

Samuel Hart Hollingsworth

Hollingsworth Register regretfully announces the death of our cousin, Samuel Hart Hollingsworth, Monday, Sept. 2, 1968, at Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Picton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 79. He was a widely known and prominent resident of Picton. He had suffered a heart attack two weeks previously.

Born on October 18, 1888, at Picton, he was the sixth child and third son of William Samuel & Sarah Eliza (Webster) Hollingsworth. His father's parents were William and Eliza (Jones) Hollingsworth of Ballinakill, Ballycanew Parish, County Wexford, Ireland, who emigrated to Canada about 1852, settling first in Wellington, Ontario.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a member of the United Church and one of his generous contributions to the support of churches was through work which he did for them. He was also a member of Boulter Loyal Orange Lodge No. 488, and a 50-year member of Bay of Quinte Lodge, L.C.O.F. He served as a volunteer fireman for fifty years and, upon

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retirement received a gold helmet as an expression of able and faithful service in this capacity.

He was interested in Municipal, Provincial and Federal Politics, and was a Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of Picton for 50 years and was active in other elections. He was nevertheless of a quiet and unassuming nature, finding joy and satisfaction in helping others, never seeking recognition for generous service to the community. He was an expert figure skater and skated until he was 78 when eye trouble necessitated an operation for cataracts. After returning home from this operation he suffered his fatal illness. He was an ardent fisherman too, and liked boating.

He was a sheet metal worker by trade, and expanded into the plumbing and heating trade, operating a store on Main Street in the family name. (His father was a tinsmith as was his oldest brother, William Dalton Hollingsworth.) He was well known for excellent workmanship and continued active in business until his last illness.

He was ever a booster for Prince Edward County, the U.E.L. traditions, and his ancestors' British connections. His two sons served in the armed forces. Surviving are sons Louis, of Trenton, Ontario, John (or, Jack) of the home address, grandchildren Hartt Watt, James Watt, Gaylord, Randall and Darvll Hollingsworth; two sisters, Mrs. Hanford (Daisy) Richards, of Glendale, California and Miss Ann Hollingsworth of Alhambra, California. Those who predeceased him were his wife the former Cecile Amanda Williams in July, 1940; daughter Grace Watt on Jan. 24, 1963, brothers William Dalton and John Jones Hollingsworth, and sisters Mrs. Frank (Clara) Rice and Molly and Rose Louise Hollingsworth. Mrs. Rice died in the Halifax Explosion during World War I.

Services were conducted at Hicks Funeral Home by Rev. R. Jones on Thursday, Sept. 5, 1968, interment following in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, where his father and paternal grandparents are buried. Floral tributes were from the Loyal Orange Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, Town of Picton Firemen and relatives and friends. There were also, on his request, donations to the Heart Fund. Among those attending were Clifford Gerow, Lawrence Burford, Jack Walters, Ray Hicks, Victor Wilcox and George Jones (pallbearers); William Watt, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Ringer, the Wilcoxes, all of Toronto, and others from Belleville, Trenton and Peterborough.

Our spirit was there too. Deeply regretted.

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