

## A Short History of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and its Cemetery

### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Bradley Chapter

A few of the principal founding families of St. Mary the Virgin will be explored in Part 3. Using information gleaned from the 1879 survey map of Gloucester Township, census returns, Township Assessment (Tax) Rolls, and family histories and vital statistics records found on Ancestry.ca, a brief snapshot of these families, focusing on those buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, can be discovered

The illustration below helps to visualize the family farms of the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century against Google Earth images of the modern village of Blackburn Hamlet and the Chaple Hill subdivision of Orleans.



Route 30 is Innes Road and route 28 is Navan Road,

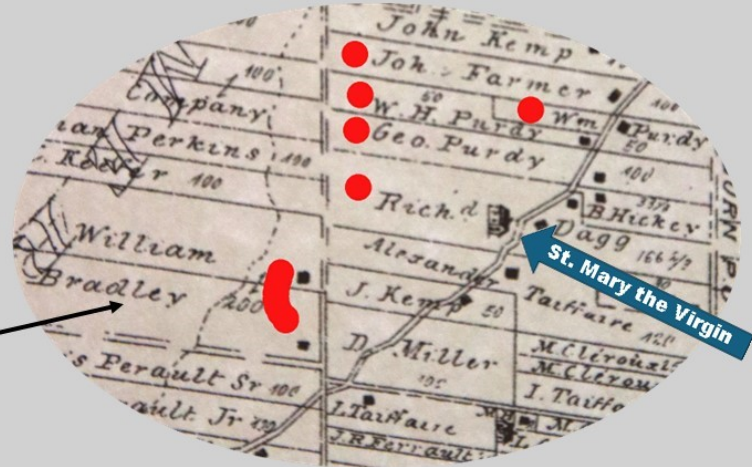
The family farms for the Farmer, Purdy, Dagg and Bradley families are indicated with a coloured dot and were located within concession 3, Ottawa Front\*, Gloucester Township.

\* Ottawa Front was the easternmost part of Gloucester Township.

## The BRADLEY Family

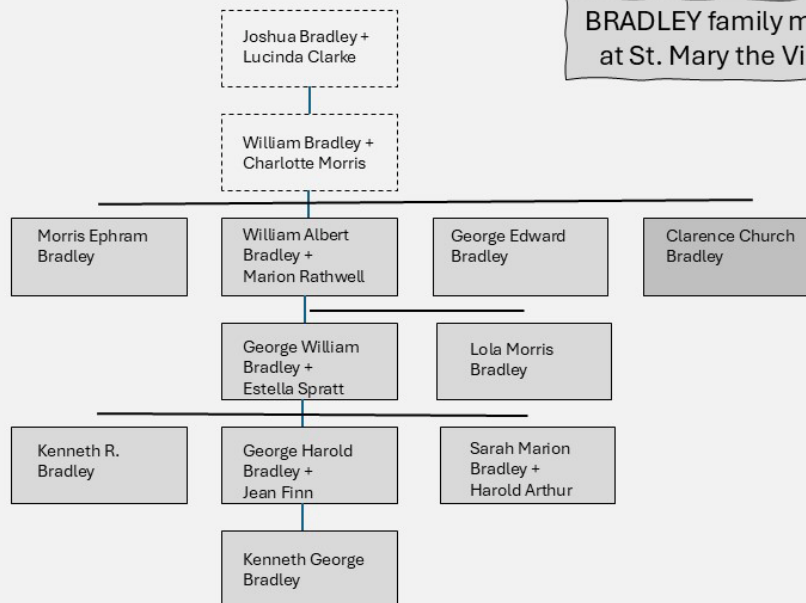


## The BRADLEY Family



1879 Map of Gloucester Township  
Gloucester Historical Society

## BRADLEY family members buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery



## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation in Canada

**Joshua Bradley** was the patriarch of the Bradley family that settled in Gloucester Township. He was born in County Wexford, Ireland in May 1800. Joshua, however, acquired his first property in Upper Canada from the Crown in the township of Goulbourn, Carleton County. He received a patent for 100 acres for the west half of lot 29 on concession 11 on 18 May 1824. It wasn't until 1859 that he expanded his landownership into Gloucester Township when he purchased the 200-acre lot 6 on concession 4 on 1 June. That lot was later transferred to his son William on 28 September 1872.

