

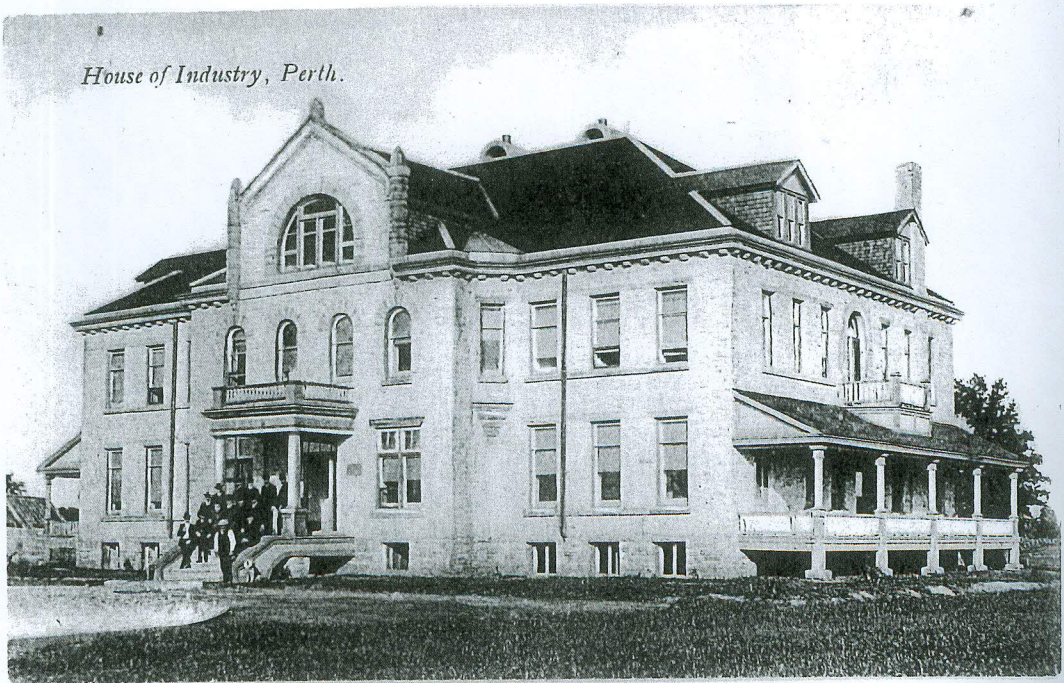
LANARK CO. - 'HOUSE OF INDUSTRY'  
1903 - 1965

DEATHS AND INTERMENTS AT  
ELMWOOD CEMETERY

'PAUPERS / INDIGENT SECTION'



*House of Industry, Perth.*





# Lanark House of Industry

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Deaths and Subsequent Burials in Elmwood Cemetery

Section 'C' Indigent burial area

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This document has been prepared as an addendum to various other records associated with the House of Industry (Hof I) Register book and Elmwood Cemetery records. Most of the resident deaths that occurred at the Hof I resulted in the bodies being interred at Elmwood in unmarked graves in a special 'pauper' or 'indigent' area. Periodically, the bodies of the deceased would be reclaimed by family or friends for interment elsewhere in the county. Further, most residents of the Roman Catholic faith would be interred at St. Johns Cemetery just outside Perth, but not always.

The type and format of information contained within existing records also differs. From 1903 to 1935 the cemetery records for indigent burials are almost non-existent or irregular at best and the H of I register was used to collect the data in this document. However, from 1935 onwards the cemetery records are quite accurate for the indigent burials. The attached listing of deaths is focused on recording ONLY those deaths where interment at Elmwood occurred.

After death, burial often occurred within a day, or two at the most, as no embalming was performed. The exception to this was during the winter months when the bodies were stored in the Elmwood vault until the spring. Graves were dug with pick and shovel until the 1960s so the ground needed to be unfrozen before interment. The first very detailed map of Elmwood is framed and preserved at the cemetery office. This map shows the 'pauper' or 'indigent' burial area within section 'C' very distinctly, as the graves are all single and packed very close together; that is literally side by side with no space between them. We do not know for sure, but it is possible that many of the deceased especially in the early

days were just wrapped and bound in a cotton sheet without a casket before interment during the non winter months. Utilitarian flat top pine caskets were probably used consistently sometime in the early 1920s onwards. Further to this, during the spring burials, since numerous bodies would be stored in the vault over the winter, it is highly likely that the remains would be buried two tiers high. As noted earlier, the vast majority of the deceased lie in unmarked graves (no markers or monuments).

