

RETIRED MEDICAL OFFICER RECEIVES THANKS OF QUEEN

PRESCOTT —(Staff)— Lt.-Col. Sterling LeRoy Spicer, U.E.L. Lodge, R.R. 2, Prescott, today received the expressed thanks of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for a poem, "Coronation Prayer" which he wrote in honor of Her Majesty's Coronation.

The note of appreciation and thanks was headed on Buckingham Palace stationary, and signed by a private secretary on her behalf.



LT.-COL. S. LER. SPICER

Lt. Col. Spicer retired two years ago from active medical practice in Toronto, where he was responsible for the opening and direction of St. Joseph's Hospital. He also served with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the R.C.A.M.C. in World Wars I and II, and during the interval between these conflicts. In 1946, Lt. Col. Spicer was created, by command of His Late Majesty King George VI, an officer of the Venerable Order of Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, the citation being signed by the Duke of Gloucester.

Since his retirement Dr. Spicer has resided at U.E.L. Lodge, which he has reconstructed on the site of the homestead erected by the original family settlers, and has converted the Lodge and surroundings into one of the most attractive and historically interesting places in this area.

Retired from the Canadian Army with the permanent rank of Lt.-Colonel, October 5, 1946.

Chief Examiner in First Aid for Headquarters, Military District No. 2, R.C.A.M.C., 1940-46.

Elected to full membership in the Canadian Authors Association, 1942. Author of several poems, and also of an historical article in the U. E. L. Association Journal.

Was a great student of local history and of genealogy. Wrote numerous papers on these subjects.

Dr. Spicer built a summer home in Maynard, "U. E. Lodge", and, following his retirement, came there to live. His home was filled with historic objects and books. The Lodge was built on the site of the home of the first Spicer family to settle here.

Concession 3, Lot 9, Augusta Township.

In 1978, Sterling had a small booklet of his favourite poems published, and gave them to friends and relatives. It was entitled "Sugar and Spicer", indicative of his keen sense of humour, even at that advanced age.

He married firstly, Amy Glenmore Ward, and has a daughter from that union, Ileana Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edward Morris, of Mississauga. There are also 2 grandsons, Sterling and Byron Morris.

His second wife was Mildred Flinn, who passed away in 1977. He was cared for in his later years by a cousin, Pansy Spicer Lane, who was his receptionist in Toronto, and nurse and housekeeper when he came to retirement.

Sterling LeRoy Spicer passed away March 21, 1981, in a Mississauga Hospital at age of 95 years. He was buried in the family plot in Maynard Cemetery.

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and information.