Joshua and his wife, Lucinda Clarke, whom he married in 1827, had twelve children between 1834 and 1854. Nine were born in Goulbourn Township and three in Gloucester Township. None of these first two generation of Bradley's were buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery. Joshua, Lucinda and four of their children are buried in the Hazeldean Union Cemetery, Goulbourn Township.

Hazeldean Union Cemetery is an old, pioneer cemetery located on the site of the first St. Paul's Anglican church, built 1844. In 1874 the current church moved across the road, and following fire, was rebuilt again in 1935. The cemetery remained at the site of the initial church. but by the early twentieth century was closed in favour of Maple Grove Cemetery.

Source: Findagrave.com. Cemetery ID: 2509420

REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	CONSIDERATION ETC	LAND AND REMARKS
	Patent	18 May 1824		Crown	Joshua Bradley		100 acres, West ½ lot 29.
G3 1926	Will	26 Sept. 1872	28 Mar. 1882	Joshua Bradley	John Bradley Joshua Bradley		N.E. corner of S.W. ¼ lot 29, and Right of way, 16 acres. Subject S.W. ¼ lot 29, less 16 acres.

18 May 1824 Joshua Bradley receives patent from the Crown for 100 acres lot 20, concession 11  
Goulbourn Township  
Ontario Lands Registry (onlands.ca)

**William Bradley** was born in Hazeldean, Goulbourn Township, on 26 July 1834 to Joshua and Lucinda Clarke and was baptized in the Anglican Parish of March that same year. His marriage to Charlotte Morris, from Blackburn, was registered at St. James Anglican Church, Perth, on 25 March 1863.

In 1872 he acquired the 200 acres of lot 6 on concession 4 in Gloucester Township, from his father, Joshua, in consideration of "natural love and affection and five shillings". He later purchased lot 7, in 1878 adding another 200 acres to his farm.

While William is not buried at St. Mary the Virgin, he played an integral role in its establishment. William was one of the eleven original parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin who signed a petition to the Right Reverend Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara, requesting that their church be consecrated as it was "free from any legal incumbrance".

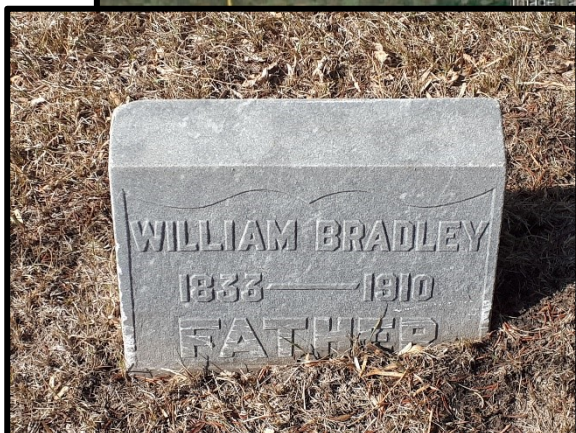
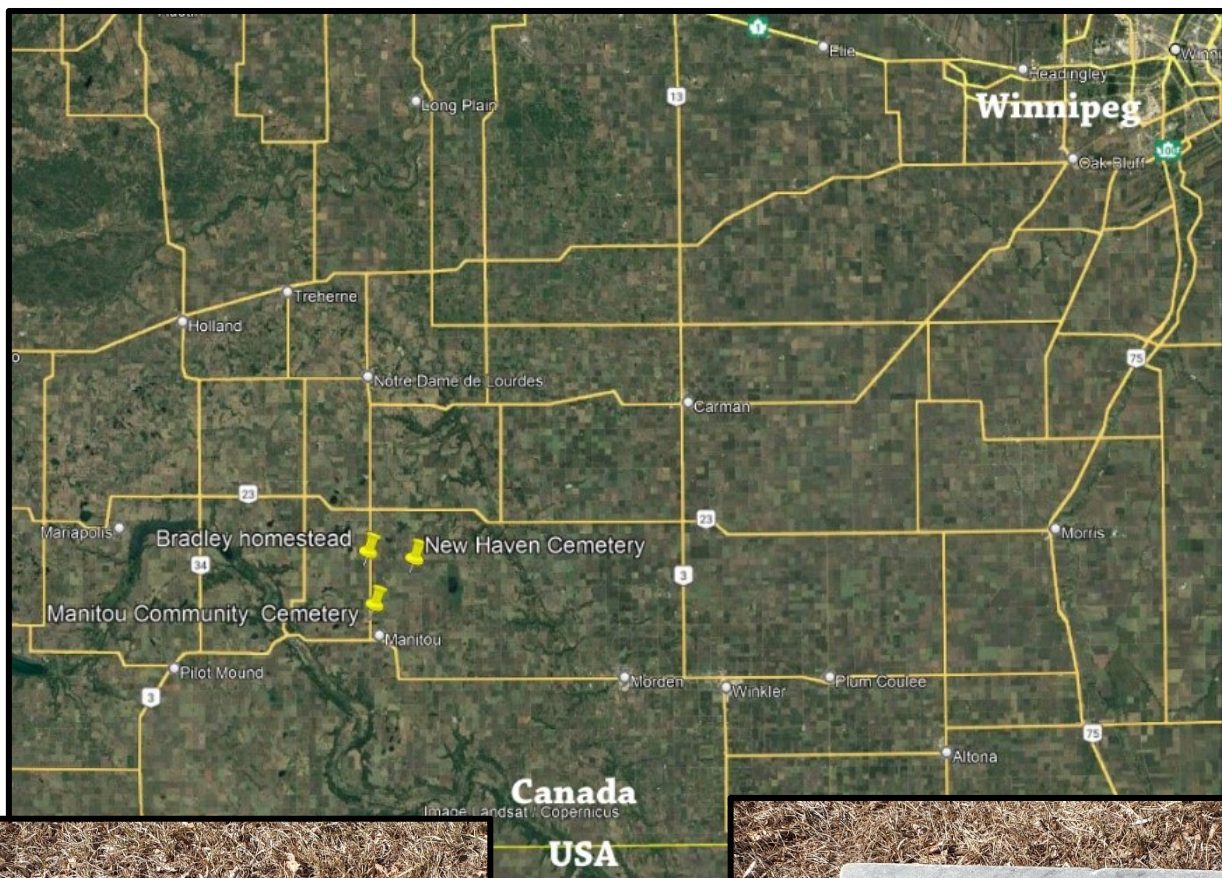
*William Bradley*



