

JOHN SAUNDERS

John Leavens Saunders, the son of Rensselaer Leavens Saunders and Martha Ann Whitney, was born 19 Aug 1873 Orillia, Ontario and died 9 Feb 1955 Vancouver, British Columbia

Married Minnie May Mallory, the daughter of William Mallory and Margaret Ann Bailey 15 Dec 1897 Dufferin, Manitoba

She was born 15 Dec 1878 Woodford, Grey Co., Ontario and died 25 Jan 1941 Vancouver, British Columbia

Married Maude Marguerite Jones 18 Feb 1942 Vancouver, British Columbia. She was born 18 May 1885 and died 16 Feb 1951 Vancouver, British Columbia

Married Evelyn Harrison 2 Jun 1952 Vancouver, British Columbia. She was born about 1895 and died 9 Oct 1983

Attended the Nashville Bible School 1896-97

See references in *The Bible Student* by and about John L. Saunders

We are sorry to learn that Bro. John Saunders and family are completing arrangements for leaving Carman, with the intention of settling at the Coast. It is hard to estimate the loss to the work in Manitoba, but Manitoba's loss will be Vancouver's gain.

The Bible Student, June 1910, p. 2

The Church in Carman, Man.

The church of Christ at Carman, Man., first

met to break bread in the home of Bro. G. W. Saunders in the summer of 1889, with the following members present; Bros. Jas. Sterling, John Henry York, G. W. Saunders, R. S. Williams and W. P. C. Saunders. The sisters present were Saunders, Hill, Dunn and York. These folks had moved here from Ontario where they had been members of the church in Meaford.

After meeting for awhile in Bro. Saunders' home, the church met in a rented hall and eventually built its own meeting house on Fournier Ave., and began meeting there in June 1890.

Bro. George Whitelaw had been assisting with the work that summer, and then Bro. J. A. Harding, of Tenn., U. S. A., held a very successful meeting, baptizing 20 persons.

... Bro. A. Foster laboured here and conducted a Bible Training School in a building built by members of the church for this purpose. This building now serves as the Land titles office in Carman. Bro. Maitland Watterworth came in 1906. Brethren Chas. Petch, O. H. Tallman, P. Crossley and W. Mallory assisted with the work.

... Many brethren could be mentioned, but to name only a few who have contributed in a fine way to the work here: Bro. C. G. McPhee, Bro. D. A. Sinclair, Bro. Jack McElroy.

Gospel Herald, Oct. 1964, p. 7

John L. Saunders

John L. Saunders: It is with regret that we announce the passing of Bro. John

L. Saunders on February 8, during his 82nd year. Bro. Saunders served the Lord faithfully for many years.

He was born in Orillia, Ont., on August 19, 1873. When he was 18, he obeyed the gospel under the preaching of Bro. E. A. Elam, of Nashville, Tenn., in Carman, Man. At the approximate age of 20, he attended one winter session at David Lipscomb Christian College, under the teaching of Bro. Lipscomb.

He has lived in Vancouver since September 22, 1910. He was present at the establishment of the Blundell church of Christ in 1923. He worked faithfully and capably for the church for 32 years.

The church at Blundell is going to miss Bro. Saunders, but we realize that the church's loss is the Lord's gain.

--David M. Johnson

Gospel Herald, April 1955, p. 14

Manitoba Marriage Registration:

GROOM'S LAST NAME: SAUNDERS
GROOM'S GIVEN NAMES: JOHN
BRIDE'S LAST NAME: MALLORY
BRIDE'S GIVEN NAMES: MINNIE MAY
DATE OF MARRIAGE: 15/12/1897
PLACE OF MARRIAGE: DUFFERIN
REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1897,001447

British Columbia Death Registration

Name: John Levene Saunders
Event Date: 1955 2 9 (Yr/Mo/Day)
Age: 81
Gender: female
Event Place: Vancouver

Reg. Number: 1955-09-002265

B.C. Archives Microfilm No.: B13222
GSU Microfilm Number: 2032968

Vital Event Death Registration

Name: **Minnie May Saunders**
Event Date: 1941 1 25 (Yr/Mo/Day)
Age: 62
Gender: female
Event Place: Vancouver

Reg. Number: 1941-09-584595
B.C. Archives Microfilm Number: B13170
GSU Microfilm Number: 1953630

Vital Event Death Registration

Name: Maude Marguerite **Saunders**
Event Date: 1951 2 16 (Yr/Mo/Day)
Age: 65
Gender: female
Event Place: Vancouver

Reg. Number: 1951-09-002259
B.C. Archives Microfilm Number: B13207
GSU Microfilm Number: 2032699

Vital Event Death Registration

Name: Evelyn Gertrude Saunders
Event Date: 1983 10 9 (Yr/Mo/Day)
Age: 88
Gender: female
Event Place: Vancouver

Reg. Number: 1983-09-015845
B.C. Archives Microfilm Number: B13634
GSU Microfilm Number: 2073151

SHELLY

Sister Cora Marie (Snure) Shelly was born at Jordan, Ontario in 1892 and passed away in Vancouver, B.C. January 20th, 1973. She had long been a faithful member of the church of Christ. While a young woman she married Will Shelly of

Jordan, Ontario and later they attended the Odessa Bible College in Missouri. Afterwards they returned to Canada and settled in Calgary, Alberta for a short time; from there they moved to Vancouver B.C. where they remained till called away by death.

C.G.

McPhee

The church, and its institutions for Christian education, lost a great friend and generous benefactor with her passing. Known wherever she went for her gracious kindness and hospitality, she had just passed her 91st birthday on the 14th.

She was the widow of William Shelly, and both she and her husband were natives of Jordan, Ontario. Her ashes were flown there, to be buried alongside her departed husband. He had, in his youth, attended Freed-Hardeman college, firing the furnace for his tuition. They settled in Calgary, where he was in the bakery business. Later, they became one of the first families of the Lord's church to be in British Columbia, along with the Saunders family. The church met at first in the Saunders home. Significant of the lifelong friendship of the two families is the fact that she was attended with tender loving care by Meredith and Kay Saunders in her declining years.

Sister Shelly loved the church. It showed in her every act. She was known as a charming, gracious and entertaining hostess until she was well into her 80's. She loved having the Lord's people in her home, in which T. B. Larrimore was once a guest. Her husband was elected to the Legislative Assembly and occupied the office of treasurer, or finance minister, for the province of British Columbia. The massive desk he used was donated to the church, and this writer uses it daily. The furnishings in the lounge of the Oakridge congregation

were gifts from her, and among them is the suite of intricately carved "Bombay punched wood," which once rested in the palace of a Rajah. Her gifts of money to Great Lakes and Western Christian Colleges are known to many, and there are men and women who owe their Christian education to her generosity, expressed in personal help to them. The Oakridge congregation has also been a recipient of her bounty. It would be impossible to list all her acts of kindness and generosity.

Sister Shelly was a daughter of the Snure family, prominent in church circles in the Niagara Peninsula. She is survived by her five children, Leon, Bill and Reg. and Marion Rolf, of Salmon Arm, and Margaret McCannel, of Vancouver, plus her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Oakridge congregation held a memorial service for her, following their regular morning worship service, on January 21st. Her children were in attendance, and in accord with their wishes, the remarks I made were brief. I simply pointed out the splendid example of her life, and expressed appreciation for her love and kindness.

Surrounded as we are by mementos of her life, we shall not forget our departed sister. but we will mark the time until we meet with her again on God's celestial shore.

Ed Bryant

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