

## Robert Joshua Breyfogle



Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH was very kind in sharing newspaper, magazine, and photographic material as it related to their 1926 graduate. These all appeared to be small clippings saved in a file about the graduate. We offer these transcripts as an illustration of the life of Robert J. Breyfogle.

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Dartmouth College Form  
Faculty Biographical Data

Breyfogle, Robert Joshua  
Citizenship Department  
Bachelor of Science degree,  
Dartmouth, 1926  
Instructor 1926 – First Appointment  
Toronto, Ontario, October 21, 1903 –  
Birth location and date  
Signed by Robert J Breyfogle,  
September 22, 1926

1931 Class Report

ROBERT J. BREYFOGLE

Bob hasn't sent any information from foreign ports as yet, but we have in our possession a news article dated August 10, 1931, from London, England, as follows:

“Wedding bells rang in London today for two Toronto brides who have been lifelong friends.

“Miss Elsie Roberta McLaughlin was married in Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, to Mr. Robert J. Breyfogle of Barcelona, Spain, son of Mr. And Mrs. William R. Breyfogle of Peterboro, Ontario. The Rev. Mr. Widdington performed the ceremony in the presence of a very few friends.

Robert J. Breyfogle and family

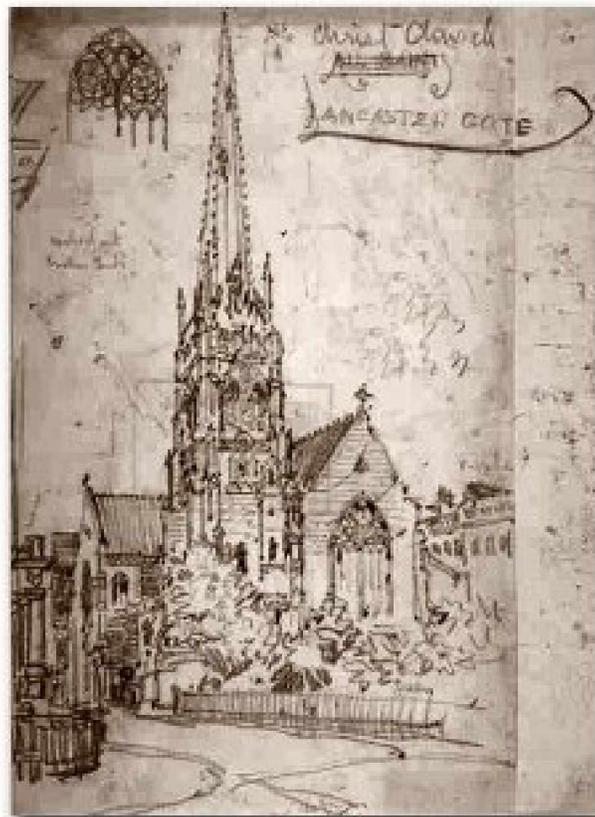
“Following the ceremony, a wedding luncheon was held at 88 Lancaster Gate. Later the bride and groom left on a honeymoon trip through France, the Austrian Tyrol and Germany. They will take up their residence in Barcelona, Spain.”

Ain't that sumptin'?

NOTE: Research into the church mentioned above led to a short note as follows:

“In 1977, Christ Church, Lancaster Gate was declared structurally unsafe and the parish joined St James's.”

This reference to the demise of Christ Church was found on a website discussing World War II bomb damage and historical buildings in England. We could not find a reference to tell us if this damage was the reason for the structure being torn down, or if time alone caused its end. Further attempts to find more information about this church found only vague references to it and the fact that the structure was very old. We did find one old postcard on-line that showed the church. We offer it here, as a representation to what was probably a very beautiful structure in its day.



October 1931 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

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Sid Hayward sends along the news that Miss Elsie McLaughlin of Toronto, Ontario, was married to Bob Breyfogle in Christ Church, London, England, on August 10. After a honeymoon trip through France, the Austrian Tyrol, and Germany, Elsie and Bob will reside in Barcelona, Spain.