Analysis of the burial data from 1903 up to the mid 1960s reveals that almost **three hundred indigent interments** are contained within the 'paupers/indigent' section of Elmwood. This is an extremely high concentration of remains in this existing small area. That is why we believe that more than one body may be contained within many of the single grave lots. Further to this, because there was no visible demarcation of this mass burial area, we have confirmed that more recent interments encroached over the older indigent graves. If one extrapolates indigent deaths from 1872 when Elmwood opened to 1903 when the H of I opened we can surmise a **further 100 indigent burials** are contained within this mass burial site for a **total of about 400**. Since the mid 1960s, indigent burials are randomly placed in normal single burial lots throughout the cemetery but still in unmarked graves. Cemetery records can now pinpoint the exact lot of an indigent burial even without a marker being present.

It is the desire of the writer that some sort of plaque or marker will be placed on this mass burial site in 2016 (Perth's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) to honor those unfortunate individuals from the H of I that died without any recognizable burial location or marker. Also, it will help future trustee's operating Elmwood to recognize this essentially open area, so as to not disturb it for any further burials.

An (\*) indicates spouses only where known. Data sheet #1 1903-1935 was prepared by Eric Halpin from extracts of the House of Industry Register book. Data sheet #2 1935-1965 was collated from Elmwood Cemetery burial register records. Future researchers are advised to reference the source documents for additional information contained therein.



## Interments at Elmwood Cemetery from Deaths at the House of Industry

1903-1935

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Adams, Richard	May 21, 1920
Affleck, Thomas	February 24, 1929
Alexander, Samuel J	February 16, 1915
Anderson, Benjamin	February 11, 1922
Anderson, Margaret	November 25, 1910
Avison, Margaret	April 5, 1917
Baird, Henry A	April 18, 1917
Ball, Mary	December 29, 1918
Baldwin, Anna	November 10, 1930
Baldwin, H (Mrs)	April 28, 1930
Barton, John	May 25, 1928
Beaupire, Martin	June 20, 1935
Beckett, William	September 27, 1918
Bennett, Stephan	February 3, 1916
Blackburn, Thomas	July 31, 1916
Blakely, Joseph	January 30, 1917
Bonnar, Neil	July 31, 1914
Booth, Alex	August 6, 1922
Boyce, Philip	October 25, 1913



Brown, Sarah	January 28, 1910
Britton, Mary	February 24, 1907
Brouse, George	June 23, 1930
Burt, James	May 19, 1923
Butterich, James	January 2, 1926
Cameron, Daniel	March 3, 1911
Campbell, Anne	March 23, 1929
Campbell, Elizabeth June	March 24, 1915
Clifford, Richard	August 25, 1914
Collins, Edwin	January 25, 1926
Combie, Mary	January 20, 1909
Compo, Albert (Mrs)	November 11, 1923
Corbet, Priscilla	January 26, 1919
Corrigan, William	November 2, 1908
Coughlan, James	December 20, 1909
Crawford, Robert	November 30, 1908
Creighton, Jane	February 14, 1927
Crosbery, Rose Ann	May 20, 1911
Currie, James	August 29, 1908
Dailey, John Albert	February 19, 1919
Dean, Noble	August 11, 1915
Dillabough, George	November 6, 1935
Dixon, Mary Ann	July 4, 1928



Donaldson, Charles	February 22, 1927
Drummond, Oda	July 15, 1914
Dunlop, Peter	August 20, 1926
Dunn, R F Mrs.	April 24, 1922
Dupont, Peter	January 8, 1908
Eaves, James	October 11, 1918
Eaves, Jane	September 11, 1907
Evoy, William	July 19, 1916
Facey, Rebecca	November 6, 1908
Ferguson, Thomas	January 11, 1913
Fieldes, Ernest	December 24, 1931
Fitzner, Otto	December 4, 1926
Fleming, Robert	January 16, 1919
Fleet, John	February 24, 1915
Ford, Mrs	March 7, 1907
Gibson, Mary	January 20, 1913
Gibson, Doretta	July 19, 1920
Gibson, Samuel	March 8, 1927
Gibson, Robert	January 19, 1922
Gray, Isabella	November 5, 1907
Gray, John	August 23, 1906
Green, Thomas	March 15, 1925
Grey, John	December 29, 1915



