Attachment 1

Aurora War Memorial Alteration Proposal

Private Fred Luxon, 3 March 1893 – 9 April 1917 (Age 24)

Introduction

Frederick (Fred) Luxon is one of the men from Aurora who died during World War I, and whose name appears on the Aurora War Memorial. Unfortunately, there is an error in the spelling of his surname, with a "T" added where there ought to be none, making his name appear "Luxton" on the memorial. We are proposing the removal of the letter "T" from his name and the recentering (if necessary) of his name within the list of those commemorated on the memorial.

Evidence for the Spelling of Luxon

- 1. Fred Luxon's official documents show his name spelled correctly (see below for one outstanding example). These are clear throughout his file, including on his hand-signed attestation paper, Movement and Casualty Card as well as his Memorial Cross Card, all digitized by the Library and Archives Canada. **See Example 1.**
- 2. Fred Luxon's first appearance in the Aurora Banner is November 5th, 1915, where he is on a list of soldiers from Aurora who are still "In Training." He appears on this list each week through the end of the year, and into 1916, and is included on the final list published May 19th, 1916. For an unknown reason, he never appears on the associated "On Active Service" List which provided contact addresses for many locals who were at the front. These lists were printed weekly and stopped appearing in February of 1917. **See Example 2.**
- 3. Fred Luxon's name was known correctly in his hometown: Washfield, North Devon, England. Fred appears on a list of men serving from Washfield, which was published Easter of 1917, seemingly the day before he was killed at Vimy. Similarly, Fred's correct name appears twice on Washfield memorial plaques: one, a brass plaque at the local St. Mary's Church, and another, a list of names carved in granite and affixed to the local "War Memorial Shelter." See Example 3.
- 4. Fred Luxon's official gravestone at the Givenchy Road Canadian Cemetery in France, as designed and produced by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, shows his name spelled correctly. These memorial stones were placed between 1921 and 1927, and used internal military data for names, ranks, and honours awarded. **See Example 4**.

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Print Errors, Assumptions and Repetition

- 1. Even early in Fred Luxon's military career, his name was already being misspelt. On one of his official documents, which we will call the "Initial CEF Pay & Promotions Card" his name was spelled with the "T" and later corrected in pencil. **See Example 5.**
- 2. The name Luxon appears to be a rare variant of the more common *Luxton*. Luxon has about 25% of the number of Luxtons recorded in the 1911 Census. In Aurora, the local Salvation Army Captain was George William Luxton, who was mentioned by surname in the Banner twice in 1916 (March 31st and June 23rd). The publishers of the Aurora Banner likely conflated the two names to produce the error. **See Example 6.**
- 3. Fred Luxon's death was reported in the Banner on the 11th of May, more than a month after he had died. In this report, his name has received the incorrect spelling *Luxton*. A similar notice, printed days earlier in the Toronto Star May 8th, 1917, also includes the *Luxton* misspelling. This error was reprinted each week in the Banner on Aurora's Honor Roll, through the end of the war and to late August 1919. **See Example 7.**
- 4. The list of names proposed to be included on the planned War Memorial was generated at a February 1923 meeting of the War Memorial Association and recorded in their minutes. This list was published regularly in the Aurora Banner, with a request for corrections, beginning December 19, 1924. *Luxton* appears each week, and while other names with errors receive corrections over time, none are applied to Fred's name. This error persists through the vetting process and results in the final error on the memorial. **See Example 8.**
- 5. Finally, this repeated error has travelled through many lists, resulting in the incorrect Luxton name being selected for an Aurora street Luxton Avenue, in the 1990s. We believe this should also be changed but appreciate the difficulty and public nature of doing so. **See Example 9.**

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Example 1

Canadian Expeditionary Force Attestation Document

	12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? Tred: Lucion (Signature of Man). Oull 1 hummon (Signature of Witness).
	DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION. I,
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Movement and Casualty Card

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Memorial Cross Card

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ives Give on the Field of Hono SERGT. H. C. MULLOY PTE. C. AMOS PTE. ERNEST DAVIS. PTE, KARL GRAINGER.

