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ALEXANDER BREMNER

City Overseer, Volunteer Fireman.

Born 1829 Place of Birth unknown.

Died Jan. 13th 1893.

Lived in West Brantford where his son Thomas was born in 1857. He built houses ~~at~~ at 25 West Mill St and at 13 Waterloo (later changed by his grandson William Thomas Bremner to 11 Waterloo St.). He was a deeply religious man who would not permit even card playing in his house. The exact year that he became a Volunteer Fireman is unknown, but his name appears in the minutes of the Brant Hose Company in the year 1871. It is not known how long he was employed as City ^{Overseer} of Streets and Sidewalks, while he was City Overseer he almost drowned in the canal. A grandson George Alexander Bremner was also a near victim in the Homedale Canal, but he was rescued by another grandson Harry Bremner, this is believed to have happened in 1903. His wife Matilda Jane ? (possibly Galbraith) was born in 1830, died in Brantford July 17th 1895. Alexander and his wife Matilda are both buried in Greenwood Cemetery Brantford.

CHILDREN — Thomas, George, Martha, William, and Elsie.

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Carriage Blacksmith by trade, also Volunteer Fireman and manufacturing

Born — Nov 23rd 1857

Died — Jan 29th 1930

Eldest son of Alexander and Matilda Jane Bremner, he married Emma Jane Hall Dec 26th 1882. Moved to Chatham 1901 (approx.) for two years. The reason for going to Chatham, was because of strong union involvement, it was impossible for him to find employment in Brantford at that time. He returned to Brantford in 1903 (approx.). In 1914 — 15 he operated a carriage manufacturing plant, with his two sons. The plant was located on the North-East corner of Dalhousie and Clarence Sts. in Brantford. In 1915 he left home to go to Montreal to collect \$700.00 account. Three weeks later he called home for somebody to go to Brockville to get him — he had been on a three week binge and was broke. At the same ^{TIME} there was an accident at the plant, a cartage wagon that was being built was being lowered down from the second floor by a ramp, broke loose and wrecked the house next doorto the plant. These two events forced the plant to go out of bussiness. Thomas's wife had him sign the Temperence Pledge at least three times. He was expection^{at} his trade of Blacksmith. Emma Jane Hall believed to be from Maple Grove, had at least two sisters, Mrs John Nelligan and Esther A Hall. Thomas applied Aug 5th 1881, character acceptance Sept. 13 and joined the Brant Hose Co as a Volunteer on Dec 8 1881. Emma J was born May 16th 1858, died Feb 17th 1925. They are both intered at Mount Hope Cemetery in Brantford.

Children — Elsie, Edith, Edna, William and George.

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George Alexander Bremner

Painter, Volunteer Fireman and paid fireman.

Born Aug 28th 1860 in Brantford.

Died 1932

Lived at 25 West Mill Brantford. Married Sarah Tucker who was born at Devenshire England in 1861. George was a volunteer fireman. The minutes book of the Brant Hose Company for 1885, Nov. 5th entry of "Bremner & Fireman" at the top of page 44, "D ? Geo. Bremner in account with", also he seems to have been Treasurer of the Hose Company? as his signature is affixed to the top of several pages in the same minutes book. Around 1900 he became the foreman painter at the Waterous Engine Works. He looked after the painting of the fire engines until 1921 when he moved to Galt (Cambridge). Later moving to their son Harry's residence on Talbot St. in London. They then moved to their daughter's residence on Main St. in Hamilton. George died of Cancer of the Prostrate, in 1932 at the Hamilton General Hospital. His wife Sarah died of a stroke in St Peters Infirmary on Maple Ave in Hamilton at the age of 83 or 84 in 1945. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brantford. It is possible that their headstone has been destroyed. Charles Tucker a brother to Sarah, married an Emma McCann is also interred with George and Sarah.

Children — George, Harry and Leone.

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MERTHA H. BREMNER

Infant

Born — 1862

Died — Aug 28th 1863

Daughter of Alexander and Matilda Jane Bremner, died as a infant at the age of one year fourteen days. She is buried with her parents in Greenwood Cemetery in Brantford.

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AREA CODE 519/752-4875 N3T 3R5**WILLIAM (SANDY) ALEXANDER BREMNER****Customs Inspector, Volunteer and paid Fireman.****Born in Brantford****Died in Toronto.**

Wife's name was Mary — that is all that is known of her. They resided on Jarvis St in Brantford for a short time, then moved to 106 Waterloo St. where they stayed for a number of years. According to Leone(Bremner) VanBuskirk, William was quite sickly in later life. In the 1920 City Directory he is listed as living at 106 Waterloo St. and working at the Government Building (Post Office) corner of Dalhousie and Queen Sts. as a preventive officer. An entry in the Brant Hese Book for the year 1886, dated May 19th "Wm. Bremner, Torch Boy \$7.75.", it was listed as item 23. The Brantford Expositor of Saturday Oct 6th 1928 "four men Geo. D Calder as Chief, D.J. Lewis the present chief and the only member of the original quartet still on the Dept, Patrick Powers and Sandy Bremner". William and Mary lived in a Hotel in Toronto for some time, they are both thought to be buried in Toronto.

