

**John Pearen (1809-1897)**  
**Ann Modeland (1820-1903)**

John Pearen was one of the original immigrants to Canada in 1832. John and Ann were the first Canadian ancestors of the Pearen descendants in Saskatchewan.

John Pearen and Ann Modeland had 8 children. The oldest was the Rev. James Pearen after whom the Pearen United Church, Pearen Park, and Pearen Street in Toronto were named.

**Golden Wedding**

An event of unusual interest occurred on the 11th inst. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pearen, sen., of Brampton, when their children and grandchildren met to celebrate with them the 50th anniversary of their wedding. There were present the following who were at the wedding half a century ago: Thos. Helthy, Esq., Messrs. Isaac and Joshua Modeland; also the Rev. A. Brown, and a few other guests. Mr. Pearen was born in Devonshire, Eng., in the year 1809 and came to Canada in 1832. He settled in Harrison's neighborhood in the year 1834, when he was married. Mrs. Pearen is a daughter of the late Tho. Modeland, who was one of the pioneer Methodists of the old Brampton circuit. She was born in Cumberland, England, in the year 1820 and came with her father to this country when she was but 5 years old. About two years after their marriage Mr. Pearen bought the present old homestead on the 6th line and went there to live. They have been life-long Methodists and for some time a class meeting was held in their house which eventually formed the nucleus of the present Stanley Mills church. In this church he was class leader for several years, until his retirement and removal to Brampton, when his son Thomas was chosen as his successor. In the year 1877 they moved to Brampton, where they are spending a peaceful and green old age. The chief joy of their retirement is their nearness to God's house, for which they have something of David's love. It may be said of them that their last days are their best days, for they are evidently ripening for the harvest of everlasting life. The children presented them with a fine picture of themselves with their children and grandchildren around them. The following compose the group: Mr. and Mrs. Pearen, sen. ; Rev. James Pearen, wife and two daughters; Mrs. Milne, husband, one son and one daughter ; John E. Pearen, wife, four sons and two daughters; Thos. H. Pearen, wife, two sons and two daughters ; Mrs. Sommerville, husband, two sons and one daughter ; Jos. W. Pearen, one son and three daughters ; Geo. E. Pearen and wife ; J. M. Pearen, wife and one daughter. The eldest son read the accompanying address.

We, your children and grandchildren, have come together to-day to rejoice with you on reaching the 50th anniversary of your wedding and acknowledge the goodness of God in sparing you and us to see this jubilee year of your united lives. We feel ourselves to be greatly indebted to you for your example of uprightness, sobriety and industry, and for the Godly training you have given us. We believe that the prosperity and happiness that is our position today is largely due to the Christian principles which you sought to plant in our hearts before we left the old home. We therefore ask you to accept as an expression of our gratitude, this picture of yourselves, with your children and grandchildren around you, and now that we are no longer near you but away in the different places where Providence has appointed our spheres of toil and usefulness, you can look upon our faces and remember that, though distant, we hold you dear, and that while the last of the group is permitted to live, your memory will be precious. We rejoice with you too that you have so successfully climbed the hill of life together, that you are in circumstances of comfort and happiness in your old days. At your wedding fifty years ago you looked forward with hopefulness, trusting in God to prepare your way. Now at your golden wedding, you can look backward with thankfulness and say "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you."

