

THE ROBB FAMILY

Norman Robb, of Irish descent, has been a resident of the Nobleton area all of his life, except for a few years when, as a young man, he lived in Markham where he was employed by the Spates Company, makers and painters of wagons. This experience never came amiss in later years. When still a young man, and now married he returned to Nobleton and achieved his fondest ambition since boyhood, which was to own and operate a farm. He first began farming one mile north of Nobleton, which was owned at one time by his grandfather John Pringle, then later the farm about one mile east of Nobleton.

Norman Robb's father, David Robb, came over from Ireland as a boy of 15, along with his parents and brothers and sisters, some of whom died quite young. He married a Miss Stokes from King City. In this marriage there were four children, Annie who married Malcom Wilkie. They settled in western Canada. Alice married William Chamberlain, they farmed on the 10th concession of King, north of the Bolton road. James and William also went to western Canada as young men. They married in the west and had homesteads, farming their places until retiring. David Robb became a widower and later married Martha Pringle of Nobleton. In his second marriage there were four children. Vivian the eldest married Robert White of Nobleton. John who settled in Saskatchewan never married. Norman married Hilda Hamilton of Stouffville and later as a widower married Florence Nattress of Bolton. Winnifred married Herbert Douglas of Markdale. David Robb passed away when these children of his second marriage were quite young. His widow, the former Martha Pringle, later married William Cowper from England. Their children were Vera, who married Milton Wellar and Alice who married Forrest Kaake, of Nobleton.

Norman Robb was born in the year 1880. He has always been and still is very interested in sports, especially hockey. He has always enjoyed music and when a young man played the bass horn in Nobleton and Markham bands. He is still very interested in community activities and very fond of his church which is St. Alban's Anglican in Nobleton. He rarely misses attending services there. He has a family of three, Harold, Adrienne (Mrs. Roy Neill) with whom he and Mrs. Robb now reside, and Norman Jr. all of Nobleton. He also has grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Out of the three different families composed of full and half brothers and sisters, Norman Robb and Vera Wellar are the only surviving members.



"The Top o'the Mornin" and best birthday wishes to Mr. Norman Robb of Nobleton who celebrates his 93rd birthday this St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th. Mr. Robb, whose ancestors originated in the Emerald Isle enjoys good health, and was honoured at a family dinner party held at the Humbervale Inn on Wednesday this week. 1973



Nobleton Band