

This draft re my mother's family background was compiled by genealogist and family friend, Vicky Sawchuk, Winnipeg, 2018. For the most part, I have left this unedited except for current people/relatives, dates, and events that I know to be true. Any census sources are those used by Vicky. Underlined or bracketed names are preferred/customary first-names. Seems that from my dad's side of the family, we are of Irish descent, at least the Morrow side; don't know origin of Dawson, my grandmother's side.

MORROW

James b. Ireland [no dates known]

Robert b. c1832 Donegal, Ireland
(my paternal great, great grandfather)

[farmer] d. 12 Jan 1890 Ontario

m. Charity Elliott 10 November 1859, Killymard, Donegal, Ireland

b. c1835 Donegal, Ireland

d. 08 April 1886 Charlottetown ON

Documents: 1871 census Township of Townsend, North Norfolk ON

1881, 1891 census Charlottetown ON

Death certificates

Children of Robert Morrow and Charity Elliott (my paternal great, great grandma)

Robert b. c1861 Donegal, Ireland

[farmer] d. 21 July 1928 Southwold, Elgin, ON

m. Sarah Carroll 27 March 1895, Port Dover, Norfolk ON

b. c1868

Ireland

Thomas Perry b. 29 December 1863 Ontario (my paternal great grandfather)

[farmer] d. 18 May 1905 Charlottetown ON

m. Mary McMurray 22 October 1890, Brantford, Brant ON

b. c1865 Ontario

d. 1944 Ontario

buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe, Ontario

Margaret b. c1864 Londonderry, Northern Ireland

d.

m. Robert West 06 September 1885, Charlottetown, Norfolk

b. c1860

d.

Simon E b. c1866 Ontario

d.

m. Francis Dickinson 18 August 1891, St Frances Rectory, Ontario

b. 13 September 1870 Huron ON

d.

Children: Eugena Clara

James b. c1869 Ontario

d. 17 February 1928 Essex ON

m. Mary Hutchinson 24 November 1890, Hamilton ON

b. c1869

d.

Children: Thomas A, Charles A, Charles A; George A; Berta; Helen; Hugh; Marion 1891, 1901, 1906, 1916, 1921 census

Charity b. 13 March 1871 Townsend, Norfolk ON
d.
m. *Richard Coupe*
b.
d.

Children: William Stanley;

Children of Thomas Perry Morrow and Mary McMurray (my paternal grandparents)

Charity Ella b. 07 January 1892 Charlottetown ON
d.
m. John Stanley Card 11 September 1912, Charlottetown ON
b. c1891 Charlottetown ON
d.

Lorance Bradshaw b. 29 June 1893 Charlottetown ON (my paternal grandfather)
d. 09 April 1917 France
m. Mary Myrtle Dawson 01 March 1915, Charlottetown ON
b. 12 August 1897 Charlottetown ON
d. 1974 Simcoe ON

Robert Leslie (Les) b. 18 January 1902 Charlottetown ON (No other dates known)

Very likely, Les helped my grandma take care of my dad and my Uncle Roy after my grandfather was killed in World War 1, 1917. I believe that my first name, Leslie comes from this great uncle, my grandfather's brother; however, something happened where Les was accused and/or found guilty of stealing from the family. Apparently, I was called Leslie when first born but after the theft issue, my parents started calling me Don(ald)

Children of Lorraine Bradshaw Morrow and Mary Myrtle Dawson

Roy b. c1916 Charlottetown ON
 d.
 m. Betty
 b.
 d.

Children: Dawn, Richard, Deborah, and Lorne

Lawrence (Larry) Donald

 b. 10 January 1917 Simcoe Ontario
 d. 29 March 1993 London ON
 m. Marion Grant McCullough
 b. 20 October 1919 Ontario
 d. 27 December 1957 Kingston ON

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe

Children of Lawrence Donald Morrow and Marion Grant McCullough

Sandra Carol b. 15 September 1944 Ontario
 m. Paul Delmar Mennill 1967
 Children: Daniel Joshua 30 April 1974
 m. Stéphanie Mercia Doucet 2003
 children Amélie Juliette Aug. 16 2012 & Maxime Julian 24 April 2014
 Sally Elizabeth Marion 20 October 1976
 m. David Dean MacPherson 2012
 Children: Rachel Marnie 18 Dec 2011 & Matilda Katherine 21 Sept 2014