**PEAREN**—John Pearen, Sen., was born in Devonshire, England, March 9, 1809. He came to Canada in 1832, and took up his abode on the sixth line for thirty-four years, and finally settled in Brampton, where, after twenty years, he died, at the ripe age of eighty-eight. He was married in 1841 to Ann Modeland, with whom he spent 56 years of happy life. She survives him for a short time. He was never a strong man, but took care of his health, and so lived to old age. He started business on \$5, which was loaned him by a friend, and from this small capital earned a competency, raised a family of six sons and two daughters, and educated them well for both worlds. His early life was in the fellowship of the English Church. He was remarkable for prayer and study of the Bible. He did all this in despite of his scoffing master. The excellency of his character and good workmanship saved him from dismissal. He was led to the Methodist class-meeting in Harrison's neighborhood. He loved its hallowed influences to his death. He joined the Methodist Church in 1836. Since his residence in Brampton he had the unbounded respect of all who knew him. His unswerving fidelity to the church, with all its ordinances and benevolences, was an exemplary force, and his testimonies at class were fresh and sweet. He was confined to the house for a few weeks before his death from heart failure. The writer spoke to him in his last moments as he sat up in bed, and then laid his head upon the pillow, and the spirit entered into rest February 17. He left a worthy family. His six sons were his pall-bearers, and while they carried him to the grave, they carried their father's hope in their hearts. They walk in the same pathway to the same goal. Rev. James Pearen, of Davisville, is a worthy type of the whole family.

J. E. Lanceley

**Death of Mrs. Pearen**

After a long and painful illness, Mrs. Pearen, Main St., North, passed away at the good old age of 84 years. Mrs. Pearen was born in England. She was the last surviving daughter of the late Thomas Modeland, who hewed a house for his family out of the woods at lot 14, 4th line east, Chinguacousy. Mr. Joshua Modeland, gaoler, Mr. Geo. Modeland, Stratford and Mr. Isaac Modeland, Dunnville, are the surviving members of her father's family. Mrs. Pearen is survived by six sons and two daughters. The latter are Mrs. Somerville, Kleinburg and Mrs. Milne, Peterboro. The sons are Rev. James, Messrs. John, Toronto; Geo., Iowa; Thos., Chinguacousy; Joseph E., Kewatin; Jabez, postmaster at Weston. Mrs. Pearen was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, worshipping with Grace Church congregation. The funeral took place yesterday to the cemetery here and was conducted by Rev. R. N. Burns.

**Mary Ann Modeland (1820-1903)**

**PEAREN.**—Ann Pearen was born in Cumberland, England, on September 4, 1820. She came to Canada five years later. At fourteen years of age she was happily converted at a camp-meeting held on Mr. Neelands' farm, a little below Brampton, and had a long, happy, steady Christian life. She was united in marriage to John Pearen, and they spent a happy life together, enjoying with their children and grandchildren their golden wedding anniversary just a little before the husband was called home in advance of her. She steadfastly labored for the conversion of all her children. She was unflinchingly loyal to what she believed to be right. She had a simple old-fashioned, unquestioning faith in God's Word, that strengthened her soul, steadied her hours of sorrow, and gave radiance to her hopes. Her Christian experience was ripened and enriched by some years of patient waiting and tender longing for her release, which came quietly and peacefully the morning of September 22.

R. N. B.

**Raymond Osborne Pearen (1911-1995)**

Raymond Pearen was a great grandson of John Pearen and Ann Modeland who immigrated to Canada in 1832.

-John Pearen & Ann Modeland  
-Joseph Pearen & Lillian McAully  
-John Pearen & Florence ?  
-Raymond Pearen & Gloria Davies

**Obituary**

**PEAREN, Raymond**—Retired Vice President of Industrial Sales, Canada Starch Co. At St. Lawrence Lodge, Brockville, on Sunday, April 2nd, 1995, raymond Osborne Pearen, at the age of 84 years. Beloved husband of the former Gloria davies of Brockville. Dear father of John davies Pearen and his wife Nadine of clearwater, Florida and of Elizabeth Ann Tayler and her husband Robert of westmount, Quebec. Loving grandfather of Lindsay Chipman of Montreal, Natalie Pearen of Clearwater, Mara Liegh Dickson and her husband Blake of Brantford, Raymond Pearen of Toronto, and Felicity and Melanie Tayler of Montreal. Nephew of Doris Pearen of Kitchener. Friends may call at the Irvine Funeral Home and Chapel, 4 James Street east, Brockville on Friday after 1p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m. Interment at a later date in Kenora, Ontario. In remembrance, donations to St. Lawrence Lodge, Brockville or the Parkinson's Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged.