On Active Service

No. 10616 Ptc. W. J. Mountain, A Coy., 4th Battalion, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England

No. 13064 Lieut. K. L. Campbell, 2nd Coy., 5th Bn., 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

No. 2146 Pte. W. Dixon, 1st Canadian Cyclist Company, Divisional Mounted Troops, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

No. 5215 Sapper F. N. Taylor, 1st Coy. Canadian Engineers, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England

No. 9639 Pte. Thos. Evans, G.O.C. Sub-staff. Canadian Army Corps, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army F. O., London, England.

No. 10697 Pte. Chas. Terrell, Headquarters Staff. A Coy., 4th Bn., 1st Brigade, 1st Canadian Contingent. Army P. O., London, England.

No. 6464 Pte Ernest S. Hill, Machine Gun Section, 1st Battn., 1st Infantry Bdge., 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

Lieut, W. Petermann, Canadian Over-Seas E. F., Risberry Barracks,

Army P. O., London, England.

No. 79 Pte Arthur H. VanNostrand Canadian Reserve Cyclist Coy., Hounslow,

Army P. O., London, England.

No. 10765 Pte. W. H. Marment, Machine Gun Section. 1st Brigade, 4th Battalion, 1st Canadian Contingent, Army P.O., London, England.

No. 87254 Pte. Geo. L. Langstaff, 20th Battery. 5th Overseas Bdge 2nd Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

Pte. W. C. Monckman, A Company 50th Battn. Calgary.

No. 1009 Pte H. H. Proctor, No. 4 Canadian General Hospital British Mediterranean E. F. Army P. O., London, Eng. 11.

No. 27042 Ptr. H. C. Brown No. 2 Coy., 17th Reserve Battn. Canadian Expeditionary Force, East Sandling, Kent, Army P. O., London, England.

No. 57162 Pte. T. S. Crosskill. A Coy., 20th Bn., 4th Inf. Bdge 2nd Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England

Pte. Charles Eldridge, Canadian Expeditionary Force, C Squad., 4th Regt, 2nd Brigade Shorncliffe, Army P. O., London, England.

No. 404753 Pte. Fisher Dunham, C Coy., 35th Battalian, 3rd Canadian Contingent Army P. O., London, England.

Gunner J. E Hill, .14th Battery, 4th Brigade, Canadian Field Antillery, Army P. O., London, England.

Pte. Walter Browne. E Coy., 36th Battalion, 3rd Canadian Contingent, West Sandling Camp, Army P.O., London, England,

No. 40448 Pte Thomas J. Smith, 23rd Battalion Reserve, West Sandling Camp, Army P. O., London, England,

Pte F. H. Nicholson, 30th Battery, Field Artillery, 2nd Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England,

418936 Lee. Corpl. W. J. Addison, B Coy., 42nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Highlanders, Field P. O., France.

No. 446351 Pte. Fred Monkman Right Half Section, 2nd Div. Supply Column, 2nd Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

No. 57290 Pte Wm. C. Stone, A Cov., 20th Battalion, 2nd Canadian Contingent, Army P. O., London, England.

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Pte. H. H. Allen. H. C. Gillham. James Snell. Fred Luxon. Lloyd. Walker Hulme Wm, Henry Scrivener. 95th Battalion James Neal. Geo. Martin Lewis Hawtin Harman .

Lieut. A. Forsyth

Example 2

First "In Training" List Aurora Banner November 5, 1915

Training

Pte. H. H. Allen. H. C. Gillham. James Snell.

Fred Luxon.

Lloyd. Walker Hulme.

Wm. Henry Scrivener. 95th Battalion.

James Neal.

Geo. Martin.

Lewis Hawtin.

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Lieut. A. Forsyth.

Final "In Training" List Aurora Banner May 19, 1916

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Washfield Roll of Honour

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Parish of WASHFIELD, N. Devon

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Amblin, W., Army Service Corps.

Bishop, Alfred, 1st Devon Regiment. Died June 25th, 1915. Bishop, Fred, 2nd Devon Regiment, Killed Jan. Bishop, John, Stoker, Petty Officer, H.M.S. Monitor. Killed Jan. 1st, 1915. Bowden, Ernest, 1st Devon Regiment.

Crang, W. J., R.R., H.M.S. Devonshire.

Davey, F., Lance-Corporal, 1st Devon Regiment.

Edworthy, F., 2nd Devon Regiment. Edworthy, J., 3rd Devon Regiment. Ellis, R., Coldstream Guards.

