



# EDGAR EVENTS

**Researching and sharing Edgar family  
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## DNA Update



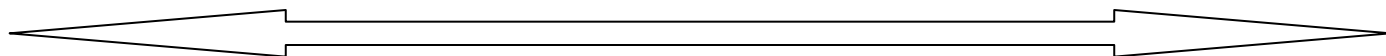
by James Edgar ([jamesedgar@sasktel.net](mailto:jamesedgar@sasktel.net))

All is quiet. Only one test in the offing, which is for John Murray Edgar of South Africa; at the lab now.

We also have some interested parties. More on them later...

On a different note, Jodie and I had a fantastic time in the UK — we saw many things, places, and people, all crammed into 26 wonderful days. You can check out our photos at [Picasa](#); here is a brief synopsis of what we did:

- Flew Regina to Toronto; Toronto to Heathrow
- Train from London to Crewe
- Stayed with Steve and Barb, toured Nantwich
- Visited Jodie's cousins in Denbigh and Welshpool, Wales
- Rented a car, drove to Swadlincote, stayed with friends
- Toured Lichfield – grand cathedral!
- Day trips into Leicester to visit more cousins
- To Great Oxendon to stay with Jodie's half-first cousin
- Visited Foxton Locks, the canal site where Jodie's very distant cousin, Hannah Read, murdered her husband in 1825. Hannah was hanged in the village square!
- Drove to Cambridge to take in the atmosphere of the great city
- Surprised Jodie's cousin in Norfolk by showing up at her door unannounced!
- After an overnight stay, drove to Leigh-on-Sea, where we surprised our hosts, the Feathers, by showing up a day early — they hadn't even finished Hoovering, so we really did catch them unawares!
- Spent the next few days touring around, eating, and enjoying their company – Friday to [Stow Maries](#) (WWI aerodrome) and [BHS Garden Centre](#); Saturday to [Essex Society for Family History](#); [Tomassi's](#) for supper; Fred and James to the Rotary Club luncheon – Heather and Jodie to the Southend shops; day trip to London – too many details to mention; Tenterden in Kent to meet Andrew and Ellie Edgar (see newsletter [#52](#)); WWII [Battle of Britain Memorial](#) site; old Marine Barracks in Deal (burial place of [John Woon](#), one of the crewmen on the [Investigator](#) voyage to rescue the [Franklin Expedition](#))
- Spent the night in a motel near Heathrow to avoid the panic on travel day (the only room rental of our entire stay!)
- Home again on October 8, to a car with a flat battery and having to call the Auto Association for a boost!



## A day out in Ireland



by Steve Edgar ([steven-edgar@sky.com](mailto:steven-edgar@sky.com))

My cousin's mother, Juanita, and her family had booked a holiday in Ireland to do some family research and see the places that had been described in various Edgar Events newsletters and our travel journals over the years. This was too good an opportunity for me to miss! According to our DNA, our families split 350 years ago – time to meet up again!

Monday, October 3

2.15 leave home.  
2.25 arrive at station.  
2.35 On train.  
3.10 arrive at airport.  
3.30 check in.  
4.30 take off.  
5.30 land and out of plane.  
6.00 catch bus  
7.00 in a bar having a Guinness!



**Me & Bobby McKee**

(I know a song about that!)

Six years ago, James and I went to the Royal Bar on Sandy Row and met with my friend Alex Higgins (he of snooker fame; his memorial banner is prominent behind us in the photo). He had introduced us to Bobby McKee in 2005. Bobby made us “royally” welcome, so I went back to the same pub, and Bobby was there again (I don’t think he’d left the place, to be honest!) and we had a good chat. I put him in contact with Linda, my McKee contact in Arkansas. Bobby is interested in his family history, which may well lead to Killaney and the Edgar Minister that would make him a cousin!

8.00 Richard Edgar picked me up; we bought a take-away and travelled to his house in Tandragee.

9.00 Ate take-away, fell asleep

11.00 Woke up, went to bed, fell asleep again!

Tuesday 4th October.