**Thomas Henry Pearen (1851-1942)**  
**Frances Charlotte Balfour (1853-1924)**

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**HOLD HUNERAL  
FOR THE LATE  
MRS. T. PEAREN**

**Large Number of Friends Attend  
Obsequies at Home of deceased, Indian  
Head**

(Special to **The Leader**.)

INDIAN HEAD, Aug. 23. — The funeral of Mrs. T. Pearen, who died Friday, was held this afternoon and was the largest ever held in Indian Head. Mrs. Pearen was one of the oldest and most respected residents of the town and had a very wide circle of friends throughout the province, who gathered to pay a last tribute to the deceased lady. The service took place from the family residence, Rev. R. MacDonald, the pastor of the Union Church, of which Mrs. Pearen was a member and for many years an energetic worker, conducting the service. He was assisted by Rev. T. McAfee, M.L.A., and Rev. P. Ivason Thacker, Regina, a former pastor.

Floral tributes were received from Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Verner, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Holden, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Middleton, Regina; Mr. and Mrs. C. Donnelly and Mrs. Middleton, Ida Thompson, Pearl and Arthur Nichols, the Pearen grandchildren, the Ford grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. C. Nichols, Mr. P. Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Starr, Miss Effie Starr, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jackson, the Pearen family, Methodist Ladies' Aid, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Ford, Mrs. T. Douglas, Margaret Wilta Stewart, and M. Paul, H. W. Lennox, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Connor, Moose Jaw; John Miller, M.P., and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. G. Mitchell. The pallbearers were John Millar, M. P.: T. E. Jackson, W. E. Clothier, Dr. F. C. Middleton, E. J. Brooks, C. Donnelly.

Among those attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Calder, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. Girr, Moose Jaw; Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Middleton, Rev. P. I. and Mrs. Thacker, Regina; Dr. and Mrs. Pickard, Swan River. The greatest sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband, T. Pearen, and the members of the family, by the whole community. During the funeral service, suitable musical numbers were played by Mrs. John Millar.

**Citizens Mourn Passing  
of Thomas Henry Pearen**

Death claimed another of the districts respected pioneers when Mr. Thomas Henry Pearen, aged 90 years and 7 months, passed peacefully away at the family residence after a month's illness.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in St. Andrew's United Church, Rev. John McKnight officiating.

His many friends gathered to pay tribute to one who had earned the respect and sincere affection of all during a long useful life.

Born at Brampton, Ontario, in 1851, he was married to Frances Charlotte Balfour who pre-deceased him in 1925.

The family came to Indian Head in 1907 and established a home in town and carried out farming operations from there, and many good farmsteads in the community will pay lasting tribute to his early efforts.

He was always keenly interested in church activities from his boyhood days to his death having all that time served in one office or another and to the time of his death, Mr. Pearen was Hon. Member of the Session, Hon. President of the Peel Halton Old Timers Association.

He is survived by a brother, John Pearen, Toronto, two years older; a sister, Mary Sommerville, two years younger, Brampton, three daughters: Mrs. John Wesley Ford, Miss S. Estelle Pearen, Mrs. J. W. Pickard, Swan River, Manitoba. Two sons, T. W. Pearen of Winnipeg, and Carl B. Pearen at Indian Head, also eight grandchildren.

Honorary bearers were the elders of St. Andrew's United Church. Mayor A. Adair, J. Shelford, J. Hamilton, J. Quinn. T. M. Howatt, P. R. Boone, John millar, C. Duke and Ed. Ford. The active pallbearers were: Dr. F. C. Middleton, Regina; L. E. Calder, Moose Jaw; Dr. F. W. Hart, H. W. Lennox, W. J. McFarlane, Chas Donnelly and Chas Nichols.

