

THE BROWN FAMILY

James Andrew & Agnes Brown resided at 286 Rawden St., Brantford, Ontario. They had four sons, Gordon, Frank, Andrew and Tom, and one daughter Evelyn Morey.

Andrew James Brown, 931681

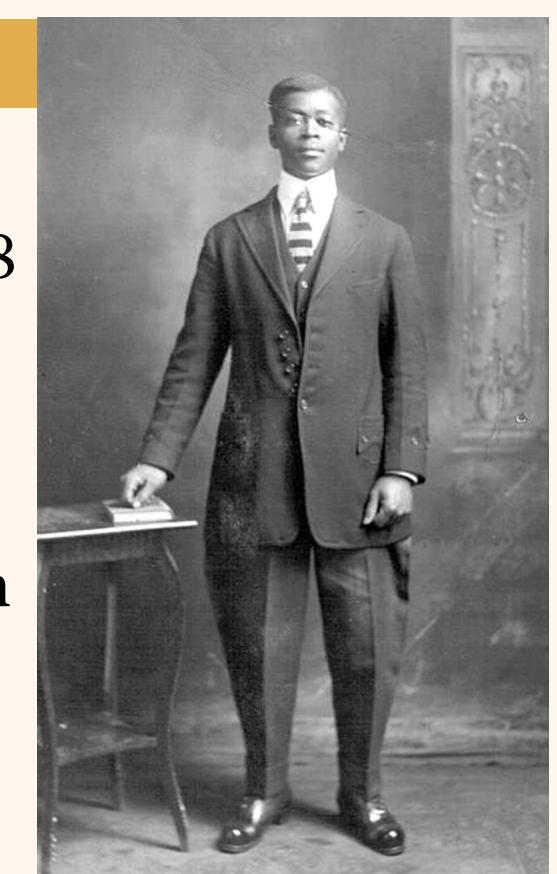


Andrew was only 16 years old when he volunteered with No. 2 Construction Company signing up on 28 December 1916 in Windsor, Ontario. In February 1919 he was hospitalized because a railway tile fell on his right toe. Andrew was discharged medically unfit. After returning from France he spent several months at the Hamilton, Ontario sanitorium and died 26 December 1919 at only 18 years of age. His mother received a Memorial Cross.

Memorial Cross

Gordon Douglas Brown, 3310038

Gordon Brown, born 25 April 1897 in Brantford, Ontario was conscripted in 1918 into the 2nd Depot Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment. On 18 August 1918 Brown left for France where he served with the 116th Battalion. On 3 October 1918 he suffered a gun shot wound to the left knee and was transferred to hospital in Witley, England. On demobilization Brown was discharged 3 March 1919 in Toronto, Ontario. Gordon married Lorna Selby and they had nine children; five daughters: the twins Kathleen Saunders and Constance Duncan, Thelma, Marilyn and Carol as well as four sons: Stephen, Philip William and Stan.



Twin Sisters: Constance (Connie Brown) Duncan and Kathleen (Brown) Saunders



Left: Twins, Connie and Kathleen Brown being honoured as Veterans of WWII
Right: Connie Brown, Union Station, Toronto, Ontario



Connie Duncan and her twin sister Kathleen Saunders were born in 1924 in Brantford, Ontario. Connie signed up in Brantford, Ontario in 1942 and Kathleen, signed up in Hamilton, Ontario with the Air Force. Connie spent 3 months at the Canadian Army Trades school in Hamilton, Ontario training with tools to repair firearms. From there she went to Toronto, Ontario to work at a depot behind Union Station.

Connie married Myron Bruce Duncan on 29 June 1947 in Hamilton, Ontario. They had two daughters Aileen and Lucretia Harris, and a son, Stan. Myron went by his middle name, Bruce, and served with the Irish Regiment of Canada.

Their oldest brother, Bill Brown, signed up with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and served overseas.

