

TEASDALE, FRANK WILLIAM

EARLY LIFE

Oct 28, 1889

Born in Laskay, Ontario to George and Margaret Jane (Pease) Teasdale. He was the older brother of *Edward Horace Teasdale*.

1891 Census

Age 1

Lived in King Township, Ontario with George Teasdale (head of house – father, age 35), Maggie Teasdale (mother, age 27), Mary Teasdale (sister, 1 month), Henry Teasdale (paternal uncle, age 23) and Thomas Padget (boarder, age 24).

1901 Census

Age 11

Lived in King Township, Ontario with George Teasdale (head of house – father, age 44), Maggie Teasdale (mother, age 38), Mary Teasdale (sister, age 10), Edith Teasdale (sister, age 5) and Edward Teasdale (brother, age 3).

MILITARY SERVICE

Jun 27, 1917

Attested to the Divisional Signal Co., Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 2265931
- **Present address:** Aurora, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Maggie Teasdale (Mother) in Laskay, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Clerk
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Methodist
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 27 years, 9 months
 - **Height:** 5'7 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Medium
 - **Eyes:** Hazel
 - **Hair:** Brown
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on right hip, scar right thigh, hearing, nose and throat OK, vision: R20, L20 with glasses, vision R80, L20 without glasses

AFTER THE WAR

May 7, 1919

Age 30

Married Elsie Violet Wilkinson (age 29), daughter of George and Emily Caroline (Rutter) Wilkinson of Aurora, Ontario. Together they had 2 children together: Barton and Emily Teasdale.

1959

Age 70

Retired and sold his grocery store.

Sep 14, 1975

Age 85

Frank died St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. He was the director of the Aurora Agricultural Society, a charter member of the Lions Club, past master of the Rising Sun Lodge. Frank had a grocery business on Wellington Street East and had it for almost 40 years before he sold it and retired.

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GROCER RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS

Frank Teasdale gave his formula for Happiness this week. "I'd do it all again. I'd do exactly the same thing."

The tall, friendly merchant of Wellington Street East has sold his grocery business after nearly 40 years. He and Mrs. Teasdale recently bought a home on the second of King, The Walt Robinson farm just west of Aurora, and after his first day of retired freedom this week, said "there's nothing like it, particularly living in the country."

Frank Teasdale bought his store on April 13, 1920. It had been run for some years by W. N. Scanlon, brother of the founder of the Scanlon Bakery, who sold it to Archie Murray, former reeve of Aurora and father of the present mayor, James Murray, and who in turn sold it to Wm. McBride. When the Teasdales bought the store, Wellington Street was one long mud hole. "the wagons used to be down to the axles," said Mr. Teasdale, "the road was all in muddy ruts from the traffic drawing implements from the Fleury implement works to shipment at the railway station. There also was a lot of wagon

traffic to and from Baldwin's mill.

Looking around the modern store, the retired merchant recalled, "we hardly ever use a scoop now. Everything is in a package. A few years ago we used to have beans by the bag, sugar by the barrel, and flour in the 98-lb. bag, and lard in the 56 pound box. The raisins, tapioca, everything was in bulk, and we used to have barrels of rolled oats and spices."

Frank Teasdale grew up in the grocery business. His father, George, had a general store at Laskay for 38 years and Frank this week remembered getting up at midnight and driving a team to the St. Lawrence market in Toronto to sell butter and eggs. It took all night to drive the 25 miles.

As a young man he came to Aurora and worked in James Whimster's store at the corner of Yonge and Wellington. In 1916, he joined the mounted section of the Canadian engineers and had three years of service.

It was at Whimster's that he met his future wife, then Miss Elsie Wilkinson, who also worked there. They were married in 1919. They have a son, Barton, a chemical engineer with Canada Packers in Toronto and a daughter, Emily, Mrs. Stewart Rankin in Toronto and five grandchildren.

Mr. Teasdale is a director of the Aurora Agricultural Society, a charter member of the Lions Club, past master of the Rising Sun Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and served on the board of stewards of the United Church. He hopes now to have a little more time for his many hobbies and for just plain relaxing.

Women's Institute – Laskay: War Records

Honour Roll 1914-1918

HONOR ROLL - 1914 - 1918

Roscoe Phillips - made the supreme sacrifice.
Harold Campbell
Lorne Campbell
Earl Campbell
Harold Boys
Aubrey Marshall - made the supreme sacrifice
Frank Teasdale
James Allen
Thomas Wise
Charles Williams
William Bowler
George Tate
Percy Butler
Sidney Stratford
Wallace Marchant - made the supreme sacrifice
John Mullen
Frank Rolf
John Kewell
Chester Ward
Harry Malseed
Sidney Goodswain
George Bainbridge
John Stubbs
George Howard
Samuel Moss



IN THE NEWS

Marriage Announcement

The Globe and Mail

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TEASDALE-WILKINSON — At the home of the bride's parents, May 7, 1919, by the Rev. H. E. Wellwood, Frank W. Teasdale, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Teasdale, Luskay, to Elsie V., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wilkinson, Machell avenue, Aurora.

Grocery Store Advert

The Aurora Banner

Friday, September 28, 1923

TRUE ECONOMY

CONSISTS NOT OF GETTING LITTLE AT A SMALL PRICE, BUT IN GETTING SOMETHING WORTHY AT A REASONABLE PRICE, THAT IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH THE LARGE VOLUME OF BUSINESS HAS BEEN BUILT UP AT OUR BUSY STORE.

