



On 2 September 1878, a group of these farmers met with the Rev. Edward Hannington, the incumbent of St. Bartholomew's in New Edinburgh, who oversaw the mission church in the Blackburn area, and confirmed their resolution to build a church for the community. It was at this meeting that Richard Dagg offered part of his land for the church and cemetery. With pledges and labour from neighbouring farmers, the church was built and formally opened in September 1879. They named their new church St. Mary the Virgin after the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Blackburn, England.[2] [7]

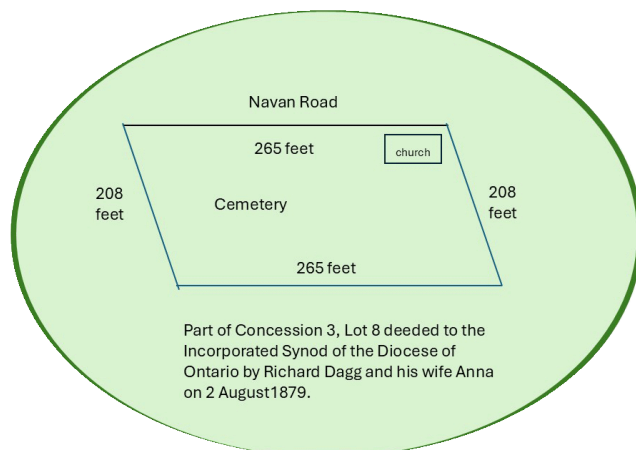
The building committee raised money for the construction of the church through a subscription of \$62 [2] (in today's dollars would be well over \$1,638 based on inflation from 1914, the earliest date available for the calculation [6]). The farmers were also economical with the construction as they apparently re-used wooden beams from at least one burned barn. A picture of one of these beams was photographed by Lynn & Brian Glenn in 2009 during their project for the Diocesan Archives to photograph all the churches in the Diocese of Ottawa.



A close-up of a charred wooden beam

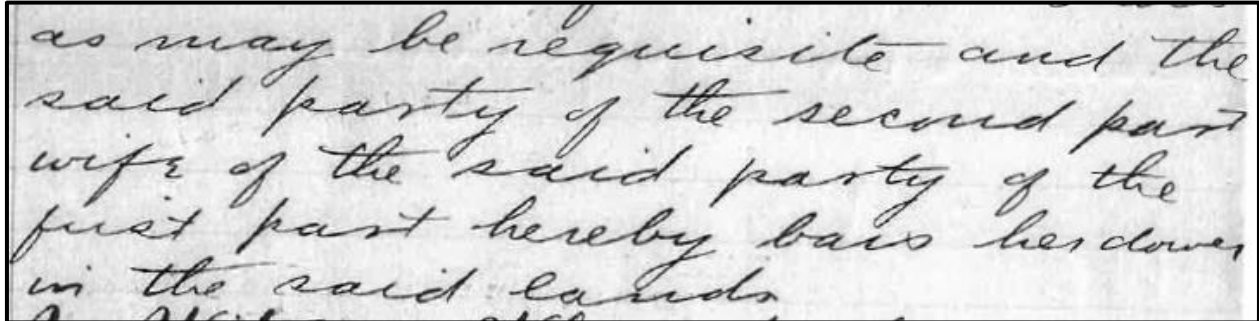
Richard Dagg and his wife, Ann Bridget Dagg, formally conveyed the parcel of land for the church from his farm on Concession number three, Lot eight, Ottawa Front, Gloucester Township, to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario and "their assignees forever" in an indenture or contract on 2 August 1879, for the sum of \$1 "in lawful money of Canada".[3]

The tract of land was described as approximately one acre, measured along what is now Navan Road, three chains sixteen and one-quarter links, by four chains and one and three-quarter links, by three chains and sixteen and one-quarter links, by four chains, one and three-quarter links. The approximate shape and dimensions of the parcel of land is illustrated in the diagram, using



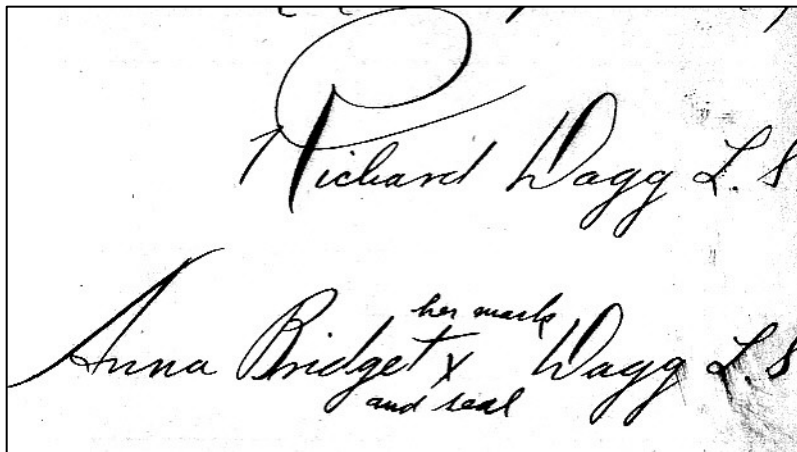
current imperial measurement as taken from a modern survey of the property. [4]

As part of the deed, Anna gave up her dower rights to the property should Richard die before her.[5]



as may be requisite and the  
said party of the second part  
wife of the said party of the  
first part hereby bars her dower  
in the said lands

Both Richard and Anna signed the document and its duplicate. It appears that Richard signed both his and Anna's signatures with Anna using her mark "X".



Richard Wagg L.S.  
Anna Bridget <sup>her mark</sup> X Wagg L.S.  
and seal

The deed was registered in the Registry Office in Book C for the township of Gloucester on 29 January 1880, Instrument #4946, by W.H. Waller, Registrar.

The Parish Register of the Diocese of Ottawa (now the Archives of the Diocese of Ottawa) did not, however, receive the duplicate copy until 10 March 1920, by John Bishop, the Registrar of the Diocese.

A full transcription and copy of the Instrument can be found [in](#) the Annex A.

Brian Glenn

November 2024

Footnotes:

[1] “Carleton Saga” by Harry and Olive Walker, published in 1968.

[2] “St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn 1879-1979 A History of the Parish” compiled by Helen Stolfa [found in the papers held by the St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Committee]

[3] Duplicate of the original Instrument of the indenture, found in the Archives of the Diocese of Ottawa. Transcribed by Brian Glenn, October 2024.

[4] Imperial measurements estimated from Sketch of Cemetery Layout by Farley, Smith & Denis Surveying Ltd., October 2020 (document held by the St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Committee)

[5] Extract from Instrument of Indenture donating land to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario by Richard and Anna Dagg, 1879.

[6] CPI Inflation Calculator (Canada) 1914 to 2024.

[7] The parish church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, Lancashire, was consecrated in 1826 and become a Cathedral in 1926, when the Diocese of Blackburn was created. Essentially a Georgian building, designed by John Palmer, it stands on a site reputedly associated with early Christianity. The foundation is believed to date from the year 596. (<https://blackburncathedral.com/learn/our-history>).

**Annex A**  
**Deed for St. Mary the Virgin Church & Cemetery**  
**(duplicate)**  
**Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives**  
**Transcribed October 2024 by Brian Glenn**

Registered in the Registry Office in Book C for the township of Gloucester 29 January 1880, Instrument #4946, W.H. Waller, Registrar

Registered in the Parish Register of the Diocese of Ottawa 10 March 1920, John Bishop, Registrar of the Diocese.

This Indenture made the second day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

Between Richard Dagg of the Township of Gloucester in the County of Carleton and the Province of Ontario, yeoman, of the First Part. Ann Bridget Dagg, his wife, of the Second Part, and The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, of the Third Part.

Whereas the said Richard Dagg is desirous of conveying the parcel or tract of land and premises hereinafter particularly described to The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario aforesaid to the uses and upon their trusts hereafter declared.

Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of one dollar of lawful money of Canada now paid by the said parties of the third part to the said part of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for the purpose aforesaid the said party of the First Part doth grant unto The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario aforesaid and their assignees forever.

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situated and being in the Township of Gloucester in the County of Carleton and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lot number eight in the third concession, Ottawa Front of the Township of Gloucester and containing by admeasurement one acre the same more or less and maybe described as follows that is to say: commencing at a post planted on the south side of the present travelled road across said lot and on the center line between the east and west halves of said lot, thence southerly along said center line a distance of three chains sixteen and one-quarter links, thence westerly and parallel to said travelled road a distance of four chains and none and three-quarter links; thence northerly and parallel to said center line a distance of three chains and sixteen and one-quarter links, thence easterly along the south side of the present travelled road to place of beginning a distance of four chains, none and three-quarter links.

To have and to hold unto The Incorporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario ..... aforesaid and their assigns forever to the uses and upon the trusts following and subject to the provisions of the Act incorporating the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario.

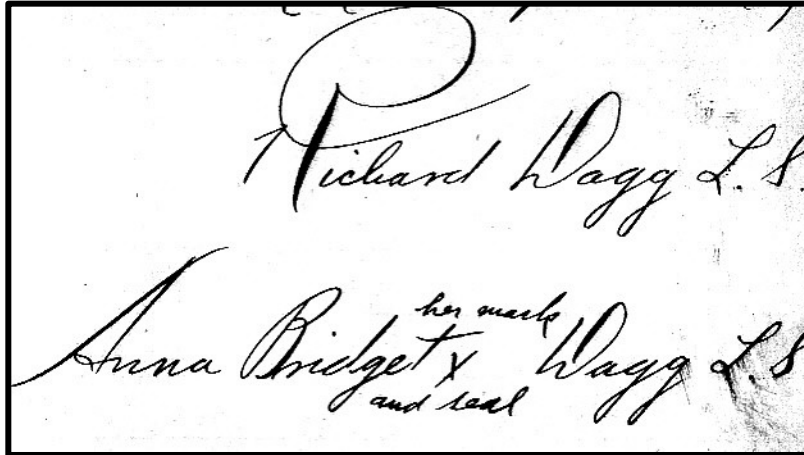
That is to say: upon trust to hold the same forever hereto for the use of a church of the United church of England and Ireland, to be erected upon said parcel or tract of land and for a burial ground in connection therewith and for no other purpose whatever.

And the said party of the first covenants with The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario aforesaid and their assigns that he will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be

requisite and the said party of the second part, wife of the said party of the first part, hereby bars her dowry in the said lands.

In Witness where of these parties to these presents have herewith set their hands and seal the day and year first written. (in duplicate)

Signature of Richard Dagg and mark (X) of Anna Bridget Dagg

A rectangular box containing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "Richard Dagg L.S." with a large initial "R". The bottom signature reads "Anna Bridget <sup>her mark</sup> ~~x~~ Dagg L.S." with "and seal" written below the name.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of H. Morrison

*Note from the Archivist: In 1879 Blackburn was a mission of the Rev. Edward Arthur Wellesley Hanington who was the Incumbent at Saint Bartholomew's, New Edinburgh.*

Ontario County of Carleton

To Wit: I Henry Morrison of the City of Ottawa in the County of Carleton and Province of Ontario, Law Clerk, make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the witness Instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed sealed and executed by the therein named Richard Dagg and Anna Bridget Dagg two of the parties thereto;
2. That I know the said parties;
3. That the said Instrument and duplicate were executed at the said city of Ottawa;
4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said Instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Ottawa in the County of Carleton this Second day of August A.D. 1879

John H. Bell

**Image of original document follows**

Filed March 10 1880

J. Bishop  
Registrar

M. H. S. in 3<sup>rd</sup> Con. 07  
Gloucester

I certify that the within Instrument is  
duly entered and Registered in the Regis-  
try Office for the County of Gloucester  
in Book C for the Township of Gloucester  
at 12.55 P. M. o'clock of the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of Jan A. D., 1880  
No. 4746 W. H. Waller, Deputy Registrar

Entered in the Parish Register,  
of the Diocese of Ottawa,  
The 0<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
1880 Lib..... Fol.....  
A. J. Bishop Registrar,

I Certify that the  
within is a true Copy  
of Instrument No.  
4746 filed as above  
in this Office.



J. Waller  
Acting Reg.

Copy of Instrument No 4946  
Tp. Gloucester.

This Indenture made the  
second day of August in the  
year of Our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy  
nine.

BETWEEN Richard Dagg of the  
Township of Gloucester in the  
County of Carleton and Province  
of Ontario, Groom,

Of the First Part,  
Ann Bridget Dagg his wife.

Of the Second Part,  
and "The Incorporated Synod of  
the Diocese of Ontario.

Of the Third Part;  
Whereas the said Richard Dagg  
is desirous of conveying the parcel  
or tract of land and premises  
hereinafter particularly descri-  
bed to "The Incorporated Synod  
of the Diocese of Ontario" aforesaid  
to the uses and upon the trusts  
hereinafter declared:

Witnesseth, that in consideration  
of the sum of one dollar of lawful  
money of Canada now paid  
by the said parties of the third  
part to the said party of the  
first part, the receipt whereof  
is hereby acknowledged, and  
for the purpose aforesaid  
the said party of the First Part  
doth grant unto "The Incorporated  
Synod of the Diocese of Ontario"

aforsaid and their assigns,  
forever.

All and Singular, that certain  
parcel or tract of land and  
premises situate and being  
in the Township of Gloucester  
in the County of Carleton  
and Province of Ontario, being  
composed of part of Lot number  
Eight in the third concession  
Ottawa Front of the Township  
of Gloucester and containing  
by admeasurement one acre  
or be the same more or less and  
may be described as follows:  
that is to say: Commencing  
at a post planted on the  
South side of the present  
travelled road across said  
Lot and on the centre line between  
the East and West Halves of said  
Lot, thence southerly along said  
centre line a distance of three  
chains sixteen and one quarter  
links, thence westerly and  
parallel to South side of said  
travelled road a distance of  
Four chains and nine and three  
quarter links; thence northerly  
and parallel to said centre  
line a distance of three chains  
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To have and To hold unto The Incorporated  
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aforsaid and their assigns forever to the uses and upon the trusts following, and subject to the provisions of "The act incorporating the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario" That is to say: upon trust to hold the same for ever hereafter, for the use of a church of the United Church of England and Ireland, to be erected upon the said parcel or tract of land and for a burial ground in connection therewith and for no other purpose whatsoever.

