

John Jay



JOHN JAY
MEAFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA

John (Jack) C. Jay, son of Charles H. Jay and Mary Trout, was born about 12 Aug 1875 and died 21 Nov. 1937 Meaford, Ontario. Buried Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford, Ontario

Married Emma May Godfrey, daughter of Edward Y. Godfrey and Sarah Jane Baxter, 4 June 1901

She was born May 1880, Nobleton, Ontario and died 23 Aug 1972 Meaford, Ontario

Attended the Nashville Bible School 1898-99. Listed as from Meaford, Ontario

C. John Jay Baptized December 14, 1891 married to Emma Godfrey June 4, 1901.

The Meaford Journals 1848-1998, p. 43

Mrs. J. C. Jay Baptized November 20, 1901 by Bro. Neal. Emma Godfrey married John Jay June 4th 1901

The Meaford Journals 1848-1998, p. 48

Canada Notes

Among the late arrivals at the Nashville Bible School from Meaford, Canada, are Mr. and Mrs. John Deegan, Mr. and Mrs. James

Trout, Miss Maud York, Miss Emily Falls, W. F. Cox, and John Jay. W. E. Trout, who is in charge of the Commercial Department of the Bible School, came with his wife and child the last of September. From the city of St. Catharines we have Brother Ellis Claus, and from Carman, Manitoba, we have Brothers Stanley York and Norman Mallory. With Brother Whitfield, who has been here two terms, and Brother Mackie, we make up a fair representation from that part of the continent.

Gospel Advocate, November 10, 1898, p. 723.

TUESDAY 21 [March 1899]

Sunshine & shade well mixed to-day. Trying to do a little something in the kitchen. We got ironing done could hardly go at first I went to Topic class John Jay here so much with Will they were singing Emma mixed too. Sue Harding & Dan over

WED. MAR. 29, 1899

Ice an inch thick this morning but the leaves

don't seem to be hurt. I went in to see Armstrong baby 10 lbs, dark, name Patty Hathaway. I sent letter to Abbie - went to meeting sick hustled home. Cox & Jay went home tonight

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1899

JAY. — The death of John C. Jay occurred in Meaford, Ontario, on Sunday evening, November 21, 1937. He had been in declining health for some time. Brother Jay was the son of the late Charles H. Jay, and

was born in Meaford sixty-two years ago. For more than forty years he served the Meaford public in the hardware business, and was also a member of the public schools and cemetery boards. His genial disposition and kindly manner endeared him to everybody. He was probably the most widely-known personage behind the counter in this, Georgian Bay town. People from all walks of life, mourned his departure, and many freely expressed their sorrow in words and tears. All business practically ceased on the main street during the funeral, and many stood outside the house in the shivering cold, - unable to find admittance during the service. Some thirty-seven years ago he spent one winter in the old Nashville Bible School. Time and again have I heard him mention the names of David Lipscomb and James A. Harding, at whose feet he was taught the word of God. In 1901 he was married to Miss Emma Godfrey, who survives. Also surviving are two sons and one daughter: Harvey, of St. Thomas; Bruce, who is on the teaching staff of the public schools; and Mrs. Daniel White, of Meaford. He leaves a brother; Hugh Jay, of Toronto, and a sister, Miss Helen Jay, of Meaford. During my three years of service with the Meaford Church he was a close friend and counselor, and rendered valuable service as the song leader. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brethren Stewart and McCully, after which the body was taken to the beautiful Lakeview Cemetery, overlooking Georgian Bay.—C. G. McPHEE.

Gospel Advocate, 1937, p. 1239

JAY.—John C. Jay, Meaford, Ontario, son of the late Charles H. Jay, passed away Sunday, November 19, 1937. He was about sixty-two years old. "Jack," as his intimate friends called him, was an exceptionally fine type. I knew him for about twenty years. I never saw him lose his temper, nor did I

ever hear him tell a smutty joke or bitterly attack any one. Brother Jay was a member of the church from his youth; a sweet singer, always at his place as song leader of the congregation until recent years, when, on account of failing health, his son, Bruce, took his place. In business Brother Jay was connected with the Butchart Hardware Company for thirty-five years. This firm discontinued when William Butchart passed away a few years ago, and on account of this Jack lost heavily; but he only said:

"Oh, well, everything will be all right." In a little while he entered the partnership of Walker-Jay, where he continued until forced by ill-health to retire. He was a Christian in business. Jack was one of the first students of the old Nashville Bible School on Spruce Street. His home was ideal. In the year 1917, I visited Meaford the first time. My home was with Jack Jay. In 1918-1919 my home was with Mrs. C. H. Jay, Jack's mother. For about three years I was in and out of the homes of the Jays. On my last trip to Canada, 1935, we stayed in Jack's home for almost two months. Jack was always the same smiling, laughing, singing, whistling, pleasant talking soul. Brother Jay leaves a wife, two sons (Harvey and Bruce), one daughter (Mrs. Arley White), one brother (Hugh), one sister (Helen), also a host of friends to mourn his passing. C. G. McPhee, of Beamsville; Brother McCulley, of Owen Sound; and A. Stewart, of Toronto, conducted the service.—J. L. HINES, Dallas, Texas.

Gospel Advocate, 1938, p. 47

1972

Death – Sister Emma Jay (wife of Bro. John Jay) passed from this life August 23, 1972 at the age of 92.

The Meaford Journals, 1848-1998, p. 88

JAY

A long time member of the Meaford

congregation, Sister Emma Jay, passed away on August 23rd following a long illness. Sister Jay, the former Emma Godfrey, was in her 93rd year. She was born in Nobleton, Ontario in 1880 and then moved to Meaford at age 2 and lived here until her death. She was predeceased by her husband, Brother John C. Jay, in 1937. She was also predeceased by a son.

Sister Jay leaves three children, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren to mourn her passing. She leaves a daughter, Arley (Mrs. Dan) White of Meaford and two sons, Harvey of St. Thomas and Bruce of Niagara Falls.

Sister Jay was one of the Lord's wonderful people. She was known and loved by so many over the province as was shown by the many tributes that came following her death. She will be missed by all here in Meaford since she added so much to the congregation. I think all the preachers who worked in Meaford over the years will hold to the memory of one who was truly interested in the work of the Lord and especially those who were involved in full time preaching. Surely she was a "worthy woman" whose price was "far above rubies"

A funeral service was conducted on August 26th by Brother C. G. McPhee, Brother Louis Pauls and the writer. May God comfort those who mourn with the hope that we shall meet again at His second coming.

Max Craddock
Gospel Herald, Oct. 1972, p. 17