November 1938 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

During a recent telephone conversation with Os Skinner '28, I learned that Bob Breyfogle is still in war-torn Spain. Many of us have been wondering if he was all right during the many months of bombing etc., and we are pleased to know that he is thriving as pro-manager of the International Banking Corporation in Barcelona.

December 1947 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

Jack Cannon was there, and so was Carl Allen, as expected, but the real surprise was the distinguished personage who dashed in with Carl after the game had started and who turned out to be none other than Bob Breyfogle, home on a flying trip from London. It seems that Bob is with National City Bank in London.

February 1956 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

A clipping announcing the appointment of Bob Breyfogle as vice president in charge of the London overseas branch of the First National City Bank of New York.

December 1956 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

Old Broad Street, London

We are still recovering from the marriage of our daughter on January 25 and all the attendant arrangements that had to be dealt with. Peter has just finished his second year at Cambridge and, after another two or three weeks of rowing with Henley in view, he will be off to the Continent for a holiday and then has to put in some time at an engineering works here in Britain.

July 1957 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

ROBERT J. BREYFOGLE, vice-president and manager of the London office of First National City, is one of three alumni of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., who have been named vice-chairmen of "the Dartmouth Convocation on Great Issues in the Anglo-Canadian American Community." The convocation, scheduled for September 5 – 7, will bring to the Dartmouth campus prominent figures from three countries for speeches and panel discussions.

November 1972 Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

Robert J. Breyfogle and family

The College and the Class of 1926 have suffered a great loss in the passing of ROBERT JOSHUA BREYFOGLE on August 29, at Berks, England. He was always a most interested and loyal alumnus of Dartmouth, a warm and generous friend to all who knew him.

Bob was born in Toronto, Canada, October 21, 1903. He came to Dartmouth from Peterboro Collegiate Institute where he had been prominent in Canadian football and the school literary circles. While in college, Bob was active in the Outing Club and the literary societies. He was a member of The Arts, Pleiade, Cabin and Trail, Zeta Psi, Delta Omicron Gamma, Casque & Gauntlet, and on the board of *The Tower*. After graduation he spent a year in Hanover teaching Civics, the forerunner of the Great Issues course. He did postgraduate work at Magdalene College, Oxford University, from 1927 to 1929.

On his return to this country from Oxford, he joined the National City Bank of New York in their Overseas Department. His first foreign assignment was to Barcelona, Spain, with the International Banking Corporation throughout the 1930's. During the Spanish Civil War, it was necessary for his family to live in England, and he carried on the work of the bank by commuting between Spain and London. He was later stationed at Havana, Cuba. In 1945 he went to London as manager of that office, and in 1955 was appointed vice president and manager of the London branch of the then First National City Bank of New York, the position from which he retired in 1966 because of ill health.

Bob distinguished himself in London banking circles, and the First National City Bank grew enormously under his guidance. He had a host of friends throughout England and the Continent. He became an excellent golfer and served at one time as president of his Sunningdale Golf Club, a compliment usually reserved for the native English. He was a member of the Reform Club and American Club in London (a former president), the University Club of New York, and many others. He was a director of several American corporations operating in England and Europe.

At the time of the Dartmouth Convocation on Great Issues in the Anglo-Canadian-American Community held at the College in September 1957, Bob, because of his Canadian background and English experience, was named one of the three alumni vice chairmen of the convocation.

Bob was married to Elsie McLaughlin of Toronto in Christ Church, London, on August 10, 1931. They had two children, Mrs. Joan Patricia Bartlett and Peter Nicholas, a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and now a businessman in Europe. There are several grandchildren.

Bob's many friends of the College and his Class extend deepest sympathy to his wife Elsie and their children. We are all poorer for this loss.

H.H.H.

## Robert J. Breyfogle and family

Little more has been found on Robert's life or his family members. Dartmouth College Archives contributed all they had on Robert including the following pictures of his daughter's wedding. We found faint markings of the names on the backside of the photos (the college made copies of both sides for us), which we include for your reference. As mentioned, these were photocopies of the photographs so their quality is fair.