**Olive Anna Pearen (1882-1955)**  
**John Wesley Ford (1872-19\_\_)**

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**HYMENAL  
 FORD — PEAREN**

One of the pretty weddings of the winter season was held yesterday evening at 5:30 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearen, the principals being their eldest daughter Miss Olive Anna and Mr. J. Wesley Ford. Rev. E. A. Davis, B. A., B. D. officiated, the ceremony taking place in the presence of the immediate friends of the bride and groom. The bride who is one of Indian Head's fairest maidens, was particularly charming in a gown of gold crepe cloth with lace panel. She also carried a shower bouquet of flowers from her native town of Brampton, Ont., her only ornament being a pearl sunburst and chain, the gift of the groom. Master Harold Write made a gallant little ring bearer, the ring being borne in a basket of flowers. Professor Wright played Lohengrin's Wedding March, and afterwards at the reception which was held from 8 to 10, played several selections along with others of the guests of the evening. At the reception the numerous friends were admitted by Miss Hazel Pearen, sister of the bride, and Miss Nelly Millar. After the usual congratulations to the happy pair, all were served with tea and dainties by Mesdames (Dr.) Kemp, Davidson, Stephenson, (Dr.) Dyer and Misses McEachren and Duke. The presents to the bride were numerous and costly, among them being a piano, furniture, cut glass, Royal Doveton ware, silver tea set, etc.

The happy pair take up their residence in Wide Awake of which district Mr. Ford is one of the successful and prosperous farmers. The *Prairie Witness* joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a happy connubial sail through life's seas free from its heavy breakers.

**Sara Stella Pearen (1889-1985)**  
**Harry Wellington Lennox (1887-1948)**

**Stella Pearen** and Harry Lennox were married on November 11, 1944. They did not have any children. Harry died in 1948 and a year later Stella married George Lawson and they did not have any children either.

**Harry W. Lennox, Miss  
 S. E. Pearen married**

A wedding of interest to many friends took place quietly at the United Church Manse, Armistice morning, when Sarah Estelle Pearen became the bride of Harry Wellington Lennox, son of John Lennox, of Barrie, Ontario.

The bride chose a dress of mauve angora wool with grey accessories with corsage of carnations.

The bride was attended by Mrs. A. R. Nichols, the groom by Mr. R. Graham Williams. Witnesses were: Mrs. R. G. Williams, Mrs. J. McKnight, Miss K. McKnight and Mr. A. R. Nichols.

Following breakfast at the home of the bride an informal reception was held when about fifty friends called during the afternoon and evening.

**Thomas Waldiemar Pearen (1885-1958)**  
**Jane Louisa Duke (1890-19\_\_)**  
 &  
**George Thomas Pearen (1918-19\_\_)**  
**Mary Isted (1917-1945)**

**Waldy Pearen** and Jennie Duke were married on March 16, 1910 at Indian Head. They were divorced some years later and Jennie married Edgar Thomas Pearce on Sep. 20, 1947.

Waldy & Jennie had one son, George Thomas Pearen. George married Mary Isted in 1939. Mary died in 1945 giving birth to their only child, a daughter, Mary Louise Pearen. She was a "blue baby" and died just 2 years later.

**CUPID SECURES  
 ANOTHER COUPLE**

In the Persons of Miss Duke and J. W. Pearen, both of Indian Head. Rev. E. A. Davis officiating.

The marriage of Miss Duke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Duke, late of Bolton, Ont., to Mr. T. Waldemar Pearen, of Indian Head, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pearen, formerly of Brampton, Ont., was solemnised at the home of the bride's parents on March 16th, 1910, the Rev. E. A. Davis performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. As Mendelsohn's wedding march was

being played by Miss Jackson the bride, entered the drawing-room, leaning on the arm of her father and attended by her cousin, Miss Copithorne. The bride's brother Wilfred accompanied the groom.

The bride was both pretty and winsome in her Princess dress of cream silk reppe and long tulle veil held in place with sprays of orange blossoms and her attendant was gowned in silver green satin. Miss Duke wore black silk with lace overdress and Mrs. Pearen, the groom's mother, was dressed in black satin with touches of heliotrope.

After dinner was served and music reigned supreme in the house, a number of young people met outside and fired three volleys from guns in honor of the young couple.

