

MRS. MATILDA MURDIE CRUIKSHANK: second wife of Brig. General Cruikshank.

Miss Matida Murdie was born in Mc. Killop Township, Huron County on July 9th., 1879. She graduated as a nurse from the St. Catharines General Hospital in 1905. She nursed the first Mrs. Cruikshank during her lengthy illness ; and was to marry Ernest Cruikshank after her death in 19 . She moved to Ottawa with him to their home at 53 Wilton Crescent. Brig. General Cruikshank retired from the service at this time and devoted his hours to research and writing. Matilda and Ernest spent their winters in Jamaica, some fifteen all told. On the Island they lived at Seven Oaks , and it is here that many of his books were wrote.

After the death of Ernest Cruiksahnk in 1939 , his wife continued to live at the home on Wilton Crescent, until only a couple of years before her death. She died in Ottawa on August 31st, 1969 and was burried in Beachwood Cemetery by her husband.

Information supplied by Miss Ernestine White niece of Mrs. Cruikshank.

Letter from John C. Hay::: Ottawa

Long time neighbour of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank

" His second wife who we knew so well, was Matilda Merdie of Lucknow Ontario::: The second Mrs. Cruikshank was a wonderful helpmate to the General, helping him with his research, reading for him while he meditates, recording and filing."