

1857 to 1957

A.E. "Tiny" Thombs – Born: Henley, England, 1882. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, September 30, 1957. Forward. Tiny, as he was always known, was a star in Hamilton soccer during the early years of the 1900s. While still living in England he received some flattering offers from some of the professional clubs to play for them, but chose to come to Canada and Hamilton where he played most of his career with the great Westinghouse team. For many years Thombs was without equal in Canada as an outside left and he played for Hamilton against the Pilgrims in 1905, Corinthians in 1906 and the Corinthians again in 1911, scoring in all three games. He also played for Ontario and for a Canadian all-star team against a Scottish F.A. team in Montreal in 1921. If there had been a Canadian national team in those days he would almost certainly have played for Canada. Tiny was a member of the Westinghouse team that won the Ontario Cup in 1911, 1912 and 1920 and also the Canadian championship in 1920. In 1924 the City of Hamilton showed it's appreciation by staging a testimonial game in his honour.

Herbert Pogson – Born: Leeds, Yorkshire, England, 1896. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, November 17, 1949. A member of the Canadian national team that toured New Zealand in 1927 Pogson played at first for the Hamilton Independent Labour Party team which later changed its name to Hamilton City. Herb Pogson came to Hamilton at the age of 17 and served with the 173rd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First World War, winning the Military Medal for bravery in action. In World

War Two he was with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders with the rank of sergeant-major. An employee of the Eaton Knitting Company for 30 years. Pogson won Hamilton Spectator Cup medals in 1922 with Independent Labour Party and in 1928 and 1929 with Hamilton City. An inside or centre forward he played for Hamilton All-Stars against a touring English F.A. team in 1926.

Joseph "Joe" Campbell Newton D.C .M. – Born: Alexandra, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, 1887. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, January 15, 1944. Centre Half. Joe Newton emigrated to Canada at the age of 19 and came to live in Hamilton and had played for Dumbarton Oakdale before coming to Canada. He was a member of the great Westinghouse team that won the Ontario Cup in 1911 and 1912 and lost in the final of the 1909 competition. He also helped Westinghouse win the Spectator Cup in 1908, 1909, 1911 and 1912. Joe was said to have been a fearless a powerful player and a fine tackler. He was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War One and was recommended for the Victoria Cross for crawling to within 12 yards of the front line and carrying a badly wounded officer back to his own lines. His bravery was recognized by the awarding of the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The same act won for him the Montenegrin medal, one of those awarded by the King of Montenegro for bravery amongst allied troops. For the last 20 years of his life he was employed in Hamilton by the Tuckett Tobacco Company.

Arthur Wilfred Cartwright – Born: England, 1893. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, August 12, 1944. Arthur Cartwright came to Canada in 1923 and played centre half for Canada against the

United States in Brooklyn, New York in 1925. He played his club soccer for Hamilton Independent Labour Party in 1923 and Hamilton City in 1924 and 1925. He was killed at Dofasco when he was struck by an iron block attached to a crane and died before medical attention could be summoned.

Dr. Henry Hampton Pirie – Born: Dundas, Ontario, 1864. Died: Dundas, Ontario, December 13, 1943. A graduate of Arts and Medicine at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, he played soccer in his college days and also played for Canada against the United States in East Newark, New Jersey in 1886. He also toured the British Isles with the great Canadian team of 1888 playing against Scotland in Glasgow. After graduating from Queens he served as a medical practitioner in Costa Rica for many years, before returning home to Dundas, where he engaged in such sports as lawn bowling, golf and curling. During the depression in the 1930s, Dr. Pirie served his community well in connection with the administration of relief.

Courtesy of Colin Jose – Colin has been researching the history of the game in Canada and the United States by working with the micro-film of old newspapers.

Administrators

Arthur Arnold – Born: Wolverhampton, England. Died: Burlington, Ontario, February 16, 1969. One of the longest serving administrators in Canadian soccer history. Secretary of Hamilton City in 1929 and not long after began a long association with the National Soccer League, becoming president in 1935 and again in the 1950s, while at the same time president of the Ontario

Football Association (OFA). Appointed by the Dominion of Canada Football Association (DCFA), today's Canadian Soccer Association, in 1948 to the Ontario Soccer Commission, with the task of re-organizing soccer in Ontario following World War Two. He did such a good job that he became President of the Ontario Football Association from 1951 to 1957 in the turbulent years following the war. In declining the nomination to the presidency at the 1958 OFA meeting he told the delegates "no man was more attacked or belittled than I was and I just couldn't go on for another 12 months. Later in the meeting the delegates made him a life member. However, he went on to become president of the Football Association of Canada (FAC) in 1957-58, an honour denied him the previous year. Arthur Arnold owned and operated a steel fabricating plant that used to be located at 154 McNab Street South in Hamilton. He was known to everyone in the Hamilton soccer community as "Pop" Arnold.

William Edward Dean – Born: Westbury-on-Severn, England, 1872. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, November 27, 1944. President of the Ontario Football Association in 1921, 1923, 1924 and 1925. A life member of the Ontario and Canadian Football (Soccer) Associations. Refereed the game between a Canadian All-Star team and a Scottish F.A. touring team in Montreal in 1921. President of the Hamilton and District Soccer Association in 1933, 1934 and 1935. Owned and operated a shoe store in east end Hamilton for 30 years.

Samuel Clarke – Born: England, 1873. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, December 12, 1947. President of the Ontario Football Association

1916-17. Popular former Alderman in the City of Hamilton from 1929 until 1934 and from 1941 to 1943. Came to Canada from England in 1906 and in 1916 took over as manager of the Hamilton Spectator Branch No 4, Barton Street, East. President of the Hamilton and District Soccer Association in 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. His store became a rendezvous for people from the British Isles and he sold British newspapers. For many years he also wrote a soccer column for the Spectator.

Herbert Hall – Born: Manchester, England, 1877. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, January 10, 1941. President of the Ontario Football (Soccer) Association from 1931 to 1936 and the Hamilton and District Soccer Association in 1928, 1929 and 1930. A printer by trade he served an apprenticeship for seven and a half years working under his father at the Manchester Evening News. In 1902 he was in South Africa, and enlisted in the British Army for service in the Boar War. However peace was declared immediately after his enlistment. He came to Hamilton in 1904 and worked for three different Hamilton papers, the Times, the Herald and the Spectator. He was a charter member of the Hamilton Lions Club and served as president in 1936 and 1937.

William Donaldson – Born: Stevenston, Scotland, 1873. Died: Hamilton, Ontario, January 7, 1942. President of the Ontario Football (Soccer) Association 1918-19 and first vice-president in 1917, 1918 and 1919. Secretary-Treasurer of the Hamilton and District Soccer Association from 1917 to 1936.