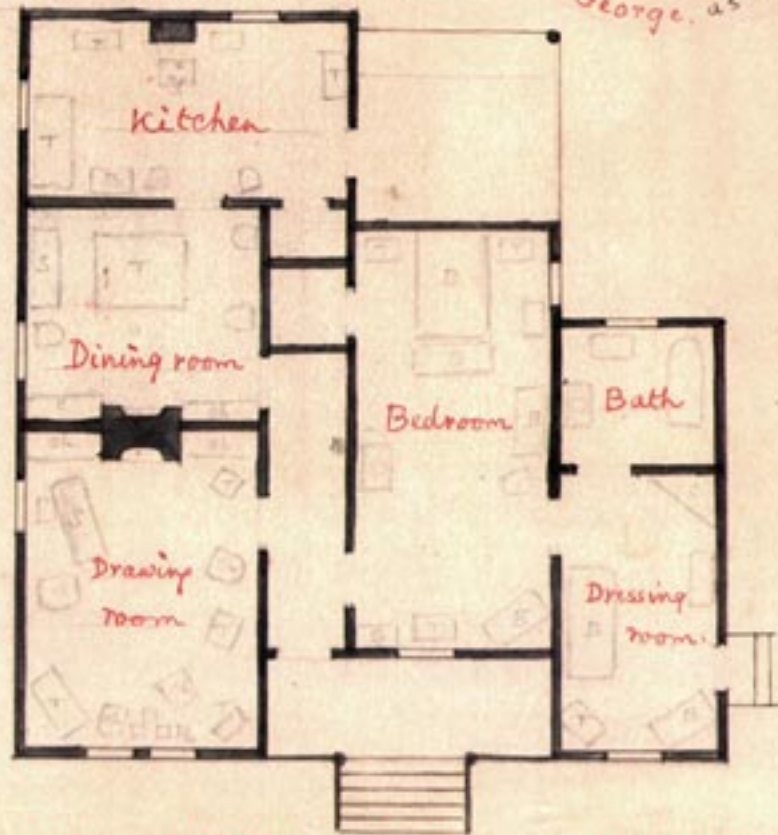
Geo. Borradaile's old home in England.



1900. His mother is still living, her residence being at Mere, Wiltshire.

George was educated at Marlborough College. He has travelled in Germany, France, Belgium, & Italy. He spent 5 years in South Australia. After 6 weeks in England, he joined the Rhodesian Horse, and travelled by way of the Cape of Good Hope to Durban; then

on to Beira, Umtali, and Fort Salisbury; -fought through the Matabele Rebellion of 1896-97, received the medal for the Campaign. After this he returned to England, where he stayed a year. In 1899 he came out to British Columbia, and eventually settled on Salt Spring Island. He purchased his farm from the executors of the late C.W. Tolson.



Plan of E. G. Borradaile's house (Scale 1/10" = 1 foot) (Salt Spring Island)

and their home on Salt Spring Island, 1906.

George has one brother and two sisters living: - Charles James, married and two children, a boy & a girl, living in England; M^{rs} Fox (Maria Jane), now living at 118 Eaton Square, London. - two children - Dorothy and Marion; M^{rs} Cholmondeley, whose residence is Preshaw, Upham, Southampton - six children, Reginald, Mary, Essex, Hester, Hugh, and a baby girl.



M^{rs} and M^{rs} E. G. Borradaile's house (Built 1898)

(This house was built and occupied by Evelyn's first husband Charles W. Tolson. After his death in 1899, E. G. Borradaile purchased it, together with the farm.)



Flossie, Phyllis, and Connie

Our daughter, Frances Nona, was married to Alfred Gerald Crofton (Fred, we generally call him) September 17th 1903. They have a farm of 100 acres which Fred purchased of Mr. J.C. Scovell.



Fred Crofton's ancestral home.