The petition was granted on 30 October 1886 when Bishop Hamilton consecrated the church and cemetery and declared that it formally be named St. Mary the Virgin.

William and Charlotte had thirteen children between 1864 and 1883, all born on the Blackburn farm. Only four, however, were buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery: William Albert (1864), George Edward (1873), Clarence Church (1878) and Morris Ephram (1882).

In 1902 William began divesting himself from his two lots in Gloucester, first by selling lot 7 to his son William Albert in June 1902 and then in 1904, the last of lot 6 to Thomas Hand. By 1906, William, Charlotte and four of their children were established in the farming district of Manitou in Manitoba. William died on 19 June 1910 and Charlotte on 6 August 1922. Both are buried in the Manitou Community Cemetery.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation in Canada

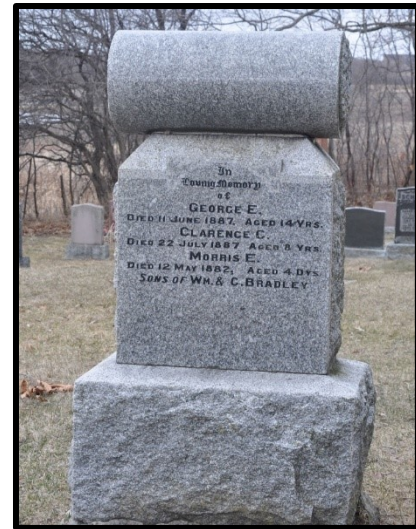
**Three** of William and Charlotte's children and their spouses are also buried in Manitou: Joshua Henry (1864-1957) and his wife Emma Elizabeth Clarke, Adam James (1866-1946) and his wife Cathrine Stevenson and Ella Bertha (1875-1966) and her husband Andrew Joseph McDowell and Walton Edmond (1876-18909) and his wife Jane Stevenson. Arthur Wesley (1880-1946) and his wife Mary Ann Crampton are buried in the nearby cemetery of New Haven.

Their son Herbert Hannington (1883-1971) and his wife Ethel Morris are buried in Beachmont Cemetery, Edmonton. Daughter Annie Charlotte (1867-1943) and her husband James Clarke are buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Hazledean, Ottawa. Two sons John Thomas (1869-1932) and Joseph Ernest (1872-1932) are buried at nearby St. Mary's, Navan, cemetery.

Three of William and Charlotte's 13 children who died young are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 55, graves 5,6 and 7: Morris Ephram, born in May 1882 and lived only five days, Clarence Church born in November 1879\* and died at age eight and George Edward born in 1873 and died at age 14.

