Who Were They?

Erie Yacht Club Commodores
The First 25 Years
Researched and Presented by:

Michael Lynch
General Manager
George T. Bliss
Great-Grandfather Joseph Bliss
Captain of artillery in the regular Continental army of the United Colonies

Grandfather John Bliss
Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army during the War of 1812

Father John H. Bliss
Engineer, Lawyer, Entrepreneur
Erie Extension Canal
Erie City Iron Works
Erie Car Works, manufacturing railroad cars
George T. Bliss

Born: George Truscott Bliss
May 22, 1864
Youngest of 4

Father: John H. Bliss
Mother: Ellen Christy

Siblings: 2 Sisters, 1 Brother

Address: 204 West 6th Street
Home Value: $40,000
(2016) $702,258.69
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Grew Up
262 West 6th Street
Erie, PA
1875-76 Charlotte, N. C

Age 11: Carolina Military Institute

Age 12-14 Erie Private School

Age 15- Harcourt Place Academy
a Episcopal boys' boarding school in Gambler, Ohio
George T. Bliss

1888- Foundry Worker
1890- Draughtsman
1900- Corporate Secretary
THE ERIE CITY IRON WORKS DETACHED PORTABLE ENGINE.
George T. Bliss

Married: 1893
Grace Forman

Children: 2
Miriam
John H.

204 West 6th
Divorced 1908
Cover
Of
George Bliss
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56 Members
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30 foot Naptha Launch
Anona

1906 Paach Brothers 47 ½ x 8 foot, Buffalo Motor 4 cylinder Engine
Inter-Lake Yachting Association

Commodore 1899
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**Address:** 262 West 6th Street

- Wife
- 2 Kids
- 2 Servants
George T. Bliss

Commodore
1894 – 1902    Age 31
1908 – 1910    Age 44
1913    Age 49
Life Member

Board Member
1905
Hotel Marie Antoinette
67th St. & Broadway
New York

Grace moved to New York

By 1930 she was living in West Hill Sanitarium

Died 1932
### Summary of TOLEDO YACHT CLUB Long Distance Race

Saturday & Sunday Aug. 21-22

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1910 U.S. Census
George T. Bliss

Married 1912:
Louise Lynch

15 years younger
Little sister of fellow Club member
Grant R. Lynch

Died: 1945
65
Malnutrition
Senile
Infection/Heart
715 Walnut
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics

PLACE OF DEATH

County of: Erie
Registration District No.: 490
File No.: 107068
Registered No.: 1227

Erie
204 West Sixth Street, St. 4
(No. 4 in Ward)

FULL NAME

George T. Bliss

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: Male
COLOR OR RACE: White
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: Married

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, and Year): May 15, 1864
AGE: 60 Years, 5 Months, 16 Days

OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: Manufacturer

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, and Year): November 2, 1924

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 3rd, 1924, to Nov. 2nd, 1924, that I last saw him alive on Nov. 1st, 1924, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Cancer of stomach

CONTRIBUTORY:

DATES:

18. Where was disease contracted
Did an operation precede death?
Was there an autopsy?

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL
Erie Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL
Nov. 4th, 1924

UNDERTAKER
A.P. Burton, Sons

ADDRESS
Erie, Penna.

*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)
George T. Bliss

Died: November 2, 1924
Stomach Cancer

Age: 60

Erie Cemetery

Fact:
DOB on headstone is different from Death Certificate
William L. Morrison
Father Leverett A. Morrison
Mother Missouri Bliss

Produce Dealer 1870
Morrison & Dinsmore Produce and Provisions
501-503 French Street.
Father: Father Died when he was 1

In 1865, the Morrison family purchased the home at 338 West 6th Street from Dr. Wood, as well as a barn located east of the property. The Morrison’s also acquired land to the west where the Watson-Curtze Mansion currently stands. The Watson family purchased this land in the 1880s and completed the construction of an ornate mansion in 1891.
William L. Morrison

Born: William Leverett Morrison
June 15, 1869
Youngest of 3

Father: Leverett Morrison
Mother: Missouri Bliss

siblings: 2 Sisters
Both died young
338 West 6th Street

Home Value: $40,000 1870 - (2017) $702,258.69
Peekskill Military Academy
Class of 1887
William L. Morrison