Gorden, Margaret	March 18, 1918
Grundy, Henry S	September 7, 1928
Haggart, John	February 5, 1927
Hanwell, John	March 29, 1907
Harper*, Ellen	March 16, 1906
Harper*, Francis	November 5, 1918
Hawkins, Harriett	August 6, 1925
Hawkins, Henry	November 10, 1926
Heatherington, Margaret	February 7, 1926
Henderson, Malcolm	February 10, 1911
Hendry, Robert	March 3, 1921
Hewitt, Robert	May 22, 1931
Hill, James	October 26, 1927
Hill, Joseph	June 26, 1922
Holden, Phoebe	January 8, 1906
Horn, David	September 22, 1927
Hunter, Alex.	September 8, 1926
Jackson, John S (negro barber)	April 2, 1926
Johnson, Frank	June 16, 1926
Johnson, John	February 10, 1907
Johnston, Elliot	June 22, 1926
Johnston, Jane Alice	October 5, 1914
Kendrich, Robert	January 7, 1917



Kimberly, William	February 17, 1913
Kissock, Samuel	May 4, 1919
Kniert, Henry	March 26, 1927
Lake, Benjamin	January 31, 1912
Lambert, William Hy	May 9, 1915
Lang, Henry	September 19, 1905
Larson, Lantz	February 23, 1928
Laurie, William	September 3, 1928
Lavender, Robert	December 19, 1915
Lewis, James	June 29, 1931
Loney, Samuel	February 13, 1921
Lloyd, John Hayes	June 3, 1927
Mactney, Walter	March 22, 1933
Matheson, R A	April 5, 1933
Mathews, Charles	January 18, 1922
Mathews, John	June 28, 1920
Mauley, John	August 3, 1935
McCallum, Mary Jane	May 12, 1930
McDonald, Alex	March 1, 1935
McDonald, James	October 16, 1919
McDowell, Thomas	December 10, 1919
McGee, John	February 18, 1910
McGrath, Henry	November 24, 1929



McGregor, David M	September 24, 1909
McKay, Robert	July 6, 1925
McKenzie, Daniel	May 7, 1925
McKenzie, William R	July 17, 1907
Mein, Walter	July 31, 1918
Merrith, Edward	May 16, 1926
Moore, David	April 8, 1903
Moore, Isaac	April 3, 1911
Moore, John	January 10, 1918
Moore, Mary Jane	June 20, 1926
Morrison, Albert	December 28, 1935
Morrison, Henry	March 23, 1914
Morrison, James	May 20, 1927
Morrison, John	January 3, 1928
Morrison*, John	January 2, 1928
Morrison*, Mary	March 9, 1904
Moscrip?, Robert	July 12, 1928
Murphy, Thomas	April 18, 1915
Naismith, Robert	March 30, 1928
Nicholus, Troy	January 5, 1910
Oelke, Ludwig	February 10, 1913
Pearson, Mary Jane	August 3, 1927
Percy, Elizabeth Ann	January 18, 1919



Pounder, William	January 12, 1919
Premo, Elizabeth	March 22, 1907
Proven, Isabella	March 18, 1918
Radford, Mary Elizabeth	March 26, 1935
Rawlins, Sarah Jane	January 26, 1934
Raymond, Aphromnier (Miss)	April 11, 1939
Reeder, William	March 21, 1904
Rice, James	January 18, 1927
Richetts, Thomas Edward	November 9, 1935
Roe, William	August 6, 1915
Roland, Samuel	August 9, 1919
Ross, James	July 8, 1914
Russell, Elizabeth Jane	February 12, 1925
Saunders, Augusta	March 22, 1925
Scott, Kate	January 14, 1919
Scott, Francis	September 15, 1908
Scott, William	February 29, 1928
Seth, Thomas	January 23, 1927
Sexsmith, John	May 11, 1931
Shaw, Robert	January 8, 1919
Shields, David	January 21, 1927
Sibbett, Margaret Jane	March 26, 1915
Smith, John	May 7, 1922