- \* Clarence may have given the name "Church" to celebrate the year that St. Mary the Virgin church opened in September of that year.

The 1901 census for William and Charlotte in Ontario lists Ethel Price, age 11, as an adopted child, but she is not found in the 1911 census with the family in Manitoba.





Following Marion's death in December 1918, and the marriages of Mary Edna in 1922 and George William in 1925, William Albert continued to live on the farm with Lola until he sold lot 7 to his son George William in 1928. He retired from farming and moved to the city to live with Lola at 401 Albert Street where she was employed as a shopkeeper.

3	"	Molly Anna	"	R	B43	A	B	4	70	daughter	7	5	11
	Bradley,	Wm A.	"							Thed	17	W	66
	"	Lola M.	"							daughter	7	5	3
	Walsh	Edna M.	"							daughter	7	W	31

1931 Census, Wellington Ward, Ottawa  
William Albert Bradley, Lola Morris Bradley & Edna (Bradley) Walsh  
401 Albert Street, apartment  
Ancestry.ca- Library and Archives Canada

THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUC.

LOT 7.

CONCESSION 4 OTTAWA FRONT.

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GL 4112	Deed.	16 Feb. 1878	6 Apr. 1878	Daniel Miller et al	William Bradley	\$	All 200 acres. See Inst.
GL 13087	Deed.	6 Oct. 1897	15 Apr. 1898	William Bradley & W. Montreal	Ottawa Ry Co.	125.60	Pl. Lot 7, 3 1/4 acres. See Inst.
GL 13540 1/2	Agree <sup>3</sup>	26 Nov. 1898	5 Dec. 1898	William Bradley	H. M. E. Evans	\$ 2.00	1 part. 75 acres. Option See Inst.
GL 17019.	B. S.	18 June 1902	27 July 1902	William Bradley & W.	William O. Bradley	7 1/2	1/2 lot 11000. 200 acres. See Inst.
GL 34629.	Grant	16 July 1928	17 July 1928	William A. Bradley	George W. Bradley	1000000	All together with stock, machinery

16 Feb 1878 William Bradley acquires 200 acres lot 7, concession 4

18 June 1902 William Bradley transfers all 200 acres to son William Albert Bradley

16 July 1928 William Albert Bradley transfers all 200 acres to his son George William Bradley

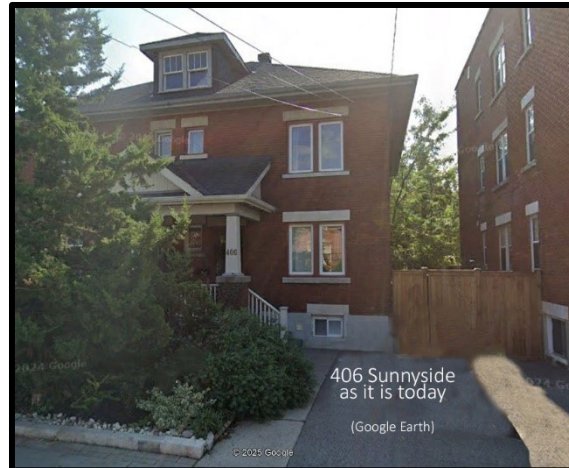
Ontario Land Registry (onland.ca)

**BRADLEY**

In  
Youngest Son of  
MARION ROTHWELL  
Wife of  
WILLIAM A. BRADLEY  
Dec. 22, 1814 - Aged 56 Yrs.  
WILLIAM ALBERT BRADLEY  
Dec. 24, 1864 - May 31, 1937.  
LOLA MORRIS BRADLEY  
MAR. 31, 1898 - MAR. 8, 1963

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Generation in Canada

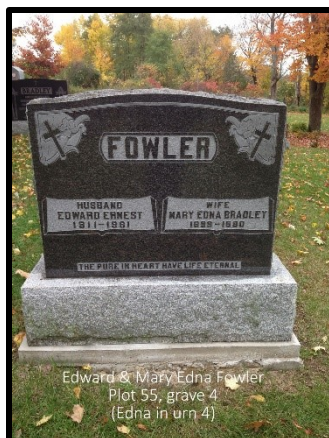
**Lola Morris** was born on 31 March 1898 and baptized later that year at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan. Lola probably moved into the city with her father when he sold the farm in 1928 and by 1931, Edna, her widowed sister, had moved into the Albert Street apartment with them. Following her father's death in 1937 and sister Edna's second marriage, Lola lived on her own on Fairmont Avenue, in Elmdale Ward. A year before her death in 1963, she was living with Edna and her husband on Sunnyside Avenue in Old Ottawa South.



