

Heritage Obituaries

The following is a collection of heritage obituaries, as they appeared, from 1921-1935. Now-available obituaries from before this period, not published in an earlier volume of the Journal, have also been included. Terri Jackson provided early research in identifying and collecting these obituaries. Archives volunteers transcribed the obituaries and Patricia Sanderson provided supplemental information.

Booey, Abraham

ABRAHAM BOOEY IS DEAD AT 83 YEARS

Lived at Chatsworth, Williamsford, Jones' Falls and finally at Owen Sound

Abraham Booey, one of the oldest of the coloured population in Owen Sound, died on Tuesday afternoon after a lengthy illness, aged 83 years. He lived in Owen Sound and vicinity for a great many years, and also resided at Chatsworth and Williamsford, also at Jones' Falls, just outside of the city limits. The old gentleman was well and favourably known in the city where he had many friends who will regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by his widow, who resides on 11th street west, two daughters, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Booey, and two sons, Moses and Henry, both residing in the United States. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from Fulton's funeral parlors to the cemetery at Chatsworth.

Date of article:	1926
Source:	<i>Owen Sound Daily Sun-Times.</i>
Additional Information:	Abraham Booey (Bouy, Bowie, Bouie) was born in Canada in 1843. His father was Fielder Bouy and his mother was Ann Richardson. He married Rebecca Cousby 24 July 1874 in Chatsworth, Ontario. He was living in Sullivan Township at the time. Rebecca was born 25 November 1846 in United States the daughter of Henry Cousby and Mary Ann Allen. Their daughter, Eveline Octavia, was born 4 July 1875 in Owen Sound. Son Moses was born 25 February 1878 or 20 February depending on records. Moses married Rachel G. McArthur on the 17 September 1902 in Simcoe County. Rachel was the daughter of Joseph McArthur and Catherine Hesson. Daughter Fanny was born in 1875 (could be Eveline Octavia) married Daniel Alfred Douglas on 10 June 1896 in Holland Centre. He was the son of James and Susan Douglas. In the 1891 Census Rebecca, Fanny, Henry and Moses were living in Owen Sound. Rebecca is listed as married. In the 1901 Census Rebecca is still listed as married with Henry and Mary at home in Owen Sound. (No mention of Abraham.)

Burns, Mrs. Charles

MOTHER IS STRICKEN

Mrs. Charles Burns Herself a Victim of Scarlet Fever and Heart Weakness

After an illness only lasting a day and a half the death occurred on Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Chas. Burns, 2019 3rd avenue east. Her death was a particularly sad one, as she had been busily engaged in nursing and caring for two of her children, who were confined to the house with an attack of scarlet fever, and in her run down condition she contracted the disease herself, and this together with a heart weakness, resulted in her death.

Deceased who was 56 years of age, was born in Hamilton and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Smith of Hamilton. She had resided in Owen Sound for many years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, and seven children, William of Windsor; George of Cleveland; and James, Charles, Harvey, and Robert, and Sadie, of Owen Sound.

The funeral took place on Monday morning from Fulton's funeral parlors to Bayfield cemetery in Sarawak, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Richardson of the B.M.E. church. The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Date of article:	5 January 1925
Source:	BGOGS Namefile
Additional Information:	Cornelia was the daughter of Vincent and Caroline Smith. She was born 7 March 1872. According to the 1881 Census of Hamilton City her father Vincent was born in United States in 1833. Her mother, Caroline, was born in 1833 in Ontario. She had a brother, Patant, born 1859 in Hamilton, brother Vincent born 1860 in Hamilton, a sister, Mary, born in Hamilton. I found a birth registration for Cornelia Smith born 7 March 1872 in Toronto. It has her father as Vincent and her mother as Elizabeth Mason. In many of the records that I find, the names appear differently as they often did not put the middle name on the birth registration.

Craig, Sarah

Obituary: Sarah Craig

The death of Miss Sarah Craig last Thursday removes one our oldest citizens, she having been on her 82nd year and a resident of this vicinity during the whole of her life. Miss Craig passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hay by whom she had been attended for the past two months.

Though a resident here for her whole life, little of her early history could be learned, even old neighbours being unable to give definite information as to her early years. She was born in Glenelg Township and grew up there and about 15 years ago moved to Durham. For a time before removing here she and her brother George, now deceased, were engaged in farming about one mile west of the Glenelg Centre Baptist church.

With the exception of one sister, Miss Craig is the last of her family. The deceased was a good old soul, a devout member of Knox Church here, and held in the very highest respect by the whole town. For some time past she has been failing and was confined to Durham hospital for a time. About two months ago she was taken to the home of Mrs. Alex. Hay, where she passed away Thursday.

The funeral was held last Friday afternoon from Knox United church the services being taken by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, interment being made in Trinity church cemetery.

Date of article:	16 June 1927
Source:	<i>Durham Chronicle</i>
Additional Information:	Sarah Jane Craig was born in 1844 in Glenelg. In 1851 she was living in Glenelg with her father Louis who was 41 and born in the United States, her mother Isabella, age 28, born in Ireland, sister, Rosana, age 11, born Ontario, brother George, age 3, and sister Isabella, age 1. Sarah died 9 June 1927 and was buried on June 10 in Durham. At the time of her death she was living in Durham on Garafraxa Street. Her mother Isabella died 5 January 1903, at the age of 93, in Glenelg.

