

70th Wedding Anniversary celebrated in 1945. This couple was married in The Chapel of Ease before it was named St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church!



70 YEARS MARRIED—Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold, of 292 Nelson street, who will have the unusual distinction on May 27 to observe their 70th wedding anniversary. Photographed in the living room at their home, they are seen looking at an historic document by which Mr. Arnold's father, George Arnold, became the first postmaster of Bell's Corners in Sept., 1851. (Photo by Newton.)

Couple Married in "Chapel of Ease" Look Back on 70 Years of Happiness

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On May 27, 1875, in the "Chapel of Ease," Sussex street, William Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, was united in marriage to Georgiana Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eaton, of Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have the unusual distinction of living to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. The beloved nonagenarians will observe the event quietly at their home, 292 Nelson street. Both are still enjoying remarkably good health and will be surrounded by proud members of their family for the occasion.

It is so unusual for a couple to observe 70 years of married life that there is no special name to designate the anniversary. The list of wedding anniversaries ends with the diamond jubilee, marking 60 years of marriage.

Two days after the anniversary, Mr. Arnold will celebrate his 94th birthday and his wife is 92, but both look much younger than their age.

Spirit of Happiness.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were sitting quietly in the living room of their Nelson street home when this reporter called on them in company with the staff photographer. A spirit of happiness permeated the atmosphere as the couple discussed things of bygone years. Tall and stoutly built, Mr. Arnold was the picture of health as he chatted merrily with the visitors.

"We were married in the Chapel of Ease, which was situated on Sussex near where the Connaught Building now stands," Mr. Arnold related to his visitors. "The late Canon Pollard, of the Church of England, officiated at our wedding and our married life has been a happy one throughout."

Mr. Arnold walked over to a desk and pulled out from a drawer an envelope which he evidently prized very much. It was one of his most cherished family souvenirs, a script bearing the date Sept. 8, 1851, officially appointing his father, George Arnold, as first postmaster at Bell's Corners. Although yellowed by age, the document is still intact. It bore the signature of Hon. James Morris, then provincial postmaster general at Toronto. William Arnold was only three months old when the appointment was made.

Mr. Arnold, who spends much of his leisure time reading The Evening Citizen and other newspapers, has a beautiful handwriting. He demonstrated this by sitting down at his desk and with a steady hand he wrote his name and address. He can probably write better than the specimen he exhibited because he added the note "written without glasses."

Once Home of Tupper.
He has been a resident of Ottawa since 1879 and the home where he now resides is one of the oldest mansions in the Capital. It was built in 1875 and Sir Charles Tupper once resided there.

A native of Bell's Corners, Mr. Arnold is the son of the late George Arnold, who hailed from Kelso, Scotland, and settled in the Bell's Corners district 100 years ago. George Arnold was a brother-in-

law of Andrew Main, one of the pioneer general merchants of Bytown, and in 1851 he became the first postmaster at Bell's Corners.

At that time, Bell's Corners was a prosperous community. A fire practically wiped out the thriving village in 1870. William Arnold moved to Ottawa with his wife in 1879 and went into the agricultural implement business in partnership with the late Fred Graham. Later, he started a shoe store on Wellington street and remained there until 1903 when he retired.

A quiet life and enough exercise seems to be Mr. Arnold's secret to live to a ripe old age. Until a few years ago, he used to walk from 15 to 20 miles every day. Some four or five years ago, he fell the full length of the front stairway at his home. He recovered from his injuries but his feet are bothering him a bit and he is unable to enjoy his long walks now.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold's union was blessed with seven children, five of whom are living, Mrs. Peter B. Melton, Mrs. E. A. Steele, Edward Arthur F. and William, Jr., all of Ottawa. A daughter, Mrs. James McCuaig, died seven years ago and a son, George B. Arnold, passed away last February after working for the J. R. Booth Company for nearly 50 years. Mr. Arnold's sister, Mrs. J. Eaton of Ottawa, is 87 years of age.

The Evening Citizen was reminded of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold's anni-



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