07.00 Woke up, showered, and eat breakfast. The cereal was a concoction made in Tandragee, Richard's hometown – muesli with fruit and nuts, very nice too!

09.00 On our way to meet Juanita at Ardmore

10.00 Met Juanita, her daughter Judith and husband Charles. Exchanged handshakes and hugs. (Ladies got the hugs!) Juanita's other daughter and son were late leaving and we arranged to meet at Boardmills to view the graves.

11.00 We all met up at Boardmills Presbyterian Secessionist church. New cousins to meet and handshake and hug, Janine and Craig, Curtis and Cathy (the ladies are still getting the hugs). This church was set up in 1850 and we didn't expect any Edgars. We were not surprised as there were none. This fits the history we know. We then went down the road to the original Presbyterian church; this graveyard has lots of McKees and some Edgars, the only Edgar grave that was readable was that of "the Widow Edgar."



ERECTED  
By  
WIDOW EDGAR in memory  
Of her husband Samuel  
Edgar of Lisbane who de-  
Parted this life 15<sup>th</sup> April  
1834 aged 81 years b. abt 1753  
Here lies the Remains of  
The above WIDOW EDGAR  
Who died 11<sup>th</sup> October 1840  
Aged 70 years b. abt 1770

What is doesn't say is who the Widow was! Samuel was the son of Samuel, and likely to be the nephew of John E Edgar. But don't quote me yet! This is certainly the family of Robert Edgar who fought at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

There are other Edgars buried there, but the headstones are unreadable.



The memorial stone of Hugh McKee is strong recorded evidence of an Edgar at the battle in 1690. The headstone was erected in the 1920s by a McKee descendant from New York, the text reads "*Hugh McKee and Robert Edgar joined the forces of King William the III in 1690 and settled in Lisban in 1690.*" Strange to note is that there is no comment on the 4 brothers McKee and 1 Edgar, nor 4 Edgars and 1 McKee. Although this headstone is not contemporary with

the dates recorded, I can't see any reason why the details are not correct.

12.00 We set off to find the Old Killaney graveyard. We have a convoy of three cars, two of which are being driven by US cousins on their wrong side of the road, down some very narrow country tracks, and, of course, we had to meet a car coming from the opposite direction! She was as surprised as we were! Four cars in one day on that particular road is an event!

We arrived at the gate entrance and parked up. Problem! How do we get Juanita, (she's in her 80s), over a locked, 7-bar steel gate? Easy – she was slim enough to get through the bars, whilst the rest of us have to clamber over, the gang of nine of us then attract the attention of a herd of cows who eyed us suspiciously as we dodge the “cow-pats” on our walk up the hill.

We climbed over the stile and entered the graveyard; we noticed that the grass had been cut and many brambles cleared. Lots of Edgar, McKee, Shaw, Simpson, and Robinson graves. All were “heavily” photographed! There was one in particular that was unusual. It was a 7 foot by 3 foot



cast-iron enclosure with huge yew trees at either end. At one end was a cast iron head plate, it was too unclear and dark to be read, but when I took a photo, the camera compensated for the darkness and produced a clear image. “Joseph Edgar of Ashvale, died 1866.”



Cathy Edgar (Curtis's wife), Craig Chadwick (Janine's husband), Charles Dudley (Judy's husband), Curtis Edgar, Juanita Edgar, Steve Edgar, Janine Chadwick, Judy Dudley

We were just taking a group photo by an Edgar headstone when a man arrived who introduced himself as Henry McCandless, the landowner and person responsible for cutting the grass and maintaining the gravesite. We explained our presence and Henry proceeded to tell us some history. He owned the farm adjacent to the entrance to the site and was a relation, way back to the Edgars. He lives in Belfast and used the house as a country retreat, but now had it up for sale. The area was originally a "Rath," a sort of fortified farmyard, and



**Henry McCandless**

there was believed to be a chapel there many years ago. This goes some way to explain the reason for the burials being where they are. The chapel is now gone; all that remains of it are the low stone walls that now surround the graves. We asked about the recent burial, which turned out to be his mother, who was buried there five years ago. He had erected a new headstone just beyond the Edgar graves.