Lola died on 8 March 1963. The funeral service was held at Trinity Anglican Church on the Monday following her death. She was buried next to her parents in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 46, grave 8.

#### Mary Edna

Mary Edna, known as Edna, was born 17 December 1899 and lived on the family farm until she married Berton Charles Orr Walsh on 25 January 1922 at St. Mary's. Berton enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1917 in Ottawa and served until 1919 in the 73rd Battalion as a gunner in England and France. Following his discharge in Ottawa, and before his marriage to Edna, he farmed for a period in Clinworth, Saskatchewan. The only child of Edna and Berton was a baby boy, stillborn in March 1928. Berton died on 6 March 1931 of tuberculosis, acquired during his war service. He is buried with a War Graves headstone at St. Mary's Anglican Church cemetery in Navan.



As a widow, Edna lived with her sister Lola and her widowed father, William Albert (until he died in 1937), on Fairmont Avenue in Ottawa until she married Edward Ernest Fowler, a Federal Civil Servant, in September 1949 at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Ottawa. Edna and Edward lived on Sunnyside Avenue in Old Ottawa South until she died on 24 December 1980. Her funeral service was held at Trinity Anglican Church. Both she and Edward, who died a year later, are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 55, grave 4. Edna was cremated at Beachwood and buried in urn 4.

**George William** was born on 2 February 1902, Blackburn, and was baptized at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan. He married Stella Irene Spratt from Manotick, Ontario, on 24 October 1925 at a United Church in Ottawa. George and Stella had five children: George Harold (1928), Kenneth Robert (1929), Sarah Marion (1930), Keith Spratt (1936) and Wayne William John (1942).

In 1931, George and Stella, two of their children, George Harold, known as Harold, and Sarah were living on the farm in Russell District of Gloucester Township, lot 7, concession 4, Ottawa Front, along with two farm hands, one a fellow Anglican and the other a Roman Catholic. George had acquired the 200-acre farm and all machinery, from his father, William Albert, for \$10,000 in July 1928. By 1945, they were living on their own at RR#1, Cyrville, Gloucester Township.



George William passed away on 4 March 1965 and Stella on 22 April 1989. Both are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 46, graves 4 and 3 respectively.

*George W. Bradley.*

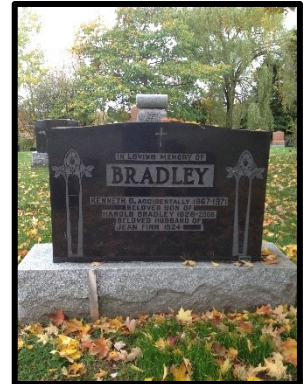


## 5<sup>th</sup> Generation in Canada

**Kenneth Robert** was born and baptized on 1 March 1929 at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Ottawa. He died after only 16 hours as a result of congenital heart disease. He is buried with his parents, George William and Estella Spratt in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 46, grave 2 (the gravestone indicates he died in 1928 but death registration states 1929).

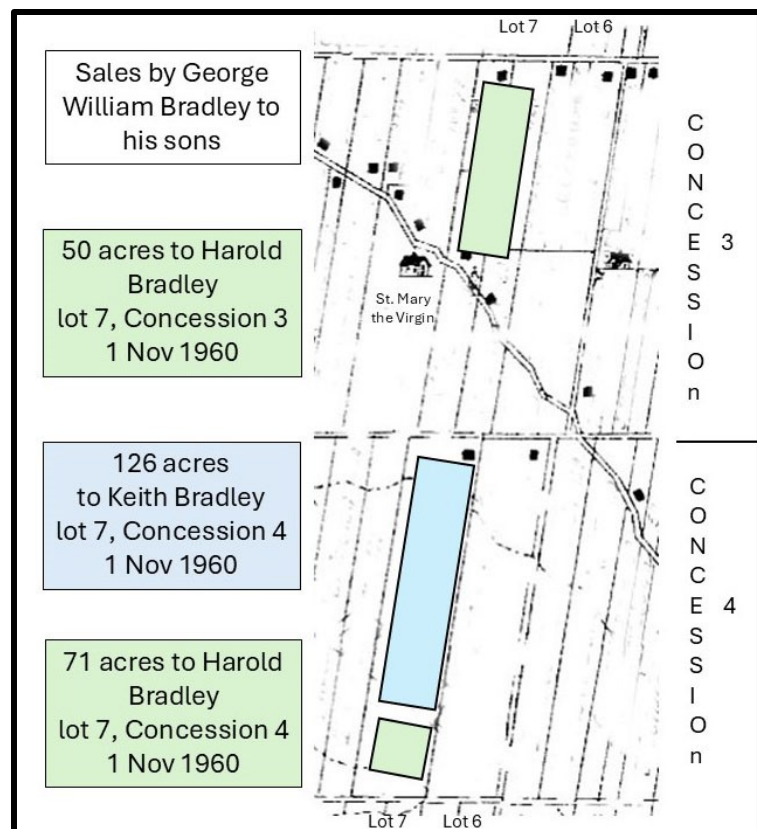
**George Harold**, known as **Harold**, was born 3 September 1928 and married Jean Finn at St. George's Anglican Church, Hathorne, on 16 September 1950. The couple had four children: Glenn Harold (1952), Kenneth George (1967), Patricia (Patty) and Kirk.