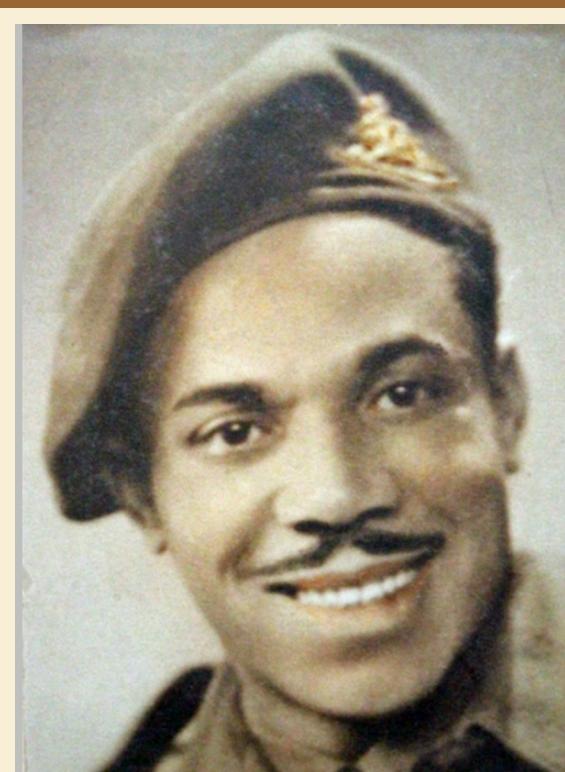


Left: Kathleen graduating from nursing school
Right: Bruce Duncan military portrait