To the left of the graveyard was a ruined house, Henry said that this was owned by an Anne Edgar, a relation of the Edgars in the graveyard and connected somehow to him. Unfortunately, his elderly relative, who would have known all these interconnections had passed away, but he wasn't sure of the connections

and how it all fit together. (That night I had an email from Linda with this line "*He was succeeded by Mr. John Lindsay McCandless (lic. Letterkenny 1889) who was ordained on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1889. In 1926 the congregation received the gift of a spacious hall from Mr. John McKee, New York, a former member. ...*") What a coincidence! John Lindsay McCandless was Henry's great-grandfather. Was the John McKee of New York the same man that erected the monument in Boardmills? More of this later hopefully.

After more photos and collecting pebbles, we walked down the hill and returned to the cars.



This time, the gate was opened for us. It proved a lot easier to pass than when we had arrived! We all thanked Henry for the time he spent with us, and left for Ballynahinch to have lunch.

1.00 Ballynahinch. We arrived in town, parked, and went to find the mural showing the Rev. Samuel Edgar, which we found on the end of the market hall, took loads of photos, and walked down to a pleasant lunch out of the wind and cold.

2.00 Lunch finished we drove to Belfast to visit the Balmoral Cemetery, where the relations of the Edgars in Killaney and Boardmills graves are buried.

3.00 Arrived at Balmoral – the gates were locked! We hung about for a good half an hour chatting and taking photos. The Cemetery entrance is by a set of traffic lights and it must have caused some local amusement with the motorists as nine “nutcases” stood by the locked gates in the wind and cold taking photos!



4.00 More hugs and handshakes as I have to take my leave to get across Belfast to catch my flight home. It was really too short a time to be with my long-lost family, but I really enjoyed it. It was so nice to meet the people with whom I have been exchanging hundreds of emails over the past few years. Alas, I had to leave.

5.00 Arrived at the airport. Crosstown travel by car is very slow. I'd swear it was a plot to make sure all the traffic lights were on red as we approached! Said goodbye to my chauffeur and accommodation provider, Richard, who has been with James and me for the last six years on all of our expeditions. It's really great to have him there as a friend with local knowledge.

6.15 On the plane back to Manchester

7.00 On the train to Crewe

8.00 Meet my wife at the station and drive home.

8.10 Sat down, ate supper, fell asleep

10.00 Woke up, went to bed!

## **Search Engines**

*by Steve Edgar, Crewe (steven-edgar@sky.com)*

No doubt anyone doing some sort of family research will come across more than one Internet search engine and will be able to find much useful information.

From experience, the information is not as accurate as it could be, which could be preventing you from accessing some details. The data on the search engine is usually entered by volunteers or paid data-entry staff. Either way, mistakes can occur. These are usually “typos” and can be got round by ticking boxes that say “soundex” or similar. This allows for a search that is not exactly the spelling of the name you are looking for, Brown and Browne for example. Spelling variations are a lot more common than you would expect.

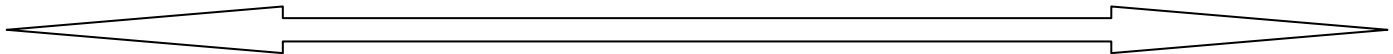
I was searching the PRONI (Public Record Office Northern Ireland) Web site for wills left by Edgars in Ireland, looking for some clues as to my family history. One thing that became clear was the names of others who were beneficiaries, trustees, or executors were not always Edgar. It struck me that perhaps the beneficiaries of other wills might be Edgars and that errors in the name could also be evident.