Died Oct. 8th, 1914.

Gillings, G. J. C., Royal North Devon Hussars.

Green, F., 9th Devon Regiment.

Hann, J., Royal North Devon Hussars.

Hill, J., Coldstream Guards.

Hollaway, F., Royal Garrison Artillery.

Hunt, J., 6th Devon Regiment.

Kerslake, J., 1st Devon Regiment.

Died Jan. 30th, 1915. Kerslake, R., 11th Hussars. Kingdom, A., Sergeant, 2nd Devon Regt. Killed Sept. 17th, 1914. Kingdom, Robert, 9th Devon Regiment.

Lang, H., 12th Reserve Cavalry Regiment. Las Casas, M. de, Lieutenant, Royal North Devon Hussars.

Levin, F., 11th Devon Regiment, Luxon, P., Canadian Infantry Brigade, Luxon, S., Motor Transport.

Luxon, W. J., L.-Cpl., 20th Labour Co., A.S.C., attached Devon Regt.

Manley, Arthur, Royal Marine Artillery. Died Oct. 16th, 1915. Marshall, Frank, Royal Field Artillery.

Partridge, F., Royal Engineers. Partridge, J., 8th Devon Regiment. Partridge, - , Engineers, Pick and Shovel. Pincott, George, Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry.

Radford, H., 4th Devon Regiment.

Rice, W. J., 3/10 Middlesex Regiment, Transport Section.

Snell, Walter, R.M.A., H.M.S. Indomitable.

Squire, E., 3rd Devon Regiment.

Taylor, F. J. G., Lance-Corporal, 4th Devon Regiment.

Webber, George, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Willey, W., 8th Devon Regiment.

Memorial Plaque St. Mary's Chuch, Washfield



War Memorial Shelter, Washfield



Fred Luxon's Grave Givenchy Road Canadian Cemetery



Initial CEF Pay & Promotions Card

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Aurora Banner, March 31, 1916

7	SALVATION ARMY
l	Meetings all day Sunday, April 2nd
	-Sunday School 10 a.m.
L:	Holiness Meeting 11 u.m.
	Directory Class 2 p.m.
	Praise Meeting 8 p.m.
:	Great Salvation Meeting 7 p.m.
=	Subject Is there such a place
	as Hell?
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!	of age who would like to join the
	Life-Saving Scouts, meet down at
+	the drill sheds, Wednesday even-
-{	ings at 7.30 p.m.
- }	The captain is willing to visit the
1	sick any hour of the day or night.
	Capt. Luxton.
1	Officer in charge.
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Aurora Banner, June 23, 1916

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	LOOK WHAT'S COMING
er-	June 28th, 1916.
ıs	In the Salvation Army Hall, at
VS	8 p.m. A treat is in store for the
	people of Aurora,
•	There will be some artists their
ly.	on that night.
as	Elecutionists :- Miss C. Davis
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•	Instrumental Quartette, bandsmen
	Boynton, Waterfall, Delahaye and
эе	Capt. Luxton; Sarf Drill; Barbell
,	Drill, Flag Drill, Doll Drill, Reci-
ld	tations, etc.
ie	The Aurora Town Band will
	play selections.
	Mr. J. M. Walton, Chairman.
t	Admission 10 cents.
У	The Aurora Town Band will play
o	from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
0	Everybody come
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Aurora Banner, May 11, 1917

Another Aurora boy has given his life on the battle field, in the person of Pte, Fred Luxton. Pte. Luxton enlisted as a recruit from 109th regiment about years ago, and left Exhibition Camp in June last with the Battalion commanded by Lt. Stewart. He had been in the trenches since last October. Before enlisting he was employed in J. Fleury's Sons works here. He was a member of the Methodist

Sunday School orchestra.

