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George Horace Morgan was a famous Colonel in the U.S. Army Cavalry who received the U.S. Medal of Honor. Enter his name into a search engine and you will find many entries for him, including his picture. He entered the Military Academy on June 14, 1876 and graduated from West Point in the class of 1880. He was married to Mollie BROWNSON (1863-1924). He applied for a passport that was issued on July 5, 1921. The passport application states the following: that he was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army, living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 66 years of age, **born on January 1, 1855 in Canada**, father George N. Morgan who was deceased and had been born in New York State. The passport affidavit also says he was born in Canada to American parents. On June 3, 1947 at West Point, General Eisenhower spoke to a group of Cadets and on page 10 of the next day's issue of the *Schenectady Gazette* there was an article about the speech: "War is Stupid Folly, Gen. Ike Tells Cadets" "Only Threat to Our Way of Life Justifies Conflict for Americans, He Declares" The article goes on to say that the speech was to 310 West Point grads of the 151st class and among the officers at the ceremony was Col. George H. Morgan, the oldest living graduate of the academy, class of 1880.

On February 17, 1948 he was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery (section 3, site 20530). So where in Canada was he born?

A review of census records reveals the following:

1880 Census - Highland, Orange County New York – Cadet –USMC, single

1885 Census - Hennepin County, Minneapolis – born Canada.

1900 Census – Bynn, Philippine Island – military and naval force – Captain – born Canada

1910 Census – San Antonio, Ward 6, Bexar, Texas – born Canada – married, spouse Mollie B., and children Louis B. age 23, Edith age 15 and Dorothy age 14 are all recorded in census.

It is not until you look at Immigration records that his place of birth in Canada is revealed –

And that would be **St. Catharines**, Ontario, Canada.