The groom's present to the bride was a set of china dishes and to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch.

The presents to the young couple were costly and numerous indicative of the high esteem in which the young couple are held in this community.

The following is the list:—

The bride's father, driving horse.

The bride's mother, bedroom suite.

Wilfred Duke, clock

George Duke check

Lewellyn Duke, silver butter knife and sugar spoon.

Fred Duke, ten dollars

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pearen, one hundred dollars.

Sisters and brothers of the groom, a pantry shower.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ford, wash day necessities and framed pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, Montreal, a cabinet of pearl and silver knives and forks with monogram.

Mr. T. J. Burrell, check.

Will Sinclair, couch

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Davis, a Bible.

Miss B. and Jas. Newton, silver tea pot.

Joe Harcourt, Winnipeg, handsom biscuit jar.

Georgina Gordon, shaving outfit and teapot stand

P. E. Black, silver salt cellars.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copithorne, silver and gold raw fruit dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Guild, salt and pepper shakers and mustard pot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook, dozen silver spoons.

Roadhouse brothers, set of silver spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerr, carving set.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, fruit spoon.

Miss C. and Mr. herm. Newton, cold meat fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Obleman, fish fork

Mrs. Geo. Roadhouse, butter knife.

Miss A. and Mr. P. Newton, fruit spoon.

Laura Obleman, Gravey spoon.

Mabel Jackson, cold meat fork.

George Warden, silver cake knife.

Attie Taylor, centre piece and sleeve holders.

Frank, Rubena and Rhoda ward, of Brampton, silver cruet containing silver sugar bowl, gold lined, cream pitcher and bon-bon dish.

Albert and Annie Maltby, carving set.

Miss Ferguson, pickle cruet.

Master George and Etta Copithorne, silver fruit dish.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Storey, cut glass card receiver.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Donnelly, silver butter dish.

Jim Lerr, set of dessert knives and forks.

Clayton Groff, cut glass fruit dish.

Ed and Ida Maltby, silver butter dish.

Em. Anderson, silver and cut glass fruit dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Copithorne, sugar bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, carving set.

Dr. H. Richards, pickle cruet.

Ella Obleman, dozen napkins and table cloth.

Mr. Arnold and family, table cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson, Oriental tapestry pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor, toilet set.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, and Mr. A. James, a very handsome dinner set.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, cushion.

Owing to the gifts being so numerous we may have overlooked a few, but if such may be the case we ould ask it to be overlooked.

The Vidette desires to join the host of friends in wishing the young couple every success and continued happiness through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearen will reside at their farm three miles from Indian Head.

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## Hazel Lossee Pearen (1893-1983) John Witten Pickard (1891-1975)

### PICKARD—PEAREN

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Church at six o'clock on Wednesday, December 29th, 1920, when Hazel Lossee Pearen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T H Pearen became the bride of dr Jack Witten Pickard, of Swan River, son of Mr and Mrs Wm Pickard, of Brandon, Man., the rev. Smith-Windsor officiating.

The bride and groom were unattended.

Immediately after the ceremony a dainty dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which

the bride and groom were surrounded by a few friends who welcomed the bride's family to Saskatchewan thirteen years ago. Dr and Mrs Pickard left on the evening train for a trip east. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends after Feb 1st at Swan River, Man.

**Carl Balfour Pearen (1891-1973)**  
**Mary Agnes Somerville (1893-1976)**

## Couple celebrates golden anniversary

INDIAN HEAD (Special) —

An afternoon tea and a family dinner in the Christian Education centre of St. Andrew's United Church at Indian Head were held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Pearen of Indian Head on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

More than 200 friends and relatives gathered at the tea and reminisced with the honored couple over family pictures.

Bluebirds of happiness were used as the decorating theme and the tea table was centred with a tiered anniversary cake iced in pale gold. It was flanked by gold tapers in crystal holders with the edges of the white linen cloth scalloped with white nylon netting caught up by ornamental bluebirds. Individual tables were centred with yellow rosebuds floating in rose bowls tied with gold ribbon and white sugar bells.

