

Southam Obituaries

Mrs. C. E. Southam, 55, of 355 Kenyon Avenue, wife of Capt. Corbett E. Southam of the Elyria police department, died in Charity Hospital, Cleveland, at 10:40 a.m. today of an illness from which she had suffered for the past five weeks. She was taken to Charity Hospital the middle of last week. Saturday she underwent an operation. __Mrs. Southam was a member of St. Mary's Church and was active in the auxiliary of the Major Woodworth Camp of the Spanish American War Veterans. She was secretary of the auxiliary for the past three years.__Born in Amherst, Mrs. Southam came here about 30 years ago. Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Thomas, Virginia and Annette, by her mother, Mrs. Thomas Finnegan of Cleveland, and by the following brothers and sisters, Hugh, Thomas, Kathryn, Mrs. E. E. Fry and Mrs. Carl Ruth of Cleveland and John of Elyria. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.__(Source: Elyria Chronicle Telegram, 9 Mar 1936)

Corbett E. Southam, Sep 3, 1955, Southam, Corbett E., Elyria, O., retired captain Elyria Police Dept., passed away Friday, beloved husband of Myra, father of Thomas of Elyria, Miss Virginia Southam, R.N., and Miss Ann Southam, both of Cleveland, brother of Mrs. William Wedel, Mrs. Frank Riel and Mrs. Edith Dunlea, and grandfather. __Friends received at the Sudro Curtis Funeral Home, Elyria, where services will be held, Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Interment Woodvale Cemetery, Berea, O.__(Source: Cleveland Press; Cleveland Necrology File.)

William H. Southam__William H. Southam passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Snoble, of 446 Eighth Street yesterday at the age of 85 years. He was a brother of Corbett Southam of this city.__Others surviving are his wife Emma (nee Christian), and daughter, Esther of Berea, and brother, Fred, and sisters Mrs. Blanche Wedel and Mrs. Edna Riel.__The body is at the Haag Funeral Home in Berea, where it will remain until Friday morning, when it will be taken to the late home, 130 Beech Street, for funeral services Friday at 2:30. Burial will be in Woodvale Cemetery.__(Source: The Chronicle Telegram, Elyria, 28 Aug 28 1935)_____Southam Funeral Set.__Services Tomorrow for Berea Builder, Ex School Board Member__Funeral services for William H. Southam, 65, brother of the late John R. Southam, former Berea mayor, will be at the family residence, 130 Beech Street, Berea, at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. __Mr. Southam died Tuesday in Elyria Memorial Hospital after a year of illness. He was a carpenter and builder. He spent his entire life in Berea and served several terms on the Berea Board of Education. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and trustee of Berea Congregational Church. He played the horn in the church orchestra and the municipal band.__He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Southam, and two daughters, Esther of Los Angeles and Doris Snoble of Elyria. Burial will be in Woodvale Cemetery.__(Source: Cleveland Plain Dealer, 29 Aug 1935)

Funeral of Mrs. Southam.__The funeral of Mrs. E. C. Southam was held at St. Thomas church Monday morning and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. J. E. Ramsdell. __Mrs. Isabel Gould Southam was born on White Cross Street, London, Oct. 25, 1847. Her father's family, consisting of parents, one sister and five brothers, came to America when she was four years old, and one year later they settled in Olmstead, O. She was married to Edwin C. Southam, Sept. 25, 1867, and for more than 30 years they have resided on the same farm, one mile west of Berea. Five sons and five daughters have been born to them, all of whom survive their mother, except one daughter, Ellea, who died at the age of ten years. She was held in the highest esteem by her neighbors and friends and was identified with the local W.C.T.U.,

the members of which society attended the funeral in a body. __The deceased was also a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and a regular attendant upon its services. She was devoted to her family and to the church. The rector, in his discourse, truly remarked of her, that during her active Christian life, she exemplified the words of Tennyson: __“Life is real, life is earnest! __And the grave is not its goal; _Dust thou art, to dust returneth, _Was not spoken of the soul.” __The music of the occasion was furnished by a selected choir. The remains were taken to Woodvale vault, followed by a long line of carriages. The burial will occur at Butternut Ridge cemetery. __Out of respect to a daughter of the deceased, the senior class of the High School, of which she is a member, attended the funeral in corpore. __ (Source: The Berea Advertiser, 6 Nov 1896) __ (Dan's Note: AmericanPoems.Com shows that the poem was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow rather than Tennyson.)

Father of Captain Southam Dies __ **Edwin C. Southam**, 88, father of Captain Corbett E. Southam of the Elyria police department, and grandfather of Mrs. Charles Snoble, also of this city, passed away yesterday at his home, 298 South Rocky River, Berea. __Mr. Southam was born in Strongsville, in 1846, moving to Berea 65 years ago where he had resided since. He was a contractor and carpenter by trade. It was while working last fall shingling a house that he became ill, and has been in ill health ever since. __Mr. Southam was a charter member of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, operators of the Berea Fair. He was the father of John R. Southam, former mayor of Berea, who preceded him in death several years ago. The son was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded for extra-ordinary valor under fire in France during the World War. __Six children, eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive. The sons, in addition to Corbett, are William of Berea, and Fred of Memphis, Tenn. The daughters are Mrs. Edith Dunlea, Berea; Mrs. Blanche Wedell, Strongsville; and Mrs. Edna Riel, Fremont. __Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Emil C. Haag Funeral Home, 50 East Bridge Street, Berea. Burial will be made in Woodvale cemetery. __ (Source: Elyria Chronicle Telegram, 11 Dec 1934) __ (Dan's Note: Reference to the Congressional Medal of Honor for John R. Southam by the Chronicle-Telegram is incorrect. Instead, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.)

