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Charles Morton was a very hard man to track down. I searched high and low, far and wide. I found out that he is runner and ran in a race in Hamilton. The most information I could find was that he ran in a race called 'Harold Webster Memorial 10 mile'. Charles was the winner of this ten-mile race in the year 1921 and 1925. His time in 1921 was 57:50 and four years later Charles beat his time and got 55:05. This race started in 1920 and took place in Hamilton, Ontario. The 'Harold Webster Memorial 10 mile' began in 1920 and Charles ran it for the first time in 1921, according to the statistics. This race is still going on to this day.

I found a bit of history on this race; "Notes: 1920 was the inaugural year. The women's race distance was reported as 1.5 miles for 1966-1973 but was probably closer to 1.2 miles. The race was run from Hamilton to Dundas and back during the 1970's and earlier years. The course was reported as "known short" in 1927 and a longer course was used thru the 1950's. The 1977 race distance was estimated as about 9.6 miles at the time; the distance for the 1981 race was about 9.8 miles; the distances for all years 1981 and earlier are considered to have been significantly short. The course was adjusted to the full ten miles for the 1982 race. This race has also been known as the Boxing Day 10 mile (December 26th is Boxing Day in Canada) and earlier, as the Hamilton YMCA New Years Day Race." (http://www.arrs.net/HP_HWM10.htm)

As far as any articles on Charles Morton, there were statistics on races but there were no actual articles. These statistics only showed the last name 'Morton' so it was unclear as to if it was actually the 'Charles Morton' I was looking for. When I tried to

search Charles Morton on the 'google' website, the information that came up was a family tree with a lot of men with the name "Charles Morton" but I found a man who 'later on they moved to Harold, Ontario' (<http://www.genealogy.com/users/b/e/a/Barbara-Jean-Beatty/FILE/0002text.txt>). It says that he is the fourth generation and was born in 1888. He was married to a woman named Bertha Dracup and had a son named Burton Morton. I am assuming that this is the same person, Charles Morton, who lived in Ontario and ran races that originated in Hamilton, but because there is such little information; I can't be one hundred percent sure.

I also found an organization called "Bethany Park" which is found in Ontario and it is an athletic society that originated in 1908. It shows that Charles Morton was on the 'Field Committee'. "The first duty of the field committee was to procure suitable grounds for practice. Through the years the park was enlarged to its present size and has always been well kept. It has hosted many champion football, baseball, softball, and hockey teams. Also, the Bethany Athletic Society hosts the annual Victoria Day Weekend celebrations at the park, and events." (<http://www.bethanypark.ca/about.html>)

All in all, it can be said that Charles Morton ran in a ten-mile race in Hamilton, Ontario in the year 1921 and 1925, but as of any other information on his accomplishments or of his life, there is very, very little to be found on the Internet or in any articles during the early to mid 1900's.

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