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Thompson's Seedless Raisins
per lb.15
Fresh Creamery Butter, lb.43

P. & G. SOAP CHIPS, 2 lbs. for25
JELLO OR PURE GOLD JELLY POWDERS
3 Packets for25
STUART'S PURE MARMALADE, No. 4 tin . . .73
REGAL SALMON, Genuine Sockeye, per tin . .40
SHELLED WALNUTS, best Quality, per lb. . .40
BRUNSWICK SARDINES, 4 tins for25
CHARCOAL, 20c. each or 1 dozen for2.25
RED COHOE SALMON, 1s. Tall tin, each . . .23
DATES, Hallowe, 3 lbs. for25

Try our 'ROB ROY' blend tea
per lb.85

This tea is noted for its exquisite flavour and it will delight the most exacting tea drinker.

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The Quality Grocer

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Hope To Resume Aurora Horse Show This Summer.

Although there was not a large attendance, members of the Aurora Horse Show decided to investigate the possibilities of having "the show go on" this year, at the annual meeting in the I.O.O.F. hall on Saturday. The show has not been held for several years due to war conditions. A committee, composed of Walter Wood, C. A. Cathers, Lorne Cousins, Charles Casey, Charles Fry, Howard Morning, Robert Hollingsworth and Arwood Cairns, will decide the issue and plan for a social evening.

Elton Armstrong was re-elected president. Along with Mayor Ross Linton and Reeve C. E. Sparks, he expressed the hope that the horse show might be resumed. In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Alex Kirkwood through illness, Ed Reddick gave the annual reports, which showed a slight increase in the show's strong financial position. Failing the resumption of the show, the possibility of a war charity carnival will be considered.

W. M. Cockburn, agricultural representative for North York, addressed the meeting. He point-

ed to the success of all fairs being held and the good gate attendances. He was assured the board would make its customary annual grants to aid agricultural projects.

Officers elected were: Pres., Elton Armstrong; 1st vice-pres., A. W. McLennan; 2nd vice-pres., Walter Wood; sec.-treas., Alex Kirkwood; chairman of the board, G. D. Y. Leacock.

Directors re-elected were: Geo. Baldwin, Chas. Fry, Lorne Cousins, Major S. C. Snively, A. Cairns, Robert Hollingsworth, Chas. Casey, R. S. Starr, Alex Doner, Ray Jennings, Walter Bovair, Chalmer Black, Malcolm Richardson, S. P. Jarvis, W. E. Barker, Chas. A. Malloy, Frank Teasdale, Edward Reddick, Alan Mills, Howard Morning, Major Clifford Sifton, Frank Proctor.

New directors added were: John Lawson, Eldon Stoltz, A. E. Maughan, Don Rogers, C. E. Sparks, B. H. Powell, Dr. J. E. Walker, Dr. J. Lockhart. Mrs. Ross Linton was added to the women's section. Delegates to the Ontario fairs convention will be Arwood Cairns, Walter Wood and Elton Armstrong.

Honor Frank Teasdale for Horse Show Work

The Aurora Banner

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FRANK TEASDALE

Frank Teasdale, 2nd of King, and formerly owner of an Aurora grocery store, was honored last Wednesday by the Aurora Agricultural Society with the annual "agricultural service diploma".

Mr. Teasdale has supported the annual horse show since its inception in 1922. Among the guests at last Wednesday's dinner, along with Mrs. Teasdale, were Mr. and Mrs. Reg Wood. Mr. Wood was the society's first president.

Jack Wood, a society past president, made the award to Mr. Teasdale. The retired merchant came to Aurora from Laskay in 1916, and donated to the first show in 1922. By 1924, he was showing his own horse.

"Frank made his deliveries by horse," Mr. Wood explained, "and was very interested in farming. He kept a close tab on what was going on on nearby farms."

In 1959, he retired from business (the store is now Dugdale's) and bought six acres on the 2nd of King, where he keeps two horses and rides every day himself.

Mr. Teasdale told the Aurora Banner that his favorite class in the early days of the show was for "farm teams" from King and Whitchurch. They have now lost out to tractors.

WONDERFUL TEAMS

"But in those days, there were some wonderful teams, not just fancy teams, but teams that worked all year, but on fair days were cleaned up, their harness shone, and brought into Aurora to show their stuff. I remember Billy Botham, Sam Boyd, Elton Armstrong, Schuyler Snively, Walter Wood and Denny Shropshire. Their teams brought a lot of interest from the spectators. There might be 10 or 12 in the entries."

Mr. Teasdale also helped to organize the society's first annual dinner and ladies' night.

York agricultural representative, Al Wall, spoke to the gathering, and complimented those present on their love of horses and animals. He also referred to the work of the women's division, and told of the pride in seeing a good fair in Aurora.

SHOW JUNE 13

President Gordon Beckett presided at the head table. Among the guests were Mrs. Albert Farren, president of the women's division; Mayor Clarence Davis, Aurora; Reeve Sid Legge, Newmarket, representing Warden Ab Rutherford; Reeve Ray Jennings, King; and Reeve Frank Williams, Whitchurch.

Obituary

The Globe and Mail

Tuesday, September 16, 1975 pg. 47

TEASDALE, Frank W.

Suddenly at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on Sunday, September 14, 1975. Frank W. Teasdale beloved husband of Elsie Wilkinson, dear father of Barton of Islington and Emily (Mrs. Stewart Rankin) Mississauga. Dear grandfather of Jim, Hugh, Todd and Taylor Teasdale, Shirley and Vivian Rankin. Dear brother of Edith (Mrs. Harold Gramshaw) and George. Friends may call at the Thompson Funeral Home, 29 Victoria St., Aurora. Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Aurora Cemetery.