Smith, William H	February 29, 1908
Steele, James D	November 19, 1916
Stewart, Donald	September 29, 1917
Stone, Johnstone	March 1, 1918
Strong, Mary	March 21, 1924
Styles, James	March 17, 1917
Summerfeltt, Mary	May 14, 1916
Swieney, Helen	August 8, 1938
Switzenburgh, Francis H	June 11, 1920
Thomas, Joseph	October 2, 1924
Thompkins, Harriet	October 7, 1910
Tolton, Hugh	April 16, 1927
Tomkins, W G	August 20, 1924
Towers, Charles	August 23, 1924
Trolman, Nancy	March 3, 1910
Wait, John	February 28, 1907
Walker, Martha Jane	November 16, 1918
Wallace, John Wesley	February 21, 1935
Walsh, Thomas	January 10, 1916
Ward, Joseph F	May 20, 1924
Watt, John	January 12, 1920
Watts, Mark	November 3, 1921
Weir, Jane	June 29, 1908



Whiticar, Thomas	August 31, 1935
Williams, Anne	December 22, 1918
Willer, George	May 17, 1926
Wilson, Jane Ann	March 5, 1909
Wilson, John	January 18, 1921
Wilson, Sarah	January 3, 1916
Woods, Alpep	January 20, 1919

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1935-1965\*\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alston, Jane Blackwood**	14-Mar-70	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Andrews, Hugh	23-Jan-38	1-May-38	single
Balderson, Anne	1-Nov-38	1-Nov-38	D46
Bamburger, Charles	5-Nov-40	5-Nov-40	C
Barrows, Orval A	23-Mar-54	24-Apr-54	
Beckett, Edward	26-Aug-55	29-Aug-55	C
Beckett, Robert	22-Jun-54	22-Jun-54	
Bell, Edward	12-Feb-44	17-May-44	
Blackhill, Charles	2-Jul-53	2-Jul-53	
Bolton, Jane	2-Apr-46	2-Apr-46	
Bond, John	29-May-40	29-May-40	
Borrow(Boireau?), Joseph	18-Jan-41	23-Apr-41	
Brash, George	10-Aug-37	11-Aug-37	single
Bresee, May	21-Dec-48	21-Dec-48	
Breslin, Margaret	11-Jan-38	1-May-38	single

Brouse, Samuel	9-Jul-42	9-Jul-42	
Brydon, Robert**	27-Nov-78	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Bulmer, Andrew	13-Jun-39	13-Jun-39	C
Bunting, James	23-Jun-50	23-Jun-50	
Burrows, Orval	16-Mar-54	23-Apr-54	C
Campbell, Mary Ann	14-Jul-47	14-Jul-47	
Cartner, Catherine	5-Dec-37	5-Dec-37	single
Chalmers, James	24-Aug-42	24-Aug-42	
Conway, Elizabeth	26-Aug-54	26-Aug-54	
Cook, Gordon Garfield**	2-Jan-79	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Copeland, William	14-Oct-42	14-Oct-42	
Coventry, William	4-Sep-57	5-Sep-57	C
Crain, James	13-Dec-51	13-Dec-51	
Crawford, Maxwell P	26-Sep-55	26-Sep-55	C
Darou, William	4-Jun-42	4-Jun-42	
Davidson, James	2-Sep-52	2-Sep-52	
Davis, Seymour	26-Dec-45	6-Feb-46	
Dixon, Henry	3-Feb-46	10-Apr-46	
Dowdall, Alfred	18-Mar-58		
Dowdall, Margaret	27-Mar-46	27-Mar-46	
Foran, Michael	28-Oct-43	28-Oct-43	
Foster, Elizabeth	20-Jun-44	20-Jun-44	
Garland, Thomas	28-Nov-58	29-Nov-58	C
Gibson, Wilbur	17-Apr-52	7-May-52	
Gillispie, Mrs E	10-Feb-40	2-May-40	C
Goodfellow, Robert	8-Oct-57	9-Oct-57	C
Gray, Moses	24-Jan-42	28-Apr-42	
Greber, Herman	28-Apr-49	28-Apr-49	
Green, Minnie	24-Jan-45		
Grieg, William Todd**	10-Aug-68	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Grieves, Nathaniel	10-May-39	10-May-39	
Hadley, John	25-Jan-43	1-Jun-43	
Hawkins, Maggie	19-Mar-55		
Heideman, Mary D	10-Jul-54	10-Jul-54	
Honick, Martha	23-Jul-45	23-Jul-45	
Hudson, Thomas	9-Feb-46	8-Apr-46	
Ian, Lydia	24-Jul-43	24-Jul-43	