1889 – 1905  Draughtsman
1906 – 1909  Builders Supply and Sand
President
1910-1912  Samson Gas Engines
President
1914- 1917  Captain U.S.S. Wolverine
PA Naval Reserves
1917- 1921  Lieutenant Commander
U.S.S. Utah, WWI
1922-1926  Pennsylvania State Representative
1927-1935  Superintendant, Pennsylvania State Park
and Harbor Commission
Erie Yacht Club

Assistant Measurer
1896
Board Member
1897, 1901-1902
Vice Commodore
1898
Rear Commodore
1903
Commodore
1905-1904
Age: 35
Marine Railway
Regatta Committee
Miriam

Built: 1895 Erie, PA
45 foot  Cutter Rig
Miriam II

1912

35 x 8 Cabin Cruiser Built in 1895
Captain,  U.S.S. Wolverine

Formerly the USS Michigan

US Navy’s first iron-hulled warship. The ship was built in pieces at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1842 and was shipped overland to Erie,
USS Niagara, Perry Centennial
Wolverine towing the Niagara
Perry Centennial
Lieutenant Commander

U.S.S. Utah, WWI
State House of Representative
Republican - Two Terms 1923-26
Republican - 167; Democrat - 41
First Superintendent
Presque Ilse State Park
Cause of Death: Hardening of Arteries
Death: July 15, 1954    Age: 87
Cause of Death: Influenza, Heart Disease

Death: March 15, 1956    Age: 86
Albert MacDonald
Born: May 11, 1875
Albany, New York

Father: William McDonald
Mother: Alida Pangburn

#3 of 6 kids
3 Brothers, 2 Sisters
College: Stevens Institute of Technology
Hoboken, NJ

Fraternity
Beta Theta Pi

Left Senior Year
To take Position with Metric Metal Works
Metric Metal Works
East 10th & Payne

Superintendent 1900-1910
Wedding
April 7, 1903 First Methodist Episcopal Church

Luanna May Hardwick
Daughter of William Hardwick
President of the Erie Engine Works and of the Union Iron Works.

Mayor of Erie 1904-1906

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hardwick, Luanna, married Albert MacDonald, one of Erie's most prominent manufacturers, now superintendent of the Metric Metal Works, one of the city's largest and most important industries.
Residence

In-Laws Home
309 West 9th Street

Their Home
803 Sassafras Street
Family

2 Children

William Hardwick McDonald
December 4, 1910 – December 29, 1912
Age 2
Whooping Cough

Mary McDonald Clark
Oct 1913, New York – November 22, 1989, Orlando, Florida,
Age: 76
Erie Yacht Club

Not Original Member

Joins Club
  1900-1901
  His Boss, F. H. Payne is a member

Vice Commodore
  1904
Commodore
  1906-1907
  Age 31
Erie Yacht Club
Commodore

Erie Yacht Club

Annual Meeting of the Erie Yacht
be held at the Club House on
Wednesday, November 14th, at 8 P. M.

Officers for the ensuing year will be
elected and other business of importance
transacted.

Your presence is requested.

The Nominating Committee submit the following nomi-
nations to be acted upon at this meeting:

Commodore—Albert MacDonald. E. A. Davis.
Vice Commodore—Oscar Nick. W. S. Foster.
Rear Commodore—W. W. Ester. R. J. Saltzman, 3d.
Fleet Captain—Elmer Kent. John Rihm.
Secretary-Treasurer—A. B. MacDonald. R. R. Whitley.

Directors—H. J. Leslie, Chas. E. Reichel,
(vote for two) W. S. Reitzell. W. H. F. Nick.
Regatta Committee—W. L. Morrison, Geo. E. Shafer,
(vote for three) John E. O’Brien, Fenner Fritz,
John P. Smart. F. M. Yates.

Measurer—Grant R. Lynch
Asst. Measurer—Jay J. Hogan.
Surveyor—Edw. Slocum.
Fleet Surgeon—Dr. W. W. Palmer.

W. S. REITZELL
Sec'y-Treas.
Iris

Formerly Owed by George Platt
### After Erie

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Massachusetts
Greenfield

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER: 2193
ORDER NUMBER: 2152

1. Alberta McDonald (Last name)

2. 34 High St, Greenfield, Mass

3. Age in Years: 43
4. Date of Birth: May 11th, 1875

5. White

6. U.S. Citizen

7. Native Born

8. Place of Employment: 54 High St, Greenfield, Mass

9. Employer’s Name: G. Knopfke Inc

10. Present Occupation: Mechanic Engineer

11. Date of Registration: Sep 9, 1918

12. Color of Eyes: Gray

13. Color of Hair: Brown

14. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified?