And the said party of the first covenants with "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario" aforsaid and their assigns that he will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be requisite and the said party of the second part wife of the said party of the first part hereby bars her dower in the said lands.

In Witness Whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. (in duplicate)

Signed sealed and  
delivered

In presence of

H. Morrison

Richard Pagg L.S.

Anna Bridget <sup>her mark</sup> Pagg L.S.  
and seal

Ontario  
County of Carleton

I Henry Morrison of  
To Wit: the City of Ottawa in the  
County of Carleton and  
Province of Ontario Law Clerk  
Make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the within Instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed sealed and executed by the therein named Richard Wagg and Anna Bridget Wagg two of the parties thereto.
2. That I know the said parties.
3. That the said Instrument and duplicate were executed at the said city of Ottawa
4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said Instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Ottawa  
in the County of Carleton this  
Second day of August  
A. D. 1879

H Morrison

John H. Bell  
a Commissioner

## Part 2: Consecration of the Church and Cemetery

Not long after St. Mary the Virgin opened in September 1879 [1], on land donated to the Diocese of Ontario in August of that year by Richard Dagg, the incumbent, church wardens and other inhabitants were able to “certify [the church] to be free from any legal incumbrance” and petitioned the Right Reverend Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara, “to separate the same from all profane and common uses and to Consecrate the said Church and set it apart Forever for the worship of God according to the Rites and Discipline of the Church Of England in Canada.” [2]

Charles Hamilton became the first Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa in April 1896 when it was founded and served until 1914. [8]

The petition carried the names of the Rev Edward Hanington and eleven other signatories:

Edward Hanington

William Bradley

Thomas D. Farmer

Charles Dagg

Edward Hopkins

Richard Dagg

Thomas Dagg

John Farmer

William Purdy sr

James Taylor

William Purdy jr

George Purdy

The image shows a collection of handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically. From top to bottom, the signatures are: 'Edw Hanington', 'William Bradley', 'Thos D Farmer', 'Chas Dagg', 'Edw Hopkins', 'Richard Dagg', 'Thos Dagg', 'John Farmer', 'Wm Purdy sr', 'James Taylor', 'Wm Purdy jr', and 'George Purdy'. To the right of the signatures for 'Thos D Farmer' and 'Chas Dagg', there are three small, vertical, wavy lines, likely indicating where the signatures were marked on a plan.

The plan on the page following shows the location of the famers who signed the petition marked with coloured dots.[3]



On 30 October, 1886, Charles by Divine permission Bishop of Niagara, acting for the Bishop of Ontario, decreed that “*by the virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, Consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and common uses and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministration of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and no other by the name of Saint Mary the Virgin.*”

*And we do pronounce decree and declare that said Church shall remain consecrated, set apart and dedicated forever by our definitive sentence and final decree which we read and promulge by these presents.”*

*Charles Niagara*

In a second decree on the same date, the Bishop also consecrated the cemetery with the words: “*Whereas a piece of land situated at Gloucester in the Diocese of Ontario and being part of number eight of the third concession Ottawa front and deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879 and registered in the twenty ninth day of January 1880 has been appropriated for the burial of the dead and whereas the said piece of land is sufficiently enclosed and is now ready for Consecration ; And whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, Wardens and other parishioners praying that we would be pleased to Consecrate the same.”.*

*In the name of God Amen*  
*Whereas a piece of land situate at Gloucester in the Diocese of Ontario and being part of number Eight of the third Concession Ottawa front and deeded to The Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879 and registered on the twenty ninth day of January 1880 Has been appropriated for the Burial of the dead; and whereas the said piece of land is sufficiently enclosed and is now ready for Consecration; And Whereas*

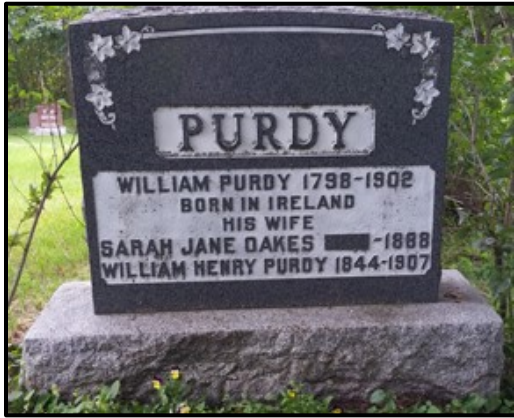
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A copy of the full transcript and images of the petitions and degree can be found in the Annex.

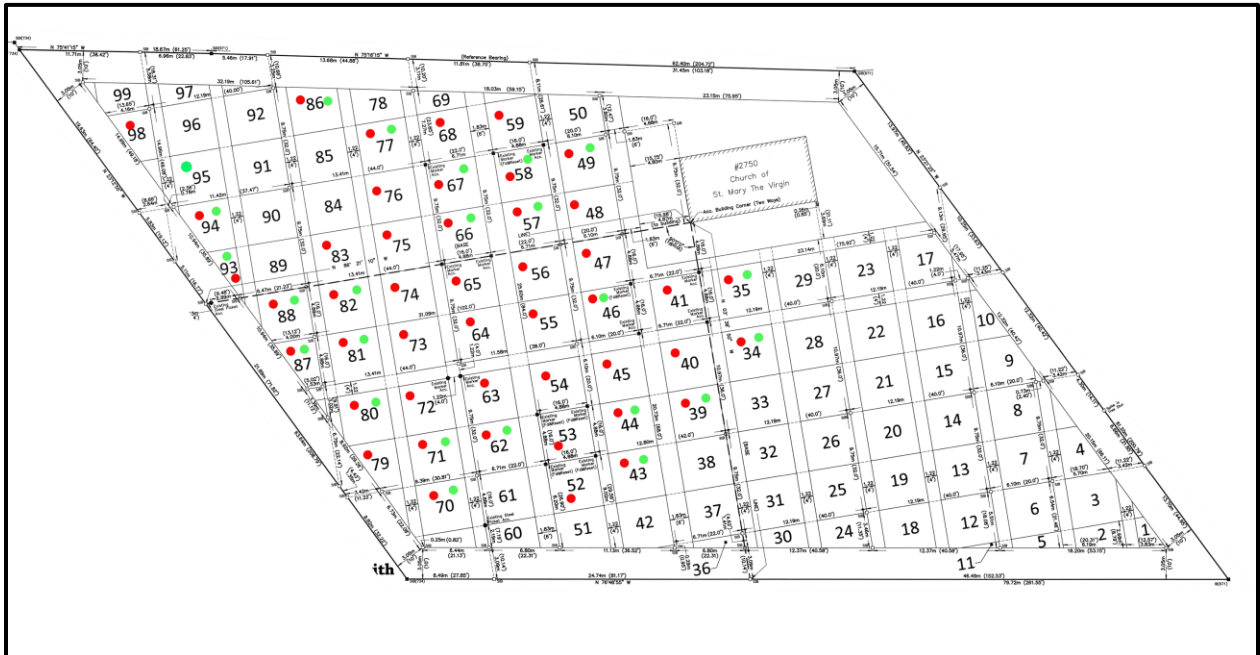
Currently, there are 220 persons buried in the cemetery, but the Cemetery Committee has possession of copies or originals of only 95 permits that allow the deceased to be buried which include death certificates, cremation certificates or funeral home declarations of death. [5]

Although there are no supporting documents, the first person to be buried at St. Mary the Virgin was probably William Purdy. William was born in 1798 in Ireland and was a signatory to the Petition for consecration. He was eighty-eight years old in 1879 when he signed the Petition and died in 1902 at age 104. William is buried in plot 56, grave #8. His gravestone lists his wife Sarah Jane Oakes (1812-1888) and their son, William Henry (1844-1907). The latest Purdy to be buried at St. Mary the Virgin

Cemetery is Dean Kingsbury, William's great-great grandson, who was interred on 14 June 2024, in plot #35, grave #3, urn position #6.[6]



The diagram below illustrates the current ownership and use of plot in the Cemetery. Red dots indicate ownership or at least one grave (coffin) burial and the green dots represent ownership or at least one urn burial in the plot. [7]



Brian Glenn  
November 2024

Footnotes:

[1] “St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn 1879-1979 A History of the Parish” compiled by Helen Stolfa (found in the papers held by the St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Committee)

[2] Copy of the original Petition from the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives.

[3] Extract from the 1879 map of Gloucester Township from the Gloucester Historical Society.

[4] Copy of the original decree from the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives.

[5] From count of documents held by the Cemetery Committee as of November 2024.

[6] Gravestone images taken from FINDAGRAVE.com [Photo of Dean Purdy’s gravestone added to Findagrave.com by Brian Glenn September 2024).

[7] Sketch of Cemetery Layout by Farley, Smith & Denis Surveying Ltd., October 2020 (document held by the St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Committee).

[8] wikipedia.org (Anglican Diocese of Ottawa) and Anglican Diocese of Ottawa website.

**Petition & Consecration of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin**

The Petition:

To the Right Reverend Charles Bishop of Niagara

We the Incumbent, Church wardens and other inhabitants of Gloucester having acquired the land amounting to one acre and being part of number eight of the third concession Ottawa Front-Gloucester, deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879 Registered on the twenty ninth day of January 1889 On Which there is a Church which we certify to be free from any legal incumbrance Do Humbly Pray Your Lordship to separate the same from all profane and common uses and to Consecrate the said Church and set it apart Forever for the worship of God according to the Rites and Discipline of the Church Of England in Canada.

Signatures of:

Edward Harrington (Rev. Edward A.W. Hanington)

William Bradley

Thomas D. Farmer

Charles Dagg

Edward Hopkins

Richard Dagg

Thomas Dagg

John Farmer

William Purdy sr

James Taylor

William Purdy jr

George Purdy

Handwritten signatures of the petitioners, including Edward A.W. Hanington, William Bradley, Thomas D. Farmer, Charles Dagg, Edward Hopkins, Richard Dagg, Thomas Dagg, John Farmer, William Purdy sr, James Taylor, William Purdy jr, and George Purdy. The signatures are written in cursive and are arranged in a column on the right side of the page.

The Consecration of the Church:

In the Name of God. Amen

Whereas a Church has been erected at Gloucester within the Diocese of Ontario upon a piece of land being a part of number eight of the third concession Ottawa front-Gloucester, deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879. Registered in the twenty ninth day of January 1880 and whereas the said building is now complete and furnished with all the things requisite for the due performance of public worship, and is free from all legal liability for debt, and is now ready for consecration; and Whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent Wardens and other parishioners praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said building.

Now therefore we Charles by Devine permission Bishop of Niagara -acting for the Bishop of Ontario

Do by the virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, Consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and common uses and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministrations of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and no other by the name of

## Saint Mary the Virgin

And we do pronounce decree and declare that said Church shall remain consecrated, set apart and dedicated forever by our definitive sentence and final decree which we read and promulge by these presents.

Witness our hand and seal this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six and from our Consecration this second.

Signature of Charles Niagara

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Niagara", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

### The Consecration of the Cemetery:

In the name of God Amen

Whereas a piece of land situated at Gloucester in the Diocese of Ontario and being part of number eight of the third concession Ottawa front and deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879 and registered in the twenty ninth day of January 1880 HAS been appropriated for the burial of the dead and whereas the said piece of land is sufficiently enclosed and is now ready for Consecration ; And whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, Wardens and other parishioners praying that we would be pleased to Consecrate the same.

Now therefore We Charles by Devine permission Bishop of Niagara

Do by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, Consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and common uses and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the burial of the dead, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, that the bodies of the faithful may therein rest in peace and hope of the resurrection to eternal life the Jesus Christ our Lord. And we do pronounce decree and declare that the said land shall remain so consecrated, set apart and dedicated forever by this our definitive sentence and final decree which we read and promulge by these presents,

Witness our hand and seal this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six and from our Consecration this second.

Signature of Charles Niagara

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Niagara", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Note from the Archivist: Rev. Arthur Conway Jones was the incumbent at the time of the petition for consecration but the petition for consecration of the burial ground bears the signature of the Rev. E.A.W. Hanington, probably because he was more senior than Jones.

