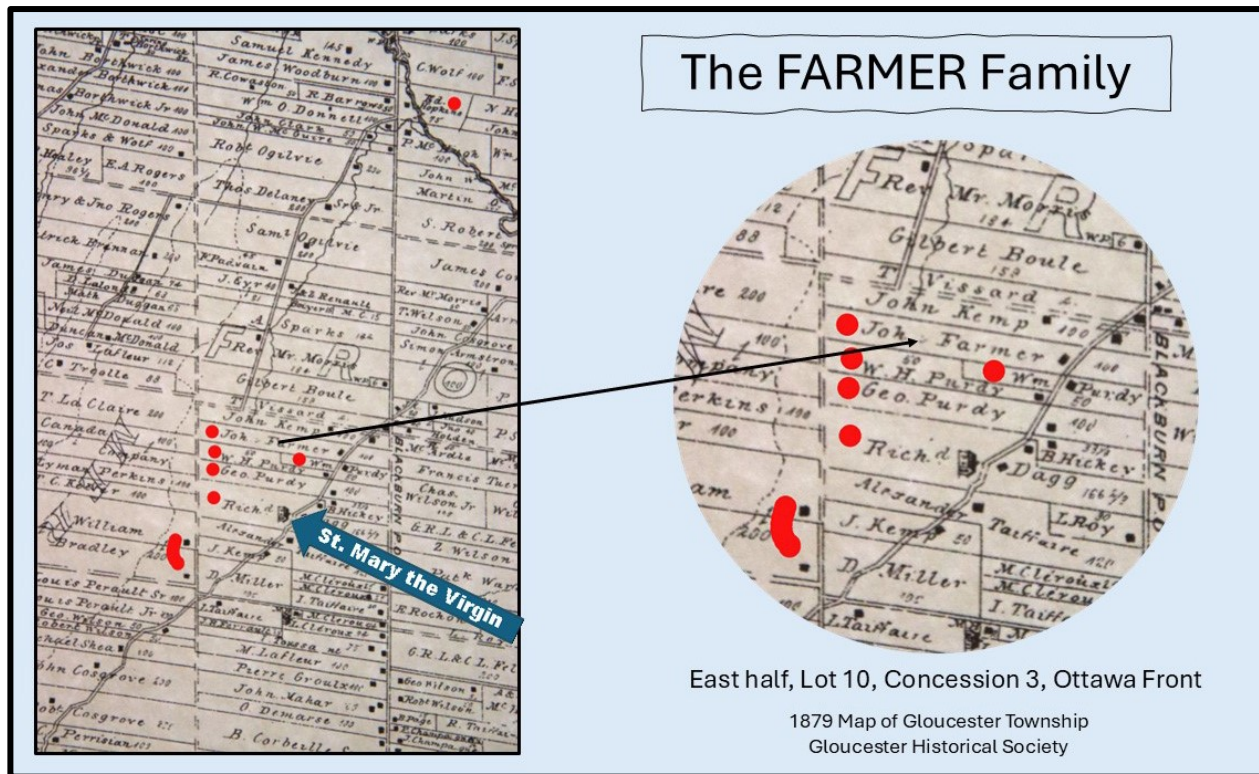
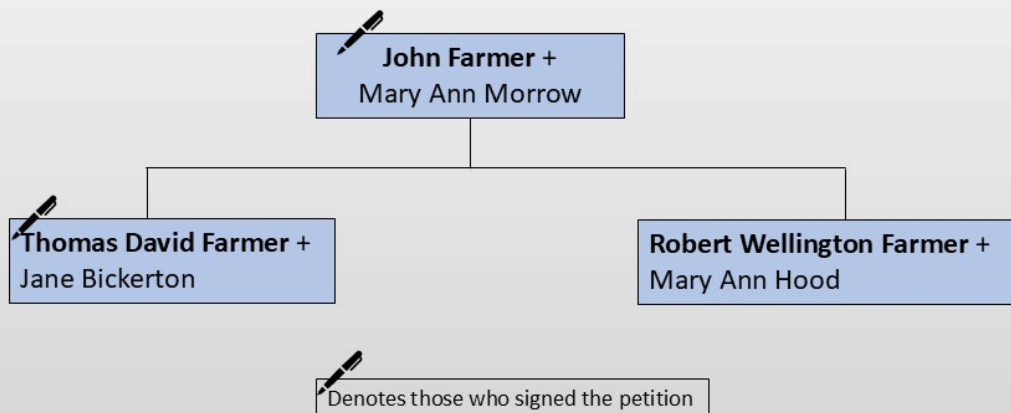


Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Farmer Chapter



The Farmer family members buried at St. Mary the Virgin



First Generation in Canada

John Farmer was born in Ireland in 1832, and married Mary Ann Marrow, from Lachute, Quebec. Their marriage was registered on 23 Dec 1859 at Christ Church, Ottawa. John and Maty Ann had seven children: William John (1861), Thomas David (1863), Robert Wellington (1868), Elizabeth (1869), Robena (1871) and possibly two more much later in life: Mary R.T.(1895) and John M. (1899).