15. If not a citizen of the U.S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16. Nearest Relative: Luanna McDonald

17. Signature of Registra

18. I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Albert McDonald
McDonald—Churchill Corporation
Industrial Engineers
103 Park Ave. New York

A Service for the practical and helpful solution of Administrative, Managerial and Operating problems of industry.

W. L. Churchill, President
Albert McDonald, V. P. & G. M.
Donald McDonald, Sec. & Treas.

Members AM. SOC. M. E.
New York 1921

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What a Production Engineer Should Know

By Albert McDonald

Production is demanded today as never before and the skill of the engineer or executive experienced in controlling production is in wide demand. Therefore, it is decidedly in order to inquire as to what fundamentals the production expert should know and apply. This article is an answer to that query.

Mr. Albert McDonald was educated at Stevens Institute of Technology and for ten years was superintendent of the Metric Metal Works, a branch of the American Meter Company, during which period modern methods were introduced into the brass foundry and machine shops. This plant was one of the first to use and assist in the development of automatic screw machines for making gas meter parts and gas appliances.

During this period, also, he assisted in the construction and reconstruction of several of the other plants of the American Meter Company, introducing scheduling and production control. In 1910 he took up mechanical and industrial engineering as a profession, accepted a position as production supervisor for the International Motor Company, later becoming engineer of manufacture and sales for the Howe Rubber Company and still later assistant to the president in charge of production of the Essex Rubber Company. In 1917 he became supervising engineer for C. E. Knoepfel & Co., Inc., and is at the present time vice-president and Director of Personnel of that engineering organization. He is a member of the A. S. M. E.—The Editors.
8 Nassau Blvd.
Garden City, New York
Other Clubs

Recreation:
Golf, Boxing, Tennis.
(No Mention of Boating)

Clubs:
Engineers, Transportation (New York)
Akron City Club (Akron)
Cherry Valley Country Club (Garden City)
Soundview Country Club (Great Neck, L. I.).
1930 Census
111 7th Street
Garden City New York

Albert & Luanna
Daughter Mary
No Servants
111 7th Street
Hampshire House
Garden City, New York
Albert McDonald
Died

Albert McDonald
May 11, 1875
December 17, 1952
Garden City, New York
Age 77

Luanna McDonald:
April 4, 1883
August 23, 1969
Peterborough, NH
Age 87

Mary McDonald Clark
October 5, 1913, New York
November 22, 1989, Orlando, Florida
Age 76
William S. Forster
Family

Father  Alburn Joslyn Foster, Lawyer,

Mother  Mary Hunter

322 Myrtle Street, Erie PA (Gone)
Oldest of 3
1 Brother
1 Sister
Moved

Built in 1888
905 Walnut
Married

September 10, 1896

William Scott Foster & Alice Maud Whitley

6 Children, - 1899-1908
5 Daughter, 1 Son
1 Death 1911, Helen Age 5

Ludwigs Augina
Education & Work

Work:
1887 Clerk J.F. Downing
Insurance Agency

1906 General Agent

1910 Insurance Inspector

1917 Transferred to Chicago

Returned to Erie Retired

1940 - 1950 Lived at R.D #1, North Girard

Education:
Local Public School
8 year of education
Frank M. Wallace.
The Erie Yacht Club—Incorporated 1895.

Member of the Board
Chairman- Regatta Committee
William Scott Foster

Commodore
1911-1912
Age 40

Vice Commodore
1910

Entrainment Committee
1910

Member of the Board
1903, 1908-1909

Chairman- Regatta Committee
1901-1903

Regatta Committee
1901
### Treasurer's Annual Report

**Nov. 9, 1911 to Nov. 13, 1912**

#### Receipts

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**Total** $2,240.00

#### Outstanding on Books of Club, Nov. 13, 1912

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**Membership November 13, 1912**

- Regular: 147
- Life: 2
- Non-resident: 4
- Juniors: 12
- On Leave: 6
- Honorary: 4

**Total:** 175

#### Annual Sinking Fund Report for same period.

#### Receipts

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<td>Dock Frontage</td>
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<td>Pirate Crew Dance</td>
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Erie Yacht Club

The Flash Light
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# The Flash Light

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THE PILOT

HAD I.

