

Lindsay Sept, 11/37.

Dear Bertha -

No doubt you will be surprised to get a note from me but the Investigator Lady of the old age Pension board called here today, and got all the information necessary, except she says she must see the Family Bible before she sends the papers for it, and said she would be in Minden about the 12th of September, and Bertha would you kindly see if Elsie is away that the Family Bible is left at the Registry office around that date, as the Lady said she would call there to see it and you will oblige us very much, hoping this finds you all well so we are both fine now.

Yours sincerely

Aunt May & Uncle Dick,
168 Kent St, E.
Lindsay.

In 1938, during the depression, it was difficult to get the old age Pension. You had to justify the need. That is, no means of self-support. Dick & May (Bowie) Schrader had sold their farm to Ernest and Elsie Schrader (their son) and moved to Lindsay to be near a doctor and the hospital. They bought a home at 168 Kent St E. The letter is addressed to my Aunt Mrs E. E. McElwain - nee Bertha Helena Schrader who had moved to Minden in 1934 when E. E. McElwain was appointed Registrar - Haliburton County. "EB" was Oscar Ferdinand Schrader, the 6th child of Friederich and Augusta Schroder. He is a brother of Dick Schrader. "Eb" was living on the Family Homestead outside Minden, Ontario and had acquired all the family records when Friederich died. Everyone was 'fearful' of the Old Age Pension lady in case she would not approve getting the pension. Further, there was no CPP nor any other assistance for Seniors!!