Toronto Star, May 8, 1917

Final Honor Roll Aurora Banner August 22, 1919

FRIDAY, AUG. 22nd, 1919. AURORA'S HONOR ROLL LIVES GIVEN ON THE FIELD OF HONOR SERGT, E. H. MULLOY. CORPL D. MILLER THE ERNEST DAVIS PTE JOHN ROUTLEDGE
Died in hospital.
GUNNER JOHN E HILL
CORPL H. H. ALLEN Died in hospital. PTE, F. H. WILKINSON, MAJOR PETERMANN, M.C., D.C.O. PTE, K. W. EXLEY. SIG. R. S. HILLARY, C.F.A GR. G. ALEXANDER. BUGLER W. HARRIS. PTE, FRED LUXTON, PTE, R. HOLLINGSHEAD PTE JAMES A. PROCTOR CORPL. H. L. HUNGS. PTE. C. W. JONES. PTE. ROY HARPER. PTE, A. E. HINCKLEY SAPPER C. W. SMITH PTE. THOS, CROSSKILL PTE. G. A. GRAY. PTE. H. R. KING. PIL E ROSE GR. LEWIS GRAIGIE. LIEUT. R. R. HAPTHAN. PTE. STEWART STYLES. PTE. J. ALLAN. PTE. SHEPPARD. SAPPER McMASTER. PTE. S. G. BROWN.

PTE. L. LUXTON KILLED.

In the trenches since last October,

F. Luxton has been killed in He enaction. listed as a recruit from the 109th Regiment almost years ago, and left the Exhibition Camp in June last with the battalion manded by Lt .-Col. Stewart. Although Ottawa Pte. F. Luxton.

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Toronto Star - May 8th, 1917

War I lemorial

The following names appear in he Minu'es, &c., of the County h ouncil of Yak, Third meeting, st 923, as those of the men from is Aurora. Whitehurch and King, co died in service.

Thisl isti is published sorthat w corrections. may be made and d names added that may be omitted. The War Memorial Association tion asks that the readers of the h list and will give such informa- tl tion as they can in regard thereto. It is desired to have not only the en names in full of each fallen man h but also his rank and the unit to ti

which he belonged.
Address Mr. J. G. McDonald, le
Secretary, Aurora War Memorial R Association, or hand written in- en formation to Mr. C. E. Lundy of si the Aurora Banner.

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W. Harris.

Thos. Crosskill C. A. Gray. H. R. King. E. Rose.

Lewis Cragie. R R. Hartman Stewart Styles. J. Allen. Sheppard. McMaster.

S. G. Brown. King. Sherman Brown. Harold Brown. Russell Clift. Max Doyle. Wilfred Doyle, John Ferguson. Leonard Ferguson. Roy Harper Geo. Howard.

Telford Little.

Thomas McMaster.

Example 8

First List Aurora Banner December 19, 1924

> Final List Aurora Banner June 12, 1925

WAR MEMORIAL

We are now able to give the list of names, as corrected, to appear on the Autora War Memorial. These names are now being engraved on the large granite paner of the Memorial.

The Committee has taken under consideration all corrections of

connection with this list, and be Hieve that it is as complete and las nearly correct as it is possible to have it. No trouble has been spared, to make it so:

To the honoured memory of the men or Aurora, King and Whit-church, who died in the Great War, and in grateful tribute to all who shared its dangers.

G'Alexander. Henry H. Allen. James A. Amos. Herman C. Brown. Stanley G, Brown. Kenneth L. T. Campbell, M.C. Thos. Crosskill. A Ernest Davis W. Kenneth Exley, Walter Harris. R. Ross Hartman. Heber Higgs. R. Stuart Hillary. R. Hollingshead. Elwood Lloyd Fred Luxton. E. Harold Mulloy. Ernest Rose. Wilfred F. Petermann, M.C.

Fred H. B. Wilkinson. Sherman Brown. Harold Brown. Russel Clift. Max Doyle. Wilfred Doyle. Ed. Douglass. John Ferguson. Leonard Ferguson. Gilbert A. Gray. Roy Harper. C. W. Jones. Thos. Geo. Howard. Telford Little. Thos. McMaster. Wallace Merchant. Aubrey M. Marshall. Russell Parker. Jno. R. Routledge. Harry Stewart. Roy Stocks. Wm. Walker M.C. Townley Watson. Chas. Woodroof.

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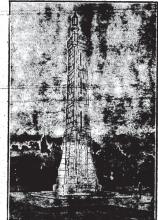
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J. Herbert Wallwark.

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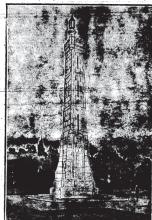
Aurora Banner October 9, 1925

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Luxton Avenue sign, 2024