Fred was born at Harbor House, Kingstown, Ireland, but the Ancestral home, a photo of which is given above, and at which he spent his early days, is the Castle of Mote, built by Geo. Crofton in 1627. Fred's father was Capt. the Hon. F.G.

Crofton, R.N. who died in the year 1900. His mother, Augusta Crofton, a daughter of the late Col. M. Caulfield is still living, her present home being in Hampshire. Fred's father was the fourth son of Edward Crofton, 2nd Baron, and his wife Lady Georgiana Paget, daughter of Henry, first Marquess of Anglesey. The Crofton family came originally from near Carlisle, and settled in Ireland (near Roscommon) about the year 1232.



Frank

Geo

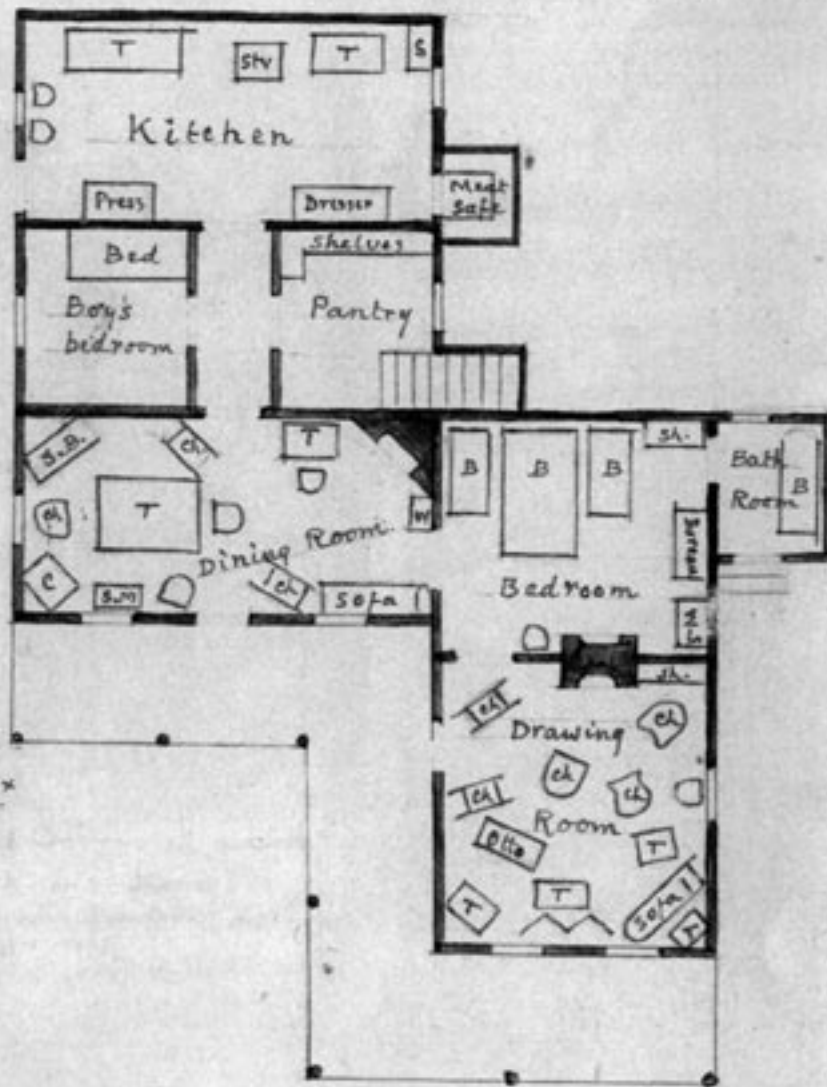
Fred*

Ernest

* Fred Crofton, as a child, with his 3 brothers, George, Ernest, and Frank.

Mr and Mrs Fred Crofton and

Plan of Fred Crofton's house (scale $\frac{1}{10}$ " = 1 foot)



their home on Salt Spring Island, 1906.