On the PRONI Web site, I entered “Edgar” as a surname, and got 180 results. I then tried Edgar as a forename, I got 53 results. I then put Edgar just into the text section and got 482 results!

After a quick look it became apparent the forenames of non-Edgars bore a very close match to names within my family, I lost count of how many “Samuel Edgar Xxxxx” there were. I would suppose that these are the children of an Edgar woman who married Mr Xxxx and continued the family naming tradition. I need a lot more time to explore this avenue, but I’m sure it will bear fruit. The Edgars mentioned within the will may also show family connections; it’s well worth reading the body of the will (if available) to see who is who. The will invariably describes the relationship – “to my brother in law Xxxxx Xxxx” etc, again, useful family relationships can be gleaned.

Another detail that became apparent was that Edgar is mistakenly seen as a forename, especially when the real forename is something like Stewart or Graham!

As a tip, always search the various “sort” options with the name Edgar, it might just turn up trumps. Hugh Edgar, might just be down as Edgar Hughes.



## War Memorials

In researching the McKee family, Steve Edgar provided this will extract from PRONI (Public Record Office of Northern Ireland)

<b>Title :</b>		<b>Date of Death :</b>	2 November 1902
<b>Surname :</b>	McKee	<b>Date of Grant :</b>	9 February 1903
<b>Forename :</b>	Sarah	<b>Reseal Date :</b>	
<b>Registry :</b>	Belfast	<b>Effects :</b>	£17

**Full Abstract :** Administration (with the Will) of the personal estate of Sarah M'Kee late of "The Howe" Ballykeel County Down Widow who died 2 November 1902 granted at Belfast to John H. Edgar Law Student.

Richard Edgar of Tandragee, spotting the "John H. Edgar Law Student," quickly provided this image – the fifth name up on the left column is "Edgar, J.H." This is from Queen's University War Memorial, Belfast.



Richard writes:

Steve

This is the John H Edgar off this will, he is from the Edgar ministers family.

John Hammond Edgar M.A. LL.D. Master in law, the son of Robert S Edgar. John was born in 1879, he was killed in action 24th February 1916.

I think his parents are: Robert Smyth Edgar, from Dromore, Co Down, died 1897, married Eliza Jane Jardine in 1877, she died in 1918.

## John Hammond Edgar

Lieutenant Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion

From Belfast

Died of wounds France, 24th February 1916

Cemetery: Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ypres, Belgium.

His name appears on the War Memorial at Queen's University Belfast. Also on the memorial at the Four Courts in Dublin for Irish Barristers killed in the war.



Four Courts Memorial, Belfast.

John H. Edgar is fourth down, left column.

Jodie put this small tree together with information from census and BMD records:

1 David Edgar b: 1805 d: 08 Dec 1889 in Co. Down, Northern Ireland

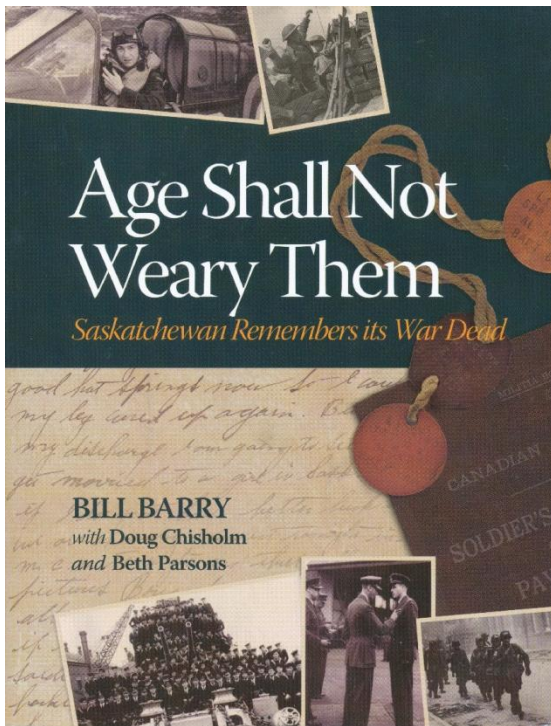
.. +Nancy Graham

2 Robert Smyth Edgar b: Abt. 1830 d: 28 Dec 1897 in Dromore, Co. Down, Northern Ireland

..... +Eliza Jane Jardine m: 19 Dec 1877 in Downpatrick, Co. Down, Northern Ireland d: 1918