E. C. Southam Succumbs Here. __Was Father of Late Mayor John R. Southam; Rites Yesterday. __Edwin C. Southam, 89, father of the late John R. Southam, world war hero and former mayor of Berea, died Monday in his home, 298 South Rocky River Drive, Berea. __Mr. Southam had been a resident of Berea for sixty-five years. Born in Strongsville in 1816, he moved to Berea in 1869 and has lived here ever since. He was a contractor and carpenter and did his last work last fall when he built two houses in Strongsville. While shingling one of them he became ill, and has been ill ever since. __He was a charter member of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society. __Six children, eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive him. The sons and daughters are William Southam, Berea; Corbett Southam, Elyria captain of police; Fred Southam, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Blanche Wedel, Strongsville; Mrs. Edith Dunlea, Berea; and Mrs Edna Reil, Fremont, Ohio. __Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in the Haag Funeral Home. Burial was in Woodvale cemetery. __ (Source: The Berea News, 10 December 1934)

Betsy Friend Southam was born in Devonshire, England, Dec 22, 1814, where she spent her childhood days much the same as all young people. __In the year 1831, her father sold his

possessions in England. At the age of 17, with her parents, four brothers, and two sisters, all of whom, except the youngest, Mr. Jas. Friend, of Michigan, have passed to the spiritland, she came to America settling in Royalton, Cuyahoga Co. on a farm. July 4, 1835, she was married to Henry Southam. __For twenty-five years they made their home in Strongsville; then wishing for better educational advantages for their children, they moved to Berea. They were blessed with a large family, five of whom passed away while mere babes, while six grew up to manhood and womanhood. Helen, their oldest daughter, was the first taken from them. Then the father, of whom it could be truthfully said, "None knew him but to love him," passed away. The next to be called hence was Ella, the youngest of the family, who seemed yet to have scarcely passed from girlhood. __"Leaves have their time to Fall _And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath; _And stars to set, but all - _Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death." __Betsy Southam was reared in the Church of England. At the age of 21, she, with her husband, united with the Methodist church at Bennetts Corners. Upon moving to Berea, they transferred their membership to the Berea M.E. church, where they remained faithful members until called. "It is enough, come up higher." __Fifty-three years ago, she was made a life member of the Foreign Missionary Society, in which she took an active interest until advancing years made it impossible for her to longer attend. During the Crusade Movement in Berea, she was one of the first to respond to duty's call, and in later years, was an earnest supporter of the Berea W.C.T.U. of which she was a charter member, and in which she retained her membership until her death. __ (Source: The Berea Enterprise, 12 Jan 1906)

Aged Berea Woman Dead__Mrs. Betsy Southam, Ninety-one, Left large Number of Grandchildren __Berea, O., Dec. 31. - Mrs. Betsy Southam, one of Berea's oldest residents, died yesterday. Mrs. Southam was born in Devonshire, England, Dec 21, 1814, and when seventeen years of age moved with her parents to America and subsequently located in Royalton township, Ohio. __The deceased, whose maiden name was Betsy Friend, married Henry Southam, moving into Strongsville township. In moving into 1860 Mr. and Mrs. Southam moved to Berea and she made this her home up to the time of her death. Mr. Southam died in 1879, leaving her considerable wealth. Mrs. Southam was a woman of ability, managing her own business affairs until she was seized by an attack of pneumonia, which caused her death. __She was generally known around this vicinity as "Grandma" Southam and merits this title as will be seen from the fact of her leaving seventeen grand-children, thirty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. In addition to the above grandchildren Mrs. Southam is survived by one son, Edwin Southam of Berea, and three daughters, Mrs. John Tell of Greenport, N.T.; Mrs. W. W. Salisbury and Mrs. T. Heath, both of Berea. __ (Source: Cleveland Plain Dealer, 01 Jan 1906)

Death of Henry Southam__Mr. Henry Southam, for the last nineteen years an esteemed citizen of Berea, passed away Sabbath evening, Jan 26th, at the ripe old age of 74. His health had been poor for some two years or more, but it was not until a few weeks ago that it became apparent that he was gradually failing, and that the days of his pilgrimage on earth were nearing the end. __The disease of which he died was one of acute suffering, yet he bore it all without a murmur; he had already outlived the allotted age of man and that he was ready and willing to go and be at rest. The end came on Sabbath evening just as the village bells had tolled the hour of worship, his spirit quietly winged its flight to the heavenly sanctuary, "Where congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths have no end."__He leaves a widow and five children: Mrs. Thirza Heath, Mrs. Libbie Tenbroeck, Miss Clara, Miss Ella, and Mr. E. Southam, all of Berea. __Mr. Southam was a native of Gloucestershire, England; he received his education in the college at Cambridge; emigrated to America about 43 years ago, and settled in Cleveland, where he lived for a number of years. In 1836 he was married to Miss Betsy Friend, and shortly afterwards purchased a farm in Strongsville; he, subsequently filled the position of bookkeeper for the firm of Ross & Lemon, Cleveland, and nineteen years ago came to Berea, where he has since resided. __He was converted under Rev. Hugh Parish 35 years ago, and joined the M.E. Church, and has remained a member ever since. __He was an honest and industrious citizen, and won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His advice to his children and his motto through life, was to "always do right." His request was, to be laid away without any expense or parade. He was a kind and affectionate father and husband, and a good neighbor. __The funeral was attended yesterday morning at the M.E. Church, the pastor, Rev. J.M. Buxton officiating, and the remains were deposited in the vault. __ (Source: Royalton Advertiser, 30 Jan 1879) __ (Dan's Note: I don not believe that there is any record that Henry actually attended Cambridge University.)