Fred, as a boy, was fickle and full of life and fun and most independent from the very earliest: if his ball rolled away, he did not sit and howl as one of his brothers used to, but at once tried to get it, even tho' in a quite impossible place. His nurse often said, "Master Fred will work his own way through life." **He and Frank** slept in adjoining cots, and, one evening, the nursery governess heard the younger one

ask **Fred** how they would get to heaven. It seemed to puzzle him at first, but at length the thought struck him that he would climb up (how, he did not say) and would let down a rope for **Frank**. Once these

two scamps hid for two hours in a large tree, and were not retrieved until a large party of sailors and others had scoured the piers and harbor.

all their fun and tricks, they were all good boys, and never caused their parents any real trouble.

Fred has one brother, married, living on Salt Spring Island.

George is at present in South Africa, and **Frank** at Los Angeles.

Fred was educated at Corrig school, Kingstown. **July**

15th 1897 he left England, and came to live with **M^r J. C.**

Scovell, from whom he has purchased his farm. **He has now**

a good team of horses, a colt, fourteen cows, and a lot of pigs and chickens.

The family consists at present of himself, wife, and two little boys, the eldest of whom, **Dermot**, is shown in the picture.



M^r and M^{rs} Fred Crofton's house. (Built - 1890)

At length they searched the garden, and **Fred's giggles** betrayed them. They were very small at the time, and it was a stiff climb and high, but the four boys could all climb like monkeys from a very early age. **With**

Arthur Llewelyn Wilson

At present a bachelor (1906) but hopes to be married as soon as he can "make his pile". Llewelyn was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope; but his educational career was cut short by our move to Brit Columbia in 1892. He and his sister Winifred were our pioneers.

Llewelyn is at present (1906) mate on a River steamer on the Yukon, running between Whitehorse and Dawson.

They made the trip to the Pacific several months ahead of us; purchased the land, built the house, and got all ready for our arrival.

When we moved to Salt Spring Island in 1894, Llewelyn at first lived at home and helped with the farm. In 1897 he went away to work on his

own hook. In 1898 I gave him $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land near us and he commenced clearing it. In 1899 he was away in the Klondyke. In 1900 he commenced building his shack, and named it "Hard-look Castle". In 1903 he and Keitt went up to the Yukon. In 1904 Llewelyn went again - a party of 5.



M^r and M^{rs} Keith Wilson

Salt Spring Island, 1906.

Keith was helping Norman on our home Farm, until 1899 when he elected to go forth and make money for himself. This he did chiefly by steam boating. In time he saved sufficient money to buy a small farm bordering on St. Mary Lake with a cottage on the bank, as shown below. In 1903 he went up to the Yukon with his brother Llewelyn, but returned in the fall. After that he worked for the Leughs at North End, and then for M^r. Bullock, with whom he still is, (1906).



Cottage occupied by
M^r and M^{rs} D. K. Wilson '06



Keith

Keith was married to Katie King, of Victoria, B.C. December 6th, 1905. He is at present working as Farm Manager to M^r. Bullock, but has also fields of his own in crop.



Keith's Cottage on the Lake.



Betty - 1907



Ruth - 1907



Bennett - 1907



Beryl, Laddie, + grandfather /07



Winifred, Betty + Ruth, London, Eng. 1907.



Phyllis, Jack, and Teddy.



Charlie T.



Evelyn.



Mary T.



Nona and her children D.D. and D.



Bertie, Oota, + Doris.
El Paso - '07.



