

THE HONOUR ROLL

ST JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCKE & HERKIMER

The following names are on the World War One Honour Roll of St. James Presbyterian Church, one of the congregations that eventually formed Melrose. They are the soldiers who lost their lives. The Honour Roll is in our Memorial Transept.

Private Thomas Edmund Arkell was a member of the 87th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died April 9, 1917 at the age of 21, and is buried at Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Pas de Calais, France, which is about 1km from Canadian Memorial at Vimy. He was the son of Edmund and Jessie Arkell, and before the war he lived at 170 Homewood Avenue.

Private David Adolph Dean was a member of the 102nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry. On September 4, 1918 he was listed as missing and presumed dead. He died at age 22, less than a year after enlisting. His name is one of the over 11,000 Canadian soldiers names on the Vimy Memorial, near Vimy, Pas-de-Calais, France. Before the war he was listed as living at R.R. #1, Hamilton.

Private George Dobson was a member of the 4th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died August 9, 1918 at the age of 20, and is buried at Bouchoir New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Born in Walkerburn, Peebleshire, Scotland, he was the son of James and Christina Dobson, and lived with them at 24 Tuckett Street before the war.

Private Frederick John Exley was a member of the 42nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died September 29, 1918 at the age of 39, and is buried at Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery, Nord, France. He was married to Mary Exley, and was the father of 8 children. Before the war he lived with his family at 207 Dundurn Street South.

Lieutenant Stuart M. Laurie was a member of the 4th Company, Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He died November 2, 1917 at the age of 27, and is buried at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium. He was a school teacher, who enlisted in the armed forces as a single man; however, in February 1917 he married Miss Mary Reid of Greenock, Scotland. Before the war he lived with his parents John and Bessie Laurie, a few doors east of us, at 75 Homewood Avenue.

Sergeant Charles Alexander Morrison was a member of the 3rd Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He died October 1, 1918 at the age of 42, and is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. He was married to Helen Morrison, and before the war they lived at 33 Melbourne Street

Lest We Forget

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CHARLTON AVE METHODIST CHURCH, HESS & CHARLTON

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Private Sydney Augustus Bush was a member of the 18th Battalion, Company "A", Canadian Infantry. He died April 9th, 1917 at the age of 20, and is buried at Zivy Crater, Thelus ; Pas de Calais, France. Born in Southampton, England, he was the son of Henry James and Emily Bush, and had lived at 25 Kent Street.

Private Clarence Avondale Colling was a member of the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. He died June 2nd, 1916 at the age of 26, and is buried at Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial , Belgium. He was the son of Mrs. Thomas Stephenson and the late Mr. F. R. Colling. The Menin Gate Memorial bears the names of 55,000 men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient.

Corporal Arthur Thorne Darby was a member of the 52nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died September 28th, 1918 at the age of 24, and is buried at Anneux British Cemetery ; Nord, France. He was the son of Richard G. Darby, and the husband of Marilla G. Darby. He had one daughter who was born after his deployment overseas. He had lived at 197 Stanley Avenue. He received a military medal for daringly crossing German lines to acquire information and brought back a German machine gun. Although he participated in many dangerous missions, he was killed by a sniper while walking down a road with his regiment.

Private Arthur Charles Gatenby was a member of the 116th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died October 1st, 1918 at the age of 25, and is buried at Canada Cemetery (Tilloy-les-Cambrai); Nord, France. He was the son of William and Jennie Gatenby, and had lived at 8 Hilton Street.

Private William W. Pyke, known as "Willie" even in his official military record, was a member of the 5th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died April 9th, 1917 at the age of 20, and is buried at Nine Elms Military Cemetery; Pas de Calais, France. He was the son of William and Ellen Pyke and had lived at 90 Hyde Park Avenue.

Private George Smart was a member of the 4th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died March 4, 1918 at the age of 25, and is buried at BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY ; Pas de Calais, France.

Sergeant Thomas William Towlson was a member of the 4th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He died April 23, 1915 at the age of 38, and is buried at MENIN GATE (YPRES) MEMORIAL , Belgium. He was the husband of Bella Towlson. As well as being on the Honour Roll at Charlton Ave. Methodist, he was also on the honour rolls of Hamilton's Union Drawn Steel Co. and Dundurn Lodge No. 475.

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