

THE REV. MR. AND MRS. ERATUS SETH HOWARD

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> 1914



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| 1.  | REV. ERATUS SETH HOWARD 1833 - 1923          |
| 2.  | DANIEL HERSEY 1865 - 1953                    |
| 3.  | THERESA ELIZABETH (SOLOMON) 1873 - 1923      |
| 4.  | JOHN ALBERT SCHMIDT/SMITH 1880 - 1950        |
| 5.  | MARY GERTRUDE 1875 - 1931                    |
| 6.  | ERATUS EDWIN 1868 - 1934                     |
| 7.  | ELTHEA ANNIE (GARRATT) 1867 - 1936           |
| 8.  | CATHARINE MAUD (MARY) (FRYE) 1870 - 1940     |
| 9.  | HARRIET ADELAIDE (LANUE/LAYNEW)              |
| 10. | HARRIET ADELAIDE HERSEY (HOWARD) 1837 - 1924 |

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WITH LOIS HOWARD WITH NORTROP  
IN FRONT TO RIGHT FRYE ON KNEE.

FRONT ROW: A LAYHEW TWIN; EVELYN HOWARD; HAZEL HOWARD; SECOND

LAYHEW TWIN; WILLIE SOLOMON

(~~3~~? MARKS: MATTHEW LAYHEW, ~~HERMAN~~ FRYE, BERT SOLOMON, REV. RUFUS GARRATT)



FAMILY GROUPS: PERHAPS FOR 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, SUMMER 1913, AT "TWO OAKS," LENNOXVILLE, QUE.?

(IF, INDEED, HIS BIRTHDAY WAS ON JULY 11) ~~AND NOT MARCH 4~~)

There are only a very few markers in my grandfather's life that I can pick out as I read through the data (or copies of it) that I have. The first one is the photo of a stone on which is written "Rev. E.S. Howard, Barn Again, Sic Island, Ont. 1848" which I presume means that at the age of 15 he was accepted into the Methodist Church.

According to C. Coral Wanner-maker one-time genealogist for the Bay of Quinte branch of the United Empire Loyalists (who is known not to be always accurate) is this: "At the (age) of Twenty he (E.S. Howard) decided to devote his life to the Ministry and entered Victoria College. He was a faithful, earnest student. At the age of twenty-seven, in 1860, he was ordained as a MINISTER of the Wesleyan Methodist Church by the Rev. James Gardiner in the City of Kingston."

Dr. W.K. Burr wrote in 1927 as follows: "Rev Howard was an earnest student of the Bible and loved to engage in Revival Services. In this line of work he accomplished much good.

He served on the following charges: Hungerford, Seymour, Coburg, Kingston, Ottawa, Brockville, Wolfe Island, Aultsville, Sydenham, Elgin, Niagara, Inverness and Ingonis in Ontario; In Quebec he served Inverness, Windsor Mills, Farmham, Philipsburg, Lawrenville (West) Rome, Ninton, Odelltown and Marlborough in the Montreal Conference. At a ripe age he retired from the regular work of the Ministry but continued to preach on many occasions till his earthly ministry closed. He died in Wellington, Ont. 26<sup>th</sup> 1923. He and Mrs Howard are buried in Wellington Cemetery."

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There are a few letters to Daddy written between 1909 & 1918 (a lot are undated) from the Grand-parents, Dolly, Gerie and Mary. What one gathers from them is a general feeling that Daddy was the pillar of the family who supplied money and advice and understanding when needed. Of course by 1909 his parents were getting on: Grand-father 76 and Grand-mother 74, and though not retired needed some support. Mary, the unmarried member, was a school teacher teaching in



SETH & HARRIET HOWARD  
THE FARM, ca. 1915.



JANE & HARRIET HOWARD  
(WITH HER PAUL OF RASPBERRIES)  
THE FARM: SUMMER 1919

HOWARD—On December 1st, 1924, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Lashew, 361 Manse Street, Harriet A. Hersey, beloved wife of the late Rev. E. S. Howard, in her 88th year. Funeral (private) at Arncliffe's Chapel 6 Park Avenue, thence to Bothwell Station. Interment at Wellington, Ont., on December 4th, 1924.