.. 3 John Hammond Edgar b: 23 Oct 1879 in Dromore, Co. Down, Northern Ireland d: 24 Feb 1916 in France

Mrs. Poirot (my Jodie) got to reading.



Bill Barry compiled two books for Saskatchewan's Centennial in 2005, which, coincidentally, was also the Year of the Veteran, *Geographic Names of Saskatchewan* and *Age Shall Not Weary Them*. The first provides a survey of over 15,000 place names, while the second details the nearly 5,000 Saskatchewan men and women who gave their lives for Canada in WWII, the Korean War, and in peacetime operations since the war. Most of those named have a geographic feature in the province named in their honour.

In discussing this with Bill Barry (I phoned him for permission to use the entries), he suggested that the [Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial](#) was more up to date and contained more information than the book.

Here is what we found...

David McKenzie Edgar, d. 1917 March 31

Joseph Walter Edgar, d. 1944 April 25

Walter Scott Edgar, d. 1945 Mar 29

Jodie being "Mrs. Poirot, the world-famous detective," started delving into who these men were, and creating family trees for each of them.

David McKenzie Edgar

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**Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial**  
**In memory of**  
**Private**  
**David McKenzie Edgar**  
who died on 31 Mar 1917

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#### Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWI
<i>Service</i>	Army
<i>Unit</i>	46th Battalion, Saskatchewan Regiment
<i>Rank</i>	Private
<i>Service number</i>	475000
<i>Date of death</i>	19170331
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action

#### Narrative history

475000 Private (46th Battalion, Saskatchewan Regiment) David McKenzie Edgar (b.1892) of Saskatoon was KIA 19170331 during the preparations for Vimy Ridge and is buried at Villers Station cemetery, Villers-au-Bois northwest of Arras, Pas-de-Calais, France. He was the son of John MacGregor Edgar who came from Linlithgow, West Lothian, Scotland, to homestead NE2-39-1-W4 southeast of Hayter, Alberta. David was working as a machinist when he enlisted at Saskatoon in 1915.

#### Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	344 - Coman Park
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Villers Station cemetery, Villers-au-Bois, Pas-de-Calais, France
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	-----

#### Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	18920407
<i>Place of birth</i>	West Lothian, Scotland
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19150713
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Saskatoon
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Saskatoon
<i>Occupation</i>	machinist

#### Links to external web pages

##### Attestation

[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-119.02-e.php?image\\_url=http://data2.archives.ca/cef/gpc003/301702a.gif&id\\_nbr=373992](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-119.02-e.php?image_url=http://data2.archives.ca/cef/gpc003/301702a.gif&id_nbr=373992)

We couldn't find anything more on-line, except that his mother's name was Eliza McKenzie. The family shows on the 1916 Census of the Canadian Prairie Provinces as living in Battle River, Alberta. They immigrated to Canada in 1908.

1 John MacGregor Edgar b: Abt. 1861 in Scotland

.. +Eliza McKenzie b: Abt. 1867 in Scotland m: 07 Jun 1889 in Edinburgh, MLN, Scotland

2 David McKenzie Edgar b: 07 Apr 1892 in Linlithgow, WLN, Scotland d: 31 Mar 1917 in Vimy Ridge, France

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## Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
**Flight Sergeant**  
**Joseph Walter Edgar**  
who died on 25 Apr 1944

### Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	RCAF
<i>Unit</i>	No. 166 Squadron, Royal Air Force
<i>Rank</i>	Flight Sergeant
<i>Service number</i>	R158374
<i>Date of death</i>	19440425
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action



