

John Moore Wallace

According to a Marriage Register, John Moore Wallace was born October 31st, 1845 in Kingston to William and Elizabeth (Livingston) Wallace. By the 1861 Census William age 53 a Plasterer with his wife Elizabeth age 52 are living in a two storey frame house within the “incorporated village of Napanee” with their son John age 17 and two daughters R. Wallace age 15 and E. Wallace age 13. The 1871 Census shows John M. age 27 is now a Plasterer like his father. He now has a wife Margaret age 26. They reside with William and Elizabeth, John’s parents. The Marriage Register shows that John Moore Wallace married Margaret Beattie on October 31st, 1870 at the residence of William and Elizabeth Wallace in Napanee by the Church of England Rector J.J. Bogart. Margaret (Beattie) was born on December 18th, 1847 in Tullyhoque, Ireland.



John Moore Wallace is listed in the 1863 Member Register of Union Lodge No.9 as member 37, a Plasterer residing in Napanee who on April 28th, 1868 was initiated with the lodge and subsequently Passed September 25th, 1868 and Raised November 6th, 1868 becoming a Master Mason. He would take a Demit from the lodge on July 20th, 1872. The Lennox and Addington Museum and Archives E-History Project states that when a second Fenian threat developed in 1870. John Moore Wallace served as a Private with the Napanee Battery of the Garrison Artillery. He was on duty with the Napanee Battery at Kingston and on the Gunboat ‘Rescue’. Below is a photograph of him in his artillery uniform and the Fenian Invasion Medal of 1870. These are on display at the museum with his sabre including the blade and scabbard.



John and Margaret by the 1881 Census are residing in the East Area of Napanee town with three children James B. 9, Thomas B. 8 and Lizzie 6. John’s parents William 75, and Elizabeth 71 are still alive and living with them. By the 1891 Census the John Moore

Wallace family is still living in the two storey wood house in the east area of Napanee town. James Bright 19, is now a Bank clerk and Thomas Beattie 18, a Drug clerk while Eliza is sixteen. Both boys are collecting a wage.

John Moore Wallace who took a Demit from Union Lodge on July 20th, 1872 promptly affiliated with Mount Sinai Lodge No.280 as a Charter Member and becomes their first Inner Guard according to the 1872 By Law book of Mount Sinai Lodge. The lodge would eventually ‘go into darkness’ in 1888 when it amalgamated with Union Lodge No.9. John Moore Wallace would affiliate with his ‘Mother Lodge’ again on January 21st, 1921 as member 604 and then dies November 1st, 1921 at age 76 years 1 month of Arteriosclerosis and Angina Pectoris which afflicted him for two years as cited by a Dr. Vrooman on the Death Register.

Thomas Beattie Wallace the second child of John Moore and Margaret Wallace as found in the Birth Register was born March 17th, 1873 by a Dr. Shirley. Thomas Beattie who in 1891 was working as a 'Drug clerk' in Napanee presumably at A.W. Grange and Bro. Drugstore graduates from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree in 1892. T.B. Wallace at the age of 21, Druggist, living in Napanee initiates with Union Lodge No.9 April 13th, 1894. Roll number 322. Passed 11th of May, 1894. Raised 12th of October, 1894 with Grand Lodge Certificate 450057. He continued to be a member until his death 3rd of June, 1934 becoming a Life Member October 10th, 1919. He would also be the First Vice President of the Napanee Fair in 1919.

Thomas married a Napanee girl, Helen May Brandon on the 24th of April 1898 in Belleville. Her parents James and Martha Brandon resided at 208 Dundas Street in the West Ward of the town of Napanee. The 1901 Census indicates that Thomas B. and Helen lived at the same address with her parents. The Napanee Walking Tour states that this address was owned by the Brandon and Wallace families from 1881 until 1960 79 years.

An advertisement in the Napanee Express dated 1902 indicate Thomas B. Wallace has purchased the A.W. Grange & Bro. Drugstore at 31 Dundas Street in Napanee and re branded it as "The Red Cross Drug Store".

Wallace's New Drug Store.
 (In Grange's Old Stand)
 T. B. Wallace, Druggist, has purchased the drug business formerly conducted by A. W. Grange & Bro
 —o—
 This store will be known as
The Red Cross DRUG STORE
 The Store itself will be remodelled and the stock of Drugs and Druggist's Sundries the most complete in Napanee.
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 If there is one brand of "MEDICINE" or GOODS better than another you will always find the "Best One" at
Wallace's DRUG STORE
 —o—
Thomas B. Wallace,
Red Cross DRUG STORE. 82-1-y



Thomas B. Wallace would own and operate this property until his death on the 3rd of June, 1934. His wife would die April 30th, 1947 and be buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Napanee. Their daughter Helen Brandon Wallace born on April 16th, 1903 would inherit the estate.

*Sources: The Napanee Express July 18th, 1902;
 Lennox and Addington County Museum and Archives
 Napanee Standard Saturday, January 20th, 1883;
 Lennox and Addington County Museum and Archives
 Napanee Walking Tour
 Canada Censuses 1861, 1871, 1881, 1901
 Member Register Union Lodge No.9 1863, 1910
 1872 By Laws Mount Sinai Lodge No.280
 Marriage Registers Death Registers*