Leslie Donald b. 27 July 1949 London, Ontario
 m. Kenna Maureen Johns 1969

div. 2001
m. Jennifer Diane Irwin 21 June 2003
b. 02 June 1971 Winnipeg MB
Marnie Elizabeth b. 5 August 1953 Ontario
d. 2009
d. 2009

Children of Leslie Donald Morrow and Kenna Maureen Johns

Rafer Matthew b. 7 January 1977 London, Ontario
m. Jennifer Cook
children: Storm Perth 22 December 2012 and Ciera Kenna 13 May 2017
Joseph Sherriff b. 21 August 1979 London, Ontario
m. Robin Sokoloski
[no children]
Wesley James b. 6 June 1984 London, Ontario
m. Stephanie Woodill
children: Emily Charlotte 29 September 2017 and Kaylee Grace 30 December 2020

DAWSON

(my paternal grandmother's name of origin)

Robert b. c1850 Ontario
d.
m. Agnes unknown Ontario
b. c1849
d.

Children of Robert Dawson and Agnes

James Elgin (my paternal great grandfather)

b. c 1868 Ontario
d.
m. Margaret Steinhoff 14 November 1894, Lynedoch ON

My dad told me he knew his grandma Steinhoff and that she smoked a corn-cob pipe and was quite a character. Thus, for some reason, she conjures an image of Mammy Yokum, the perpetually corn-cob pipe smoking character in the L'il Abner comic strips (1934-1977):



b. c1875 Ontario
d.
Maggie b. c1872 Ontario
d.

m.

Children of James Elgin Dawson and Margaret Steinhoff (my great grandparents)

Mary Myrtle (my grandmother) b. 12 August 1897 Charlotteville ON

d. 1974

1st m. Lorange Bradshaw Morrow 01 March 1915, Charlotteville ON

b. 29 June 1893 Ontario

d. 09 April 1917 France

2nd m. Bruce Card b. 1892 d. 1962

Robert Leo b. 11 October 1900 Norfolk ON

d.

m.

Lewis Leroy b. 23 October 1903 Charlotteville ON

To me, Lewis was Uncle Louis)...

d.

m. Odetta Durea Earl 16 March 1923, Delhi, Norfolk ON

b. c1902

d.

children: Margaret

James Cecil b. 25 October 1910 Charlotteville ON

d.

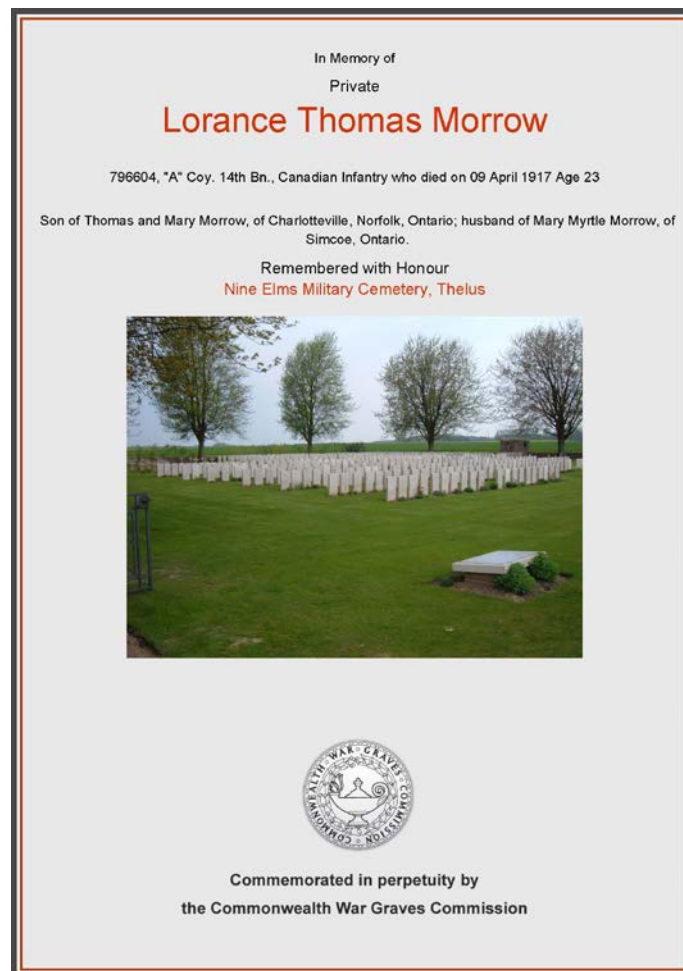
m.

b.

d.