Hosts and hostesses Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pearen and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sexsmith received the guests, assisted by the grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins of the honored couple. Tea honors were performed by Mrs. J. W. Pickard, Mrs. J. Somerville, Mrs. G. N. Lawson, Mrs. Stewart Mitchell, Mrs. R. F. Livingstone, Mrs. N. Swinton and Mrs. E. Norton.

Mrs. Lloyd Pearen attended the register at the family dinner attended by 56 relatives. Master of ceremonies was Lloyd Pearen and J. Somerville asked the blessing. Dr. J. W. Pickard proposed the toast to Mrs. Pearen.

Greetings on behalf of Mayor Baker of Regina were read by Mrs. W. N. Sexsmith, the couple's daughter, who presented their parents a plaque and wheat sheaf pin on behalf of the City of Regina.

Mrs. R. Fay compiled and read a Through the Years book which included humorous anecdotes written by guests at the wedding 50 years ago. Family gifts were presented by Mrs. T. E. Anderson, grandchildren Brooklyn Anderson and Jeffrey Sexsmith and great-

grandchildren Robbie, Debbie, Donna and Russell Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearen were married in the home of Mrs. Pearen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Somerville of Malton, Ont., by Rev. Malcolm McArthur. Honored guests at the anniversary celebration were their attendants at their wedding, Mr. Pearen's sister Mrs. J. W. Pickard of Brandon and Mrs. Pearen's brother J. Somerville of Brampton, Ont. After their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Pearen moved west and have resided since then at Indian Head.

All 29 of the honored couple's immediate family attended the event with the exception of granddaughter Cheryl Anderson of Vancouver who sent greetings.

Members of the immediate family attending the celebration were Mrs. Thomas. E. Anderson (Frances) and Mr. Anderson, Elaine, Diana Lynne, Emerald and Leslie; Brooklyn Anderson (a grandson) his wife and four children, all of Indian Head: Mrs. Raymond L. Fay (Ruth) and Mr. Fay, Kent and Shelley, all of Regina: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Pearen, Larry, David, Marilyn and Donald, all of Indian Head: Mrs. William N. Sexsmith (Mildred) and Mr. Sexsmith, Calvin, Daryl, Jeffrey and Colleen, all of Prince Albert.

Other relatives came from Brandon, Brampton, Ont., Francis, Lauder, Man., Southey and Indian Head.

Congratulatory messages read by sons-in-law were received from Prime Minister Trudeau, Opposition Leader Stanfield, NDP Leader Douglas, former Prime Minister Diefenbaker, R. R. Southam, MP for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain, Lt.-Gov. Hanbridge, Premier Thatcher, Opposition Leader Lloyd, Agriculture minister McFarlane and Ed Whelan, MLA for Regina North west.

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**Carl Pearen and Agnes Somerville were married on June 25, 1919 in Malton, Ontario.**

## PEAREN—SOMERVILLE.

A very pretty and interesting wedding took place at the family residence Malton, Ont., on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, when Agnes, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Somerville, became the wife of Mr. Carl Balfour Pearen, second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Pearen, of Indian Head. Rev. McArthur of Brampton, Ont., officiating. The bride who entered the drawing room on the arm of her father to strains of the wedding march played by her cousin, Miss Roberta Somerville, wore a handsome gown of white charmeuse satin with

georgette crepe overdress with pearl trimming and wore the veil and orange blossoms which her mother wore on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1890, her bouquet was of blush roses tied with white satin streamers. The bridesmaid Miss Hazel Pearen, sister of the groom was becomingly attired in white georgette over yellow satin with black picture hat and carried pink roses. Mr. Jas. Somerville, brother of the bride, supported the groom.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Scarlett, of Hamilton, Ont., sang "Because."

There were about fifty guests present to enjoy the artistically arranged wedding luncheon.

