

Arthur Roberts
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Home Child
Ionian
c1900



Arthur Roberts was born in Cardif, Wales. His father was a riding instructor at a riding school in Sandhurst/Aldershot, where he was thrown from a horse and died. A few months later Arthur's mother died and he and two sisters were sent to an orphanage.

Around 1900 he came to Canada as a "Home Boy". Life was not easy and many "Home" children were badly treated. He never would talk about the first place he lived but he ended up at Millouses, near the Lane Farm, and it was the best place he worked. He would often find a pair of new hand knit mitts under his pillow or a glass of warm milk beside his bed after a hard day's work.

After their barn burned, Arthur worked at anything he could to make ends meet. He would drive to Arden with Walter Abrams early every morning to cut wood all day for \$1.00 per day. His lunch pail had to hold food for two meals and was usually frozen. After Grandfather and Grandmother moved in with Galways He ran the Lane farm until it was sold. Arthur died in 1963 and was buried in Willowbank Cemetary.