

Family founded first Methodist Church

Port Credit pioneer marks 105th birthday

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A lot of people may lay claim to being a Mississauga "pioneer" but few could top Ida Lynd Bradley.

Indeed, Bradley's history goes a little farther back than 20 or 30 years.

In fact, she was born here — in 1888 to be exact.

Bradley is 105 and family members and friends turned out at Erin Mills Lodge yesterday to help her celebrate the event.

According to her daughter Lois Townsend, Ida Lynd came into this world in a small home near the lake in Port Credit and spent a good portion of her life in this area.

"She has certainly seen it all," Townsend said. "When you stop to think about it, she has lived through all the important events of this century."

Townsend said that while her mother was content to be a homemaker and shied away from the spotlight, she and her family did leave interesting lives and have left their marks on the community.

"The family always was active in

the church and were founders of the first Methodist Church in the area," she said. "Her brother Garnet Lynd helped developed the United Church here, in fact, Lyndwood United Church is named after him."

After Bradley got married in 1910, she and her husband moved around quite a bit and over the years she lived on the east coast and in the United States.

She always managed to find her way back home, however, and eventually moved back for good to this area when she was 80. She has lived at Erin Mills Lodge for the past 12 years.

Always very independent, Townsend her mother didn't get her driver's license until she was 65 and drove until she was 90. During that time, she thought nothing to take long driving trips to the U.S. by herself to visit relatives.

As for her long life span, Townsend attributes her mother's success to a good attitude and a strong will to survive.

"There seems to be no stopping her," she said. "She is a wonder to behold."



Lois Townsend poses for a photo with her mother, Ida Lynd Bradley, who celebrated her 105th birthday yesterday at Erin Mills Lodge.

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