Craig, Sarah

Sarah Craig

The funeral took place on Friday last of Miss Sarah Craig, who died on the 9th inst. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hay, Upper Town, in her 82nd year.

She had lived alone since her brother George died until last fall when a relative, Mrs. T. Kennedy came to live with her, as years were bearing her down. However, she gradually failed and was taken to the hospital for treatment about the beginning of this year. There she spent three months and since the 1st of April has been tenderly cared for by Mrs. Hay, for long a friend.

Miss Craig came with her father and brother in early youth to Glenelg Township, which was her home until about 15 years ago, when she moved to Durham.

Deceased was Presbyterian by faith and went with her church into the Union. She was a reverent and devoted attender of Divine Worship and her example in sacred things was worthy

of being followed. At the funeral services in Knox church on Friday last there was a surprisingly large attendance and her pastor, Rev. W.H. Smith gave a sympathetic discourse. Interment took place to Trinity church cemetery where her kindred lie, the pall bearers being C. Kennedy, John McQ[unreadable], Alex. McCormick, Geo. [unreadable], Alex. Hay, C. Ramage.

Date of article:	[1927]
Source:	<i>The Durham Review</i>
Additional Information:	Same as above.

Green, Harry

Mr. Harry Green Passes Friday: Owen Sound Man Dead at Buffalo Result of Stroke While Sailing

Harry Green, colored, a resident of this city, his home being at 2089 3rd avenue east, passed away in Buffalo hospital on Friday morning as the result of a hemorrhage of the brain. Six weeks ago, while at work on the boat on which he was employed as a cook, he was stricken with a hemorrhage of the brain from which he suffered for a week and a half. A stroke then followed. Mrs. James Green, of Owen Sound, his mother, was with him for the last three weeks, until the time of his death.

Deceased was born in Owen Sound thirty-two or thirty-three years ago, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Green of this city. He has lived part of his life in this city and was unmarried. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, three brothers, Reginald, William and Edward all of this city, six sisters, Mrs. Jessie Williams of New York, Mrs. Lois Louis, of Toronto, Mrs. Laura Williams of Detroit, Mrs. Sadie Marshall of Windsor, Ont. and Margaret and Helen of this city. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved relatives by a host of friends, this being the second death in the family within a week. Mrs. Elizabeth White, who passed away on Saturday, May 16 at the age of 100 was a grandmother of the late Harry Green.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon. Rev. L. C. Gow, of the B. M. E. Church will have charge of the service at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Green 2089 3rd Avenue east at 2:30 pm. Interment will be made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Date of article:	1931
Source:	
Additional Information:	Harold Harry Green was born 10 June 1896 in Owen Sound. He was a soldier in the First World War. He is listed as an ammunition worker and was not married at the time.

Green, Harry

Mr. Harry Green Dead at Buffalo: Resident of Owen Sound Suffered Stroke About Five Weeks Ago

Harry Green, colored, a resident of this city, passed away in Buffalo on Friday morning as the result of a stroke which he suffered about five weeks ago while working in the galley of the boat on which he was employed as a cook. The late Mr. Green had been ailing in health since returning from overseas. Hemorrhage of the brain was a contributing cause of his death. Mrs. Jas. Green of Owen Sound, his mother was with him at the time of his death. Deceased was born in Owen Sound thirty-five years ago, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Green of this city. He had lived here all of his life and was unmarried. Three brothers, Reginald, William and Edward, all of this city survive, as do four sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Louis, Mrs. Laura Williams, Mrs. Sadie Marshall and Mrs. Jessie Williams.

Sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved relatives, this being the second death in the family within a week. Mrs. Elizabeth White, who passed away on Saturday, May 16th, at the age of 100, was a grandmother of the late Harry Green. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

Date of article:	1931
Source:	?
Additional Information:	

Porter, Hezekiah

Porter:

In Toronto, May 30th, 1929, Hezekiah Porter, age 53 years. Funeral to take place from Fulton's Funeral Parlours on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. to Greenwood Cemetery. Service at Parlours at 2:00 p.m.

Date of article:	1929
Source:	?
Additional Information:	Hezekiah Allen Porter was the son of William Porter, born 1826 in United States and Rebecca Ann Allen, born 1832 in Philadelphia. Rebecca died 16 August 1915 in Owen Sound. William Porter and Rebecca Allen were married 14 June 1858 in Owen Sound. The 1881 Census Owen Sound has Hezekiah living with his parents William and Rebecca, brother Albert E. (married Agnes Buchanan Cullen on 30 September 1907 in Owen Sound), and sisters, Alice and Sarah (married James Thompson 10 November 1892 in Owen Sound). Hezekiah married Martha Maud Countony [sp?] 26 May 1907 in Warton. At the time of this marriage he was 41 and Martha was 36. Hezekiah was buried in Greenwood Cemetery on 4 June

	1929.
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Ringo, Percy B.