### Narrative history

R158374 Flight Sergeant (No. 166 Squadron RAF bomb aimer) Joseph Walter Edgar Jr. (b.1913) of Hawarden was KIA 19440425 and is buried at Avesnes-sur-Helpe communal cemetery near Mauberge, Nord, France. Edgar's Lancaster was lost during a night raid on Karlsruhe, Germany. He was the son of Joseph Walter and Lillie May (Moorehead) Edgar who came from Owen Sound, Grey Co., Ontario, to NW7-10-22-W2 west of Dummer in 1910, moved to Avonlea in 1926 and to Moose Jaw in 1932. Joseph was born at Dummer, educated at Avonlea and was the school principal at Hawarden 1939-43.

### Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	254 - Loreburn
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Avesnes-sur-Helpe communal cemetery, Nord, France
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	Moose Jaw Hawarden Dummer
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	Edgar Bay
<i>Geo-memorial location</i>	59.3833°N / 108.7667°W
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	74N7

### Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19130823
<i>Place of birth</i>	Dummer
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19420523
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Saskatoon
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Hawarden
<i>Occupation</i>	teacher

Joseph Walter Edgar, descended from Joseph Edgar, b. Abt. 1809 in Co. Down, Northern Ireland (married Isabella Carnduff abt. 1832.) Their son Samuel Edgar emigrated to Ontario, Canada, married Annie Black Smith in 1883, and they had Joseph Walter Edgar about a year later. Joseph married Lily May Moorehead in Ontario, and they had five children, the fourth named for his father. That's Joseph Walter Jr. pictured above. Hawarden, where he was school principal, is about an hour's drive straight south of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

- 1 Joseph Edgar b: Abt. 1809 in Co. Down, Northern Ireland d: 07 Sep 1893 in Owen Sound, Grey Co., ON, Canada
  - .. +Isabella Carnduff b: Abt. 1809 in Ireland d: Aft. 1881 in Canada
- 2 Samuel Edgar b: Abt. 1844 in ON, Canada d: 23 Sep 1895 in Owen Sound, Grey Co., ON, Canada
  - ..... +Annie Black Smith m: 03 Oct 1883 in Owen Sound, ON, Canada
- .. 3 Joseph Walter Edgar b: 11 Sep 1884 in Middlesex Co., ON, Canada d: Aft. 1916
  - ..... +Lily May Moorehead b: Abt. 1884 in ON, Canada d: Aft. 1916 Father: Samuel Moorehead  
Mother: Emma
- ..... 4 Joseph Walter Edgar b: 23 Aug 1913 in Dummer, SK, Canada d: 25 Apr 1944 in France

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Walter Scott Edgar died at Moose Jaw. The site [Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial](http://www.svwm.ca/casualty_display.php?ID=A000007597) records "Edgar was invalided home from England early in 1944 and discharged two months later." ([www.svwm.ca/casualty\\_display.php?ID=A000007597](http://www.svwm.ca/casualty_display.php?ID=A000007597)) He died of tuberculosis. The certificate on the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](http://www.commonwealthwargraves.com) site gives the parents' names, and his wife's name:

**Son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott C. Edgar; husband of Marion Irene Edgar, of Moose Jaw.**

With some more sleuthing, Jodie found that Walter's ancestors were Scottish, James Edgar and Jane Douglas Wallace:

- 1 James Edgar b: 27 May 1796 in AYR, Scotland d: 22 Mar 1873 in Waterloo, Wentworth Co., ON, Canada
  - .. +Jane Douglas Wallace
- 2 James Edgar b: 26 Apr 1834 in Crossroads, AYR, Scotland d: 1912
  - ..... +Agness Black b: Abt. 1837 in Scotland m: 03 Mar 1857 d: Aft. 1909 Father: James Black
- .. 3 Thomas Scott Edgar b: Abt. 1862 in Huron Co., ON, Canada
  - ..... +Annie Cochrane
- ..... 4 Scott Cochrane Edgar b: 03 Apr 1893 in Tara, Bruce Co., ON, Canada
- ..... 5 Walter Scott Edgar b: 18 Mar 1918 in Tugaskie, SK, Canada d: 29 Mar 1945 in Moose Jaw, SK, Canada



## Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
**Private**  
**Walter Scott Edgar**  
who died on 29 Mar 1945

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### Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	Army
<i>Unit</i>	Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
<i>Rank</i>	Private
<i>Service number</i>	L8430
<i>Date of death</i>	19450329
<i>Cause of death</i>	died of non-combat causes

### Narrative history

L8430 Private (Royal Canadian Army Service Corps driver) Walter Scott Edgar (b.1918) of Moose Jaw died 19450329 of tuberculosis and is buried at Rosedale cemetery, Moose Jaw. Edgar was invalided home from England early in 1944 and discharged two months later. He was the son of Scott C. Edgar and left a wife Marion Irene. Walter was born at Tugaske and was working as a janitor for Army & Navy when he enlisted at Regina late in 1941.

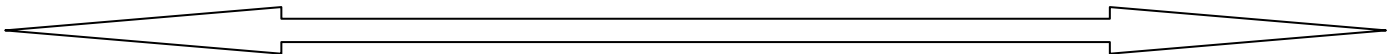
### Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	161 - Moose Jaw
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Rosedale cemetery, Moose Jaw
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	-----
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	-----

### Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19180318
<i>Place of birth</i>	Tugaske
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19411024
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Regina
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Moose Jaw
<i>Occupation</i>	janitor

**We will remember them...**



On a different note, but just as important, from Sam Edgar's widow, Hazel, we have this touching memorial, published in the newsletter of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. *Cod Base Underway, Volume 1, 8, September 2011:*

## IN MEMORIUM



Samuel George Edgar, Jr.

On Thursday, September 1, 2011 we lost one of our more active members. Sam Edgar had battled Alzheimer's disease for several years and after contracting pneumonia passed away peacefully. Sam will be missed by Cod Base but not forgotten.

Samuel George Edgar II, EN1(SS) joined the Navy on March 4, 1947. After graduating from basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes Michigan he went on to complete Basic Engineering School and Motor Machinist Mate School, also at Great Lakes, Michigan, where he learned how to operate and repair diesel engines. After volunteering for submarine duty he went to Basic Submarine School in New London, CT.

After graduating submarine school with high marks, Sam was assigned to USS Besugo (SS321). Besugo was 312 foot Balao Class diesel-electric boat stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Sam moved on to the USS K2 (SSK2), later called USS Bass (SSK2) after three years serving aboard USS Besugo. Aboard K2 he served on the pre-commissioning detail from April 1951 until September 1953 at Pearl Harbor. He instructed engineering fundamentals at the Submarine Training Facilities, San Francisco, CA between September, 1953 until his Honorable Discharge in August, 1956.

The medals that Sam earned were the Good Conduct Medal with two stars, Pistol Expert, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and the National Defense Medal.

Sam was a loyal, active member of Cod Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Cleveland, OH. He was a member of our honored Holland Club, being qualified in submarines for 50 years. He was a life member of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.. He was a good friend to all of us and his name, service and friendship will always be remembered and honored.

Eight members of Cod Base attended the funeral, spoke at the church service and formed for a rifle salute at the cemetery. The flag was presented to Sam's wife, Hazel, by an official Navy presentation unit.



John "Jack" Paulin Jr.

Although not a member of Cod Base nor USSVI we also lost a good friend in John "Jack" Paulin Jr. a member of USSVWWII. Jack served aboard USS Pogy during WWII and made several war patrols.

Jack was a neighbor of Fritz Hemrich and used to visit USS Cod on a regular basis years ago.

May they rest in peace.

Finally, we have an image sent to us from Valeria Edgar; she writes:

Hello!