Clair's grave Elkhorn.
Died July 12, 1908



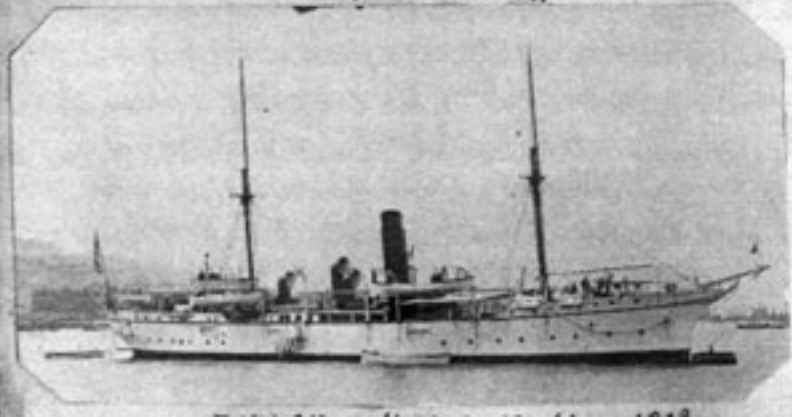
Norman's letter from the "Old Shingwauk"
Oct. 5th 1908



St. Mark's Church - Easter, 1908



Beryl and her doggie - June 1908



... I recognized Mr. Dowler at once: he is just the same as ever, except a little older: he was at the dock waiting with a very nice pony + rubber tired buggy. Mr. King (Principal) is away for his health; he has had nervous prostration and has been unwell for the past year. Mr. Dowler has been kindness itself. I have Archie's + Bertie's old room - looking out on to the river. It all seems so strange to be here; it's almost like a dream. There is even the bullet hole in the door that Lu shot off by accident; of course it has been painted over. Mr. Dowler first drew my attention to it; he thought I had done it. Well I had devious aboard the Alberta, and when we got here, Mr. Dowler had to have his + then had to go into town again to bring out Bishop Thordoe, of Algoma, and Bishop Penckham of Calgary, who were coming to look over the place, - so I took the opportunity of getting off by myself. Mr. Dowler wanted to send a man with me, but I refused. Everything came back so vividly to me; there is really no change except in the main building. So I wandered off; - first of all to the dear little Chapel. - Oh! you don't know how I longed to have one of our family with me to talk to about it; - all - everything in the Chapel is exactly the same, the old lych gate, which is getting a little tottery; and the steps up to the Church are also rather unsafe; but the inside is unchanged. There was the old seat where Mother used to sit, and Mary + we children on the opposite side. I stayed there an age; - and then I wandered down to the Cemetery, along the Woodland drive; it is just the same; I don't believe a stone or a stick has been moved since we left. And even at the

Cemetery - the same old gate - with the stone steps down to it; and then dear little Laurie's grave, with the pretty little marble cross; - and I wonder if you remember the words at the bottom - "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done". It seems lovely to think that those two places, most sacred, the Chapel & the Cemetery, are so unchanged. I felt as if I couldn't leave the Cemetery, it was so quiet and peaceful. Well, then I wandered down to the big dock and to the old spot where we children used to go in bathing. The bridge to the Island is washed away, but the ends on either shore are still there. And from there I went back and down to Cousin John's place (that was); - every spot came so vividly into my memory; - the spot where Keit broke his arm, running down the track; - and then I went into the Bush where we used to get the first May flowers and lilies, and picked some maple leaves, and went on down across the bridge and to the "Queen's Opening," as we children used to call it; it was all just the same, - but no violets; and then to Cousin John's old house; it's all just the same, and no land cleared & no houses built between here and the Shingwauk. Well - on my way back I met an Indian boy, - I had been wandering about since 1.30, and this was 4.15, - and he said Mr Doster wanted me, - half the school had been looking for me for ages; - and when I got back I found the two Bishops waiting to see me. They were both

so nice, and they had waited for me to go to the Chapel & Cemetery with them. Bishop Thornloe never knew that Father had designed and built the Chapel and had done all the carving and fret work with the Indian boys. Of course Bishop Thornloe had been in the Church lots of times, but it was Bishop Pintlam that we went round with; he admired the Chapel very much; and then we went to the Cemetery; he wanted especially to see the grave of the Blackfoot boy, Etuteitsin. The other Blackfoot boy, James Appikokia, he knew well, he was an earnest Christian, and after he went home, he used to teach Sunday School & hold Bible class among his own people, the Blackfoot Reserve is in Bishop Pintlam's diocese. Appikokia was married and had a large farm; he died a few years ago, & was a great loss to the Mission. Bishop Pintlam also wanted to see the grave of Bishop Fauguin, whom he seemed to know a good deal about. He said he had read the Life of Daniel Wilson, & was very much interested in it. He had also heard a great deal of Father, and asked me when I wrote to give Father his sincerest wishes. Also Bishop Thornloe asked to be remembered to him. He has asked me to call on him at Bishophurst tomorrow I hope to call on the Plummers, Miss Champion (our old governess) and