To the Right Reverend Charles Bishop of Niagara

We the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and other inhabitants of Gloucester having acquired the land amounting to one acre and being part of number eight of the third concession Ottawa front Gloucester - deeded to The Incorporated Synod of Ontario by Richard Dagg of Gloucester on the second day of August 1879 Registered on the twenty ninth day of January 1880 On Which there is a Church which we certify to be free from any legal incumbrance Do humbly Pray your Lordship to separate the same from all profane and common uses, and to Consecrate the said Church and set it apart Forever for the worship of God according to the Rites and Discipline of the Church of England in Canada

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Now therefore we Charles by Divine permission Bishop  
of Niagara - acting for the Bishop of Ontario.  
do by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed,  
Consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and  
Common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the  
ministration of His Holy Word and Sacraments, and for public worship  
according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and no other  
by the name of

Saint Mary the Virgin

And We do pronounce decree and declare that the said Church shall  
remain<sup>ing</sup> consecrated, set apart and dedicated for ever by this our  
definitive sentence and final decree which we read and promulge  
by these presents

Witness our hand and seal this thirtieth day of October  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six  
and of our Consecration the second -

Charles Niagara

## 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.

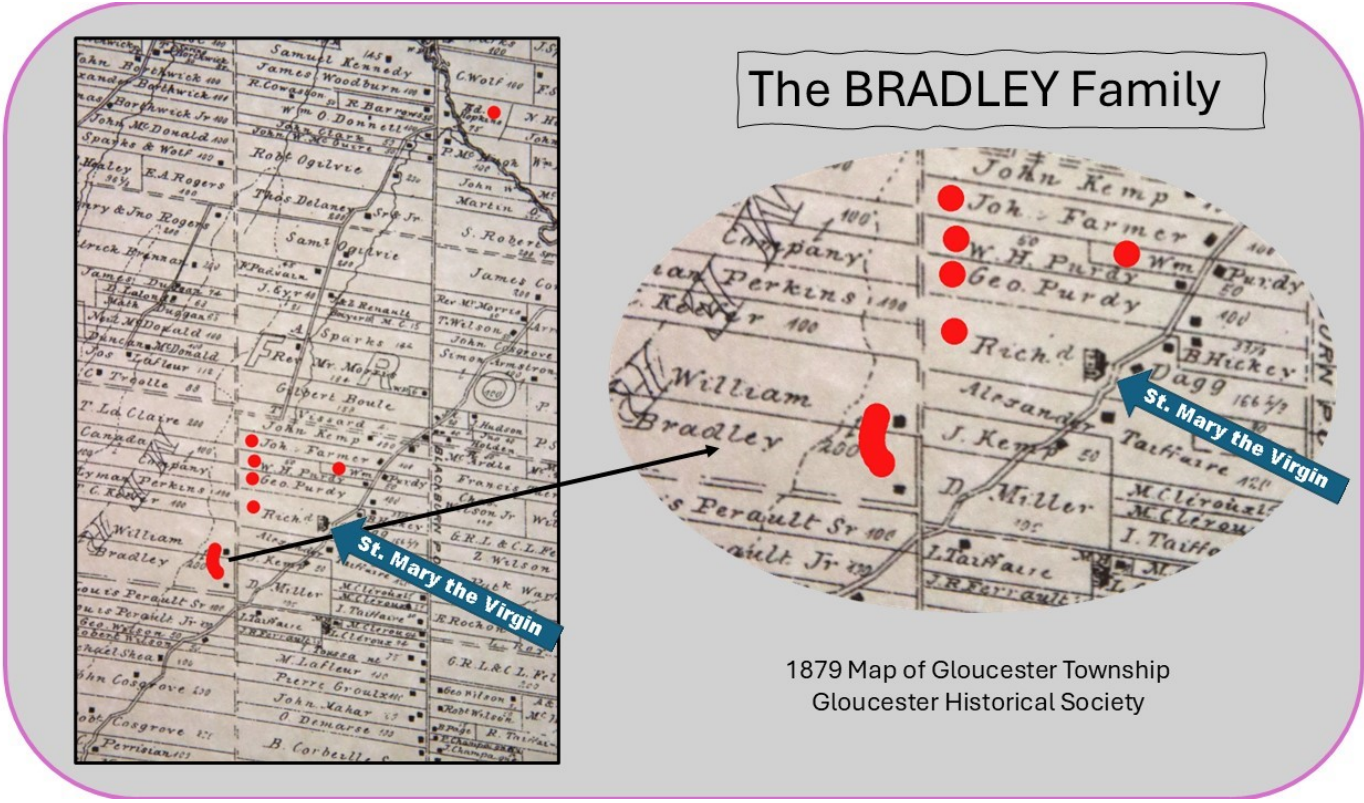


Route 30 is Innes Road and route 28 is Navan Road,

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.

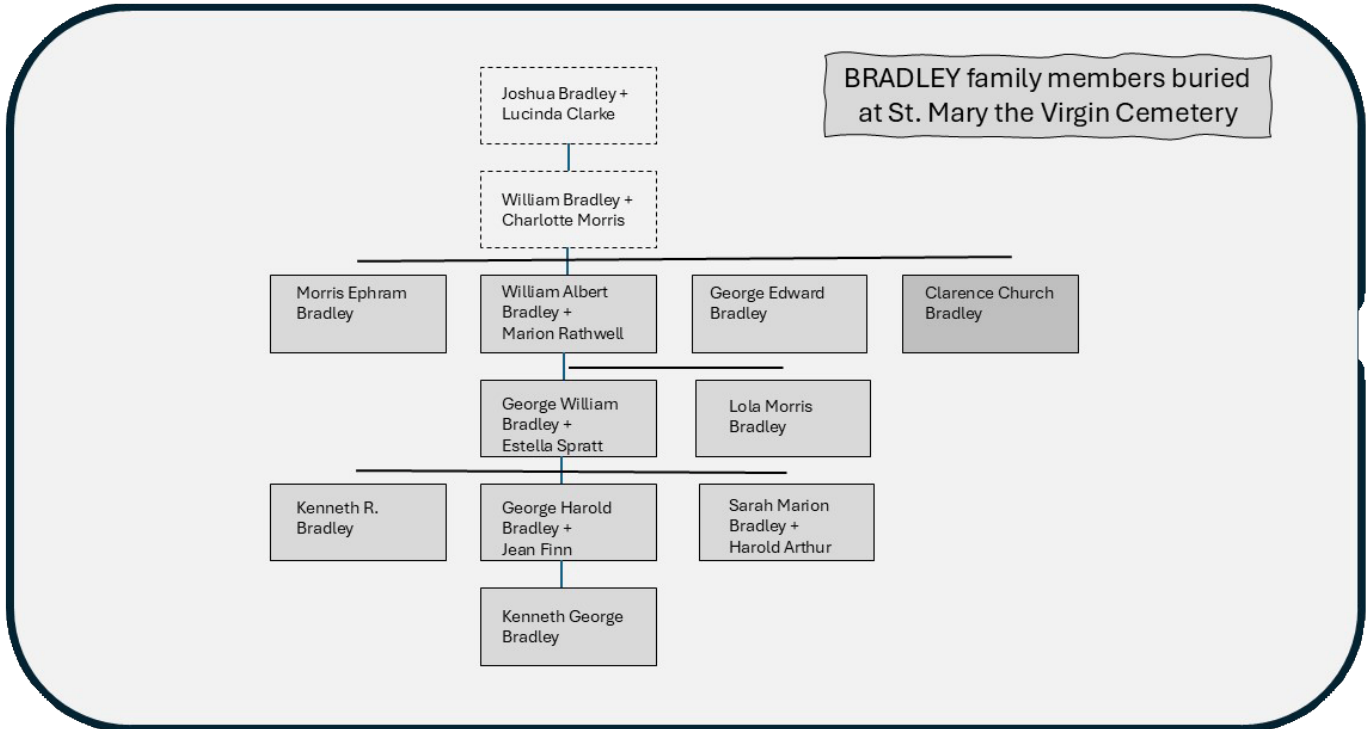
\* Ottawa Front was the easternmost part of Gloucester Township.

# The BRADLEY Family



The BRADLEY Family

1879 Map of Gloucester Township  
Gloucester Historical Society



## 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 generations 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 1/2 lot 29.
G3 1926	Will	26 Sept. 1872	28 Mar. 1882	Joshua Bradley	John Bradley Joshua Bradley		N.E. corner of S.W. 1/4 lot 29, and Right of way, 16 acres. Subject S.W. 1/4 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.

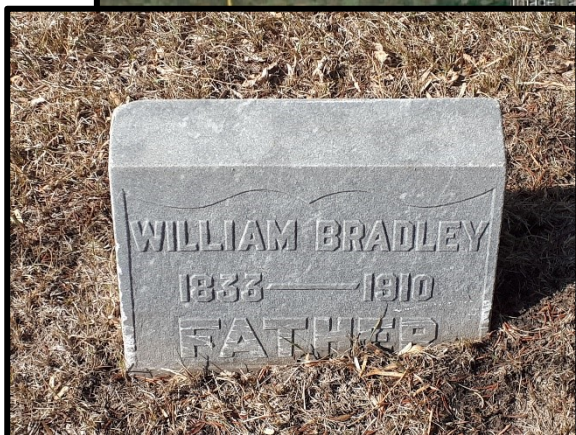
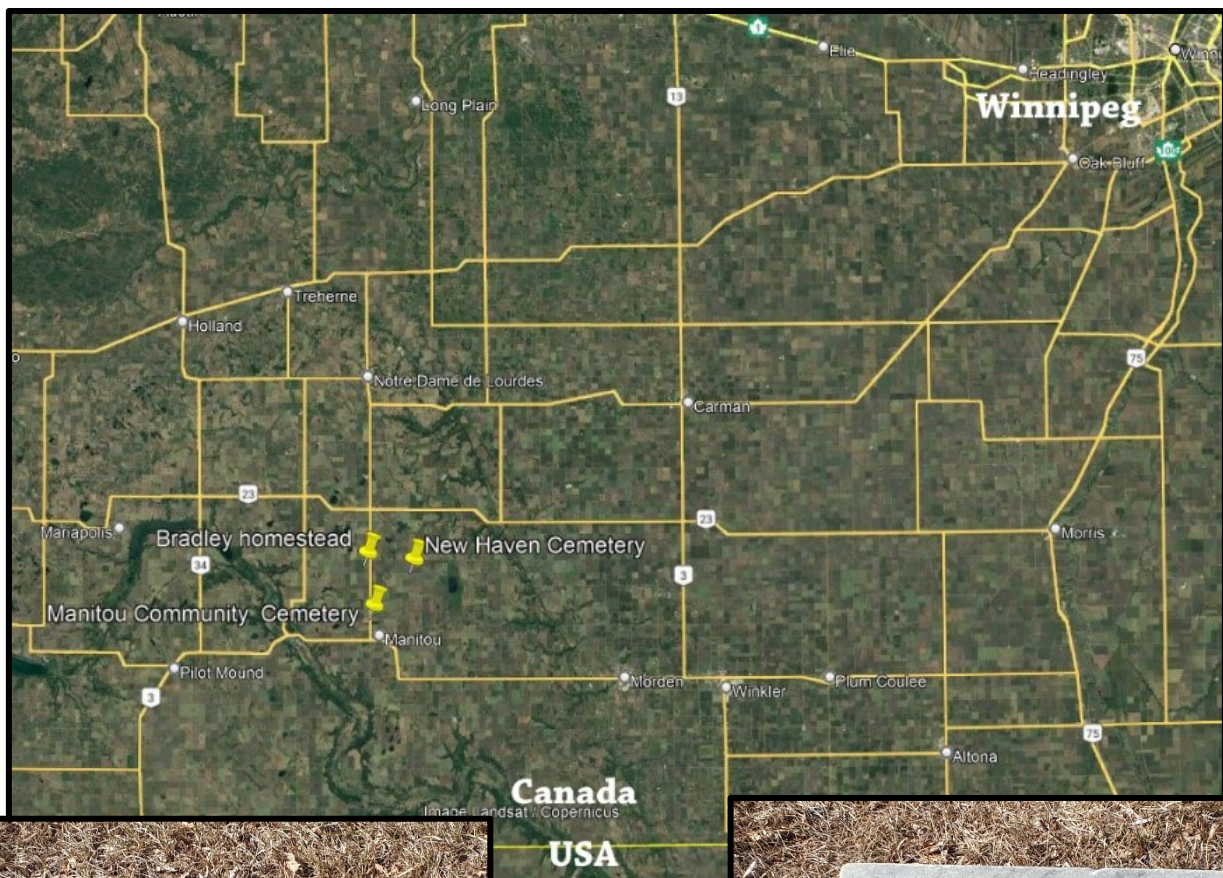
While William is not buried at St. Mary the Virgin, he played an integral role in its establishment. William was one of the eleven original parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin who signed a petition to the Right Reverend Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara, requesting that their church be consecrated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

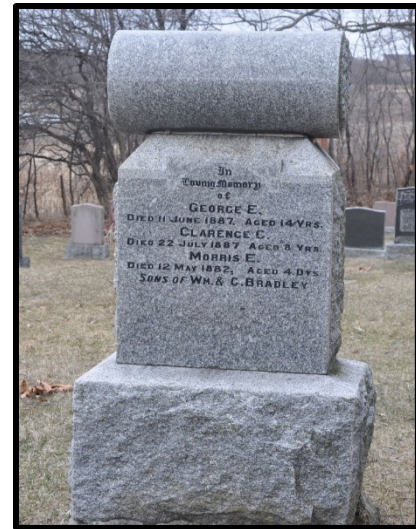
Three of William and Charlotte's children and their spouses are also buried in Manitou: Joshua Henry (1864-1957) and his wife Emma Elizabeth Clarke, Adam James (1866-1946) and his wife Cathrine Stevenson and Ella Bertha (1875-1966) and her husband Andrew Joseph McDowell and Walton Edmond (1876-18909) 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.



**William Albert** is the only descendant of William and Charlotte who lived, married and died in Ontario. He was born on 24 December 1864 and was baptized at Holy Trinity, Bearbrook Anglican Church in 1865. It was at Holy Trinity that he married Marion Rathwell, a native of Navan, on 29 January 1896.

William Albert and Marion had three children: Lola Morris (1898), Mary Edna (1899) and George William (1902) all the while farming in the Russell District of Gloucester Township.

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.

