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**THE MISSES ELIZABETH AND CATHERINE SEATON OF AMIGARI, ONTARIO.**

# Groceries!

1902

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**MRS. W. B. SEATON**  
 AMIGARI

2ND. SEATON HOME

CONCESSION PI.

Starting Feb. 25, 6th. 7th., & 8th. 1982  
the home of the Seaton family was demolished  
after being condemned for most of 1981.

SEATON FAMILY::: the family of Rose Alice Seaton, Amigari Ont.

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WILLIAM BALFOUR SEATON            b. Jan. 14th., 1847. d. Oct. 24th., 1930.  
ELIZABETH                      SEATON(wife) b. Oct. 2nd., 1849. d. Nov. 9th., 1905.

Children of W.B. & Elizabeth Seaton:::

William Mc. Kelvie M.P.  
Railroad wrk.                      b. June 12, 1872. d. Jan. 29, 1938.  
marr:  
buried ST. Paul's. Fort Erie.

Lillian Mary                      b. Dec. 16, 1874. d. Feb. 18, 1947.  
never married.  
buried St. Paul's Fort Erie.

Albert Edward (Eddie)            b. Sept. 6, 1876. d. Aug. 23, 1949.  
bachelor: Custom's Broker: Councilor.  
Lion's Club.  
buried ST. Paul's Fort Erie.

Rose Alice Seaton                b. Oct. 6th. 1879. d. Aug. 14. 1960.  
never married: School teacher.  
buried ST. Paul's. Fort Erie.

Maud                              b. July 21, 1878. d. Sept. 10, 1906.  
marr: William Hardiker: dght. Carol.  
buried ST. Paul's Fort Erie.

Elizabeth                        b. July 1, 1881. d. Oct. 20, 1956.  
marr; Joseph W. Bailey. (Feb. 15, 1885-1972  
Grand Trunk Railroad Engineer. St. Thomas:  
Toronto.  
buried. ST. Paul's Fort Erie.

Georgia                          b.                      1889. d.                      1976.  
marr; Harry Hall (1880-1922.)  
1 son: Texas.  
buried ST. Paul's Fort Erie.

Phemia                            b.                      d.  
marr: George Curwood  
buried.

Catherine(Kate)St. Thomas)      b.                      d.                      marr. Tom Cornish

The Seaton family lived on the S. E. corner of Gilmore Rd. and Concession  
They had a grocery store in the mothers name, and they lived in the back  
and the second floor. When Mr. Jackson left the railroad becuse of ill  
health he bought the business from the Seatons and , the family moved  
to a small home on Concession Rd. just south of the store.

Wallace Seaton M.D.              b.                      d.  
marr;  
buried.  
Went overseas: returned to work at veteran's  
hospital Tornonto.

MISS ROSE ALICE SEATON ::: dght. of William Balfour & Elizabeth Seaton.

born in AMIGARI - 1879, d. 1960.

burried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Fort Erie.

Miss Rose Seaton lived with her parents in the old home on the south east corner of Gilmore Road and Concession. Mrs. W.B. Seaton ran a Grocery Store from the front of this building, and the back and second floor was used for living quarters for the large family.

Rose, would have attended the ward school at Amigari, as did other children in the area living on both sides of the Gilmore. However, when she had completed her lower grades, in 1895 it went transferring to the "Alley School" on John St. in the village of Fort Erie. Her teacher was Alec Ross, and in the continuation class here, she obtained her first teachers permit.

She was then admitted to the Toronto Model School, where she acquired a Professional third class certificate; allowing her to teach for three years. Her first teaching job was at S.S. # 4 Garrison Road Bertie. Shortly after she moved to a teaching position at # 5 on the Dominion Road in Bertie.

She attended High School for six months at Welland, where she earned her second class certificate, which enabled her to enter the Ottawa Normal School. She returned to teach for the second time at S.S. # 5 on the Dominion then in 1907 moved to the ward school at Amigari at a salary of 400.00 per annum. In 1910 she accepted the position as Sr. Fourth teacher at Phipp st.

Her life was dedicated to teaching and to her family. While a young girl Rose broke off an engagement; and never approached the subject of marriage again. In 1905 after the death of her mother there was the added burden of the running of the store and looking after her father who was ill a great deal of the time. She also cared for her sister Lillian who was a semi-invalid. When her sister Maud died in child birth, Rose took the baby Carrol under her wing, and raised her to adult-hood. She put her brother Wallace through medical school, and he later took up a position at the old Veteran's Hospital in Toronto. In 1916 Frank E. Jackson left the railroad because of ill health, and shortly after purchased the Seaton Grocery Store, in Amigari. The children still at home, moved with their father to a small house just south of the corner on the east side of Concession road. Rose caught T.B. and for a year she lived in a tent in the yard of this home isolated from her family. After her recovery however she was able to return to her teaching at Phipp st.

When Rose entered Phipp St. in 1910 the attendance in her room; which consisted of Jr. Fourth and Entrance Class, amounted to thirty pupils at the time. The attendance grew in years to come, and gradually reached thirty to forty pupils on the entrance class alone. In 1918 Wintemute school was opened and the Continuation classes moved there.

On Sept. 1st. 1918( according to school board records) Rose Seaton was made Principal of Phipp at a salary of \$900.00 per annum, and she continued in this position till her retirement from the school in June of 1945. It was then that The Board of Education conferred on her the honour of re-naming the School after her.

Rose moved with her sister Lillian to a large home on the Niagara Blvd. just north of Wintemute St. Here she lived out her golden years with her flower garden, and her many memories. In 1952 however when the Fort Erie Historical Society was organized Rose became Librarian and an active

In her own words:::

" Miss Seaton still finds her greatest interest in school, & pupils, and the memory of her work gives her many happy hours of companionship. This joy comes from feeling that one helped a pupil to meet and overcome difficulties; and above all that a little secret influence perhaps made each one a better boy or girl. Then in retrospect, the little army of over eight-hundred, passes down through the years- their faces aglow because their hearts were made glad as each one said "I passed."

ROSE SEATON: 1960.

Louis Mc. Dermott Aug. 13. 1978.

with help from Phipp st. School records, Board Office, Welland.  
Mrs. C. Howe & Mrs. W. S. Jackson.