SHEARDOWN, HUGH JAMES

For Those Who Served

EARLY LIFE

Jun 5, 1896

Born in Bolton, Ontario to James and Sarah Ann (Campbell) Sheardown.

1901 Census

Age 5

Lived in King Township, Ontario with James Sheardown (head of house – father, age 31), Sarah Sheardown (mother, age 30), Colin Sheardown (brother, age 7), Lorne Sheardown (brother, age 2), Walter Sheardown (brother, newborn) and Mary Cronin (boarder, age 17).

1911 Census

Age 15

Lived in King Township, Ontario with James Sheardown (head of house – father, age 41), Sarah Sheardown (mother, age 39), Colin Sheardown (brother, age 17), Lorne Sheardown (brother, age 12), Walter Sheardown (brother, age 10), Helen Sheardown (sister, age 4) and Douglas Sheardown (brother, age 2).

MILITARY SERVICE

Oct 17, 1917

Attestation Paper

Drafted under Military Service Act, 1917, 1st Depot Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment

- **Number:** 3109025
- **Present address:** Bolton, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** James Sheardown (Father) in Bolton, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Presbyterian
- **Physical attributes:**
  - ***Age:*** 21 years, 7 months
  - ***Height:*** 5’8”
  - ***Complexion:*** Fair
  - ***Eyes:*** Blue
  - ***Hair:*** Fair
  - ***Distinctive marks:*** Never vaccinated, scar over left thumb, scars right leg (dog bite), D20 vision in both eyes, hearing normal

Jun 3, 1918

Age 21

Departed Canada through Montreal.

Jun 21, 1918

Age 22

Arrived in London, England.

Sep 26, 1918 Age 22	Landed in France and transferred to 58th Battalion.
Apr 11, 1919 Age 22	Private Sheardown was discharged because of demobilization. His proposed residence after discharge was Bolton, Ontario.

AFTER THE WAR

1921 Census Age 25	Lived in King Township, Ontario with James Sheardown (head of house – father, age 51), Sarah Sheardown (mother, age 49), Helen Sheardown (sister, age 14), Douglas Sheardown (brother, age 12), Florence Sheardown (sister, age 6) and Helen Campbell (maternal grandmother, age 87)**.**
Nov 22, 1930 Age 34	Married Mabel Gertrude Clarkson (age 27). They had 9 children together: Olive, Jim, Ann, Atwood, John, Helen, Shirley, Walter and Lorna.
1965 Voter List Age 69	Worked as a truck driver and lived in Nobleton, Ontario with his wife Mabel who was a receptionist.
Jul 24, 1975 Age 79	Hugh was the victim in a hit and run accident on Highway 9 (east of Schomberg). The hit and run driver eventually turned himself in and was forced to pay $100.
Aug 11, 1975 Age 79	Hugh died at York County Hospital in Newmarket, Ontario after succumbing to his injuries from the hit and run. He is buried in the Nobleton Community Cemetery in Nobleton, Ontario.

MENTIONED IN NOBLETON TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Women's Institute – Nobleton: Book 2 – War Records

WARS.

WORLD WAR I
1914--1918.

In World War I, there was one girl from the Nobleton district who went Overseas, Mary Agar. She spent three years in the Hospitals there. Two of the boys from this district were killed in action, Mathew Agar, and William Chamberlain. The boys who went Overseas from these parts were the following:Mathew Agar; Leonard Atkinson; Walter McCutcheon; Reuben Dobson; Albert Snider; Albert Hill; Lyle Stewart; Wesley Woods; Hugh Sheardown; William Chamberlain; Chris. Chamberlain; Loftus Jewitt; Fred Chapman; and Frank Chapman.

On the return of these boys, a celebration was held in Nobleton. During the day, a Field Day was held at Hills Farm with many in attendance. In the evening a banquet was held for Mary Agar and the returned boys and their parents in the Hall. Also in the evening, a concert was held in the old Skating Rink and watches were presented to the returned folks. Mr. Walter McCutcheon was spokesman for the boys.

Notes by
Mr. Frank Chapman.

Trustees

Gilbert Faris
Lyman Davis
Howard Wellar
Hugh Sheardown
Harold Rose
Gordon Broad
Fred Ascott (caretaker)

Women's Institute – Book 5: Nobleton Community Cemetery

This board cleaned the old cemetery to its proper condition, but the project was unfortunately not followed through. Still under the Institute, another public meeting was held on June 7, 1954 and Gordon Broad was elected as the president of the new Cemetery Board. He was assisted by Lyman Davis, Gilbert Faris, Fred Ascott, Howard Wellar, Hugh Sheardowne, and Harold Rose. These men each donated one hundred dollars in order to have the grounds surveyed and new burial plots set aside. In addition, approximately one half an acre was donated By Thomas Dodson in 1954 and as well the Board purchased more property from the Estate of the late Thomas Breedon to increase the area of the new Cemetery.

