Walkerton Telescope February 20th, 1913

SWANSTON, Walter Attended Funeral

Mr. A. Swanston was in Guelph on Sunday attending the funeral of his father who died in that city on Friday last (February 12th) at age 94 years. Nightwatchman Swanston received word here on Saturday that his Father, Mr. Walter Swanston had passed away at an early hour that day at his home in Guelph, from the effects of a paralytic stroke. The deceased, who was in his 94th year, was a native of Scotland, and was one of the pioneer farmers of the Guelph district. An aged wife and a family of four sons and two daughters survive. Mr. Swanston attended the funeral which took place near Guelph on Monday.

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SWANSTON, Mrs. Walter Mr. Swanston Loses Mother.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swanston, mother of Nightwatchman Andrew Swanston of Walkerton, died at her home in Guelph on Thursday noon from senile decay in her 90th year. The deceased, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Fielding, was born in the States of Irish Parentage, and came as a child to Guelph, where she was married 65 years ago to Walter Swanston, a young farmer of Eramosa Township, the happy couple residing continuously on the same farm seven miles east of Guelph until their retirement to the latter city twenty years ago. Ten years later Mr. Swanston passed away, and his widow along with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Swanston, continued to make her home in Guelph until the end. Deceased, who visited Walkerton and vicinity on several occasions, made many friends here, by her cheery disposition and fine sociable qualities. She was laid to rest in Eramosa cemetery on Friday afternoon. Mr. Swanston and his daughter, Mrs. George Damm and husband motoring down from here to the obsequies. Surviving members of the family are four sons and two daughters as follows: Andrew of Walkerton, Walter of Guelph, George and William on the old homestead, Mrs. Mary Beattie and Miss Elizabeth Swanston of Guelph. Six of her grandchildren acted as pallbearers at the funeral on Friday.

Date of death June 12th, 1924