My name is Valeria Edgar. I live in Buenos Aires, Argentina. My mother is Silvia Nora Edgar and my grandfather was Roberto Edgar. My grandfather had 11 brothers and sisters. My grandfather's father was Robert Edgar and his wife was Agnes Pearson. They came from England? Scotland? Ireland? They were one of the founders of the 1st. Methodist Church in Lomas de Zamora, Provincia de Buenos Aires. I don't have information of the Edgars that established Argentina. Do you have any information about the Edgars in Argentina?

Thanking you in advance,

Valeria Edgar

As it turned out, we do have information... SteveUK answered (in part):

We do have information about an Edgar from Argentina. We did a DNA test on an Alfred Edgar a couple of years ago (see attached pdf) his closest relations were from N Ireland, prior to that would have been Scotland. I would assume you are related to Alfred.

Then Keith Bloomfield, Alfred's contact in the UK, wrote:

Dear Valeria,

James Edgar has included me in your email chain with the Edgar Society which used information I supplied some time ago to produce that basic family tree. I should say that my wife Norma is the grand-daughter of Joseph Nathaniel Edgar, Robert Richard's younger brother. The attachment explains her connection with the family.

One of Robert Richard's grandsons, Hugh Edgar, lives here in England and has masses of information on your side of the family which he is writing up as a memoir. He will, I hope, get in touch with you direct.

Very best wishes

Keith Bloomfield  
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PS Norma says are you Elda's daughter or grand daughter?

Lastly, we had this from Valeria:

Dear Keith,

Thank you very much for your email!

As far as I know, my grandfather, Roberto Teodoro Edgar had 11 siblings. His father was Robert Richard Edgar and his mother Isabelle Pearson. Isabelle Pearson was one of the founders of the First Methodist Church in Lomas de Zamora. In fact, there is a beautiful vitraux in that church that says "Presented by Isabelle Pearson a founding member of this church". My grandfather lived in Lomas de Zamora, he was certified public accountant at Colgate. He had one daughter, my mother Silvia Nora Edgar, and a son (my uncle) Roberto Ricardo Edgar. My mother used to tell me that my brother was very much alike one of her uncle's, Hugh. I think that the Hugh you mention in your e-mail might be my mother's cousin. My mother had 28 cousins. Part of her family lived in Hurlingham, Provincia de Buenos Aires. My mother told me that her grandmother "grannie" used to have the 5 o'clock tea, all the family dressed for the occasion. English was the language spoken at the family meetings. Another aunt my mother told me about was Alicia. There was another uncle, "Boy" (I think this was his nickname).

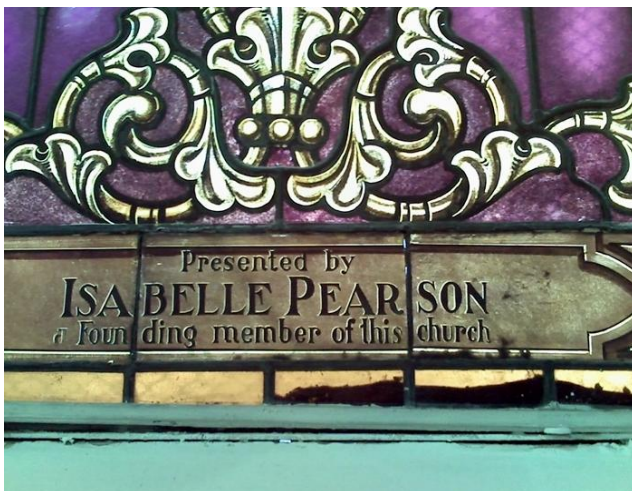
I'm procrastinating some phone calls here in Buenos Aires to some Edgars that are included in the white pages. [Ed. note: my advice was "Don't wait - do it now!"]

I'd love to get in contact with Hugh. Do you have his email?

Best wishes

Valeria Edgar

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This is the "vitraux" mentioned above, which translates to "stained glass window." See this [link](#) and this [link](#).