Joan Patricia Breyfogle and father Robert J. Breyfogle

We did find some current information about the St. Peter's, which is located at 119, Eaton Square, London. The church website indicates the following:

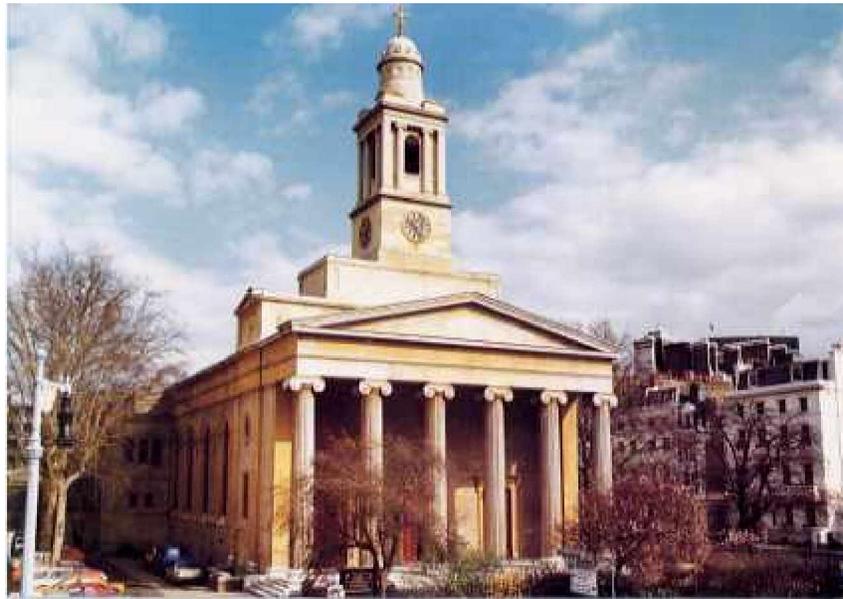
“The church was built in 1827, and was founded to meet the needs of the new houses being built by the Grosvenor family to make what became known as Belgravia, but was originally called Pimlico. The church was extensively rebuilt and extended between 1872 and 1875, including the building of a new chancel and the re-furbishment of the nave.

In 1987, the interior of the Victorianised church was destroyed by fire and what you now see as you enter the church is the rebuilt interior within the original walls. You can see a picture of the

