

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

Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – Hanington – Crouch

Hanington

The Reverend Edward Arthur Wellesley Hanington was the rector of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in New Edinburgh, Ottawa, when he signed the petition to the bishop to consecrate St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, which was, at the time, one of two mission churches of St. Bartholomew's (the other at Janesville, now St. Margaret's, Vanier).



Edward was born on 14 January 1842 in Shediac, New Brunswick and earned his B.A. in 1865, studying theology from the University of New Brunswick. He spent the first ten years of his priesthood in two parishes in New Brunswick. On 7 May 1867 he married Margaret Susan Drummond McLean in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Edward and Margaret had five children in New Brunswick: Georgia Fanny Wellesley (1868), Mary (1869), Maud (1873), Charlotte Louisa (1875) and Ethel (1876).

In 1877 he became the rector of the parish in Milford (Marysburg) Ontario, and between 1878 and 1917, the rector of St. Bartholomew's, New Edinburgh, Ottawa.

He and Margaret had three more children while at St. Bartholomew's: Annie Hyacinthe Littleton (1878), Margaret Evelyn (1882) and Arthur Edward William (1888).

Margaret Evelyn died at 2 months of age in March and is buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 48.

While Edward was living at St. Bartholomew's rectory, The Honourable Edward Littleton deeded six acres of lot 10, concession 3, Ottawa Front, in Gloucester Township to him on 5 November 1885. At the same time, Littleton deeded an acre of the same lot to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, ostensibly for a parsonage for the church of St. Mary the Virgin.

No record has been found as to the disposition of the one acre of lot 10 deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario. St. Mary the Virgin did, however, establish a rectory at 2508 Autumn Hill Crescent, Blackburn Hamlet, which the parish now rents out.

The Rev. Hanington sold his 6 acres in 1914 for \$5 to his married daughter, Charlotte Louisa Hanington Warren of Toronto. Charlotte had married The Rev. James Richard Hammond Warren, the rector of St. Mark's Pakenham, Ontario, on 23 September 1903, at St. Bartholomew's Church. It was a very high society wedding with the Governor General of Canada giving away the bride.

Honourable Edward George Percy Littleton was the Baron Hatherton of Suffolk, England, and the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada. The close social relationship between the Hanington's and the Governor General's household, may explain why the Hanington's named their daughter Annie Hyacinthe after Edward Littleton.

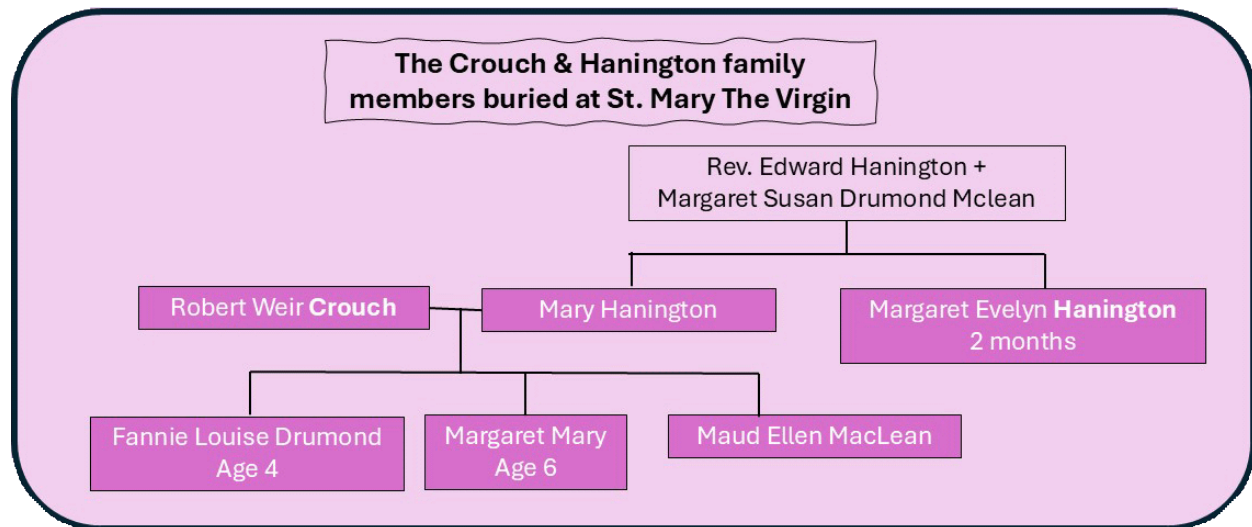
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUC.				LOT 10	CONCESSION 3	OTTAWA FRONT.	PAGE NO. 5
REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	CONSIDERATION ETC.	LAND AND REMARKS
CL 3578.	Grant	29 Nov. 1877	31 Jan. 1877	John. Farmer. et ux.	John. Ed. S. Littleton.		6 1/2 100 acres. See Inst.
EL 8384.	Deed.	5 Nov. 1885	27 Nov. 1886	John. E. S. P. Littleton et ux.	J. Lynch of the D. of Ottawa.		Pl 1 acre. See Inst.
GL 8509.	Deed.	5 Jan. 1888.	5 Jan. 1888.	John. Kemp.	Adams Kemp.		Land 10 1/2 100 acres. Subj. i c. See Inst.
GL 8651.	Deed.	5 Nov. 1885	19 Oct. 1888	John. E. S. P. Littleton et ux.	E. A. W. Hanington		Land 6 acres. 1/2 1. Right of way. See Inst.
26943.	O.L.	6 May 1914.	7 May 1914.	E. A. W. Hanington Ltd.	Charlotte A. W. Hanington		5.22 East Dixie. 1 Right of way. 6 1/2 acres. See Inst.