On 1 Nov 1960, Harold purchased 71 acres, "more or less" of lot 7, concession 4, Ottawa Front, and 50 acres of lot 7, concession 3 from his father for \$43,000. Harold and Jean were not farmers at heart as they travelled extensively around the world, eventually ending up in Vernon, British Columbia. Harold died there on 2 October 2006 but was buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 46, grave 7. Jean continued her world travels with a companion following Harold's death, but she too passed away in Vernon on 13 September 2020, was cremated and buried with Harold in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 46, grave 7, urn 2.



**Keith Spratt** was baptized at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan, in 1936. He married Marlene Ruth McIntyre at Christ Church, Burritts Rapids, in May 1958. On 1 November 1960, he purchased 126 acres of the northerly part of lot 7, Concession 4, Ottawa Front, from his father for \$28,000 (\$4,000 in cash and the balance secured with a mortgage).

In November 1972, the National Capital Commission began acquiring these lots for the Green Belt.



**Sarah Marion** was born on 27 December 1930 and was baptized early in the new year at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan. On 24 September 1955, she married 19-year-old Harold Francis Arthur from Huntington, Quebec, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan.

According to Federal Election voters lists of Blackburn between 1936 and 1974, Harold lead an eclectic career as a driver, elevator man, musician, and dispatcher for Capital Coach in Ottawa.

Sarah passed away in 2002 and Harold in 2014. Both were cremated and buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 46, grave 1 urns 4 and 8 respectively.



**Wayne William John** was baptized in 1942 at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan and married Mary Margeurite Simpson.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Generation in Canada**

**Glenn Michael Joseph George** was born in December 1953 in Navan. He died in 2010 and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa. As he was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, it may be assumed that he married into a Catholic family which was not uncommon in Gloucester Township.

**Kenneth George** was born on 16 August 1967 but died in in tragic accident at age 4. On 9 December 1971, the Ottawa Journal reported that he died in the farm's machine shed with the handle of an acetylene torch wrapped around his neck while playing with his two-year-old brother (Kirk). His death was pronounced at the Riverside Hospital in Ottawa. Kenneth George is buried with his parents, George Harold and Jean, in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 46, grave 7.

## Bradley graves in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery



SMTV Burial Index	Bradley						Generat	Relationship
Name	Born	Died	Interred	Plot	Grave	Urn	ion	
Marion Rothwell Bradley	1862	1918		55	1		3	William Albert's wife
William Albert Bradley	1864	1937		55	2		3	William & Charlotte Morris' son
George Edward Bradley	1873	1877		55	5		3	William & Charlotte Morris' son
Clarence Church Bradley	1879	1887		55	6		3	William & Charlotte Morris' son
Morris Ephram Bradley	1882	1882		55	7		3	William & Charlotte Morris' son
Estella Irene "Stella" Spratt Bradley	1899	1989	1989-04-22	46	3		4	William George's wife
George William Bradley	1902	1965		46	4		4	William Albert & Marion's son
Lola Morris Bradley	1898	1963		46	8		4	William Albert & Marion's daughter
Kenneth Robert Bradley	1928	1928		46	2		5	George William & Stella's son
Jean Finn Bradley	1924	2020	2023-09-08	46	7	2	5	George Harold's wife
George Harold Bradley	1928	2006		46	7	6	5	George William & Stella's son
Kenneth George Bradley	1967	1971		46	7		6	Georg Harold & Jean's son



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