

EARL PORTER MOWAT [1891-1951]

Earl Porter Mowat was born June 28, 1891. He was the second son and 8th child of Porter Mowat and Barbara Anne Nelson. As soon as he was finished Grade 8, and was able to leave school he began to help his brother Jack with running his father's business.

Earl was 25 years old when he was conscripted in 1916 and since he was not married he listed his mother as his next of kin. He served with the 7th, 1st Battalion New Brunswick Regiment, Canadian Expeditionary Force - he had no previous military experience. His Military Service Act number is 655844-FC and click on Attestation Papers for a link them. He was in the artillery and involved in in April 1917 in winning the famous battle of Vimy Ridge after both the French and British had failed. On August 08, the 'Battle of Amiens' marked the beginning of what is known as 'Canada's Hundred Days'. Apparently the Canadians had by then such a good reputation for winning battles that this reference to the last 100 days of the war is due to the substantial role the Canadians played during that time period. In terms of numbers, the Canadian Corps' four over-strength or 'heavy' divisions of roughly 100,000 men, engaged and defeated, or put to flight, elements of forty seven German divisions. That represented one quarter of the entire German forces fighting on the Western Front. However their successes came at a heavy cost, the Canadians suffered 20% of their battle-sustained casualties of the war during the period this period.

Having driven back the Germans, the war ended and Earl ended up in Jemappes les Mons in Belgium. After that he was sent to London, England before returning to Canada in 1919.

During the 1920's Earl was involved in running the B.A. Mowat Store and on Sept. 19, 1923 he married **Isabel Anne "Nan" Wetmore** [b. 16.10.02) from Central Blissville, NB. Earl and Nan had two children **James Rodman** and **Nancy Isabel** and in the mid '20's they built a summer cottage at Oak Bay Quebec, along the beach and around the point from Earl's sisters Hazel, Alice and first cousin Muriel. For the rest of the year, they lived in Campbellton.

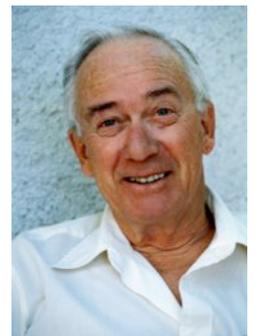
Earl became a stock broker in the heady days of the late '20's. Unfortunately, like so many others, he lost most of his large inheritance in the 1929 crash. After that, he had several careers including managing the N. B. Liquor Control Board for the region until there was a change in government in the 30's. He then started work with a security firm from St. John, Moncton and Montreal. His daughter remembers he was self taught because there were books he referred to economics and math. He was a top salesman during 39-45 in war bonds sales as well as a securities dealer. Early in the 1940's Earl had a heart attack and in the late 40's began to have frequent warnings of further heart problems. He died of viral pneumonia and a weak heart on March 20, 1951 at the age of 59.

Nan moved to Port Credit with their children and she did well in Real Estate. She died of a heart attack on July 22, 1963.

1. James Rodman P. Eng, was a geologist, did well and eventually was employed by the United Nations as a liaison with South American governments.. He married 3 times and had children in his first two marriages.

Rod first married **Marjorie Evans** [b.15.04.34 – d.11.02.61] from Fredericton in 1953. They had three daughters:

1. **Cheryl Anne** born 1954.



2. Elizabeth “Becky” Nancy born 1955. She married Allan Prendergast from Charlottetown, PEI, in 1978. They had two daughters and a son:

Norah born 1980; **Natalie** born 1981; and **James Rodman Pendergast** born in 1990.

3. Norah Patricia (Patty) (b.1957 – d.1984). Both Marjorie and Patty tragically.

After Marjorie died, Rod married **Kathryn Walsh** in 1962 and they had three

Children: **1.David Harold** (b.10.03.1963 -) He married Lina in July 1989.

2.Victoria born.1970.

3.Katie born 1972.

Rod got a divorce in South America in 1979 and he married **Graciela (Pitty) Poblete de la Cerda** in September 1979, and they lived in Santiago, Chile the rest of Rod’s life. In the 1990’s Rod did some family research and I still have letters he wrote me and have incorporated some of his findings in this account.

2.Nancy Isabel attended Mount Allison University for 3 years and then she took nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal before joining her mother and working in Oakville in 1952. She married **Robert S. McLatchie**, an engineer in (1926 -2009) in 1952 and lived in several places including British Giana and Jamacia until finally settling in Sudbury, Ontario in 1968.

They have three children:

1.Barbara Isabel (b. 1953 -) who married **Ken Snowden** in 1974. They have four children:

Michael (b. 1977 -),married Crystal Burton in 2001

Jennifer (b. 1982 -), married Shawn Garneau in 2009

Stephanie (b. May 1984 -), and

Ashley (b. December 1988).

2.Stuart Roy (b. 1956 - married **Joanne Blundon** in May 1985. They have two children.

Susie (b. Sept.19, 1997) &

Robert Roy ‘Robbie’ (b. May 1,2000)

3.John Earl (b. 1959 -) who married **Barbara Baillie** in 1982. they have two children: **Tyler** (b. July 1986 -) and

Tara (b. April 1989 -)



L to R: John, Nancy, Barbara & Stuart