The presents were numerous and costly including china, linen, silver etc. The groom's gift to the bride was an order for an auto, to the bridesmaid diamond earrings, to the groomsman a pearl tie pin. The bride's father presented her with a piano.

After motoring to Toronto they took the boat to Hamilton, leaving later for their home at Indian Head, the bride travelling in a sand gaberdine suit with hat to match. The News extends congratulations and best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy married life.

## Letter from Carl Pearen

The following is a copy of a letter dated January 29, 1971 written to Miss Shelley Fay by her Grandfather **Carl Balfour Pearen** about moving to Indian Head in 1907.

Dear Granddaughter:

This letter is written on very special paper. The picture of the Alberta rose is the same rose that grows wild all over Saskatchewan and my Father & Mother on their first trip west preparing a prairie chicken just shot, in its crop found two pips or berries of the wild rose that they washed off and brought back east to show the family at home and tell us about the roses & prairie chickens and other game on the land they had bought while in the west, which was to become the location of our future home. I was 15 years old then and the following March with 2 carloads of settlers effects we landed at Indian Head in a real storm. There were seven feet on the level of snow that winter. My Father & brother arrived several days after. They were 8 days on the Settlers' train and rode in the boxcars with the stock and equipment. They had a stove and one horse and one cow in the car they rode in and nine horses in the other car. My Mother, three sisters and I came in a Colonist car with wooden bunks that made up into beds at night and we were five days on the train. We had to supply our own mattress, a tick with straw or hay in it and our own blankets and food. There were two stoves in each Colonist car--flat top heaters-- that served for cooking

and heating the cars that made up our train. My sisters and I were the only under twenty-one I believe, in our coach on that Colonist train. There were some young men. We had to make our own fun and even the train crew helped. Everybody was breaking old ties and going west to the land of opportunity. March 17th came but no "green" just miles of snow-bound prairie mile after mile as we read and re-read the C.P.R. Timetable but our train kept no schedule. One Irish Brakeman brought us some green flags that were used for signals in daylight hours on the Caboose at the rear of the train and my sisters and Mother made a buttoner for each so each was wearing the green when the Conductor came through and noticed. Instead of calling the Station he called "Ireland Next Station" and all that morning each time he came through it was "Ireland Next Station". One couple seated at the end of the Coach and not joining in did not understand and became quite alarmed. Some of the train crew became friends over the years, travelling from Brandon to Moose Jaw, 'till their retirement. When we unloaded at Indian Head the horses and cow were made comfortable in the Victoria Hotel Stable and we learned the Agent had not been able to secure a house for us to live in in town so we had to live up in the third story above the bank for two weeks while a house was heated and fumigated near where the Forestry Office is now located. We got some horses and the cow out to the farm and the Victoria Hotel was burned to the ground at night. The barn that was attached at the corner was mostly saved. It was a brick building and the wind was favorable. Our horses were removed for a time and the next day were taken to the farm Section 5-18-13-W2nd. In the summer of 1908 I broke, with three mules and a horse, the most easterly 60 acres of the south-east quarter of Sec. 6-18-13-W2 which included the land the Squirrell Hills School was after built on. In 1909 I broke the next 50 acres of said quarter. In 1910 we built the barn on 5-18-13-W2 and that year my oldest sister was married to Wes Ford and went to his farm where Chas. Appleton now lives. My brother was married March 17, 1910 and started to farm in partnership with Will Sinclair 1½ sections where Calcrafts lived. Sec. 8-18-13-W2 where Lloyds live now was purchased in Spring of 1914 and I proceeded to put a wire fence around same, break and build on same. Most of the breaking was done with 12 horses on a high lift 20" furrow scrub plow. I am sorry I got this so long but I thought you might like to read about how we came west. Your Grand-mother came on our honeymoon by boat and train in June 1919 after we were married at Malton, Ontario. We enjoyed the life on our farm with our family moving to town in 1944. Thank you for your part in our happiness. Someday I hope your Grandchildren will ask you to write them a letter.

With love, Grandpa Pearen