

## LOOKING AT OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Abraham and Moses are the two figures on the south centre windows in the Sanctuary. They are given in memory of William Robert Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wray and Family. When I called Dorothy (Dutton) Smith for information about her husband Bill, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wray, she graciously prepared some facts for me. The following stories are in her words and I thank her for them.

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It was a privilege for me to present the window depicting Abraham in memory of my husband as his church meant a great deal to him all his life.

I was especially pleased that the window is beside the one provided by my father and mother which was dedicated on March 13, 1955 in memory of my grandfather and grandmother Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wray and Family.

My grandfather and grandmother were members of the original congregation and at the time of the dedication of my memorial window, my daughter Susand Brown and granddaughter LeeAnn Brown were also attending Calvary Church as fourth and fifth generations of our family associated with the church.

It is my hope that the window gives both pleasure and inspiration to all who view it.

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William Robert Smith was born on September 4, 1911 on the family farm near Hagersville, Ontario. He attended public and high school in that area and the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph.

In his early years he was an active member and later Past Master of the Oddfellows Lodge, Hagersville. In 1954 he became a member of the

Masonic Order, Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, and later, a member of Centennial Lodge No. 684 in London. For a number of years he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Forest City (London) until his work took him outside the city on its meeting day. Bill was employed by the Federal Government for 30 years as a livestock grader for the Department of Agriculture. During those years he spoke to groups of Junior Farmers, 4H clubs and was often invited to be a livestock judge at local fall fairs.

ON July 6, 1957 he married Dorothy Dutton Greig and transferred his membership from Oneida United Church to Calvary Church. He served on the Board of Stewards and as an Elder on the Session. In February, 1975 he was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Session.

Bill took an early retirement due to ill health and passed away on December 31, 1977. I

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From the March 13, 1955 church calendar:-

"The beautiful stained glass window which is being unveiled this morning in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wray and Family, is an artistic representation of the great Israelite leader Moses coming down from the mountain with the "two tables of stone" in his hand. The window was very graciously given to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dutton, and was executed and installed by the Edwards Glass Company. The Minister's sermon this morning will focus on the theme of the window."

Sermon: - "The Two Tables of Stone"

Richard Wray was born in 1846 in Yorkshire, England and on May 5, 1880 married Mary Tarbotton who was born in 1849.

They came to Canada around 1882 and settled in Toronto, later

moving to 19 Wortley Road in London where daughter Viola was born. A move to 86 Elmwood Avenue followed and subsequently a number of acres outside the city were purchased and a house was built in 1904 which later had the address of 418 Wharncliffe Road South.

Richard Wray was a City of London Alderman in 1900, the year when the city published a book recording life in London at that time. This book was re-published by the city as a Centennial Project and copies were made available to the general public.

Richard Wray passed away on December 21, 1925 and his wife Mary died on June 30, 1933.

The Wrays had three sons and two daughters. Daughter Hannah Millicent Viola Wray married Walter Dutton on March 31, 1917 and both were members of Calvary Church.

In his early years, Walter was a well-known athlete and an active member of the Y.M.C.A. At that time, the Y.M.C.A.'s all over the world held Hexathlon competitions each year and the results were forwarded to the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in New York City. After final tabulations, Walter was the International Hexathlon Champion in 1918 and 1920, and, the Champion of Canada from 1916 to 1921 inclusive.

Walter was a member of the Masonic Order and served as an Elder of Calvary Church. He was employed by the Penman Company for forty years prior to his retirement. Viola attended meetings of the women's groups of the church and later was a Unit member of the United Church Women of Calvary.

Walter Dutton was born June 7, 1892 and passed away March 8, 1981, and his wife Viola was born August 3, 1891 and died May 9, 1977.

----- Dorothy Dutton Greig Smith

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dutton had two daughters and a son.-

Dorothy ~~was~~ is here in the congregation and Audrey who lives in Mississauga is married to a former Calvary member, John Livingston. Their son, Walter, died in 1980.

Jean Chambers