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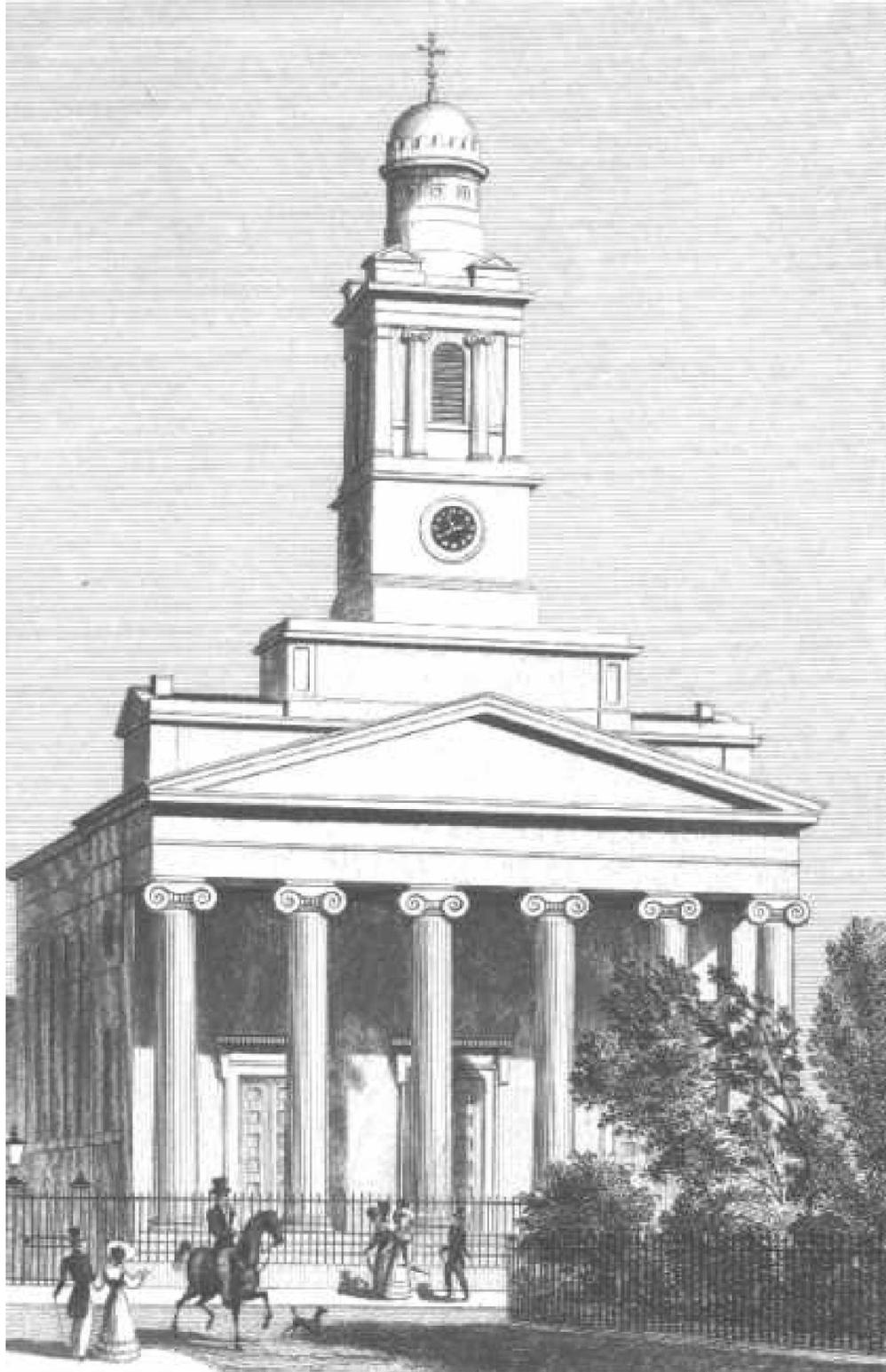
modern interior below under Service Information. The new church occupies the space of the original Georgian church of 1827, and the Victorian extensions have been converted to other uses which benefit the parish - a church hall, an administration floor, sacristy, vestry and accommodation.”

The pictures provided by Dartmouth indicate that this was a very fashionable and elegant wedding, and after viewing pictures of the church I am sure you can only image the splendor.



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The engraving shown below was published October 13, 1827, the same year the church was built, and was drawn by Tho. H. Shepherd.





Derek Bartlett and his new bride Joan P. Breyfogle Bartlett



Derek and Joan leaving St. Peters, Eaton, England



The wedding party from left to right:  
Major and Mrs. Ireland Smith; Mrs. Robert Breyfogle, mother of the bride; Mrs. W. R.  
Breyfogle, grandmother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, grooms parents

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Parents of the bride and groom, left to right:  
Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. R. J. (Elsie) Breyfogle, Mr. Robert Breyfogle, Mrs. Bartlett



Robert J. Breyfogle and Art Cockburn

NOTE: No explanation was given about this picture, we do not know who Art is except by the name on the picture. We do know that this is not at his daughters wedding based on his suit and tie. The notation on the back of the picture called this Bill Breyfogle, clearly an error by the person making the notations since this is Robert based on the other pictures in the collection.

Robert J. Breyfogle and family



This final picture had no markings other than what is shown in the margin on the bottom of the picture. We are suggesting that this is Robert J. Breyfogle at a much younger age, perhaps in Barcelona, Spain. The backside of this photograph showed that this picture was pasted into an album.