

Reginald Wetherall

The following was provided by Reginald's granddaughter Diana Gerstel:

Reginald Wetherall was my paternal grandfather and John Maynard was a family friend. I do not think that Reginald and John had known each other in England before immigrating to Canada in the 1950s, but they met at something called the Babcock's apartment house (photo attached) which must have been located near Malton Airport, and then subsequently John Maynard lived with my grandparents, dad and aunts in a house in Caledon.



My dad was a young boy and his sisters were little girls. They, Reginald and my grandmother moved from London to Toronto in 1957 and Reginald got a job with Avro. I assume that Reginald must have heard about Avro before they left England and they left England because of the Avro opportunity. I previously had very nebulous notions of my dad's life in Canada as a boy, and what my grandfather was doing at the time, but researching what happened to the Arrow has made it all much clearer, more interesting, and sadder. It is rather staggering to think of the toll that "Black Friday" had on so many lives. My father and his sisters to this day (they are all in their 70s now) remember life in Canada as idyllic and happy.

I started trying to find out information because shortly after February 20, 1959, John Maynard returned to England, the Wetheralls moved to the U.S., and John Maynard and the Wetheralls lost contact with each other. My dad loved John like a big brother or uncle, and has always wondered what happened to him. Unfortunately John Maynard is an extremely common name and it is difficult to find information. If he is still alive, he must be in his 80s, but I wanted to see if I could find him for my dad. It's a long shot that someone would identify him from the employee list, and that I could track him down that way, but it's the best thing I have thought of so far. 😊



Reginald Wetherall in 1949

Comments

Electrical technician. Moved from London to Toronto with his wife and 3 kids to work for Avro. Worked there from 1957-1959.