Bill Brown and friend overseas in Holland

Everett Gerald "Pudge" Dawson



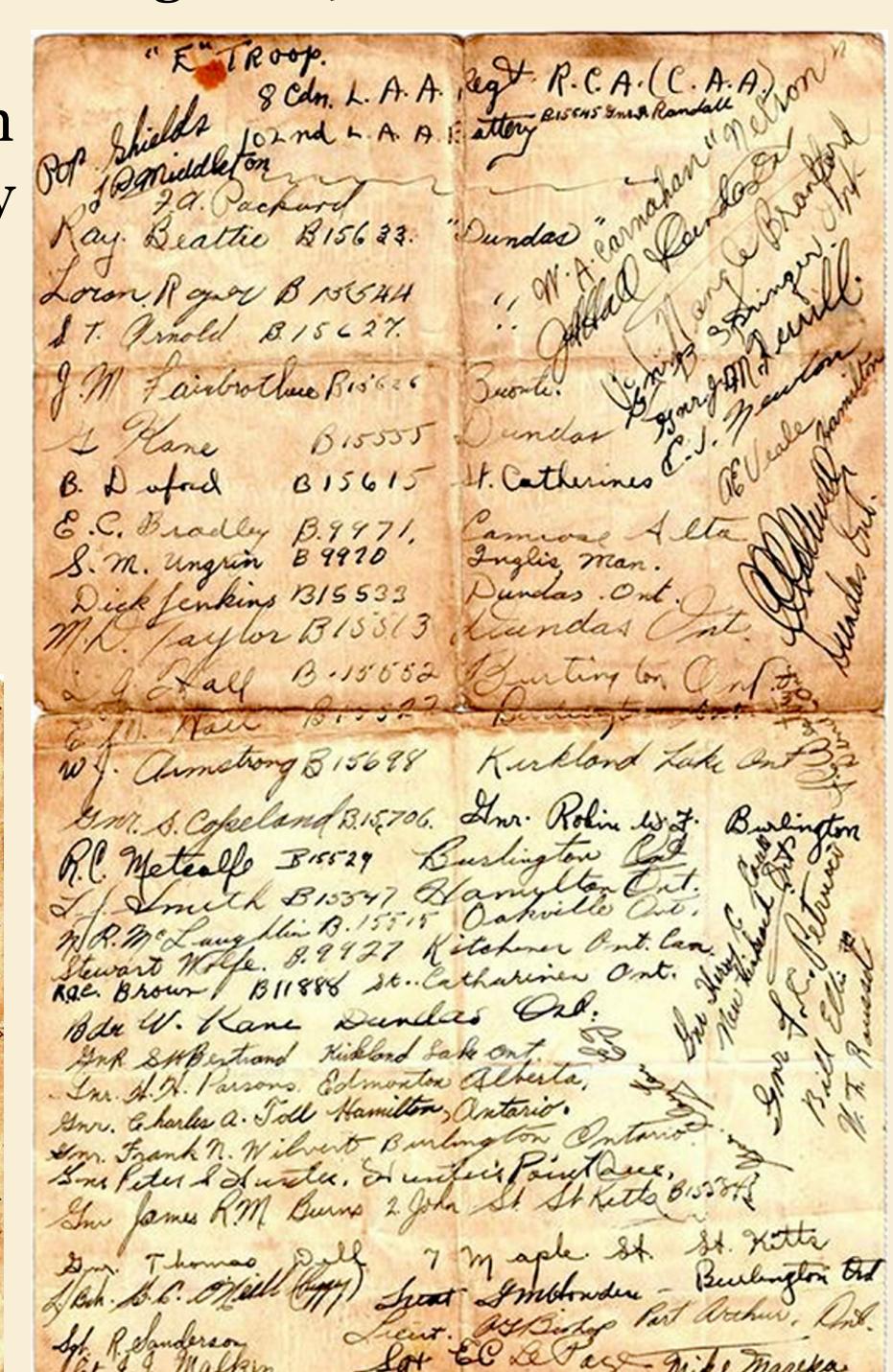
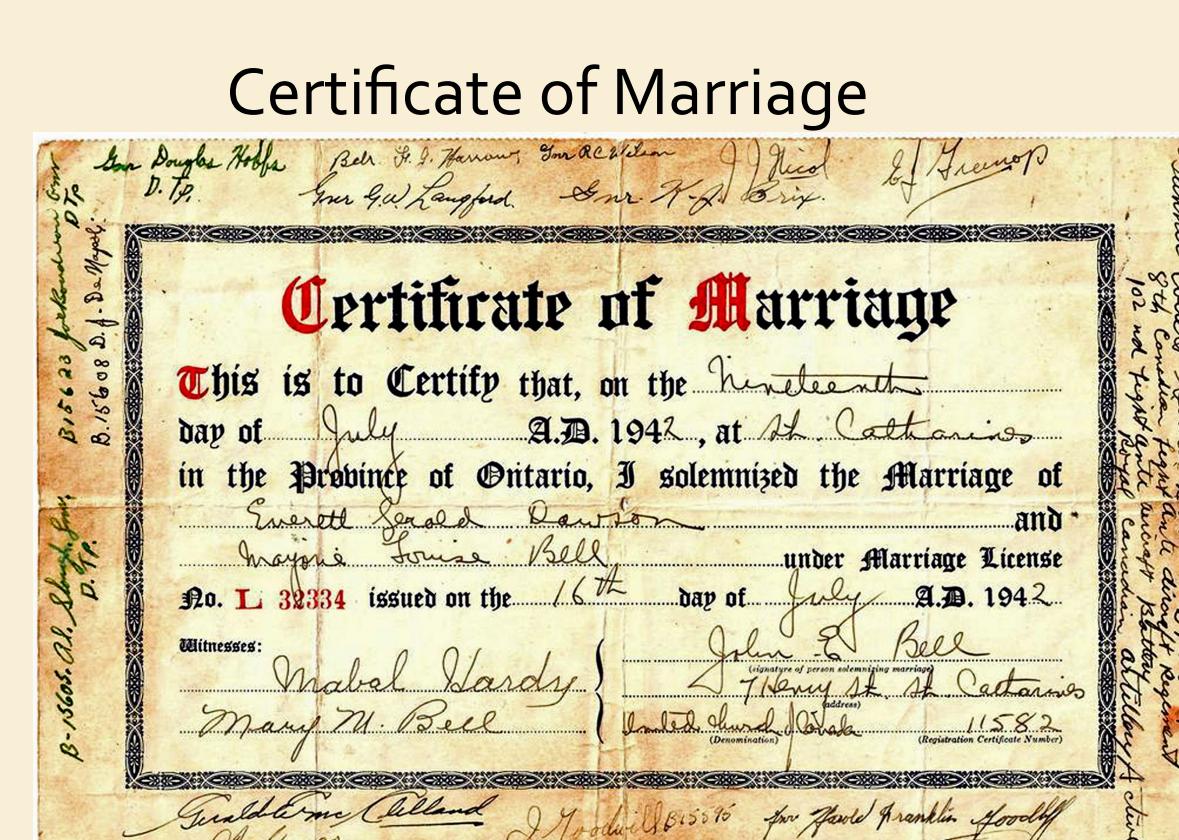
On Sept. 6th, 1918, Pudge was born in Toronto, Ontario. His mother, Edna Dawson-Robinson, married Robinson after the death of Pudge's father. Pudge had two brothers, Orville and Arthur, and a sister, Audrey Montgomery of Florida. Dawson grew up in Toronto, Ontario during the depression era. He came to St. Catharines, Ontario at the age of 19 to start work at McKinnon Industries (General Motors) in 1938 and remained there until he retired in 1976. Dawson became a key figure in the struggle for rights of Black workers in the UAW, sitting on the Fair Employment Practices Committee, delegate and then chair of the Canadian Foundry Workers Council, chair of the Local 199 bargaining committee, and chair of Local 199 education committee among others. While home on three days leave, on July 16th, 1942, Dawson married Marjorie Louise Bell. Marjorie was the daughter of Cecilia Pettiford (Powell) and Archie (Archibald) Bell. Marjorie passed on Aug. 13, 2018 in her 101st year.