	" Molly Unwin	"	R	645	A	B	4	70	daughter	F	S	11
8	Bradley, Wm A.	"							Thel	M	W	66
	" Lola M.	"							daughter	F	S	33
	Walsh Edna M.	"							daughter	F	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.      PAGE NO 1

REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	CONSIDERATION ETC	LAND AND REMARKS
GL 4112	Deed.	16 Feb. 1878	6 Apr 1878	David Miller et ux	William Bradley		All 200 acres. See Deed.
GL 13087	Deed.	6 Oct. 1897	15 Nov 1898	William Bradley & w.	Montreal: Ottawa Ry Co.	125.60	Pl. Lot 7, 3 7/8 acres. See Deed.
GL 13540	Agree <sup>3</sup>	26 Feb. 1898	5 Dec. 1898	William Bradley	F. M. C. Evans.	2.00	1 part. 75 acres. Option. See Deed.
GL 17019	B. S.	18 June 1902	20 July 1902	William Bradley & w.	William O. Bradley	77.60	1/2 of 150.20 acres. See Deed.
GL 34629	Grant	16 July 1928	17 July 1928	William A. Bradley	George W. Bradley	100000	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)

William Albert died on 31 May 1937. His funeral service was held at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Ottawa. He and Marion Rathwell are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 55, graves 1 and 2.



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

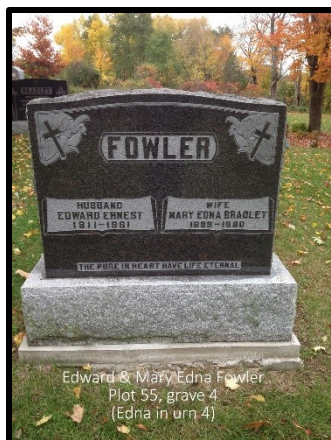
**Lola Morris** was born on 31 March 1898 and baptized later that year at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan. Lola probably moved into the city with her father when he sold the farm in 1928 and by 1931, Edna, her widowed sister, had moved into the Albert Street apartment with them. Following her father's 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.

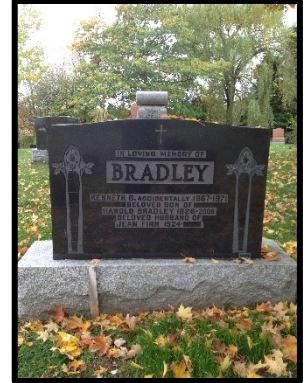
*George W. Bradley.*

## 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).

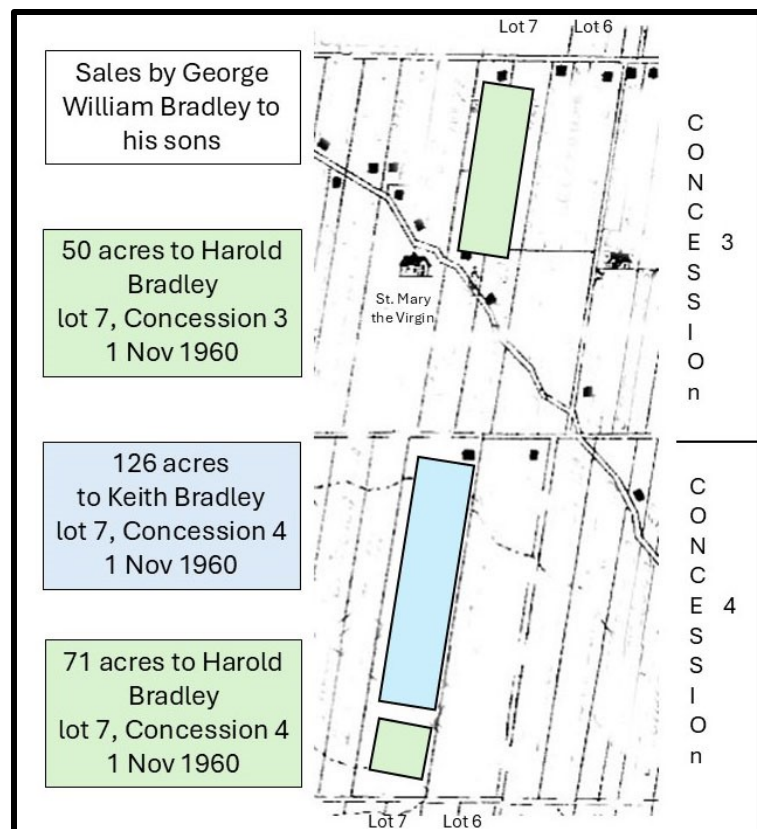
**George Harold**, known as **Harold**, was born 3 September 1928 and married Jean Finn at St. George's Anglican Church, Hathorne, on 16 September 1950. The couple had four children: Glenn Harold (1952), Kenneth George (1967), Patricia (Patty) and Kirk.

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
Lota 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

Sources:

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

### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Dagg 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 can be discerned.

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.

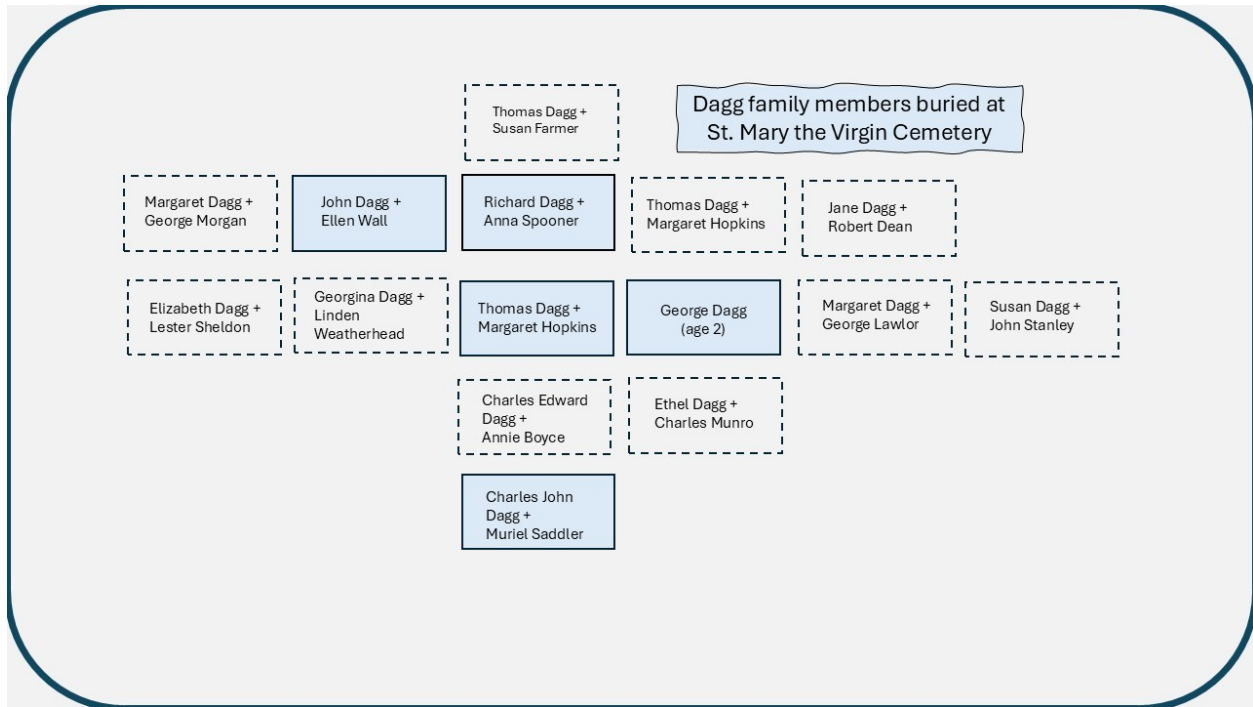


Route 30 is Innes Road and route 28 is Navan Road,

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.

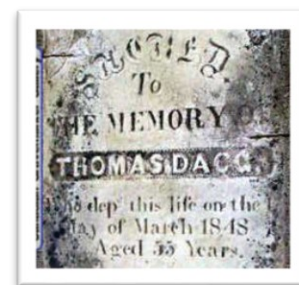
## The Dagg Family



While the Dagg family may not be the earliest family to settle in the Blackburn area, it was, Richard Dagg who deeded part of his land to the Diocese of Ontario for St. Mary the Virgin church and cemetery in 1879 [A Short History – Part 1 – Origins].

## First Generation

**Thomas Dagg** was the patriarch of the Dagg family in Gloucester Township. He and his wife, Susan Farmer, were born in Tipperary, Ireland, c1793, and had five children: Margaret (1819), and Jane Ruth (1824), John (1826), Richard (1830) and Thomas (1834). The family immigrated from Ireland between 1834 and 1837\* and settled in what was then the Russell District of Gloucester Township.



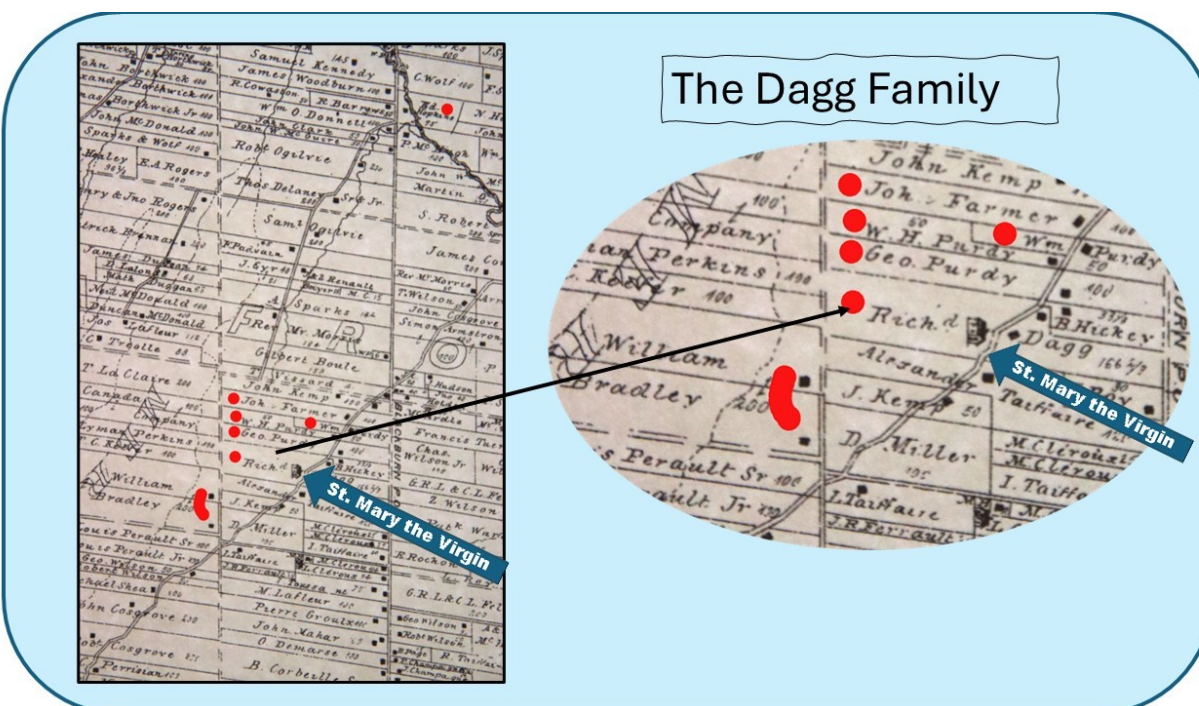
\* Date of last child born in Ireland and date of first marriage in Canada.

It wasn't until 1852, however, that the Dagg family actually owned the land on which they settled.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	CONVEYANCE ETC.	LAND AND REMARKS
	Patent	11 Oct.		Crown	William Lee		All, with lot 9 - 400 acres.
NO 808	B. & S.	28 July 1811	1 Sept 1817	William Lee	Geo King & W. H. Lee		All, with lot 9, 400 acres. See inst.
NO 809	A.C.S.	13 Aug. 1817	1 Sept 1817	George King	W <sup>o</sup> Henry Lee		All, with lot 9, 400 acres. See inst.
NO 5803	B. & S.	20 Nov. 1852	18 June 1852	W <sup>o</sup> Henry Lee	Richard Dagg		1/2 - 100 acres. See inst.

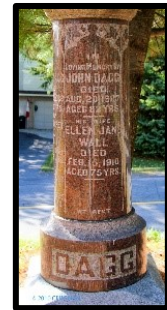
**William Lee acquired 400 acres from the Crown on 11 October 1811 which was eventually split into two 200 acre lots 8 and 9, concession 3, Ottawa Front.**

In fact, it was Richard, the eldest son who acquired the south half of lot 8 on concession 3, in Gloucester Township, from William Lee on 20 March 1852.



## Second Generation

Their eldest son **John**, married Ellen Jean Wall from County Marta, Ireland on 20 April 1852 in March Township and by 1891 was raising a family of seven children on a farm in Russell District. John died at Navan on 20 August 1907 and Ellen on 15 February 1910. Both are buried in St. Mary's Anglican Cemetery in Navan, Ontario.



**Richard**, their second son, married Anna Spooner, who was also born in Ireland, on 4 June 1858 in Ottawa. By 1861, Richard's parents, Thomas and Susan, were living on the farm with Richard, his wife Anna and their newborn son, Thomas. The Township Tax Roles of 1868 indicate that Richard was the freehold owner of 100 acres of land on east half of lot 8 on concession 3, Ottawa Front, of the Township, of which 30 acres had been cleared for farming.

In 1878, Richard sold about an acre of his lot for the building of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church to the Diocese of Ontario for the sum of \$1.

Anna died on 16 October 1912, at her son-in-law J.F. Stanley's residence and Richard died in April 1917, at his son Thomas' residence. They are buried in plot 57, graves 1 and 2 in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery. Their headstone includes the names of their infant son **George** and their son Thomas and his wife Margaret Hopkins.



**Thomas** was the last born to Thomas and Susan Dagg, and he married Alice Walsh in 1859 in Osgoode Township. Both are buried in St. Mary's Anglican Cemetery, Navan.

Thomas and Susan's two daughters, Margaret and Jane Ruth, both married in Canada and emigrated to the United States with their husbands. Margaret died in 1894 and is buried

with her husband, George Morgan, in Vernon County, Wisconsin. Jane Ruth died in 1898 and is buried with her husband, Robert Dean, in Olmsted County, Minnesota.