Extracts from Ontario Lands Registry of historical books for Lot 10, concession 3, Ottawa Front, Gloucester Township.

The Rev. Canon Edward Hanington died of hemiplegia on 13 May 1917 and is buried at Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa (Section 22 lot 8SE), along with his wife Margaret who died on 11 December 1919 from arterial sclerosis.



Crouch



Only two of Edward and Margaret Hanington's children remained connected to St. Mary the Virgin's cemetery. Mary, their eldest daughter, married Robert Weir Crouch on 3 January 1898, in Ottawa and Margaret Evelyn who died at the early age of 2 months in 1882, likely at home at the rectory of St. Bartholomew's.

Robert Weir Crouch was born at Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, England, on 14 March 1865, and immigrated to Canada with his older brother Thomas, arriving at the port of Halifax on 13 May 1884, aboard the Sarmatian. Both boys were headed for Ottawa.

Tax records show that Robert and his brother Thomas, jointly owned property in the Blackburn area of Gloucester Township between 1890 and 1899 but neither appear to have lived there. Thomas was recorded as a non-resident and Robert was enumerated in the census of New Jersey in 1900 as having immigrated in 1890. Mary immigrated in 1898 after her marriage to Robert in January that year in Ottawa.

Robert and Mary had five children, all born in New Jersey: Arthur (1898), Margaret Mary (1900), William Hanington (1902), Fannie Louise Drummond (1904) and Maude Ellen Maclean (1907).

Both sons lived and died in the United States. Arthur graduated from Cornell University, New York, in 1923 as a civil engineer. He died and was buried in Tennessee in 1891. William was ordained by the Bishop of Niagara in Toronto in 1929. He spent his initial priesthood in Ontario but spent most of his ministry in the United States. He died and was buried in New Hampshire in 1992.

Margaret Mary and Fannie Louise both died at a young age: Margaret Mary at age 6 on 15 May 1906 at her grandfather's rectory at St. Bartholomew's and Fannie Louise at age 3 on 16 January 1908, in New Jersey. The funerals for both girls were held at St. Bartholomew's church, and both are buried in St. Mary the Virgin's cemetery, plot 48, graves 4 and 7.

Maude Ellen was educated in the United States and Toronto and spent her career in Montreal working for the Canadian Industries Limited, a chemicals manufacturer. After a long illness, following retirement, Maude died at age 37 in Ste. Agathe, a village in the Laurentians, north of

Montreal. Her funeral service was held at St. Bartholomew's, and she was buried in the family plot in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 48 grave 5.

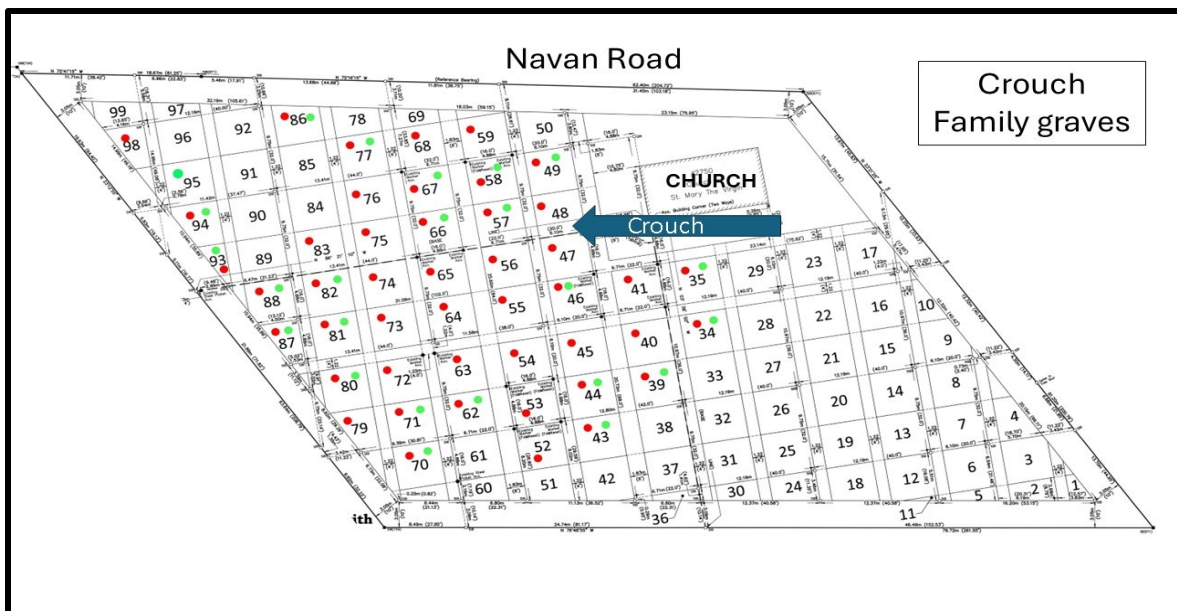


Gravestone for
Robert Weir Crouch
1856-1943
His wife
Mary Hanington
1869-1943
Maude E. Crouch
1907-1945
(Maude Ellen Maclean Crouch)

Grave on the left:
Fanny Louise Drummon Crouch,
age 4 years

Center grave:
Margaret Mary Crouch, age 6

Grave on the right:
Margaret Evelyn Hanington, age 2
months



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