

Samuel Whitfield

Samuel Whitfield, the son of Henry and Mary Ann Whitfield, was born Dec 1870 near Meaford, Ontario and died 17 Sept. 1925 at Woodgreen, Elgin Co., Ontario. Buried in Purcell Cemetery, Elgin Co., Ontario

Married first Rose M. Falls, daughter of John Falls and Jane Loughheed-Tait.

She was born about 1874 and died in 1909. Buried in Purcell Cemetery, Elgin Co., Ontario

Married Lillian J. Gilbert, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Gilbert in 1910.

She was born 9 June 1879 near Kimberly, Grey Co., Ontario and died 19 Jan 1959 in Woodgreen, Ontario. Buried in Purcell Cemetery, Elgin Co., Ontario

Attended the Nashville Bible School 1896-97; 1897-98 and 1898-99. Listed as from Meaford, Ontario

See references in *The Bible Student* by and about Samuel Whitfield

In the 1891 census Samuel Whitfield, age 20 is listed as a Disciple. The religion of the rest of his family is listed as Church of England.

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.

SUN. JAN. 1, 1899

We had some snow this morning thawed a little in middle of day Bro Lipscomb spoke this morning on 53 Isaiah The Vicarious suffering of Jesus. He was grand I wrote letters to Mrs Hamley and Mrs Whitelaw. Had the boys down for a treat of candy nuts & raisins They were Bro Claus, Cox, York, Jackson and Sam Whitfield and Wilson Mallory were here had a sing

SUNDAY 23 [April 1899]

Bro Smith did not come Emma & I went to Highland Ave - Bro Granville

Lipscomb spoke & presided his wife there. Emma & J. M. Jones went to Mount Olivet he was here to supper. We went to chapel S Whitfield spoke

MONDAY [April] 24 [1899]

Stanley Jackson Mallory & Whitfield left at 7:20 this morning We washed took up carpet & shook it scrubbed all floors all stairs Jones did dining room. I packed tubs James down town. F. W. Smith came this evening preached just grand on We are workers together

SUNDAY [JUNE] 11 [1899]

Cool Sunday morning in meeting but hot at night Sat out under shrub wrote to Will & Angie Mrs Hamley here to tea Deegan presided Richardson spoke Deegan this evening George & Ella to hear Whitfield at Griersville say he is much improved

SUNDAY 25 [JUNE 1899]

A very pleasant day G Deegan led Richardson presided & J Deegan spoke John & Abbie here to dinner then they went home and came back and John took me to Griersville to hear Sam Whitfield

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1899

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After Sherman left, preachers of a more conservative bent came to Beamsville. Besides W. D. Campbell, these included H. F. Stevens, H. M. Evans, Samuel Keffer, Howard Stirling, Samuel Whitfield and S. M. Jones. ... Stirling, Whitfield, and Jones were all young men who had attended

Nashville Bible School in Tennessee and were strongly opposed to instrumental music and missionary societies, where were subjects of great controversy in the brotherhood at that time. ... These Nashville trained preachers were also intensely evangelistic, and these were years of long and successful gospel meetings.

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A Church upon the New Testament Alone: the History of the Beamsville Church of Christ, 1832-1982. Beamsville, Ont.: Beamsville Church of Christ, 1982, p. 9-11.

Mary Williams Trout Diaries, 1899

Further Work in Saskatchewan, J. C. Bailey

During the latter part of 1925, Brother Sam Whitfield, that grand soldier of the cross, preached his last sermon. His last sermon was the first gospel sermon preached in Sarnia, Ontario. I preached the second sermon and labored much in the establishing of the church there.

How the Church Began and Grew in Saskatchewan, by H. A. Rogers and others. Ft Worth, Texas: Star Bible Publications, 2005, p. 81

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Brother Samuel Whitfield was born near Meaford, Ontario, Canada, in 1870, and died at Woodgreen, Ontario, on September 17, 1925. He was baptized by Brother Roberts while in his teens, and soon after decided to give himself to the work of preaching the gospel. After attending the high school at Meaford, he spent three years at the Nashville Bible School, Nashville, Tenn., and did evangelistic work during the summer months. When he returned to Ontario, he preached at Beamsville and

other places for a while, and then took up the work at Walnut Bottom, Pa., for a few years. From there he moved to Woodgreen where he lived until his death, the result of Bright's disease. He leaves five sons from his first wife and three daughters from his second wife, who also is left to mourn her loss. All who knew Brother Whitfield can testify to his honesty, sincerity, and purity of life. He was true to the work of God and careful not to depart from its teachings and authority. His faith and trust in God were strong. He was liberal in giving to the support of the Master's cause. We will miss his labor and the encouragement of his example, but we would not call him back. He lived for Christ, and his death is gain. It is our hope to see him rise, with those who sleep in Jesus, when our Lord shall appear. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother E. G. Collins.

--CHARLES W. PETCH.

Gospel Advocate, 1925, p. 1100
Christian Monthly Review, Oct. 1925, p. 9

Whitfield: The church at Woodgreen was saddened by the sudden departure of Sis. Lillian J. Whitfield on Monday, January 19th. Sis. Whitfield was born in 1879 in Grey County, near Kimberley. She was the third oldest of nine children in the family of Elijah and Sarah Gilbert. In her early life she worked as a tailoress in Meaford. She married the late Samuel Whitfield in 1910 and became the mother to his five sons: Fred, of Sarnia; Walter, of Alvinston; Roy, of Sacramento, Calif.; Hugh of Castalian Springs, Tennessee; and John, of Owen Sound.

To this union were born three daughters, Mrs. Ross Edwards (Margaret) and Mary, of Glencoe, and Mrs. Jack Burley (Ruth), of Sarnia.

Besides the immediate family, she leaves to mourn her passing twenty grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted in the church building at Woodgreen by the writer with the able assistance of Bro. David Johnson of Jordan who is the husband of the oldest grandchild. Interment took place in the Purcell Cemetery, Aldborough. The pall bearers were a son-in-law, Jack Burley, and the following grandsons; Calvin and Bruce Edwards, Donald and Gary Whitfield, and Gordon Fletcher.

Sister Whitfield was a wonderful Christian woman and mother and was loved and respected not only by her own family but by all who knew her. She will be missed very deeply by the congregation that meets at Woodgreen. --Bruce C. Merritt
Gospel Herald, March 1959, p. 13

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Late Thursday afternoon, February 26, 1970 our brother was walking in his home town of Sarnia when a fatal heart attack struck. This was very sudden and unexpected. Brother Whitfield was born in Pennsylvania, May 23, 1902. Sarnia had been his home for many years. He is survived by his wife Patricia, four brothers and three sisters, four daughters, three sons and 15 grandchildren.

The Whitfield family has been very influential in the church in Ontario and across Canada. Brother Whitfield's father Sam was the first preacher in Sarnia. Three of his daughters are married to fine gospel preachers. The funeral services were conducted in Sarnia by the author at the D. J. Robb Funeral Home, February 28th. -J. David Walker.

Gospel Herald, April 1970, p. 17