### **Third Generation**

The third generation of the Dagg family living in Gloucester Township included the children of Richard and Anna Spooner: Thomas (1860), Margaret Alice (1863), Susan (1864) George (1867), Georgina (1875) and Elizabeth (1886).

**Thomas**, born on 12 May 1860, was married three times. His first marriage was to Margaret Mary Hopkins on 15 Feb 1887. They had two children, Charles Edward (1887) and Ethel Margaret (1889). Margaret died due to complications of Ethel's birth eight days later 16 June 1889. Margaret is buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 57, grave #6 (see gravestone image above).

Five years after Margaret's death, Thomas married Mary Ann Moore from Hawthorne, Gloucester Township on 31 January 1894, (likely St. George's Anglican Church). They had four children: George Clayton (October 1894), Annie Ellen (1896), Arthur Cecil (1898) and Stella Maude (1900). Mary Ann died on 17 January 1929 and was buried in the Hawthorne cemetery at St. George's Anglican Church.

Thomas' third marriage occurred in 1936 in Navan to Lydia Bickerton who was born in Navan on 9 September 1865. This marriage produced no further children for Thomas. Two years after his marriage to Lydia, Thomas died in 1938 in Ottawa and was buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery in plot 57, grave #7 (see gravestone image above).

**Margaret Alice** married George Lawlor at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Ottawa, and both are buried at Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa.

**Susan** married John Fredrick Stanley on 10 March 1885 and had three sons: Walter, Norman and Richard Alexander. Susan and her husband are buried in St. George's Cemetery, Hawthorne in Gloucester Township.

**Georgina** married Linden Weatherhead from New York State. It is not clear if Georgina married Linden in Canada or the United States but the 1910 census of Croghan, New York, indicates that she entered the States in 1903. That census also records her parents, Richard and Anna "immigrating" in 1909 and living with her and Linden. Richard and Anna may have been just visiting their daughter and son-in-law as both returned to Canada at some point before their deaths. Georgina and Linden are buried in Sandy Hill Cemetery, Jefferson County, New York State.

**Elizabeth (Lizzie)** married Selester Sheldon, an American from the state of Kansas. Their marriage took place in Gloucester Township on 8 April 1903. Later that year they relocated

to a farm in Croghan, New York in the same enumeration district as Georgina and Linden. Both are buried in Sandy Hill Cemetery, near her sister Georgina.

#### **Fourth Generation**

None of the fourth generation of Dagg's appear to have buried at St. Mary the Virgin. Thomas and Margaret Hopkins' son Charles Edward was married twice, and he and both of his wives are buried at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Merivale.

#### **Fifth Generation**

Charles Edward and his first wife, Annie Sparling Boyce, must have moved around the province as their son, Charles John, was born in Schumacher, Cochrane District, Ontario, in 1919.

**Charles John** served in the Canadian Armed Forces between 1939 and 1945, serving with the 51st Anti-tank Battery, 1st Division Artillery in England, France, Italy and Sicily. Following his military service, he married Muriel Jean Sadler in 1947 at Westboro United Church, Ottawa, and worked for the Department of Immigration for 35 years until his retirement in 1979. He died on 12 May 2008 at May Court Hospice in Ottawa and Muriel died in 2011. Both are buried at St. Mary the Virgin in plot 57, grave #3, urn numbers 4 and 8.



## All the Dagsgs are buried in Plot 57

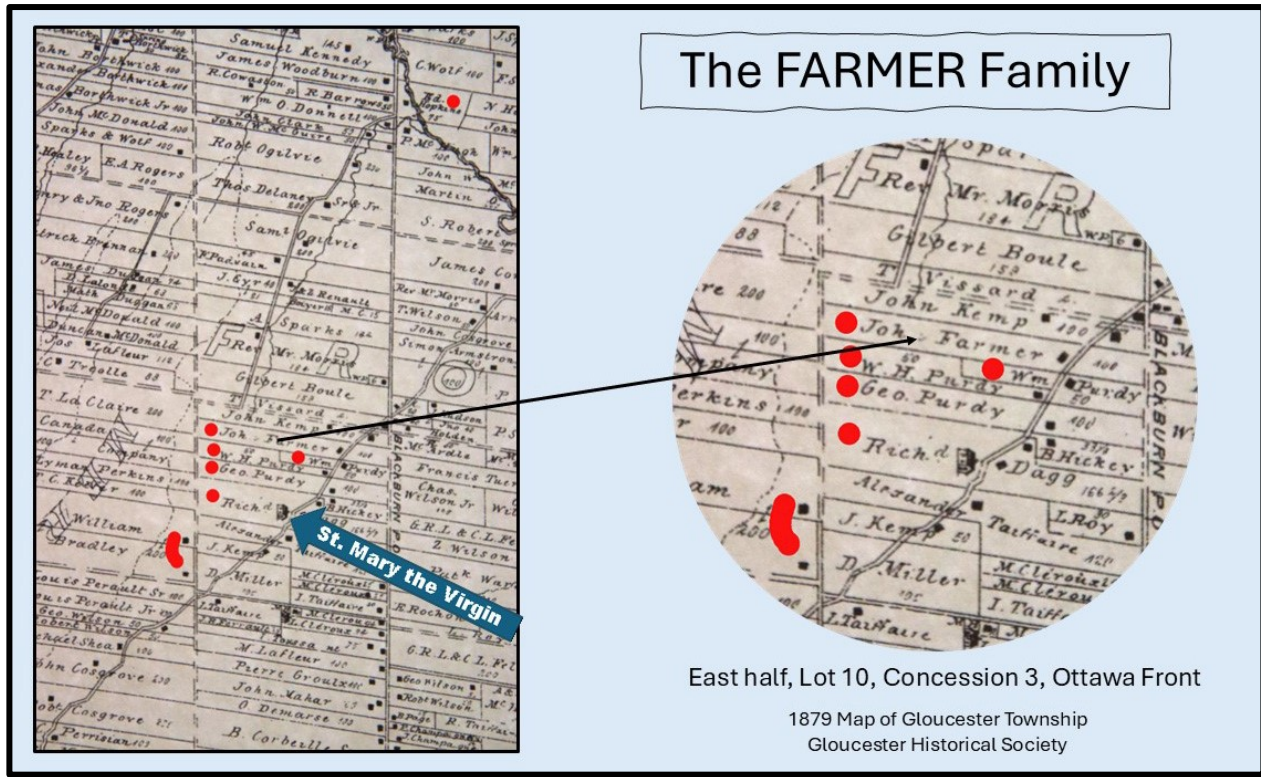


St. Mary the Virgin Burial Index			DAGG					
Name	Born	Died	Interred	Plot	Grave	Urn	Generation	Relationship
Richard Dagg	1829	1918		57	1		2	Thomas & Susan Farmer's son
Anna Bridget (Spooner) Dagg	1827	1912		57	2		2	Richard's wife
George Dagg	1867	1869		57	5		3	Richard & Anna's infant son
Margaret Mary (Hopkins) Dagg	1867	1889		57	6		3	Thomas Dagg's second wife
Thomas Dagg	1860	1938		57	7		3	Richard & Anna's son
Charles John Dagg	1919	2008	2008-08	57	3	4	5	Charles Edward Dagg's son
Muriel Jean (Saddler) Dagg	1920	2011	2011-05-11	57	3	8	5	Charles John Dagg's wife

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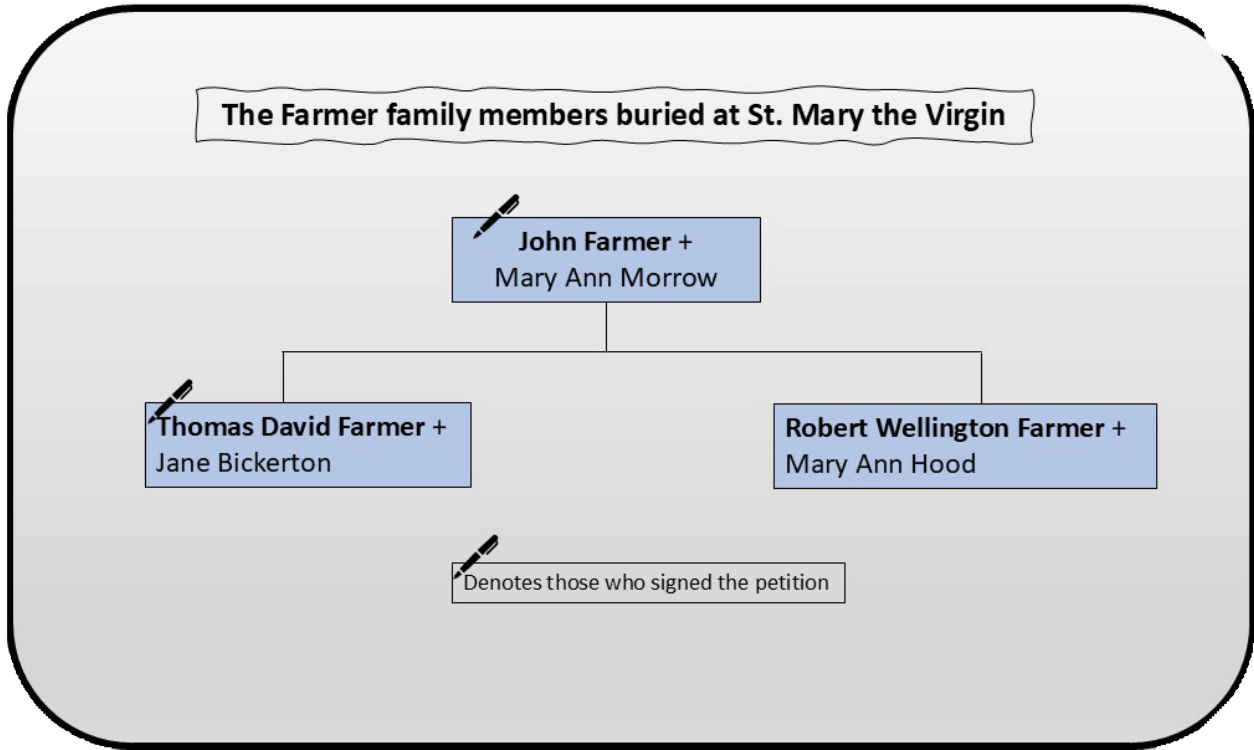
### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Farmer Chapter



### The FARMER Family

East half, Lot 10, Concession 3, Ottawa Front

1879 Map of Gloucester Township  
Gloucester Historical Society



### The Farmer family members buried at St. Mary the Virgin

John Farmer +  
Mary Ann Morrow

Thomas David Farmer +  
Jane Bickerton

Robert Wellington Farmer +  
Mary Ann Hood

Denotes those who signed the petition

## 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.

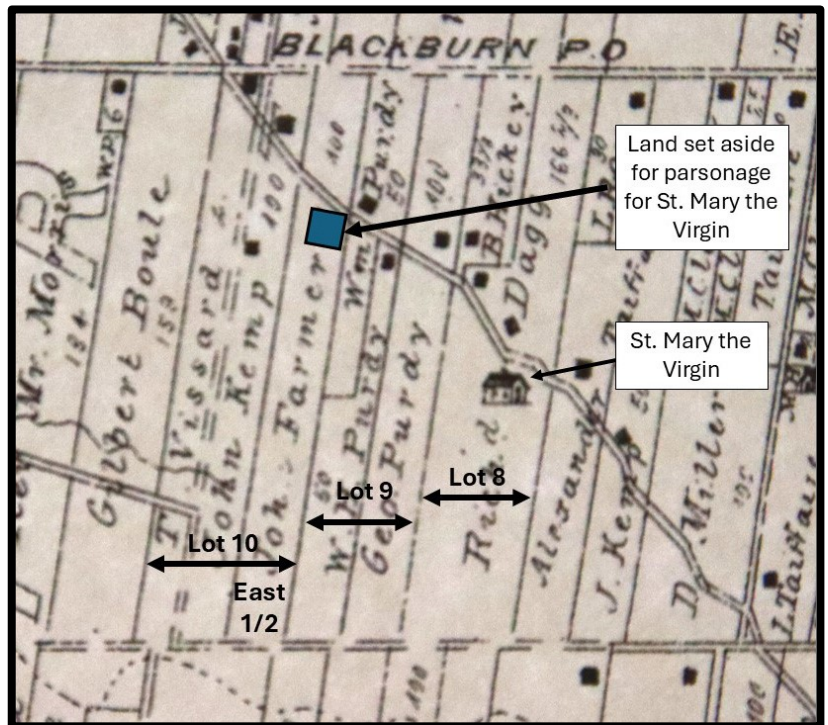
In November 1877, John sold his 100-acre lot to the Honourable Edward George Percy Littleton for \$2,300. Littleton was the Baron Hatherton of Suffolk, England, and the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada.

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

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)



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

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).

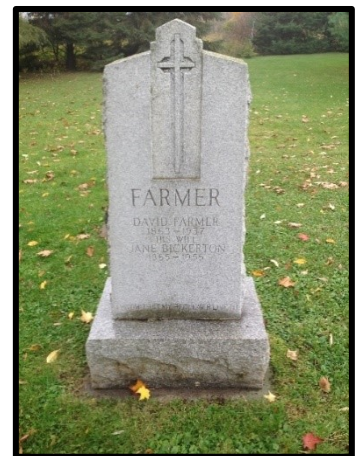
The 1900 United States census records Thomas David and family living in Bute City, Montana, working as a teamster, having immigrated in 1897. While in the Bute City, Thomas David and Jean bore two of their seven children: Stella in December 1898 and David John Walter on 22 December 1899.

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.