Ings, Lousia	15-Aug-42	15-Aug-42	
Jackson, James	10-Jan-44	17-May-44	
Johnston, Robert	14-Nov-45	15-Nov-45	
Kekkie,(Kepke?) Louis	17-Jan-39	10-May-39	
King, William	15-Jul-53	16-Jul-53	
Lavingue, John	17-Aug-40	17-Aug-40	C
Lockhart, Walter	11-Dec-57	13-Dec-57	C
Mason, Alexander	22-May-58	23-May-58	C
Matheson, Frederick	8-Aug-44	8-Aug-44	
McConnell, Benjamin	13-May-53	13-May-53	
McDaniels, Mary	8-Aug-46	8-Aug-46	
McDonald, Duncan	24-Dec-41	30-Dec-41	
McGonegal, Nettie	24-Sep-45	24-Sep-45	
McKay, Mary	23-Feb-42		
McLaren, Alexander*	5-May-44	5-May-44	
McLaren, Mrs Alexander*	5-Apr-45	15-Apr-45	C86%
McMaster, John	26-Feb-46	10-Apr-46	
McNeil, Hamilton	9-Apr-53	9-Apr-53	
McPherson, Duncan	6-Jun-37	7-Jun-37	single
Moffatt, William	4-Sep-46	4-Sep-46	
Montgomery, Mr J	2-Jan-48	24-Apr-48	
Moore, James	19-Aug-43	19-Aug-43	
Moore, William	20-Dec-44	28-Mar-45	
Morinon, A	27-Dec-35	29-Apr-36	
Moulton, Robert	9-Aug-37	9-Aug-37	single
Munroe, Annie	7-Mar-39	18-May-39	
Munroe, Donald	15-Oct-45	15-Oct-45	
Newbiggen, James	10-Jul-42	10-Jul-42	
Newman, Edith	15-Jul-44	15-Jul-44	
Owen, John	21-Feb-49	21-May-49	C
Paupisa, Charles	31-Jan-46	8-Apr-46	
Perrin, Robert	7-Jan-47		
Pohl, Henry	30-Nov-40	1-Dec-40	C
Robinson, Ellen	30-Apr-57	3-May-57	C
Ryatt, Alexander	7-Feb-46	8-Apr-46	
Schatwick, Frank	10-Apr-53	10-Apr-53	
Schultz, Herman	11-Feb-36	20-Feb-36	B

Sevuny , Helen	18-Aug-38	18-Aug-38	single
Shepherd, Almetta	16-Nov-50	16-Nov-50	
Smith, George	3-Sep-38	3-Sep-38	single
Steele, Mrs William	13-Jun-43	15-Jun-43	
Steele, William	24-Jun-53	24-Jun-53	
Stoddard, Wellington	23-Jul-52	23-Jul-52	
Thomas, Eva May	11-Jun-65	12-Jun-65	C204
Thomas, Thomas	9-Nov-55	11-Nov-55	C
Thornton, George	9-Jul-55	9-Jul-55	C
Todd, Richard	1-Oct-47	1-Oct-47	
Vandermeer, Marinus**	29-Aug-79	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Warthold, William**	13-Sep-68	31-Dec-84	Common Gr
Watson, Annie	31-Jan-39		
Weir, James	3-Sep-49	5-Sep-49	
Whalen, Thomas	2-Nov-50	3-Nov-50	
White, Mary	3-Aug-53	3-Aug-53	
Wilson, Agnes	10-Aug-39	10-Aug-39	C
Wolfgang, J H	29-Mar-39		

Several late indigent interments noted by an (\*\*) are included in this list because they appear to be also buried in the common grave area. The normal cemetery practice more recently is that indigent burials are placed in single unmarked grave lots throughout the cemetery grounds.