

Sgt. R. Reeve & his wife Florence & young daughter Frances left Cornwall England in 1897 with the Imperial Army Engineers, because they were transferred to Bermuda. On the way they stayed for a short time on the Isle of Jersey, where Dorothy their second daughter was born. After arriving in Bermuda & getting settled for a brief time, they were transferred to Victoria. They resided on Pine St while they built their home on Ellery St. where the family lived for many years. Florence Reeve gave birth to six sons while living there. Leonard, Jack, Victor, Frank, William & Richard. All eight children grew to adulthood, but two sons, Leonard & Jack were killed, one in 1918 in a hunting accident & one in an industrial accident in 1923. Sgt. Robert Reeve died in 1919 he had transferred to the Canadian Army when he came to Victoria.

Mrs Reeve was faced with the job of raising her family alone. The ages ranged from 23 years down to Dick the youngest 3 years old. The family home was built on one acre of land, it was enough to produce food for the family & for sale in Esquimalt. They had cows, chickens, ducks & turkeys & sold eggs & produce around the neighbourhood. At one time they even raised pigeons & sold them to the Chinese population in Victoria. They also had two parrots that they had brought with them from Bermuda.

In the depression, the eldest children wanted to go to California to look for work, so Florence took the whole family, except Dorothy who had married James Dunlop in 1917, to the States where three of them stayed for the rest of their lives. The only grandchildren there were born to Victor & his wife Ellen, Leonard & Florence. Leonard was killed in a plane crash, while enroute to Korea during the war. He was also in the army.

Mrs Reeve returned to her home on Ellery St with Bill & Dick. Frances, Victor & Frank stayed in the States.

James Dunlop came to Canada in 1912 to work in Peterborough Ontario & shortly after he arrived was sent to Esquimalt to install the first searchlights at Blackrock (in the dockyard) & at Fort Rodd Hill. Upon completion of this work he joined the R.C.E. where he stayed until his retirement in 1946 (32 years) He retired as a Warrant Officer First Class. He received his MBE for the work he did on this west coast & was decorated at Government House Victoria. After retirement James worked in his basement workshop (he was a master machinist) for ten years building hydrolic lifts for paraplegics, at no remuneration for himself. One of the machines he built was donated to the Naden swimming pool.

After James married Dorothy in 1917 they lived in a log cabin in Fort Rodd Hill near the waterfront until Dec. 1918. Their eldest son George was born there in August 1918. They moved from the Fort to their own house on Ellery St. Jim & Dorothy ^{had} two sons & a daughter. George, Richard & Flora. At time of writing this,

the house still stands at 881 Ellery St. George's family are still here, Richard has resided in Maui, U.S.A. for over twenty years & Flora, who married Robert Kirker (another Esquimalt resident who she met in High school) lives in Saanich they have one daughter named Heather. The family home of the Reeves was demolished to make way for the new Esquimalt High School. The gymnasium is built over the family water well.

During the second world war, all three men in the Dunlop branch of the family served in the R.C.E from Work Point Barracks. While George served overseas for five years, he met Jessie (Pat) Braddock at a friend's wedding in Lancashire, ~~in~~ in 1944. They married a year later in March 1945, while George was on leave from the fighting in Holland, he returned to the 'front line' & after the war ended came back to Esquimalt in October 1945 in time for Thanksgiving. Pat had to wait for passage to Canada from London England for six months after her husband returned, she arrived here in March 1946 one week before their first wedding anniversary. They also built their house on Ellery St, 877 on the corner of Cave & Ellery, it was demolished in 1974 to make way for an apartment building. Pat gave birth to two sons, Geoffrey & Robert, both married girls they met in Esquimalt High School. Geoffrey married Jean (Margaret) MacNeil & Robert married Ann Swift, who had emigrated here in 1952 with her family. Margaret gave birth to John & Danielle they stayed on this island until four years ago when they moved to Squamish B.C. Robert & his family have stayed in Esquimalt, he practices his trade in carpentry & his work is becoming well known around Greater Victoria. Ann gave birth to Michael & Kenneth Dunlop. Robert's family are still residing in Esquimalt making it five generations from 1902 until present 1988. *George served 23 years in R.C.E*

The other two branches of the Reeve family that stayed in Esquimalt were Dick who married Jessie Long, Jessie, gave birth to Robert (who died in the first year of his life) Hazel, Richard, Kenneth & Janet. Dick Reeve served for 14 years on our school board before moving away from Esquimalt. At this time his daughter Hazel ^{Carlson} is still a resident here & has two daughters Valerie & Edna. Valerie has one daughter Carina. Kenneth Reeve had two children Angela & Adam.

William Reeve also stayed in Esquimalt all of his life, died in the seventies. His wife Evelyn gave birth to Russell, Elinor & Andrew. Bill worked for Esquimalt Municipality for many years. His family are still in residence here on Comerford St. except for Russell who is married & has two sons Curt & Dean & they live in Maple Ridge B.C.

Mrs Florence Reeve lived until she was 90, but she spent her last few years in California with her eldest son & his family. When she died in the spring of 1961 her family brought her back to be buried in the family plot with her husband & two sons & a grandson in Ross Bay. Reeve Place in Esquimalt (near the family home) is named in her memory.