

778 Thomas Williamson born 9th Oct. 1866 at West Port. Father Mason (Journeyman) (Just meant he was finished his training.) 1866

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No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
151	Thomas Williamson	1866 October Selkirk	M	David Williamson Mason Journeyman	David Williamson Father	1866 October 25 th At Selkirk
152		52 - in P.M.		Christina Scott Williamson Thos. Burton		John Duncanson Registrar
		West Port Selkirk		1862 July 4 th Wilson		

1881 British Census

Dwelling: 27 Kilncroft Park
Census Place: Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
David WILLIAMSON Rel: Head Occ: Mason	M	43	M	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Christian S. WILLIAMSON Rel: Wife	M	49	F	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Isabella WILLIAMSON Rel: Daur Occ: Reeler (Wool)	U	18	F	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Maggie WILLIAMSON Rel: Daur Occ: Winder (Wool)	U	16	F	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Thomas WILLIAMSON Rel: Son Occ: Piecer (Wool)	U	14	M	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Gilbert WILLIAMSON Rel: Son Occ: Scholar		12	M	Selkirk, Selkirk, Scotland
Mary BURTON Rel: Neice		4	F	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland

CHRISTIAN SCOTT BURTON married DAVID WILLIAMSON

1831 - 1906

1838 - 1920

The above are buried in Brerlylaw Cemetery and at the foot of their headstone is inscribed Erected by their son Thos. B Williamson Toronto, Canada.

His grandfather was

GILBERT BURTON married ISABELLA BOA

1810 - 1858

1807 - 1853

lots of BURTON's emigrated to Canada. Gilbert Burton had 3 sons who went to Canada and stayed there in the 1830's.

Also Thomas's aunt Annie Burton (Mrs Easton) went to Canada. Thomas must have decided he wanted a middle name and chose Buxton. Birth certificates in his day were not as important as they are today, so you could just add a name. There are still relatives in Canada, but none know why Thomas did not cast the first Colonial flag. The newspapers say it was due to business commitments

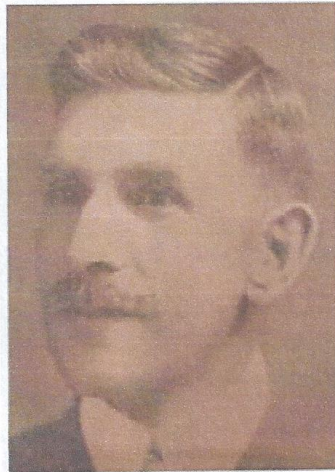
LATE MRS SCOTT.—Another link with Selkirk of yesterday has been severed by the passing of Mrs John Scott, 21 Heatherlie Terrace, in her 81st year. She was a member of an old Souter family, daughter of the late David Williamson, mason, Selkirk, and the only surviving member of that family is her brother, Mr T. B. Williamson, Toronto. Mrs Scott was born in a house, long since demolished, on the Green, near to the old Forest Inn where Robert Burns stayed overnight. She was a member of the West Church—the building is now the Baptist Church—and she was the first to be married at the new manse, some 54 years ago. Mrs Scott was always a devoted churchwoman, and was a willing worker for the welfare of the church and other institutions in the town. Of a kindly, neighbourly character, she was highly esteemed in town and district. Sympathy is extended to her husband and her son, Mr D. W. Scott, Ingleside. Her other son died in Canada, and only a few days before she fell on sleep, after years of illness bravely borne, she had a visit from her grandson, who is serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Mr. B. Green (Secretary), Mrs. R. Lees, W. Cockburn, and J. P. Emond.
CANADIAN TROOPER.—A gallant young Canadian, Trooper David Burton Bryson, has been spending his leave with Mr and Mrs J. Scott, Heatherlie Terrace. This is his first visit to Selkirk, with which he has close family associations. His grandparents, on the maternal side, were Mr and Mrs William Easton, who resided in the Back Row, Selkirk, and emigrated to Canada over fifty years ago. They died out there, and their last couch is of Canadian earth. Trooper Bryson's father is a Canadian of Scottish descent. His mother is a cousin of Mr Tom B. Williamson, Toronto Souter, and of Mrs Scott, Heatherlie Terrace. His home is at Young, sixty miles from Saskatoon. Picture on page 7.
CANADIANS' VISIT.—Two young Canadian soldiers visited "The Southern Reporter" offices and works the other day, and were keenly interested in the linotypes and various printing machines as well as in the process department. They were Cpl. Stanley Hamilton and Pte. Alex. Linton. Pte. Linton comes of Souter stock, and has several relatives in town and district. He is the only son of Mr and Mrs William R. Linton, Vancouver Island. His father is a Souter and his mother, Jean Back.

Towards the end of the 19th Century a thriving textile industry had developed in Hespeler, a township in the Canadian province of Ontario. Several Selkirk men had emigrated there and were held together by their common birthplace, especially at the time of the Common Riding.



In 1909 one of them, Thomas B. Williamson, was in Selkirk during the festivities and enjoyed being back among his ain folk. On his return to Canada, however, he was bitterly disappointed to learn that an old friend had been home from Australia, but their paths had never crossed. From that experience he conceived the idea of the Selkirk Colonial Society. He proposed that they should have a flag, similar to that of the other Trade Incorporations, and this would serve as a rallying point for returning exiles. He passed the idea around and in 1910 thirty-two Souters met in a Hespeler hostelry and founded the Selkirk Colonial Society.

In 1911 the plan came to fruition and arrangements for the formalities were initiated by a Mr. Crichton, a close friend of Williamson and proprietor of the Southern Reporter, backed by a local committee comprised of members of the various Crafts in the town. The initial meeting of the committee appointed Mr William Crichton as the first Chairman of the Society. Also at that first meeting Mr. Thomas B. Williamson, founder of the Society, was nominated as the Standard Bearer and arrangements were made to that end. However, for reasons which have been lost in the mists of time, he withdrew at the last moment and the honour fell to a great friend of his, Mr. John Johnstone from Winnipeg, who by this time had returned from abroad and was again resident in the Royal Burgh.