The rest of this document, all the information below comes from a blog I did in November 2019, one in which I paid tribute to Lorance and to my father in remembering their sacrifices in World Wars 1 and 2, respectively ~ <https://tumblehome.blog/re-membered/>

Lorance was born on the 25th of June 1893 in Charlotteville, Ontario. He died 9 April 1917 at 23 years of age; he enlisted on 26 January 1916 in Simcoe, Ontario. Private Morrow's service number was 796604; his Army unit was the Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment) Division "A" Company, 14th Battalion



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial is accurate in the details of his service record, his regiment, and his burial site. From the recollections of my Uncle Roy (my father's brother and only sibling), Lorance was fighting along enemy lines in France and was injured in his leg or foot. Apparently, he was last observed trying to make his own way back to the hospital for medical care and was never seen alive again. Roy believed from whatever source he had that his dad was killed by shrapnel while on route to getting medical attention; my grandfather's [Attestation papers](#) (documents prepared for and with a military service volunteer on enlistment and added to during years of service) suggest he was killed "by enemy Machine Gun fire." According to one soldier from Port Dover, near Simcoe, Cpl Sam Morris, Lorne Morrow and Cpl

Morris "went over the top at Vimy" where Lorne "met his death in this action [and]...lost a leg in serving his country" [from the *Simcoe Reformer* newspaper 25 October 1917]. "Over the top" meant soldiers climbing up out of their trenches and over or through the parapets or wooden blockade atop the trenches to attack the enemy. The same local newspaper referred to Lorne always as, "Lorne," very likely how he was known informally. The full set of Attestation Papers is in the green link above; below is the first page of those papers:

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ATTESTATION PAPER

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Morrow
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Lorance Thomas
- 1b. What is your present address? Simcoe Ont. R.R.#2.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Charlotteville Ont.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs Mary Morrow
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Simcoe Ont.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Wife
5. What is the date of your birth? 29th June 1893
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer
7. Are you married? Yes
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? Yes. 39th Regt.
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Lorance Thomas Morrow, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Lorance T Morrow (Signature of Recruit)

Date January 26th 1916. L. F. Aiken (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Lorance Thomas Morrow, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Lorance T Morrow (Signature of Recruit)

Date January 26th 1916. L. F. Aiken (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Simcoe Ont. this 26th day of January 1916.

L. F. Aiken (Signature of Justice)

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R. Q. 1772-25-541.

The terrain Lorraine would have crossed, whether on his way back to medical aid or coming out of the trenches was cratered from bomb explosions; bodies literally would have been blown apart. Lorne's commanding officer, Col. Arthur C. Pratt wrote to Mrs Lorne Morrow on 30 September 1917 and in his condolence letter to her, noted that Lorne was killed instantly. Apparently, said Col. Pratt, one Harry Masecar of Simcoe was near Lorne when he "fell," picked him up and helped bury him [Pratt's letter was reproduced in the *Simcoe Reformer* on 25 October 1917]. Lorraine died on the first day the Battle of Vimy Ridge began; the cemetery – Nine Elms Military Cemetery – is located at Pas de Calais, very near the village of Thelus, not far from where the Vimy battles occurred.

REPORT. 21/8/21. Army Regt. W. 3873

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

(This report cancels all previous reports.)

No. 1. District. REPORT No. 54 SCHEDULE No. 2.c.

PLACE OF BURIAL :- NINE ELMS MILITARY CEMETERY.

Commune:- THELUS.

Map Reference :- Sh. 51b.A.17.a.10.75.