Had I a yacht,
Whose I have nought,
I'd quit this raft;
Right on the spacht,
And take a yacht
Of silver shacht,
And hit it shacht.
For one long tracht;
But as I've nacht,
A yacht not shacht,
I'll stick to whacht
I've gacht!

—Baltimore Sun

AN APPRECIATION.

At his urgent request Mr. Nick has been permitted to retire from the managing editorship of this publication, and we hereby express our appreciation for his tireless efforts in launching the organ and getting it well under way.

Few of our members realize the amount of time, energy, money, enthusiasm, thought and downright hard work which Mr. Nick has expended in the interest of the Erie Yacht Club from its earliest inception to the present day, and the successful launching of the "Flash Light" (see "Pilot") and our recent splendidly conceived and happily executed banquet are only two of many successes for which he deserves a large measure of credit.

Mr. Nick is now embarking on the turbulent sea of politics, and while we almost wish he hadn't done so, we nevertheless wish him bon voyage.

W. S. F.

San Francisco is hopeful of having an American cup yacht race as one of the features of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915.

"Hopeful" is good!
“Commodore Foster owns VAMAC, a gasoline cruiser, which will be a fine flagship for the club next season.”

Power Boating Magazine, 1911
Size: 35 x 8
Chicago 1917

401 Howe Ave
Oak Park, Illinois
# Death Certificate

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**Department of Health**

**Bureau of Vital Statistics**

**Certificate of Death**

**Name of Deceased:** William Scott Foster

**Sex:** Male

**Race:** White

**Marital Status:** Married

**Date of Birth:** Oct 12, 1867

**Date of Death:** April 10, 1952

**Place of Death:** Erie, PA

**Occupation:** Manager & Retired Insurance

**Father’s Name:** Alburn Foster

**Mother’s Maiden Name:** Mary Hunter

**Place of Burial:** Erie, PA

**Cause of Death:** Cardiac Failure

**Medical Certification:**

**Antecedent Causes:**

- Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause.

**Other Significant Conditions:**

- Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

**Interval Between Onset and Death:**

- 4200

**Autopsy:** Yes

**Date of Burial:** April 12, 1952

**Burial Place:** Erie Cemetery

**Registrar:** Donald C. Burton

**Address:** R.D. #1, N. Girard, Erie, PA
Burial

Born: October 4, 1867
Died: April 10, 1952
North Girard, PA
Age: 84

Born: October 1891
Died: October 2, 1967
Cape Coral, Florida
Age: 76

Erie Cemetery
Family

Father      August Reichel, Machinist,

Mother     Dorothea Koennemann

3 Children
2 Boys, 1 Girl
Carl “Charles” Middle Child
Homé

Father  August Reichel, Machinist,

Mother  Dorothea Koennemann

3 Children
2 Boys, 1 Girl
Carl “Charles” Middle Child
German Immigrates
Bremen, Germany
Carl August Eduard Reichel

Immigrated: April 18, 1877
Ship: SS Ohio
Depart: Bremen, Germany
Arrive: Baltimore, Maryland
Destination: Cincinnati
Married

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<td>swore to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of April, 1886.</td>
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<td>I, the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel, duly licensed to solemnize marriages, do hereby certify that on this twenty-ninth day of April, 1886, Charles E. Reichel and Josephina M. Gladiuex were by me legally joined in marriage.</td>
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Whereupon a license was this day issued to them.
Erie, PA

Canton Ohio to Erie in 1891
713 Parade Street
2 Kids – Howard & Hazel
Machinist
Becomes Forman

1906
Howard Dies at 20 Typhoid fever
320 East 7th Street,
Built 1892
Carl “Charles” August Reichel

Commodore
1914
Age 52

Rear Commodore
1905

Fleet Capitan
1903
Erie Yacht Club

Bumble Bee - Hydroplane, 1913
Una II, 1911
Baby Una, 1911
Josephine, Paach Bros, 1910 44.6 x 11.6  1918

THE FLASH LIGHT
Vol. III Jan.-Feb., 1914 No. 7-8

Shows at intervals of one month a brilliant and illuminating light of first magnitude, alternating red and white, visible from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the icy wilds of Canada to the sunny hills of Mexico, wherever may be found a member of the ERIE YACHT CLUB.