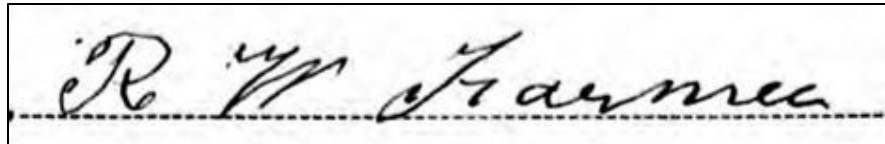
By 1902 the family had returned to the Blackburn area as their fifth child, Carleton Richard, was born on 21 April 1902 and baptized at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Navan.

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 Siver Bow, Montana. Between 1893 and 1898, Robert filled a couple of mining claims in the copper and silver rich area of the Summit Valley Minig District in Silver Bow County. On 25 March 1894 he married Mary Jane Hood at Bute 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 photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R W Farmer". The signature is written on a white background with a dashed horizontal line below it.

Robert and Mary had one child while living in Bute 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	Genera tion	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

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

### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Purdy 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 can be discerned.

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

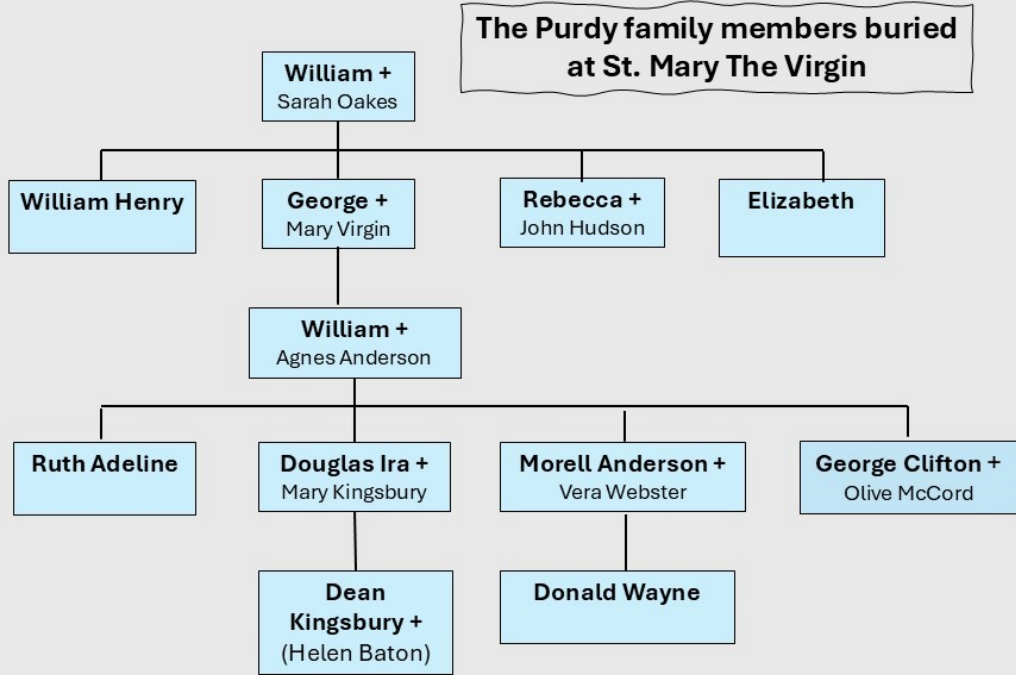


Route 30 is Innes Road and route 28 is Navan Road,

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.

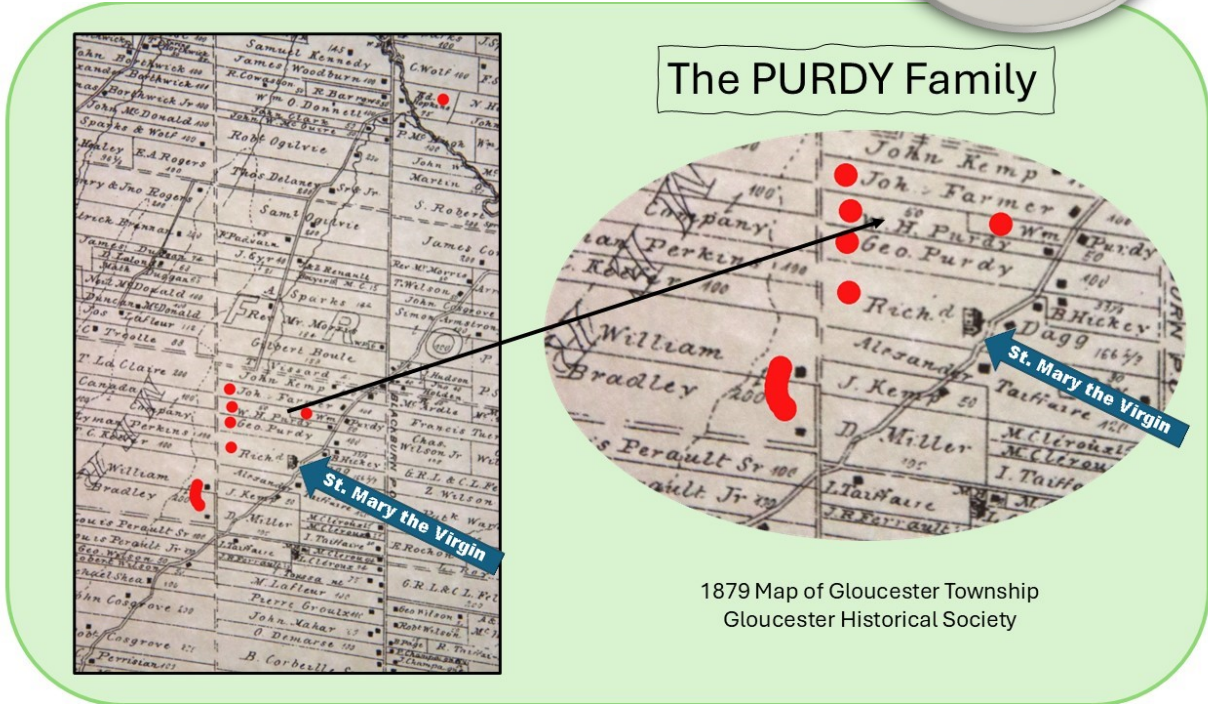
\* Ottawa Front was the easternmost part of Gloucester Township.

# The PURDY Family



## The First generation in Canada

The Purdy family in Gloucester Township begins with **William Purdy** who was born c1800, in Antrim, Ireland and immigrated to Upper Canada in 1814. He and Sarah Jane Oakes, also born in Ireland, were married by Banns at Christ Church Bytown on 15 April 1833 [Christ Church did not become a Cathedral until 1869]. Both William and Jane signed over their names with an "X".



The PURDY Family

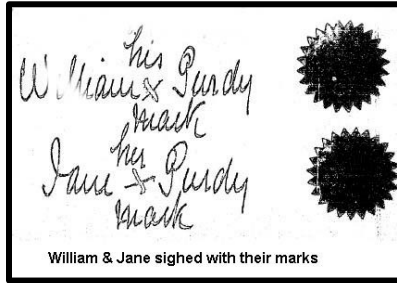
1879 Map of Gloucester Township  
Gloucester Historical Society

By 1851, William and Jane were well established with the first six of their children on a farm on lot 9, concession 3 in the District of Russell, Gloucester Township. That lot, consisting of 200 acres, was part of a 400-acre parcel of land acquired from the Crown in 1811 by William Lee. On 19 January 1863, the sale of 200 acres of that lot was registered in the County of Carleton to William Purdy for £1200. A copy of that instrument from Ontario Lands is found in Annex A. The early census records of Gloucester Township show a good mixture of Irish immigrants claiming Church of England or Roman Catholic faith. It is not surprising then that the Church of England Purdy family employed a Roman Catholic farm labourer over the years.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	CONVEYANCE	LAND AND REMARKS
808	Patent	11 Oct 1811		Crown	William Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
809	B.T.A.	28 July 1827	1 Sept 1827	Wm Lee	Geo King & W.H Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
13164	B.T.A.	13 Aug 1827	1 Sept 1827	Geo King	Wm Henry Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
20194	B.T.A.	18 Nov 1858	20 Nov 1858	Wm H Lee et al	Chris Armstrong		All see last
	B.T.A.	19 Jan 1863	21 Jan 1863	C. Armstrong	William Purdy		All see last

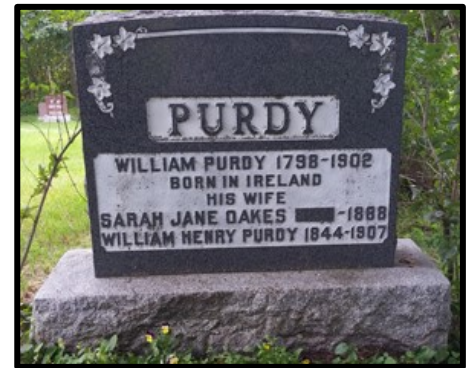
William Purdy acquires 200 acres of Lot 9, Concession 3, 1863

As was typical of farming settlements of Upper and Lower Canada, the land was often divided up among the sons following the patriarch's death. In William's case, however, he and his wife Jane, sold parts of lot 3 to his sons before his death: George, as the eldest, bought the largest share of 100 acres in the east half of lot 9 on 10 January 1872 for \$1,000; William Henry bought 50 acres on 20 April 1876 for \$1250, and John bought two parcels of 50 acres each, the first on 6 July 1876 and the second on 4 June 1878.



Sometime in the early 1880s, William, and two of his sons, George and William Henry, joined eight other founders of St. Mary the Virgin church and signed a petition that resulted in the Bishop of Niagara consecrating the church and its cemetery on 30 October 1886 [A Short History – Part 2, Consecration].

Sarah Jane died in 1888 and is buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 56 grave 7. William was living with his son William Henry when he died of old age of 103 on 24 April 1903, and is buried beside Sara Jane in plot 56, grave 8.

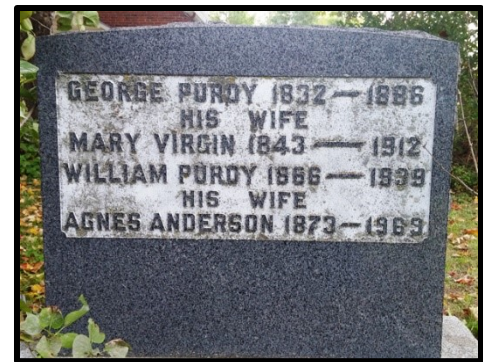


## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation in Canada

William and Sarah Jane had nine children: George (13 April 1833), Sarah (27 Jan 1837), Mary Jane (1839), William Henry (17 Mar 1844), Robert (1846), Charlotte (1847), Elizabeth (8 Apr 1854), Rebecca (13 Sep 1855) and John (1857).

**George** was baptized on 3 February 1834 at Christ Church Bytown. At age 28 he was still single, living on the family farm in Gloucester but five years later he had moved the Griffith in Renfrew County. It was there he met Mary Morrill Virgin, the daughter of Ira and Abilgail Virgin, originally from the Stanstead region of Quebec. He and Mary were married on 7 February 1866 in Renfrew County. When his father, William, dispersed his farm to his sons, George, Mary, and their family of three children, returned to Gloucester Township and by 1881 was paying taxes on 100 acres of the east half of lot 9.

George died on 28 March 1887, leaving Mary to raise their eight children on the farm until she died on 14 June 1912. Both George and Mary are buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 56, graves 1 and 2.



**Sarah Purdy** was born on 27 January 1837. She married George Robert Wilson, from Tyrone, Ireland on 11 July 1862 in Bytown (Ottawa). She died in 1901, probably in Carleton County as did her husband in 1883.

**Mary Jane Purdy** was born in 1839 and was baptizes at Christ Church Bytown in 1841.

**William Henry** was born on 17 March 1884 and baptized as Henry at Christ Church Bytown. He married Sarah Ann Melvina Sparks on 27 November 1873 which linked him into the generations of the Sparks family who founded and contributed to the growth of Bytown. Sparks Street, one of Ottawa's oldest main streets, was named after Nicholas Sparks. Nicholas was Sarah Ann's grandfather, George Sparks, cousin. The genealogical chart illustrating the family ties between the Sparks and Purdy's can be found in Annex B.

In April 1876, William Henry acquired the south half of the west half lot 9 from his father where he lived with his family until at least 1901. In February 1904, however, he made an application for a land grant in Saskatchewan where it appears he considered moving to live with his son Ira who had moved the year earlier to a homestead near Tate, about 137km north of Regina.

William Henry either never relocated to Saskatchewan or moved “home” very soon after as he died of pneumonia on 10 October 1907 in Blackburn, Gloucester Township, and is buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 56, grave 6 next to his parents.

Sarah moved to her son Ira’s homestead, who by 1911 was living in Choiceland, in the Humbolt District of Saskatchewan (another 219 KM north of Regina). Sarah later moved to her daughter Georgianna’s home where she died on 4 June 1936 and is buried is buried at the Blue Fox Cemetery in Choiceland.



**Robert Purdy** had a very short life. His baptism is record in the Parish of March, Carleton County, in 1846. He died at the young age of twenty-two months in December 1847. There is no record of his burial with his parents at St. Mary the Virgin.

### Charlotte Purdy

**Elizabeth Purdy** was born on 8 April 1854, likely on the family farm in Blackburn, Gloucester Township. On 26 November 1872 she became Abraham Albert Sparks’ second wife. Abraham was an Irishman from the townland of Dranagh, Kilcormick, Wexford County. Elizabeth’s was the first marriage between the Purdy and Sparks families. Abraham was a first cousin, once removed from Nicholas Sparks, one the early founders of Bytown and whose name still adorns one of Ottawa’s main core streets. Following their marriage, Abraham and Elizabeth established their homestead in Calvin Township (a rural township between Mattawa and North Bay) raising a family of four children by 1901. Their youngest son, George Purdy, died at the age of three in 1892 and is buried in the Union Cemetery in Calvin Township. Abraham died in December 1903 and is buried with his young son George.