The following are buried here:-

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
<u>PLOT. 1. ROW "A" (Contd.).</u>						
14/ Canadian Bn.	63755	ROBERTS.	Pte. F.	9/4/17		7
14/ " "	889186	PRATT.	" D.B.	"		
14/ " "	747215	PAKE.	" J.	"	One Cross	8
14/ " "	797078	NETHERCOTTE.	" H.V.	"		
14/ " "	444171	McNAUGHTON.	" G.A.	"	One Cross	
14/ " "	459975	McLEOD.	" H.J.	"		9
14/ " "	712381	McKINNON.	" D.N.	"		
14/ " "	797623	McCLENTIC.	" C.W.	"		
14/ " "	796211	McCALL.	" A.N.	"	One Cross	10
14/ " "	713048	McAULEY.	" P.A.	"		
14/ " "	797014	MUSGROVE.	" M.T.	"		
14/ " "	712671	MURRAY.	" H.	"	One Cross	11
14/ " "	796604	MORROW.	" L.T.	"		
14/ " "	713149	McLENNAN.	" J.A.	"		
14/ " "	447876	LACROIX.	" L.S.	"	One Cross	12
14/ " "	823791	LOWE.	" C.	"		

ENTERED 21/8/21
SLIPS CHECKED 18.8.21

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The graves' registration report above verifies L.T. Morrow's interment. We believe that soldiers are buried two-deep on each gravesite – the “One Cross” for him and Pte or Private H. Murray along with the practice of burials in this fashion would suggest that fact is true, as does the shared headstone with Private Hector Murray depicted below.



The graveyard itself is one of those tended by French school children; each grave has a flowering bush planted before the stone. A lot of Canadians are buried here, even some from the Simcoe area. Similar graveyards dot the landscape near my grandfather's grave.

Although there are no poppies in the burial site image below, I can't help but hear some of the lines from John McRae's renowned poem – repeated and chanted so often, by so many at this time of year – as I look at this mirroring of Flanders' fields, Lorraine Thomas Morrow's 'field,' in the two images below, "...between the crosses row on row..."





And I think too of Maya Angelou's wondrously compelling poem, *A Brave and Startling Truth*...one verse in particular:

When we come to it
When the curtain falls on the minstrel show of hate
And faces sooted with scorn are scrubbed clean
When battlefields and coliseum
No longer rake our unique and particular sons and daughters
Up with the bruised and bloody grass
To lie in identical plots in foreign soil

I cherish this photograph below of my grandfather.



The portrait sits in a 24 X 18 inches' ornately gilded frame and it hangs in my tool room where I see it daily as I enter the room to do pulley exercises for a long ago torn rotator cuff injury. Often do I compare the triviality of my injury vis a vis my grandfather's fatal injury and the life-sacrifice he made. Sacrifice means to make sacred, unquestionably personified in my grandfather's war-death. Was the photograph taken on his enlistment? What sadness do I now attribute to his eyes? I observe symmetry of his nose, his left ear askew, visage delicately mustachioed but otherwise smooth-shaven, small lips almost pursed, soldier-proud, smartly uniformed...his life, unbeknownst to him, mostly already behind his pose-date. [To me, of all family members, my cousin Rick/Richard, Roy's oldest son, looks most like Lorange; however, Rick's brother and Roy's fourth child was named Lorne, after his grandfather.] According to my grandfather's [Attestation Papers](#), his eyes were blue, hair, brown, height 5 feet, 8 inches, "chest expansion 38 inches," of fair complexion; Lorange was a self-professed Methodist in religion and farmer, by trade. The following information about Lorne's memorial appeared in the *Simcoe Reformer* newspapers of 17 and 24 May 1917:

ATHERTON

A memorial service for the late Pte. Lawrence [sic] Morrow, killed in the Vimy action, was held in Salem Methodist Church last Sunday [20 May 1917]. He leaves a widow and two small children — one born since he went overseas.

A crowd of people that greatly overtaxed the capacity of Salem Church, assembled there on Sunday afternoon to be in attendance at the memorial service to the late Private Thomas Lorange [sic, his first name was Lorange] Morrow, who died of wounds received at Vimy Ridge.