Alberta (There's no word on what or where) but she spent all her holidays with her parents and seems to have been a great comfort. She and her mother got along together exceedingly well. She apparently was self supporting. And so was Terry whose husband, Bert, became a prosperous lumber merchant in Granby, we all know that the eldest brother, D.H., was always with our funds. In fact it was Daddy who saw to it that Wilbert got to university. I don't know about Wally who was a bit of a genius, reading at 2 and that sort of thing. I think Bert, Terry and Mary also helped financially these members of the family who got into difficulties - And then there was Dolly! She and her preacher husband, Rufus, seemed almost affluent but Dolly was always a thorn in Daddy's flesh - and perhaps in others too. But not in Grand-father's. She was his favorite child. Like him she was a fundamentalist and a revivalist, an war Rufus, and conducted Meetings of the "Holy Rolling" type. There's a sentence in a 1908 letter from Hugh Layton which says: "Aunt Dolly was the only Howard who believed in 'Second Birth' including Xmas cards passed over and returned as new the following year." She also handed out religious tracts! All of which appeared not at all to Daddy.

Somewhere it says that all Howards were "musicians of a high order" and all had earned teaching certificates. Certainly there was music in the family.

Daddy could read music and relate it to the piano even if most probably he couldn't play at all fluently. It was mother who did the piano playing when every evening, having read a chapter of the Bible a verse at a time by each member of the family, we gathered at the piano and sang hymns. (P.S. when it was discovered that I couldn't keep a tune I wasn't allowed to sing, later on

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Reading the Grand Parents letters to Daddy (They pretty well were all written from Edelltown or Lawrenceville where the Grand Parents were, I would guess, between 1909 & 1913) tells me quite a bit about what they were like and what they were doing at that stage of their lives. They also talk a good deal about their children and a very little bit about Thomas Hershey, Grand-mother's brother, who lived in Los Angeles and died on 28 Sept. 1910. This was a sad loss to them. Of course the letters are full of Biblical quotes and fervent prayers and blessings, A suggestion of what Mary calls her mother's "praisible stability" shows through.

Even as I Grand-father was still the autocratic parent who ordered his children about. I particularly like his letter from Edelltown dated April 6<sup>th</sup> 1910 to Daddy (aged 42). I quote: "I am much concerned about your eyes. Nature has been pushing out hairs over your face and you have said 'I will not allow it! I never liked my mustache, as to color or otherwise, but it would grow, and then I let it. I have been using Phosgen only 19 years. I believe there is a design in this hair growing. I have found great protection, at times, in my beard. My side whiskers have never been shaved but once. Dr. Goddard wore a mustache, no whiskers, He told me years ago, 'let me shave off my mustache and my eyes will get some air once! If he found it inoperative to wear it, why not you. Try it at once, what is a notion compared with eyesight.

You may not like whiskers, you may spend dollars besides all the trouble and yet lose your sight. Let the hair on your upper lip grow. If the color does not suit, color it to suit but let nature effect a cure: she knows her business better than we think sometimes." Daddy remained clean shaven!

There's one story about Grand-father which tells us something of his work ethic. I think Uncle D.H. told us this one. He and Daddy as boys were disgusted off by their "Pa" to split the firewood and get it into the basement of the house, no problem about splitting it, and no problem in getting it into the house because all one had to do was to make a board into a slide from the convenient window and down it (the split wood) went. The next step was to stack it neatly. All of this they did in record time, which was just great. Or, so they thought. But "Pa" didn't. He deemed that the Devil had been at work here and angrily ordered his sons to take all the wood out of the basement and carry it back in — as it should have been done in the first place!



On the back of this picture is written in pencil (by, I think, one of my aunts:



Susanna and Alma and I think this  
 may be (Rev.) Nathan Hayden Howard  
 who was our Grandfather Salt's eldest  
 brother. Nathan, after his father died,  
 assumed the role of head of the family.  
 If it is not Nathan it would be William  
 or Thomas J. - younger brothers but  
 older than Salt.  
 Hm.



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 Dolly or Mary):  
 "Margaret Macklin"

Margaret Macklin

(the 1 read)

Chester

worked 2 yrs. for

Mrs. Valentine

Rightmeyer Guilliam's

mother, William G. mother

Grand Ma Howard's

younger sister"

NOTE: "Grand Ma Howard" would be

Salt's mother, Catherine Demarest, whose

younger sister, Elizabeth, married

Rightmeyer.

In this picture Harris and Salt

Howard are on the right, I sent Salt

out the others.

Hm.

in Bickerton?  
 Bickerton, Genl Granby,  
 Roger & Shebroke  
 and a bit north