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H. H. Clemens, Treasurer
G. G. Patech, Member

Directors.
The Commodore, and
H. H. Clemens, Term expires 1914
J. M. Frank, Term expires 1914
Clarence Brooks, Term expires 1915
Dr. F. Gamon, Term expires 1915
R. R. Whitley, Term expires 1916
W. H. Gaither, Term expires 1916

COMMITTEES.
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J. S. Curtis, C. E. Piper

Marine Railway
W. L. Morrison
Mooring
C. E. Reichel
Historian
W. S. Reitzell
Death

Cancer of the Jaw
Burial

Born: November 29 1862
Died: March 1, 1920
Erie, PA
Cancer of Jaw
Age: 57
Lakeside Cemetery

Born: October 1866
Died: October 2, 1949
Erie, PA
Cerebral hemorrhage
Age: 83
Stark, Ohio
Oscar H. Nick
Family

Father  Charles Nick, Saloon Keeper
        408 State Street
        Family lived above the saloon

Mother  Sophia Gueden
        4 Children
        2 Boys, 2 Girl
        Oscar was the oldest
Oscar Henry Nick

Married: Mildred Doherty
1907
4 Daughters

Home: 724 Poplar Street

Business: Oscar H. Nick Plumbing
1513 Peach St
Home

724 Poplar Street, Built 1892
Erie Yacht Club

Commodore
1915-1916
Age 42

Rear Commodore
1910

Boats:
1910  Power Dinghy
1911  Kingfisher
1912  Kingfisher
      Winfred
1913  Kingfisher
      Winfred
      Kingfisher, Jr.
      Gull, (Ice Boat)
Master Plumber

Master Plumbers Association Meeting
September 1915
Erie Yacht Club

Members and Guests of the Erie, Pa., Master Plumbers' Association at the Meeting Held September 5th.
Age 44, Tall, Slender, Hazel Eyes, Dark Hair
Death

Bronchial Pneumonia
Born: October 5, 1873
Died: December 14, 1963
Erie, PA
Bronchial Pneumonia
Age: 90

Born: August 10, 1883, Hamilton Canada
Died: January 25, 1950
Erie, PA
Chronic Myocarditis
Age: 67

Erie Cemetery
Henri G. Chatain
Family

Father:  Amand Chatain
         Piano Maker

Mother:  Adele Roulac

3 Children
2 Daughters, 1 Son
Henri was the youngest

Home
42 West 90th, New York
School

Columbia College, Class of 1896

School of Mines
(Columbia University)
Track and Football
Married

CHATAIN—FITCH.—On Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1902, at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Dr. Abbot E. Kittredge, Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbel P. Fitch, and Henri George Chatain of this city.

Ella Fitch
November 18, 1902
Home

759 West End Ave
New York City
Work

1905 - 1910 General Electric
Schenectady, New York

1911 - General Electric Erie PA
Director Gas Engine Division

1925 - Hammermill Paper Company
Engineer
Divorce

Ella Fitch
November 30, 1912
Philadelphia, PA
Married 10 Years

2 Children
Josephine & Henri Jr.
Muriel Stewart
March 30, 1917
Carleton, Ontario Canada
Age 25

Henri
Age 42
Erie Yacht Club

Commodore
1917-1919
Age 43

Boat: Iduna
Time to Move

• In 1917, Commodore Henri G. Chatain negotiated with Mr. J. A. Root, president of the Kahkwa Park Realty Company, Inc.,

• The clubhouse was torn down and E.H. Scott used his yacht, Roamer, to tow much of the lumber to the new location.

• Commodore Chatain headed a work crew which built the first road down the hill.

• A temporary Clubhouse was built by Herman Lund with the help of a number of members at the south end of the newly-constructed west dock. Still in use, the Canoe House.