Marriage of Pudge and Marjorie Dawson

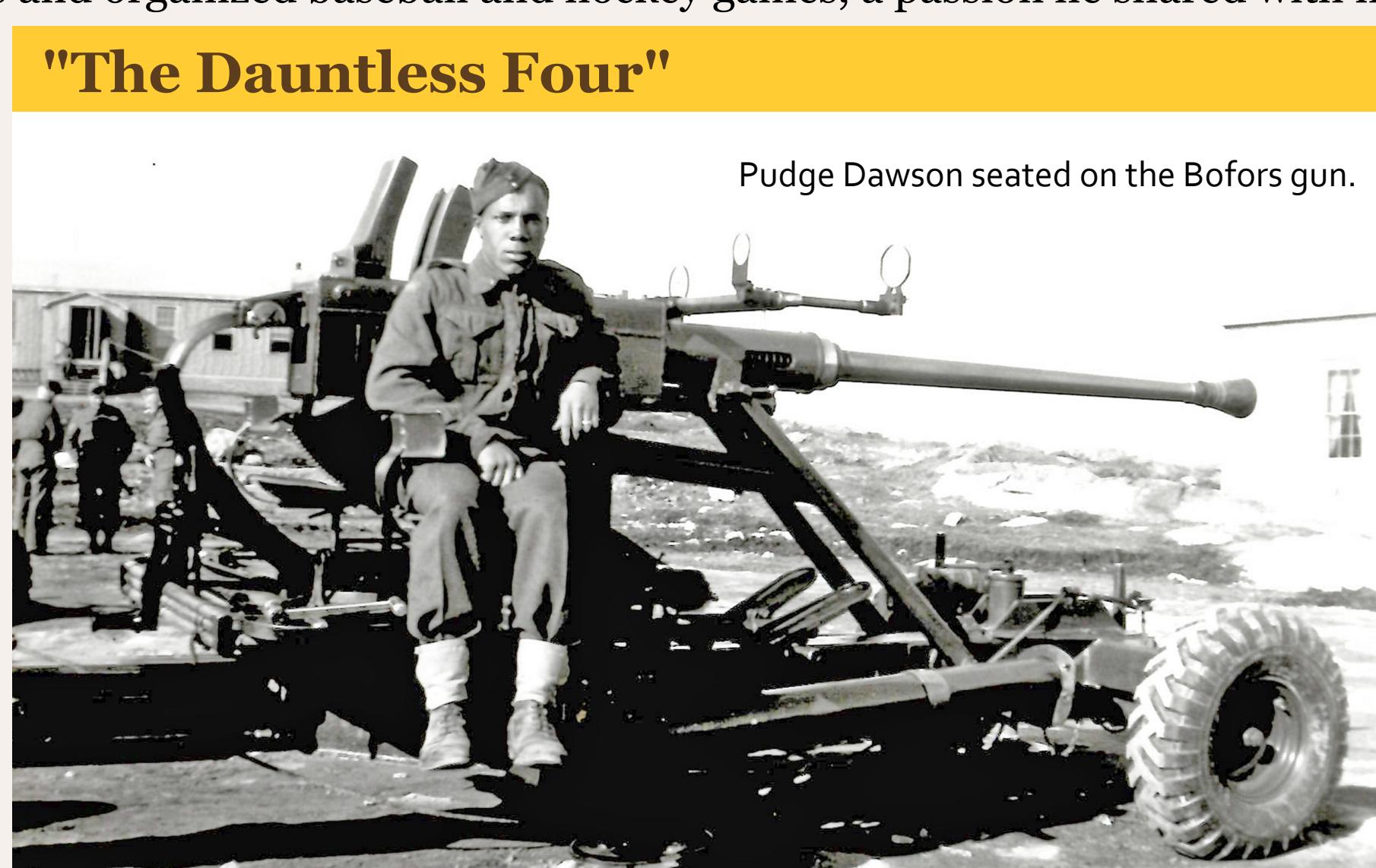
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Top: Pudge Dawson Military Portrait
Left: Pudge and Marjorie Dawson Wedding Photo



In 1940 Dawson enlisted in the army during the Second World War and was a gunner in the 8th Canadian Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, 102nd Light Anti Aircraft Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery. After the war, with a \$1,500 mortgage, the Dawsons built a house on Pelham Road, St. Catharines, Ontario. In 1951 they had a son Dennis (wife Melissa). Dawson loved sports and organized baseball and hockey games, a passion he shared with his son. Pudge passed away on Dec. 29th, 1990.

Left and Right: Tommy Dell, Joe Boudreau, Pudge Dawson and Domenic DeNapoli



Pudge Dawson seated on the Bofors gun.

Best of friends and Bofors gun crew known as "The Dauntless Four", Pudge Dawson, Tommy Dell, Joe Boudreau and Domenic DeNapoli all returned from the Second World War safe and sound.