Children Harry and Vera.

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ELSIE JANE BREMNER

House wife

Born 1869

Died Dec 30th 1909

She was the daughter of Alexander and Matilda Jane Bremner. She married George A Pimm who was a carriage trimmer by trade. They lived on West Mill (Grandriver Ave.) between Church and Waterloo St. part of lot 5 except those devised to Thomas and George Bremner by the will of Alexander Bremner (September 12th 1895). Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery Brantford. George A. Pimm died Sept 9th 1922, at the age of 52.

Children L. Grace Pimm.

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ELSIE MATILDA BREMNER

Registered Nurse — Never Married

Born — Sept. 22nd 1883

Died — Mar 12th 1938

The eldest child of Thomas and Emma Jane Bremner she was born in Brantford. Received her early education in Brantford — leaving Brantford to go to Courtland New York U.S.A., where she trained for a Registered Nurse. She nursed for a number of years at the Memorial Hospital in Syracuse New York.. Her later years were spent crippled with arthritis. She believed that if she could return to the Courtland Hospital for treatment, she would stand a very good chance of being cured. Finally giving in, after a time at Courtland, she returned to Brantford spending a great deal of time in bed. Her features were very stern and strict, she apparently was a lot warmer underneath them. She lived at 13 Waterloo St. later changed to 11, half interest had been left to her by her father Thomas Bremner, at the time of his death. She died on a Saturday night, with many of the family at the house, at a get together. The funeral took place from 11 Waterloo St. on the following Tuesday afternoon. Her interment took place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Brantford.

Children — None.

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EMMA EDITH BREMNER

Housewife

Born Aug 22nd 1885

Died Nov 5 1918

She was the second child of Thomas and Emma Jane Bremner, she was called Edith, spent her early years living at 13 Waterloo St. Brantford. She was married to Sydeny R. Harrington on the 11th August 1915 — it was a double wedding — with George and Eva Bremner, the reception was held at the family residence on Waterloo St. They were married by Rev. Jenkins at St Judes Anglican Church Brantford. Edith when young was not as healthy as her sisters Elsie and Edna. Edith and Syd had two children Jean and Jack. Edith died during the Spanish Flu. Epidemic at the end of World War I. Syd Harrington let the two children be adopted, Jean by Fred and Edna (Bremner) Harrington, Jack Rochelle by William and Pearl Bremner. Syd. Harrington moved to Toronto and remarried, there is no further record. Edith rests at Mount Hope Cemetery in Brantford.

Children — Jean and Jack

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EDNA MAY BREMNER

Housewife and Registered Nurse.

Born August 23 1887

Died Oct. 1950

She was born the third child of Thomas and Edna Jane Bremner she was educated in Brantford, later trained for a nurse in New York State. Edna was an epeleptic, which was controlled by medication, so few people were aware of it. She married Fredrick Harrington May 25th 1914. Later moving to Hamilton, Fred Harrington joined the Armed Forces, after being discharged from the Army, he went to work at International Harvester in Hamilton. Edna and Fred adopted, Edith and Syd. Harringtonsdaughter after the death of Edith. Edna died in Hamilton, at which time they resided at 55 Balsam Ave. She had been a member of the Church of the Ascention. Fred Harrington remained in Hamilton and was remarried. He dies in Hamilton in 1955. Fred Harrington is buried in Hamilton, Edna was brought back to Brantford where she is interred in Thomas Bremner's plot at Mount Hope.

Children — 1 adopted daughter

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WILLIAM THOMAS BREMNER

Carriage Trimmer and Upholsterer.

Born Dec 9th 1889.

Died Nov. 5th 1967

He was born in Brantford the fourth child and first son of Thomas and Emma Jane Bremner. He was educated at Central Public School in Brantford which he quit when he was 14 years of age. William Aberhart was Principal at the time, he later became the controversial Social Credit Premier of Alberta. It is believed that he then went to work at the Canada Carriage works, where he stayed employed for over the next forty-two years (also known as Brantford Coach and Body, now Trailmobile). He was foreman of the trim shop, at the time that he left to start his own car trimming shop at 11 Waterloo St. The company W.T. Bremner Ltd carried on from 1946 to 1978 when a nephew Robert (Bob) Bremner and Bob's son Dennis decided to close it down in May of that year. He was a member of the Masonic Order as well as being a Skinner. On April 4th 1916 he married Alice Pearl Simon who was born May 3rd 1891 in Simcoe. Pearl was also a director in his company, she never manually assisted in the shop. Both William and Pearl were members of Brant Avenue United Church. Pearl died in Brantford Aug. 1965, William Thomas then married Mabel Paddock in Florida in the spring of 1967. He died in Florida Nov. 5th 1967. William and Pearl adopted the second child of his sister Edith after her death in 1918, Jack Rochelle Harrington.

Children — adopted son.