• Construction was made difficult by the breach at the neck of Presque Isle, which remained open until 1920

• Plans and specifications for a three-story building were drawn up by architect Clement S. Kirby, the cost to construct the clubhouse was $17,000. The club was finally built, barely in time for the formal opening, on August 22, 1919.
Commodore Chatain’s yacht *Iduna* in the foreground of the 1917 construction of the Canoe House.
New Clubhouse 1919
Home 1930’s

4111 Trask Ave
Clearwater Home – 1940’s

1006 Granada Ave.
Death

Henri George Chatain
Born: July 17, 1874, New York City
Died: March 18, 1963, Clearwater Florida
Age: 89

Muriel L Stewert Chatain
Born: March 20, 1892, Carleton, Canada
Died: August 28, 1972, Clearwater Florida
Age: 80
Edmund H. Scott
Family

Father: John H. Scott
Printer
Civil War Veteran

Mother: Alice Smith

Home: 113 South Green
Chicago
Only child.

Education: Chicago Public School
Circus Life

1888-1992
Insuarance Life

Downing Insurance Building
Clerk, 9th and Peach Street
Navy Life

1894- 1898
July 7, 1896
Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Hain
the daughter of Michael and Mary Hain

Family:
No Children
Hack & Dray

In 1902 Mr. Scott engaged in the livery business, beginning with only one horse.
Home

Built in 1906
323 West Front Street
Look at this picture—and then read this letter

E. H. Scott

The Kelly Motor Truck Co., Springfield, Ohio.

Erie, Pa., May 4, 1911

Gentlemen: I am sending you a photograph showing my three-ton Kelly truck pulling trailer with full load, and would say that trailer weighs forty-one hundred pounds without load. I have been using this machine for the past few months hauling trailers, and find that same is most satisfactory. I am able to negotiate any grades here in Erie pulling the trailer. I figure that it does the work of seven teams, and that I am able to save a considerable amount of time by the use of trailers. By the use of the Kelly truck and several trailers I have sold fourteen horses.

The machine has proved most satisfactory in every way and has never caused me any trouble to date. I am using my old wagons and have been put to no additional expense in converting them into trailers. The machine pulls a load equal to its own carrying capacity, loaded on trailers, without any trouble whatever. I am very pleased with the blower-cooled motor, and from my own experience I would not consider the purchase of any other make but the Kelly.

E. H. Scott.

Before you consider further the purchase of a motor truck, don’t you think you ought to know all there is to know about the truck that brings forth a letter like this?

Don’t you think you ought to know all about the truck that won the trophies for low operating cost in the great motor truck contests at Philadelphia, Boston and New York?

Don’t you think you ought to know all about the exclusive Kelly (Frayer-Miller) Blower-cooled Motor—one of the chief reasons why Kelly Motor Trucks are showing the same superiority in every branch of industry—in your own line of business—that they shown in these great contests?

Write us today for complete particulars and specific data regarding the work of the Kelly Motor Truck in the field in which you are interested.

The Kelly Motor Truck Co., 200 Burt St., Springfield, Ohio.
Erie Yacht Club

Commodore
1920-1921
Age 46

Joined the Club
After 1913

Boat
1917  Roamer
1925  Henrietta 111
1935  Diane

1917  Tow much of the old Clubhouse lumber to the new location
Scripps Cup

1st Place
112 Mile Reliability Cruise
Cleveland Yacht Club

A Buffalo Once More Wins Reliability Test

JOSEPHINE, owned by Carl Reichel, Erie, Pa., and chartered by E. H. Scott, won first place in the 112-mile reliability cruise of the Cleveland Yacht Club, thereby also winning the famous Scripps Cup.

Josephine is powered with a 40-60 h.p. Buffalo Engine.

The Scripps Cup was offered several years ago as the prize for a reliability contest.

In every one of these contests up to the present time a Buffalo Engine has won first honors.

Which only goes to show that Buffalos really do excel in reliability.

The Buffalo Book tells all about the Buffalo line. Shall we send it?

The Buffalo Gasolene Motor Co.
1311-23 Niagara St., Buffalo, N.Y.
New Clubhouse

Clubhouse Opening August 22, 1919
Volstead Act was enacted on October 28, 1919
Boat 1917

Roamer
Boat 1925

Henrietta 111
38 x 11
E.H. Scott Transportation
1920 - 1930

Became one of the largest transfer businesses in this part of the country and specializes in long distance moving and freighting. Route being from Cleveland to Buffalo, operating 108 trucks.
Yacht Diane
1930
Death

Edmund C. Scott
Born: December 14, 1874, Chicago
Died: 1939 Palm Beach Florida
Age: 65

Henrietta Scott
Born: January 1876, Erie PA
Died: November 7, 1948, Erie PA
Edema of Lungs
Cremated
Age: 72
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