Elizabeth died at her daughter’s home in Barrie, Ontario, on 26 November 1934 following a short illness and was interred on 28 November at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot unknown.

Abraham’s first marriage was to Sarah Jane McCullough in 1854 in Carleton County. Their daughter, Sarah Ann Melvina Sparks was born on 4 October 1855 and her marriage to William Henry Purdy became the second family link to the Ottawa Sparks family.

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153891	11									16	N.W.	28	21	2		- 7	- 10								CANCELLED.
153892	11	DATED								2	S.W.	38	23	2		- 8	- 10								288956-12 July 1903

**Rebecca Purdy** was born on 13 September 1855 and married John Hudson on 6 April 1874, both declaring themselves to be Wesleyan Methodists. John and Rebecca had seven children by 1891, living on lot 11, concession 2 in Gloucester Township. John died in 1901 and Rebecca in 1893. Both are buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery along with George, their son who died at age 30, plot 83, graves 5, 6 and 7.

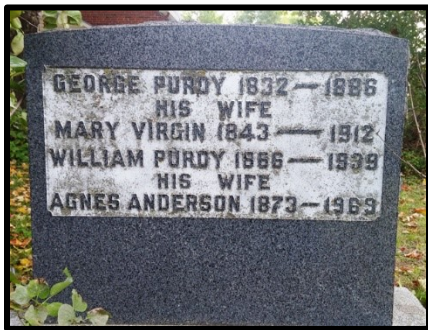


**John Harry Purdy** was born on 20 March 1857 in the Nepean District of Gloucester Township with his baptism recorded in the Parish of March that year. The 1881 census records John farming in Gloucester Township with his parents, William and (Sarah) Jane living with him. By 1888 he had moved to British Columbia and was working for the Canadian Pacific Railway, supervising the transport of Chinese immigrants. On 27 November 1895, he married Anna Clokey. Anna and John died a year apart in 1938 and 1939 and both are buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

George and Mary Morill Virgin had eight children: Lauristina (1865), William (1866), George (1869), John (1874), Ira (1877), Harriet Mulvina (1878), David (1880) and Mary (1884).

**William** married Agnes Isabella Anderson from the Bearbrook area of Gloucester Township on 14 February 1903 at St. James Cathedral in Toronto. The couple, however, continued to farm in Gloucester Township on the east half of lot 9 on concession 3, Ottawa Front, where they raised six children. The Assessment Rolls for 1913 indicate that William paid taxes on 100 acres of cleared land in 1913 and on 24 acres on the west center part of lot 8. William was an active member of the Anglican church in Blackburn, a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge, 445 Blackburn and served on the Section 21 school board.



William was in poor health when he died in hospital on 22 January 1939 at the age of 72. After William's death, Agnes moved into Ottawa to live with her daughter, Agnes, where she died suddenly in hospital on 15 December 1969.

Both William and Agnes are buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 56, graves 3 and 4.

All George and Mary's other children ended up in various parts of western Canada.

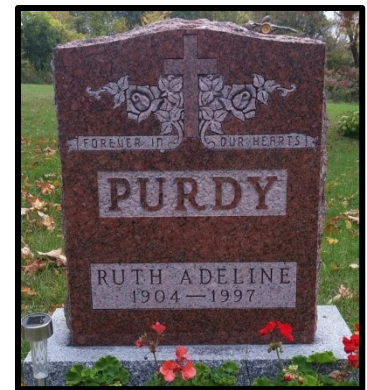
#### 4<sup>th</sup> generation in Canada

William and Agnes Isabella had six children: Ruth Adline (1904), Doris Agatha (1905), George Clifton (1907), Douglas Ira (1909), Morell Anderson (1912) and Stewart Ogilvie (1917), four of whom are buried at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery: Ruth Adeline; George Clifton and his wife Olive Mary McCord; Douglas Ira and his wife Mary Grace Kingsbury, and Morell (Moe) Anderson and his wife Vera G. Webster.

Doris Agatha Mary married Ellsworth Pierson, an American from New York, on 17 June 1930 in Batavia, Genesee, New York. Both are buried in Riverdale Cemetery, Lewiston, Niagara County, New York.

Stewart (Stuart) Ogilvie married Jean Antoinette Rhodenizer from Kentville, Nova Scotia, on 20 July 1953 in Vancouver, British Columbia. He lived in various parts of the Lower Mainland including the Cities of Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam and his last 21 years in New Westminster while working for Shell Oil Company. Stewart died on 4 December 2000 and Jean on 8 January 2015.

**Ruth Adeline** was born on 24 January 1904 on the family farm in Blackburn with no doctor present. She remained unmarried, living with her widowed mother and later her brother George Clifton. The census records to 1931 record her without an occupation or as a housekeeper. Later voting lists refer to her occupation as “typist” and “CS” which probably means that she eventually worked as a civil servant for the Federal Government. “Miss Ruth Purdy” was often mentioned in the social pages of the Ottawa newspapers and frequently in association with the Glen Ogilvie Woman’s Institute. 1965 found her living in an apartment on Cooper Street with her widowed mother, Agnes, and two other retired ladies. She regrettably ended her days at the Medex Extendicare Nursing Home in Ottawa and succumbed to cancer at the age of 94 on 31 October 1997. In her will, she left a sizable bequest of \$49,000 to the St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Board to support its care and maintenance of the cemetery. That bequest, deposited with the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Diocese of Ottawa, continues to provide the Cemetery Board with supporting funding should it be needed. Ruth is buried in plot 54, grave 5.

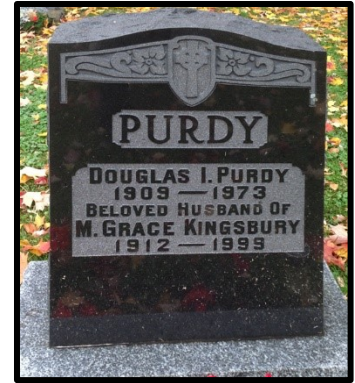


**Douglas Ira** was born on 29 July 1909 in Ottawa. He married Mary Grace Kingsbury, a Roman Catholic, from Arnprior, Ontario. They married on 5 December 1933 in a Holiness Movement ceremony in Ottawa.

The **Holiness movement** is a Christian movement that emerged chiefly within 19th-century Methodism.

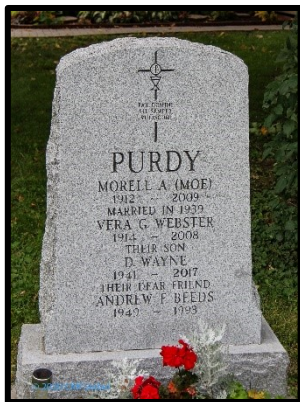
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Douglas Ira was a service station employee when he married Mary Grace but later in life became an instrument mechanic. Douglas and Mary Grace had five children: Lyn Adelyn Joyce, Dean Kingsbury, Dianne, Gail and Sharon. Just before he died in 1972, he was living with Mary Garce and their daughter, Sharon, a registered nurse, in Ottawa West. Douglas Ira died on 1 January and is buried at St. Mary the Virgin cemetery, plot 35, grave 1.



Mary Grace was living in the West End Villa when she died on 10 February 1999, and is buried with Douglas Ira in plot 35, grave 2.

**Morell Anderson's** birthplace on 12 February 1912 was registered as Blackburn, Gloucester Township. He lived on the family farm at RR #1, Cyrille until his marriage to Vera Gertrude Webster at St. Luke's Anglican Church on 26 August 1939. Morell, or Moe, as he was known, spent his career as a civil servant in the Federal Government. Moe and Vera had three children: Donald Wayne, April 1941, Norma Jean, March 1945 and Lynn, March 1947. The family may have been one of the first families to move to Parkway Park, a newly built suburb in Ottawa west in the late 1950s.

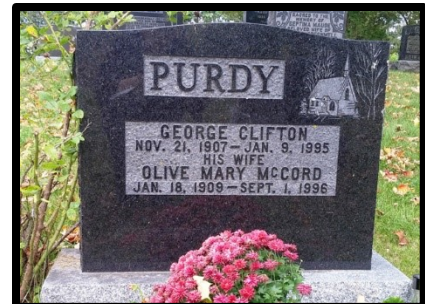


Vera died on 11 April 2008 and Moe died on 17 December 2009. Both are buried at St. May the Virgin Cemetery, plot 58, graves 1 and 2.

The Purdy's lived at 1241 Parkway Drive, just around the corner from 2410 Iris Street where my family moved in 1959. Lynn, and perhaps Norma Jean, and I went to Woodroffe High School

**George Clifton** was born on 21 November 1907 and lived on the family farm in the Blackburn/Cyrville area (lot 9, Concession 3) until his marriage to Olive Mary McCord on 5 December 1940 at St. Paul's Eastern United Church in Ottawa. George and Olive had four children: William, Bruce, Janet and Philip. George continued the family farm tradition and when his father died in 1939, his widowed mother with George and family. Later, by 1958, his sister, Ruth Adeline, had also moved in with the family, until she and their mother, Agnes, moved into Ottawa when Ruth became a civil servant with the Federal Government.

George died suddenly at age 88 on 9 January 1995, followed shortly thereafter by Agnes on 1 September 1996. Both are buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 41, graves 7 and 8.

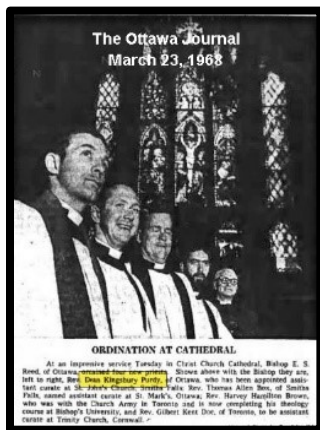


## 5<sup>th</sup> generation in Canada

**Donald Wayne Purdy** was born at the Grace Hospital in Ottawa on 11 April 1941 and he is listed with his parents, Moe and Vera, on their gravestone as D. Wayne, 1941-2017. He was cremated and buried in plot 58, grave 3, urn 7.

Very little else can be found on Donald Wayne or Wayne except that at age 27 he was not listed on the Federal voters list for 1968 with his parents and sister Lynn. There is an entry for a Wayne Purdy, a “designer” living on Baseline Road in Ottawa that year but with no corroborating evidence, it cannot be concluded that this is Moe and Vera’s son. The gravestone marking does suggest that he was not married.

**Dean Kingsbury** was born on 8 December 1935 in Ottawa and was baptized at All Saints Sandy Hill, Anglican Church on 29 March 1936. He married Helen Isobell Barton at St. John’s Anglican Church, Vankleek Hill on 11 September 1971. Helen was a nurse-in-training at the Cornwall General Hospital. Helen and Dean had four children: Kevin, Jennifer, Laura Grace and Elizabeth.



Dean was ordained as Priests of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Diocese of Ottawa by Bishop E. S. Reed on March 19, 1968. He ministered in various parishes, including Smiths Falls, Metcalfe, Vernon, Greely, Russell, St. Stephen's Ottawa,

Huntley, Navan, Bearbrook, Vars, St. Lawrence East and Cornwall. Additionally, he served as a Chaplain at Lakefield College School. Following retirement from the Anglican Church on 31 March 2001, he and his wife Helen, adopted his mother, Mary Grace’s Catholic faith and was Ordained in the Archdiocese of Kingston four years later in 2005. He served in the parishes of Perth, Lanark and Spencerville until his retirement from active ministry in 2019.



Dean died on 19 January 2024 and lay in state at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Smiths Falls on Thursday, 25 January. His ashes were interred at St. Mary the Virgin Church Cemetery on 1 June 2024 in plot 35, grave 3, urn 6.

**Lyn Adelyn Joyce**, commonly known as Adelyn, was born in Ottawa on 5 June 1934. She married Ronald David Kerr on 3 September 1955 at All Saints Anglican Church, Westboro in Ottawa. Both were cremated and interred at St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, plot 35, grave 5, urns 2 and 6.

