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# Personality Profile Of The Week

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## Anthony and Augusta Adamson

In his book, "The Ancestral Roof" written in collaboration with Marion MacRae, Anthony Adamson dedicated the book this way, To the gentlewomen of Upper Canada in the person of a descendant, Augusta Bonnycastle Adamson.

The Adamsons have contributed much to the com-

holidays in Port Credit. The home he now lives in was built by his father in 1919. Before that the family enjoyed a house which his grandfather had built on the same property in 1860.

Tony Adamson, as he is known amongst his friends, now very strong hospital auxiliary.

ing the welfare needs, and lacks, from Oshawa to Hamilton, using Toronto Township, Streetsville and Port Credit as a pilot study project. Mr. Adamson says, "Due to the remarkably rapid and diffuse growth this area has all the problems of a metro area without being able to organize their welfare resources as a metro area does."

Anthony Adamson, whose architectural practise is exclusively that of restoration, was engaged in 1957 to be the general consultant for Upper Canada Village.

Since seven Loyalist Villages were to be submerged by the St. Lawrence Seaway, it was a matter of choosing houses, churches and furnishings from the period between 1784 and 1867 from these villages which were suitable and typical for re-establishment.

Then to lay out the village and a river park, before the river was there. A hill was created in the river park as part of the memorial to the Battle of Crysler's Farm, this was the battle which took place on November 11, 1813 and which saved Montreal.

Mr. Adamson is now restoring Dundurn Castle, Hamilton. This was the home of Sir Allan McNab, who was Prime Minister of United Canada, 1854-56.

The basement will show the domestic technology of that period. How the water was heated, how the food was kept and cooked, how the laundry was done and what the children played with.

The drawing room will be restored at a cost of \$14,000. There will be horses in the stables and perhaps cocks in the pits which were there for cock fights.

munity, and have brought alive for many people the history of Upper Canada.

Augusta Adamson was born in Russel, a town 200 miles north of Winnipeg. She was educated in Winnipeg and at Bishop Strachan School, Toronto. She was the daughter of Judge Angus Bonnycastle.

Since their marriage the Adamsons have lived in this family home on Adamson's Lane, Port Credit. They have three sons. Two sons of the late Rodney Adamson, M.P. for York West, have lived with them since their parents' death in an air crash.

Along with bringing up five sons, and supporting an active and busy husband, Augusta Adamson has found time to take part in many important community activities.

She was a District Commissioner of the Canadian Girl Guides.

Long before the first sod was turned Mrs. Adamson was working for the South Peel Hospital. She was, and still is a member of the hospital board. She was president for the first five years of the

Anthony Adamson was born in Toronto, and spent his

received most of his education in England, as his parents were both involved in the Second World War. His father Col. Agar Adamson, fighting, and his mother, in Belgium, operating a fund to raise money for the people of Belgium.

He graduated with his degree in architecture from Cambridge, and returned to Toronto in the middle of a depression.

On his fourth wedding anniversary he collapsed with TB and spent the next seven years in various sanitoriums.

He spent ten years as an elected officer in municipal politics. He was on the Township of Toronto School Board and on the council. He was Reeve of Toronto Township in 1953-4.

He says, of his stint in local politics: "I was shocked in local politics at the lack of organization on behalf of welfare."

As a result of this concern he became a member of the Board of Peel Manor and President of the Children's Aid Society. He is also past-president of the Ontario Welfare Council.

He is presently chairman of a committee which is study-



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ADAMSON, Agar Rodney Cawthra, M.P., Cynthia Jacqueline Oakley, his wife—late of The Hogsback, Port Credit, Ont., as a result of aircraft accident at Moose Jaw, Sask., on April 8, 1954. The caskets will lie in the chancel of All Saints' church (Kingsway), Bloor St. W. and Prince Edward drive, from noon Tuesday, April 13, until 10 p.m. Funeral service from Trinity church, Port Credit, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4. Interment in Trinity churchyard. Flowers to Skinner & Middlebrook funeral home, Port Credit. Mrs. Adamson is survived by her son, Christopher; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Gillespie, Toronto; her sister, Mrs. Stanley Dance, England, and her brother, John B. Gillespie, Toronto. Mr. Adamson is survived by his sons, Agar and Christopher, and his brother, Anthony, all of Port Credit.