Mary, my old nurse. Mr. Dowler has given me all their addresses, and I am going to make a good day of it. Mrs. King offered me the horse and buggy, but I preferred Mr. Dowler's offer of his bicycle, which will be much less trouble. It is extraordinary the strange feeling the whole surroundings of our dear old Home have brought on me. I cannot connect the place with our family as we are at present; everything reminds me so of us as children, - the old bathing place, the picnic grounds, the garden, and the little hill by the Lake that we used to slide down; it all brings our childhood days so clearly before me again, - and what wouldn't I give to have them over again. With the exception of the main building, which has been changed a good deal, the rest of the place is just as we left it, - the hospital, the Industrial, the old Bandstand, the Factory, Barns, Farm Cottage, and drill Hall. I think I could have found my way to them all with my eyes shut. The old Kitchen garden is pretty well overgrown, and they have closed up the old farm road, - the road now goes out behind what used to be the Kitchen garden, & the Kitchen garden is made into a playground for the girls".



Arthur & family -



Norman's wedding - Aug 14, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM: LUCY ANN WILSON.

A few days ago Miss Lucy Ann Wilson, eldest daughter of the late Vicar of Islington, and grand-daughter of Bishop Wilson of Calcutta, passed to her rest. For more than two years she had undergone much bodily weakness and suffering. Some six months before her father's decease she was seized with the disorder which has now terminated fatally. When first overtaken by the ailment it seemed as if she might in a brief space be removed. But by God's all-wise providence she was allowed to linger on, with throughout to the sustaining power of Divine grace and untiring prostration and distress. In the days of her health she occupied a prominent position in the important parish of St. Andrew's. Endowed with considerable mental powers, which were developed by continued culture, of sound judgment, of wide sympathies, of much energy of character and power for self-reliance and sanctified by the indwelling spirit of God—she was, during her father's widowhood, his unfailing helper in private and in public. In Bible-classes, mothers' meetings, and the management and direction of Bible women, she was specially interested and successful. Having served her generation faithfully, by the will of God she has now "fallen on sleep," leaving behind her an example of devoted service during her days of strength and patient submission in the hours of pain. Her memory is, in the large circle of attached friends, and not the least by the members of her late father's parochial charge.

W. H. B.

THE REV. G. W. SPOONER.—George Woodbury Spooner, 50 years Vicar of Inglesham, Wilts, died on Sunday week after a few days' confinement and without pain, in his

96th year. The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 29, the service being read by the Archdeacon of Warrington, and the coffin carried to its resting-place by four younger sons. Ordained deacon in 1842, he began his ministerial career in Worcester, his native city, where he held the curacies of St. Clement's and St. Peter's. The next work was in London at All Souls', Langham Place. Then came the living of Dunstall, Staffs., through the late Sir John Hardy. In July, 1857, he came to Inglesham, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, as the first appointment of Bishop Baring. One who knew him writes: "An example of strictest truth, integrity, and uprightness is the precious legacy to family and flock."

SPOONER.—On August 29, at Inglesham, in his 96th year, GEORGE WOODBURY SPOONER, for 50 years vicar of Inglesham, near Lechlade, Gloucestershire, formerly Vicar of Dunstall, Staffordshire, and senior curate of All Souls', Langham Place, London.

A FORGOTTEN VAULT IN CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL.