IN THE NEWS

Suspect Turns Self in After Hitting Hugh Sheardown in Hit and Run

The Era: Newmarket, Aurora, Keswick

Wednesday, August 8, 1975 pg. 2

Suspect turns self in after hit-run mishap

OAK RIDGES — A Downsview man has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident after turning himself in to Ontario Provincial Police here last week.

Robert Mitchell Harvey, 19, of Wilson Ave., Downsview, was charged as the result of a hit-and-run accident July 24 east of Schomberg.

Mr. Mitchell turned himself in Thursday evening through his lawyer.

Hugh Sheardown, 79, of R. R. 1 Schomberg, suffered serious injuries in that mishap when struck by a green Ford pickup truck on Highway 9 east of Schomberg.

He was reported in guarded condition in York County Hospital's Intensive Care unit Monday.

OPP said Monday that they were preparing to check registration records for all light green Ford trucks registered in the province in an attempt to find the wanted vehicle.

They also reported "numerous calls" from the public reporting vehicles matching the description of the wanted truck.

"Many concerned and public minded citizens contacted the police who investigated all information received," OPP officials said Monday.

They noted that had the driver of the vehicle stopped at the time of the accident, no charges would have been laid.

Mr. Harvey will appear in Newmarket Provincial Court Monday.

Driver involved in Hit and Run of Hugh Sheardown Fined

The Era: Newmarket, Aurora, Keswick

Thursday, September 17, 1975 pg. 1

Driver in hit, run fatality fined $100

NEWMARKET — The driver of a hit-and-run vehicle which fatally injured a 79-year-old Schomberg man was fined $100 and given 60 days to pay in provincial court here last week.

Robert Mitchell Harvey, 19, of Downsview, had pleaded guilty last month to a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

On the day of Mr. Harvey's guilty plea, Hugh Sheardown of R. R. 1, Schomberg, died in York County Hospital of injuries suffered in the July 24 mishap on Hwy. 9, west of Hwy. 27.

Driver involved in Hit and Run of Hugh Sheardown Fined

The Toronto Star

Saturday, September 13, 1975 pg. F9

Hit-and-run driver gave himself up is fined $100

Special to The Star

NEWMARKET — Robert Mitchell Harvey, 19, of Wilson Ave., Downsview, was fined $100 or 10 days in jail yesterday after pleading guilty a month ago to failing to remain at the scene of an accident in which a 79-year-old Schomberg man later died.

Harvey was convicted Aug. 11 in Newmarket Provincial Court by Judge Clare Morrison, who has since left the bench to run as a Liberal candidate in Durham North. Harvey was sentenced yesterday by Judge Ian Munro, who gave him 60 days to pay his fine.

Hugh Sheardown of R. R. 1, Schomberg, was struck by a pick-up truck on Highway 9 near his home on July 24. The truck failed to stop.

The Ontario Provincial Police at Oak Ridges conducted an intensive search for the wanted truck and its driver throughout southern and central Ontario.

About a week after the accident Harvey gave himself up.

Sheardown died from his injuries in York County Hospital on Aug. 11—the day Harvey pleaded guilty.

Obituary

The Toronto Star

Tuesday, August 12, 1975 pg. B6

SHEARDOWN, Hugh James (Veteran World War I)—At York County Hospital, Newmarket on Monday August 11, 1975, Hugh James Sheardown of Schomberg in this 80th year. Beloved husband of Mabel Clarkson, dear father of Olive (Mrs. L. Metcalfe) Harrison, Jim of Medicine Hat, Ann (Mrs. Ronald Bowles) Atwood, John, Helen (Mrs. Jim Connell and Shirley of Schomberg. Hugh of Nobleton, Walter of Sharon and Lorna (Mrs. M. Jelly) Bradford. Fondly remembered by 27 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Dear brother of Helen (Mrs. N. Lund) Maple, Florence (Mrs. D. Hartin) Richmond Hill and Douglas of Durham. Predeceased by Walter, Lorne and Colin. At the Egan Funeral Home, Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50) Bolton. For funeral service in the chapel on Wednesday August 13 at 2 o'clock. Interment Nobleton Community Cemetery. If desired contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.