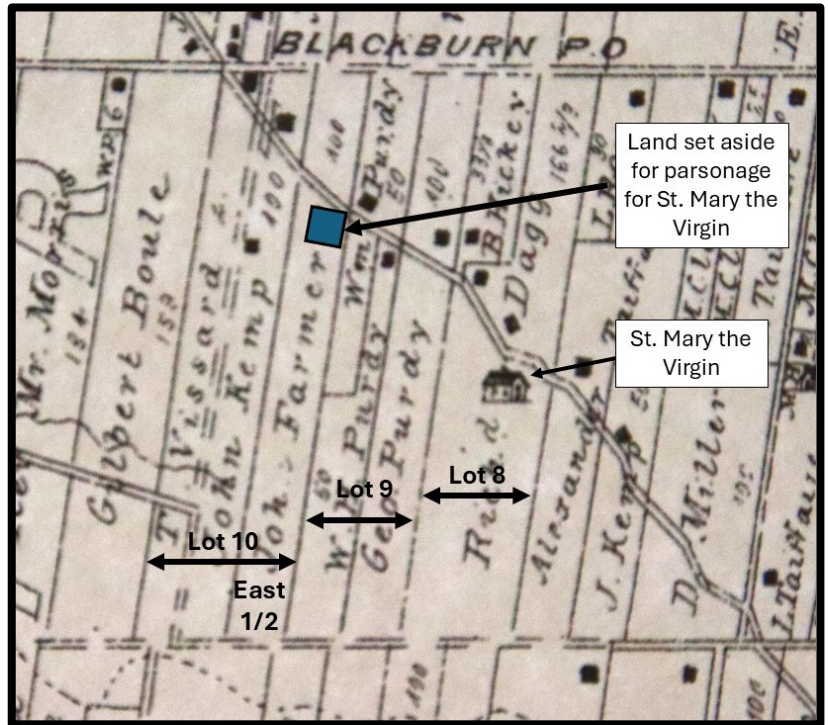
It was not until May 1875 that John settled on his own farm in Gloucester Township when he purchased the east half of lot 10 on concession 3, Ottawa Front, from Frances Corchran, spinster of Bath England, formally of Quebec City, for \$1,800. The 200 acres of lot 10 were originally acquired from the Crown in 1803 and then sold as two 100 acre lots – the west half in 1857 and the east half in 1872, both to John Kemp.

In November 1877, John sold his 100-acre lot to the Honourable Edward George Percy Littleton for \$2,300. Littleton was the Baron Hatherton of Suffolk, England, and the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada.

John continued to live on the farm as the 1891 census records him, his wife Mary Ann and three children living there.

Littleton leased the lot back to John Farmer for a period of five years after which he had the option of purchasing the lot. John did not exercise the option to purchase so on 2 March 1895 Littleton conveyed the land to John's son, Thomas David Farmer, for the sum of \$1, except for two portions of lot 10 he had previously deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario and the Reverend Edward Hannington.

On 5 November 1885, Littleton had deeded 1 acre of the north end of the east half of lot 10 to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario for the purpose of building a parsonage for St. Mary the



Virgin Church, for \$1 and six acres to the Reverend Edward Hannington for \$148.

Rev. Edward Hannington was the rector of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in New Edinburg and was the lead signatory on the petition to the Bishop of Niagara to consecrate St. Mary the Virgin. (History of St. Mary the Virgin – Part 1 -Origins)

The land deeded for the parsonage was apparently never used of that purpose. In modern time, St. Mary the Virgin bought the house at 2508 Autumn Hill Crescent, Blackburn Hamlet, for its rectory but now rents it out as a private residence.



In 1901, John and Mary and four of their children were living next door to their daughter, Robena, her husband John William Hunton and their three children.

Six years later, John passed away suddenly on 20 February and Mary Ann on 11 May 1920 at her son Thomas David's home in Cumberland. Both are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 68, graves 5 and 6.