The church pews aisles and vestibule were filled, dozens of women stood about in the graveyard adjoining, while scores of cars filled with people stood along the road while the service lasted.

The members of the Orange Lodge of Delhi, of which deceased [sic, I'm quite certain the Reformer meant deceased] had been a member, were present and the service was in charge of Rev. N. Argyle Hulburt, who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon.

Atherton was/is virtually a hamlet located along Highway # 3, not far from the town of Delhi. Salem Methodist (later United) Church was a small, rural church. From my years on the farm, I remember going to Salem with my grandparents when services were held mid-afternoon, the later start was for reasons that escape me now. Though small, the community in which Lorne lived must have been tight-knit – a community in the truest meaning of the term – if judged by the description of the church being “overtaxed to capacity,” flowing in fact out into the cemetery and the adjacent road, and by this personal description of Lorne from the 10 May 1917 edition of the *Simcoe Reformer*, “Pte Thomas Lawrence [sic] Morrow. Well known young Charlotteville farmer. Died of wounds received in the Vimy Ridge action a month ago.” The church is long-gone (1904-1964) but is commemorated in this stone:



The Salem church cemetery remains and its size reflects the active community then and now. I can remember as a young boy, first introduced to gas-powered lawnmowers, cutting what seemed like an immense spanse of grass at the cemetery with my step-grandfather, Bruce Card, and my great Uncle, Louis Dawson:



In attending Salem Sunday services and mowing its lawn in the late 1950s, I was completely unaware of the memorial held to honour my grandfather just 40 years earlier.

Lorne enlisted voluntarily in January 1916 – conscription wasn't enacted by the Canadian government until mid-May 1917, more than a month after Lorraine's death – and his Unit sailed to England on 30 October 1916. The fact that Lorne belonged to the Orange lodge in Delhi would suggest two central convictions or beliefs held by my grandfather, ones foundational to the tenets of the Orange lodge – he was firmly Methodist (now Protestant) in religious faith and he would have been patriotic within his Orange Lodge imperial and nationalistic loyalties or perspectives on seeing his duties as a Canadian. Very likely then, enlisting for war was an unquestioned civic, patriotic duty for Lorne. My father was born on 10 January 1917. Doing the reproductive math would suggest my grandmother was just over 6 months' pregnant with my dad

when my grandfather left for the war effort. Lorance would have known his first son, Roy. He never met his second son, my father, and my dad grew up with his uncles (Gram's brothers, Leo, Louis, and Les Dawson) as father-figures but no father. My grandmother eventually remarried – Bruce Card [see, [Woodcutter...the farm](#) re “Stinky” as we called Bruce fondly] – but not for many years. And what of Mary Myrtle Morrow (née Dawson), left with a newborn son and his brother, Roy...



When and how did she learn of her husband's death? It turns out that many letters were written by commanding officers to her informing her of her “good husband's” death; those letters are reproduced in the Norfolk Genealogy site discussed below. I note in the picture above that she is wearing what would appear to be her wedding ring. What sacrifices and adjustments did she have to make to raise two children on her own? My father often showed me the house where he believed he was born and where he, his mother, and his brother lived during dad's earliest years, a tall, narrow structure some 4 miles west of Simcoe. About a week after I posted the first version of this blog, I happened across some fascinating information about my grandfather on the

[Norfolk Genealogy site](#) [click on Morrow, Lorraine T. to see the information, or, reproduced at [this link](#)]. I have integrated that genealogical information where relevant in the blog.

The only pension records I could find verify a monthly federal pension ‘bonus’ of a one-time \$100 amount and about \$20.00 for some 18 months payable to her following Lorraine’s death. I knew my grandmother very well and have described my relationship with her in an [other blog](#). However, if she ever spoke about her first husband, I have no recollection of it. Who was he? What did he relish about life? What were his life plans, his aspirations, his hopes, his love, his dreams? Did he know and feel, as a “well known young Charlottesville farmer,” what W.P. Kinsella said, “Once you’ve been touched by the land, the wind never blows so cold again, because your love files the edges off it” [*Shoeless Joe* novel]. As my grandfather attested to in his enlistment-paper signing at 22 years of age, he had to know what serving his country might mean. His love for country and his family must have filed the edges off of his potential demise