The following note appears in the current issue of the Calcutta Diocesan Record:— We are informed by Mr. W. S. Birney, who has been investigating the matter, that a large vault, 30 feet by 18 feet by 6 feet, exists under the high altar of St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, and that this was intended as a sepulchre for the metropolitan bishops of Calcutta. The descent into it was by means of steps leading from under a moveable slab of marble in front of the altar. All traces of the vault have been lost, but Mr. Birney is of the opinion that it exists in the position indicated, and, if he had been buried in accordance with his expressed wish, the vault will contain the mortal remains of Bishop Wilson, the founder of the cathedral. This wish is contained in the following extract from the bishop's will:—"I desire that if I die in India my body be interred in the vault which has been erected under the communion table of St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta."

REV. E. F. WILSON DIED THIS WEEK

Fell asleep May 11-1918
DECEASED CLERGYMAN CAME
OF FAMILY OF CLERICS
AGED 71 YEARS.

The Rev. Edward Francis Wilson, sometime rector of Salt Spring Island, passed away this morning at 225 Quebec street, at the ripe age of 71. The deceased clergyman was a son of the Rev. Daniel Wilson, former rector of Islington, England, and grandson of the Right Reverend Daniel Wilson, sometime Bishop of Calcutta.

The deceased was ordained in the year 1867, and came to Canada with his wife in the year 1863, and for a number of years engaged in missionary work among the Indians in the Diocese of Algoma. In those early days this work involved much hardship, self-sacrifice and incessant traveling. Whilst engaged in this work he succeeded in founding the Shinwank and Wawanish homes for Indian boys and girls respectively, as well as the Indian home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, of which home his eldest son is now principal.

The report in THE MAIL on the condition of the Chinese lepers at Vancouver awakened the spirit of philanthropy in the breast of Rev. E. F. Wilson, of the Feast Sts. Marie Indian mission. A Vancouver paper states that on reading the report that clergymen forwarded \$25 to the rector of one of the Episcopal churches there for the relief of the afflicted. The lepers have since been sent to D'Arcy Island, where, with other suffering Chinamen, they will be able to make a living. As the money may not be required it will be returned. How many were moved by the sufferings of the strangers to send them assistance?

The founding and manning of these homes involved much hard work and anxiety, and his health necessitated his relinquishing the work. He came to British Columbia in 1892, and from 1893 to 1911 he acted as rector of Salt Spring Island, where for a time he worked with the old time energy and faithfulness and gained the love and respect of his parishioners. His health again necessitated his retirement from active work, and for a short time he resided at Santa Monica, California. Latterly with his wife he lived in Victoria at 225 Quebec Street. He was a man of undeniable literary attainments and was the author of several valuable works, including a dictionary of the Indian language, published by the S. P. K., as well as various books bearing upon the study of the Holy Scriptures, the most recent of which was engaging his attention when his health finally broke down was a book entitled "The Object of the Bible," which has been most favorably reviewed in England and elsewhere. Being also of an artistic temperament he had made large collections of sketches of the different places he had resided at during his long and eventful life. *Walter May 12*

The funeral took place yesterday at Salt Spring Island, the body being taken to that place by the S.S. Queen City.

The boat arriving at Ganges Harbor at 11.15 a.m., the boat was met at the wharf by a very large number of people, and the remains were taken immediately from there to the church, where a private service for the family was held. The Rev. J. S. A. Bastion officiated.

Of his family of ten, eight were able to attend the service. The two being absent were Mr. A. E. Wilson, who is in charge of the Indian Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, and Mrs. Walter, who is living in England.

The public funeral service was held at 3.30 p.m., and the remains laid to

rest in the cemetery that the late Rev. gentleman laid out and arranged himself over twenty years ago, being instrumental in having Mr. A. Walter give the piece of land for that purpose.

The great number of beautiful floral tributes which entirely covered the grave, testified to the love and esteem that his one-time parishioners held for the late clergyman, paying alike a tribute to his work done amongst them and to their loss of a great friend from amongst them.