Percy B. Ringo Died In Norwich

Former Owen Sounder Passed Away a Few Days Ago

Former Owen Sounder, Percy B. Ringo died in Norwich a few days ago. He had lived there for some time and up to just recently was in the employ of the James Stewart Co. of Woodstock.

Percy Ringo was born in Owen Sound 46 years ago and lived here until recent years. He was the son of the late Richard Ringo, a well known figure among the local negro population in the early days. Percy Ringo was very popular among his local associates and will be kindly remembered by many Owen Sounders.

The funeral took place in Woodstock from the Paul’s funeral chapel and interment was made in the Methodist cemetery. The pallbearers were: Cromwell, R. Blair, and A. Blair.

Date of article:	?
Source:	?
Additional Information:	Percy Bonapart Ringo was born in Owen Sound in 1882. He was the son of Thomas Ringo and Mary Ellen Green. He married Ida Harris in Owen Sound 7 March 1905, and he married Blanche Williams 5 December 1916 in Owen Sound. He was employed as a Stove Polisher in a foundry in Woodstock at the time of his death. He died 10 November 1928. He was living in Norwich Village with his wife Blanche. Blanche was the daughter of Harry Williams and Emma Smith.

Ringo, William

Died: Death of William Ringo: William Ringo, a well known old coloured gentleman, died on Friday at the age of 81. His wife, who was 85 years of age had predeceased him only two weeks. Mr. Ringo was a slave in the south and part of his family was born in Baltimore. He was a native of Maryland. The funeral took place to Greenwood from the B.M.E. church on Monday and was attended by nearly all the coloured people of the town. The surviving children are, Mrs. Thos. Green and Richard Ringo of Owen Sound, Mrs. R. Ougilton of Atlantic City, N.J., Mrs. Mills, John of New Orleans, Joseph of Washington, D.C.

Date of article:	Friday, March 18, 1904
Source:	<i>Owen Sound Sun Times</i>
Additional Information:	William Ringo was born 25 May 1820 in the United States. He immigrated in 1842. The 1881 Census has him born in 1824, his wife Sarah born 1819, and daughter Mary Ellen born 5 May 1861. She married Thomas Green 30 October 1886 in Chatsworth and died 26 June 1936 in Owen Sound. Son John was born

	1868 in Ontario. The 1901 Census has William born 25 May 1820, wife Sarah born 31 March 1830, son Richel born 19 January 1849 in United States. His wife Sarah had died on 25 February 1904. William Ringo died on 13 March 1904 and was buried on 14 March 1904 in Greenwood Cemetery.
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Ringo, Mrs.

Died: Old Coloured Lady Dead: Mrs. Ringo, wife of Wm. Ringo, highly respected colored residents(*sic*) of this town for 40 years past, is dead, the event occurring on Thursday last. The deceased was 91 years of age. The funeral on Saturday was well attended by the colored population and quite a number of whites. Rev. T. Miller (colored) and Rev. Dr. Somerville conducted the services. A large family survive. The aged husband is very frail and will probably end his days at the hospital. He was a slave in the south in his younger days, but always boasted that his wife had never been in slavery.

Date of article:	Tuesday, March 1, 1904
Source:	?
Additional Information:	Sarah Ann Nichol was born 31 March 1830. The 1881 Census has her born in 1819, and 1901 Census has her born in 1830, and immigrating in 1850. She died 25 February 1904 in Owen Sound at the age of 85. She was buried on 27 February 1904 in Greenwood Cemetery.

White, Elizabeth

One of First Settlers Here Passes Away

Late Mrs. Elizabeth White was in Her 101st Year

BORN MARCH 8, 1831

Colored Lady Had Lived Here for Seventy Years

Owen Sound lost an aged and highly esteemed citizen Saturday morning. Mrs. Elizabeth White, who was in her 101st year and was probably this city's oldest inhabitant, passing away shortly after 1 a.m. The late Mrs. White was a very well known and highly esteemed member of Owen Sound's colored community and will be mourned by a host of friends. She had lived in this district for the past seventy years and had witnessed the change from wild bush country to a prosperous farming district. She had been ailing for several years past and had been seriously ill for the past two months, old age being the cause of her death.

Deceased was born on March 8, 1831, in Peel County, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Eddy. Many years ago she was united in marriage to the late Jacob White, they coming to this district about seventy years ago. Her husband predeceased her 48 or 49 years

ago.

There survive to mourn her passing one son Dave, of Detroit, three daughters, Mrs. Flora Ringo of Owen Sound, Maggie, Mrs. James Green, also of this city and Mrs. Julia White of Hamilton Ont., and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Rex of Toledo Ohio. Four sons Tom, Pem, Sam and Jacob and one daughter Annie, predeceased her, the last two named having been dead for many years.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, Rev. L. C. Gow of the B.M.E. Church, of which the late Mrs. White was a member, although unable to attend in recent years, will have charge of a private service at her late home, 1319 2nd Ave. East at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. A service will be held at the B.M.E. Church at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

Date of article:	1931
Source:	?
Additional Information:	Elizabeth White died on 16 March 1931 and was buried 21 May 1931.