Second Generation

Thomas David was born on 9 August 1863 and was baptized in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Bearbrook, in 1865. He married Jean Bickerton on 4 October 1893 at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Navan, Ontario. Thomas and Jean had seven children: Robena Eva (1894), Catherine (1895), Stell (1898), David John Walter (1899), Carleton Richard (1902), Olive Myrth Agnes (1904) and Opal (1909).

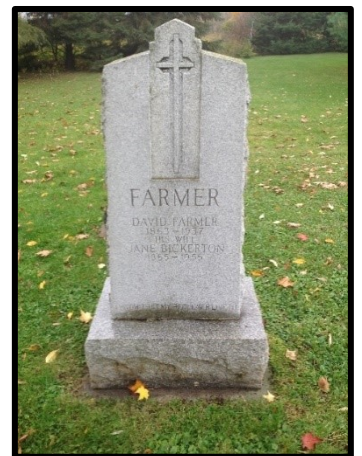
The 1900 United States census records Thomas David and family living in Bute City, Montana, working as a teamster, having immigrated in 1897. While in the Bute City, Thomas David and Jean bore two of their seven children: Stella in December 1898 and David John Walter on 22 December 1899.

While living in the United States, Thomas David was paying taxes as a non-resident on the East half of lot 10, concession 3, Ottawa Front in Gloucester Township where his father, John, was living.

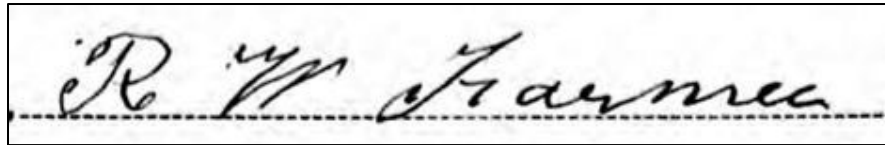
By 1902 the family had returned to the Blackburn area as their fifth child, Carleton Richard, was born on 21 April 1902 and baptized at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan.

After retiring from farming, Thomas and Jean lived with their son Carleton and his family in 1935 but shortly thereafter they moved back to the United States, this time to live with their son David John Walter who had become an eminent medical doctor in Allentown, New Jersey. Thomas David died suddenly in Allentown on 20 June 1937 and Jean much later there in June 1955. Both are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 68, graves 4 and 3 respectively.

David John Walter Farmer, known as Walter, earned his medical degree at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec in 1926. He practiced at the Mercer Hospital in Allentown, New Jersey, USA, between 1927 and 1933 after which time he opened his own private hospital. He was a Fellow of numerous medical associations and a life member of the American Medical Association. In 1976 he was awarded a gold medal for his 50 years of service to the New Jersey medical community.



Robert Wellington was born on 12 January 1867 in Ottawa, Carleton County, and his baptism was recorded with St. Luke's Anglican Church in Ottawa. Sometime between 1881 and 1884, Robert immigrated to Montana, USA where he became a naturalized citizen on 17 May 1894 at Silver Bow, Montana. Between 1893 and 1898, Robert filled a couple of mining claims in the copper and silver rich area of the Summit Valley Mining District in Silver Bow County. On 25 March 1894 he married Mary Jane Hood at Butte City, Montana. No record has been found that suggests when Robert and Mary met or when she immigrated to the USA, other than she too was born in Ottawa.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. W. Farmer", written on a piece of lined paper. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a dashed horizontal line.

Robert and Mary had one child while living in Butte City, Montana: Mary Robena Pearl on 18 August 1894. Their second child, John Maynard, was born back in Ottawa on 8 September 1899 where the family was living with Robert's parents. By 1911, Robert had settled his family on their own farm in the Russell District of Gloucester Township.

Mary Jane died on 22 December 1917 and is buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 68, grave 2.

Shortly before his death on 3 September 1934, Robert was living with his son John Maynard and his family in Ottawa and working as a stable hand at a local dairy company. Robert was buried on 6 September beside his wife at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 68, grave 1.



Cemetery Plot for the Farmer family



SMTV Cemetery Index		Farmer					
Name	Born	Died	Interred	Generation	Plot	Grave	Relationship
John Farmer	1832	1907		1	68	5	consecration signatory
Mary Ann Morrow Farmer	1833	1920		1	68	6	John's wife
Thomas David Farmer	1863	1937		2	68	4	John Farmer's son
Jane Bickerton Farmer	1865	1955		2	68	3	Thomas David's wife
Mary Jane Hood Farmer	1866	1917		2	68	2	Robert Wellington's wife
Robert Wellington Farmer	1867	1934		2	68	1	John & Mary Ann's son