

# JOHN[JACK] THOMAS MOWAT [1879 - 1948]



John Thomas "Jack" Mowat was born in Campbellton, December 14, 1879. He was 19 years old and attending Mt. Allison University when his father died on May 30, 1899. He had an older sister Bertha who was 21 but in essence, he found himself head of a large household with 9 younger siblings. The two other boys in the family were Earl, 7 and Hal, 3 years old.

His mother suffered from 'nervous prostration' because we are told, the children were very lively and strong minded and the older girls were had much to do with bringing up the younger children.

Jack was immediately thrown into running the family businesses. It is hard to imagine the difficult position he was put into with having to take over as head of the household of a large young family and carry on Porter's large enterprises in order to maintain their standard of living.

He must have been successful because as an indication, those who wished to do so attended university and all of the girls except for Sade and Doris who wished to remain spinsters, made good marriages.

But Jack's hard work must have been at a sacrifice to his social life as a young man - he did not marry until he was 39. It was September 26, 1918 when he and Ethel Cantley Andrew married. Ethel was born in Campbellton in 1897, the daughter of Allan Andrew and Susan Cantley. Unfortunately Ethel died in 1931 when she was just 34 years and the children were all under 12 years of age.

Jack and Ethel had three children:

**Allan** was born May 3, 1920 and grew up in Campbellton.

He obtained a B.Comm. degree from Dalhousie University and after 35 years of service with the Hudson Bay Co., retired as an executive in 1985.

He married **Doris Thompson**, born on Sept. 26, 1924 and a registered nurse at the Toronto General Hospital. They had four children:

**1. Janine**, born in 1953. She studied Law at the University of Toronto first practiced Law and then specialized in Mediation Law. She married **K. Higgins** in 1977 and divorced in 1999. They have two children

**Liam** born in 1983 and **Erin**, born in 1985.

**2. David**, born in 1955 has a B. Comm from UBC and has had several

Senior Executive positions including President and CEO of ATB Financial in Edmonton. In 1979 he married **Sandra Mortell**, BSc. Home Economics, a high school teacher. They have three children:

**Christopher** born in 1984, **Cameron**, born in 1986 and **Carole Lindsay** born in 1988.

**3. Linda Anne**, born in 1962, is an RN/consultant. She and her husband **Jim Carlyle**, married in April 1988. He is with SeaSpan and they live in North Vancouver.

**4. Andrew John**, born in 1965, married Miriam Winkler in May 1998. They have three children

**Mikayla** born on May 5, 1998

**Sarah**, born on Dec. 15, 2000 and **Isabella**, born in 2004.

Andrew and his in-laws are involved in property management and



Standing: David, Andrew & Janine

Seated: Linda Doris & Allan

Andrew is busy re-developing a heritage building now Victorian Hotel, near the old Woodward's store in Vancouver.

**Barbara** was born in Campbellton on December 20, 1921 and married **James E. Mitchell**, a Bank of Nova Scotia executive and after retirement a part-time Xmas tree farm operator of renown. They live in Halifax and have two children:

**Joan O.** who married **Michael MacAfee** and  
**Robert E.** who married **Donna Daley**



James and Barbara



Lois, Cathy, Gordon and Oliver

**Oliver** married **Lois Wilbur** and they have two children:

**Cathy** and **Gordon**

Jack died October 9, 1948 at 68 years of age. He and his wife are interred in the Campbellton rural cemetery and have their names inscribed on the large Mowat burial stone marker along Jack's father and grandfather.

Right: Mowat burial marker dominates. The Sugar Loaf Mountain is in the background.



One face of the Mowat stone bears the inscription

JOHN T. MOWAT  
1878 — 1948

ETHEL ANDREW  
WIFE OF JOHN T. MOWAT