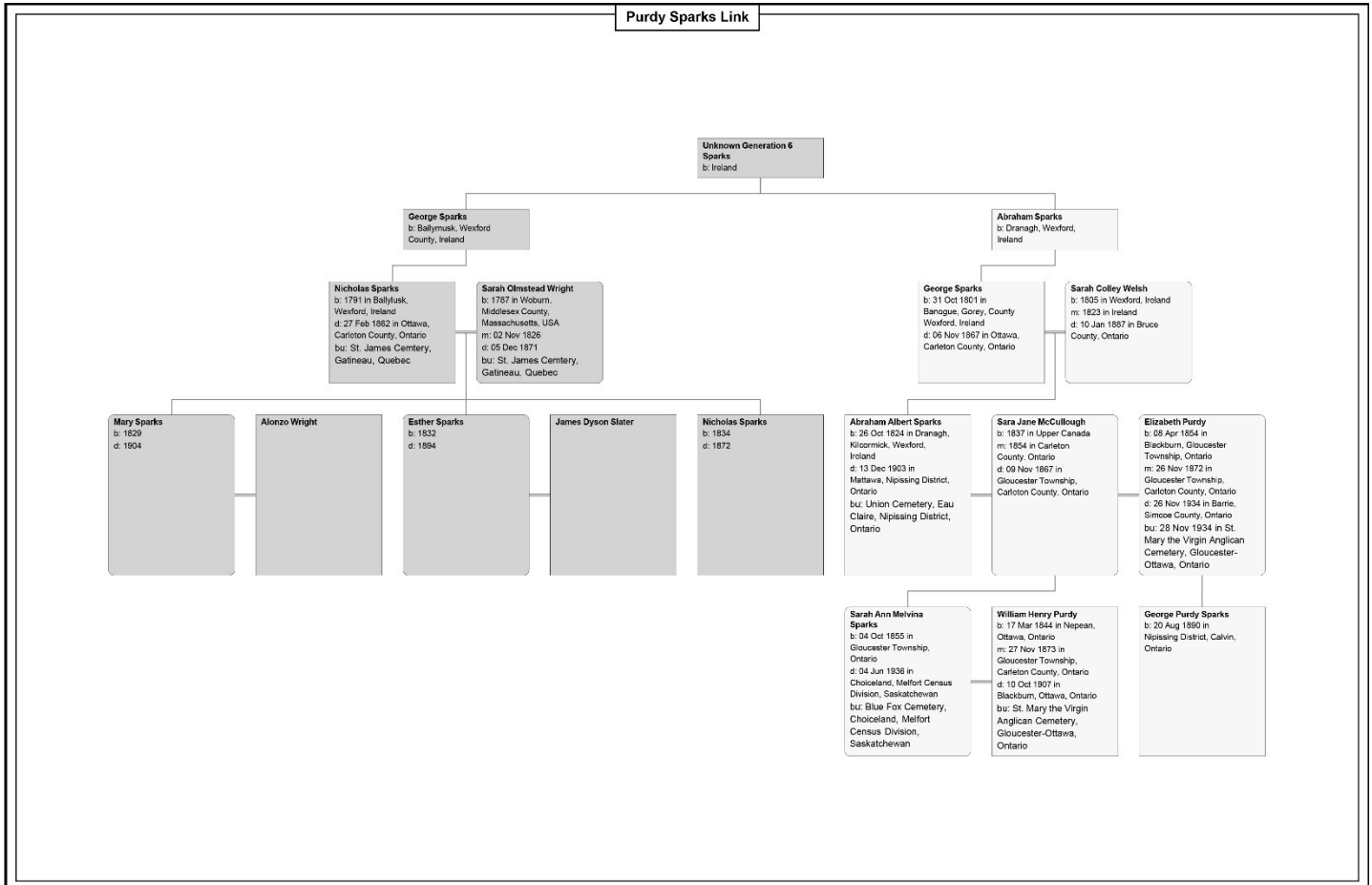


**Annex A**  
**Ontario Lands Memorial number RO20199**  
**Purchase of Lot 9, Concession 3 by William Purdy**

THE TOWNSHIP OF CLOUD, LOT 9, CONCESSION 3, O.F.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	REGISTRATION DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	AMOUNT PAID	LAND AND RELIANCE
	Patent	11 Oct. 1811		Crown	William Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
RO 808	B.T.S.	28 July 1827	1 Sept 1827	W <sup>m</sup> Lee	Geo. King & W.H. Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
RO 809	Q.C.D.	13 Aug 1827	1 Sept 1827	George King	W <sup>m</sup> Henry Lee		All with Lot 8. 400 acres
RO 13164	B.T.S.	18 Nov 1858	20 Nov 1858	Wm H Lee et al	Chris Armstrong		All see inst
RO 20199	B.T.S.	19 Jan 1863	21 Jan 1863	Chris Armstrong & W	William Purdy		All see inst
GL 1103	B.T.S.	10 June 1872	26 June 1872	Wm Purdy & W	George Purdy		6 1/2 see inst
GL 2996	B.T.S.	20 Apr 1876	25 Apr 1876	W <sup>m</sup> Purdy et al	William H Purdy		5 1/2 of W 1/2 see inst
GL 3156	B.T.S.	6 July 1876	18 July 1876	W <sup>m</sup> Purdy et al	John Purdy		7 1/2 of W 1/2 50 acres see inst
GL 4257	Q.C.D.	8 July 1878	11 June 1878	W <sup>m</sup> Purdy et al	John Purdy		7 1/2 of W 1/2 50 acres see inst
GL 4619	B.T.S.	2 Apr 1879	2 Apr 1879	W <sup>m</sup> H. Purdy et al	Chas Elmstedt		5 1/2 of W 1/2 50 acres see inst
GL 4620	B.T.S.	2 Apr 1879	2 Apr 1879	John Purdy	Chas Elmstedt		7 1/2 of W 1/2 50 acres see inst
GL 6077	Deed	12 Dec 1882	20 Dec 1882	Chas Elmstedt et al	George Wilson		W 1/2 100 acres see inst
GL 19809	B.T.S.	3 Oct 1900	6 Apr 1904	David Purdy	W <sup>m</sup> Purdy	\$100	6 1/2 + care subject see inst
GL 17810	B.T.S.	1 Jan 1897	6 Apr 1904	Ina Purdy Mary M. Purdy Limestone Beach H. M. Beach George Purdy H. M. Purdy John Purdy	W <sup>m</sup> Purdy	\$100 + care	6 1/2 subject see covenant Re support of Mary M. Purdy
GL 18833	B.T.S.	7 Apr 1906	11 Apr 1906	George Wilson & W	Allan Wilson	\$1000	W 1/2 100 acres see inst.
GL 25156	B.T.S.	6 May 1910	16 Sep 1910	Mary Purdy	William Purdy	\$150	6 1/2 lot 9. Subject to Taxes & care see inst.
CL 35554	Easement	24 July 1930	30 Jan 1931	Allan Wilson	The Hydro-Electric Power Com. of Ont.	\$30	Right to erect 5 poles, wires & cable on part lot 9 plan attached see inst.
GL 35647	Easement	6 Apr 1931	21 Apr 1931	Wm Purdy	The Hydro-Electric Power Com. of Ont.	\$19	Right to erect 3 poles, wires & cable on lot 9, plan attached. B.O.P. see inst.
GL 36178	Easement	28 June 1932	9 Oct 1932	William Purdy	The Hydro-Electric Power Com. of Ont.	\$10	Right to erect overhanging wire on part of 6 1/2 lot 9 see plan attached see inst.
GL 36261	Easement	1 Oct 1932	16 Dec 1932	Allan Wilson	The Hydro-Electric Power Com. of Ont.	\$75	Right to erect 1 tower, wires & cable on part lot 9. see plan attached see inst.

## Annex B Geneological Chart Linking the Purdy's and the Spark's



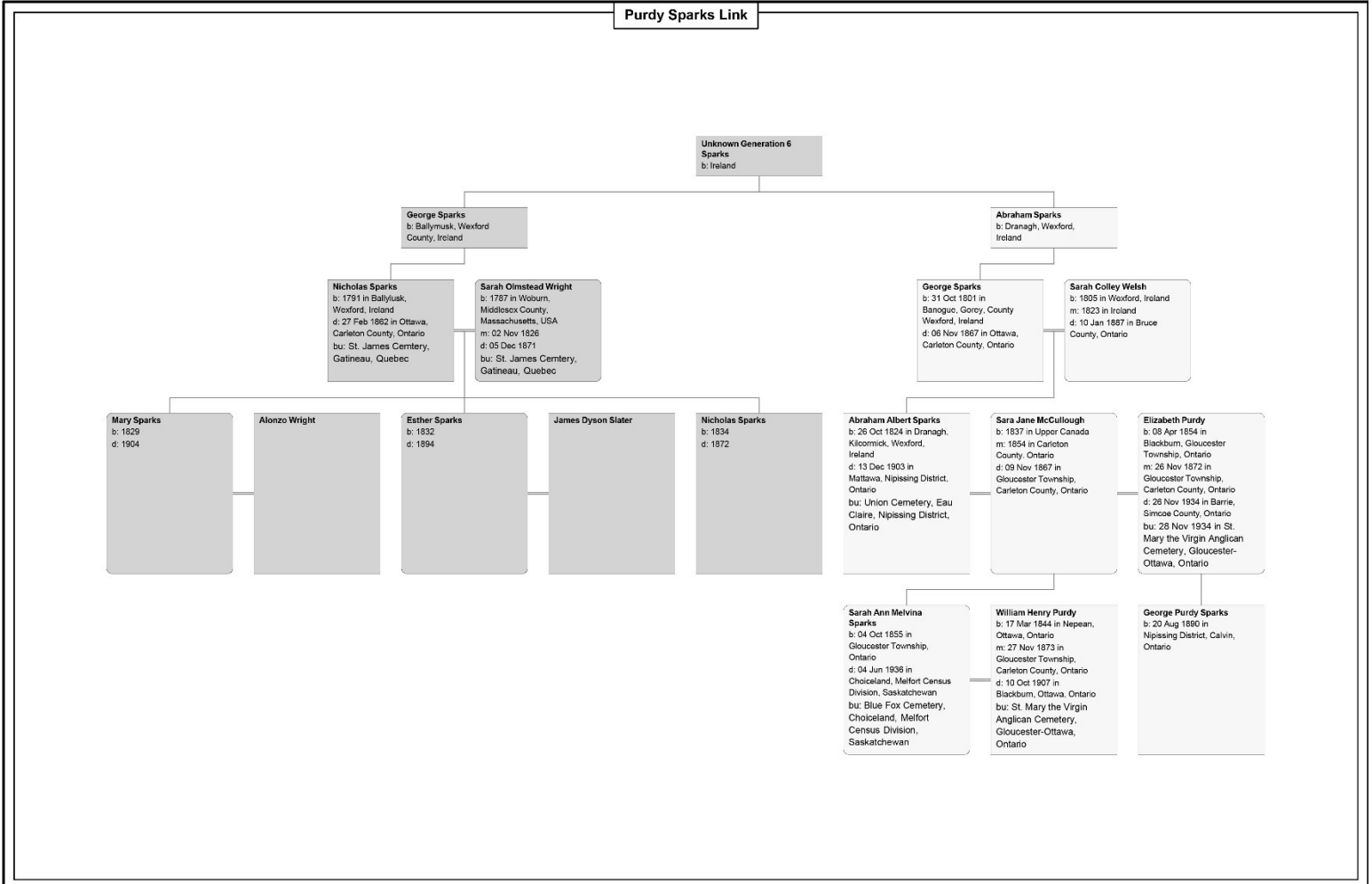
## Annex c

### Burial locations of the Purdy Family at St. Mary the Virgin



St. Mary the Virgin Burial Index		PURDY					Generat ion	Relationship
Name	Born	Died	Interred	Plot	Grave	Urn		
Sarah Jane Oakes Purdy	1812	1888		56	7		1	William's wife
William Purdy	1798	1902		56	8		1	Fiest generation in Canada
George Purdy	1832	1886		56	1		2	William & Sarah Oakes' son
Mary Virgin Purdy	1843	1912		56	2		2	George's wife
William Henry Purdy	1844	1907		56	6		2	William & Sarah Oakes' son
William Purdy	1866	1939		56	3		3	George & Mary Virgin's son
Agnes Isabella Anderson Purdy	1873	1960		56	4		3	William's wife
Douglas Ira "Doug" Purdy	1909	1973		35	1		4	William & Agnes's son
Mary Grace "Grace" Kingsbury Purdy	1912	1999		35	2		4	Douglas Ira's wife
Olive Mary McCord Purdy	1909	1996		41	7		4	George Clifton's wife
George Clifton Purdy	1907	1995		41	8		4	William & Agnes's son
Ruth Adeline Purdy	1904	1997	1997-11-03	54	5		4	William & Agnes's daughter
Morell Anderson "Moe" Purdy	1912	2009		58	1		4	William & Agnes's son
Vera Gertrude Webster Purdy	1914	2008		58	2		4	Moe's wife
Dean Kingsbury Purdy	1935	2024	2024-06-14	35	3	6	5	Douglas Ira & Mary's son
Donald Wayne Purdy	1941	2017		58	3	7	5	Moe & Vera's son

# Annex Sparks – Purdy Link Chart



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### 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.

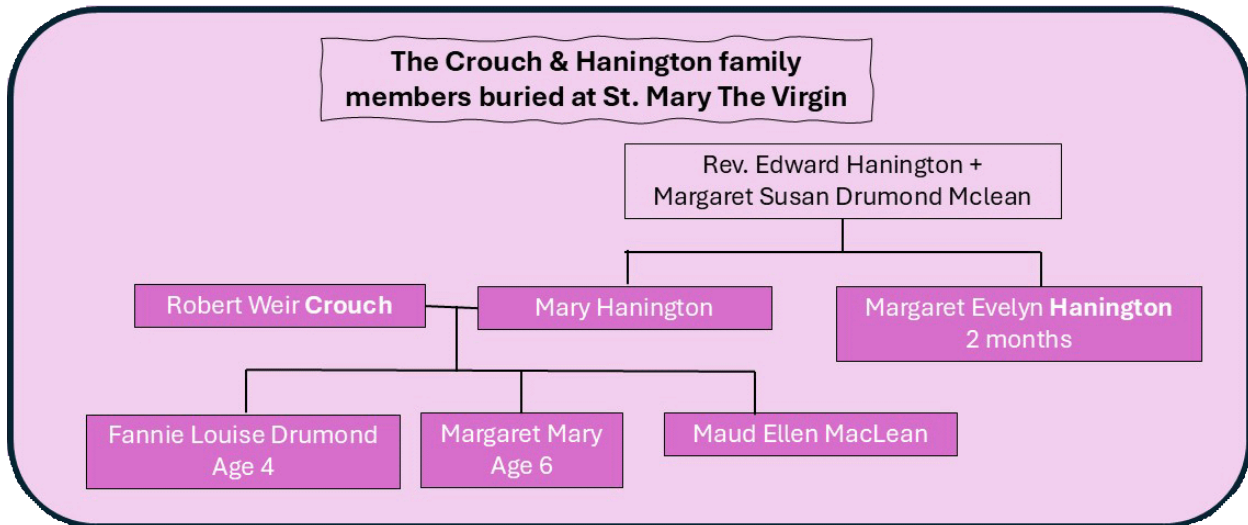
No record has been found as to the disposition of the one acre of lot 10 deeded to the Incorporated Synod of Ontario. St. Mary the Virgin did, however, establish a rectory at 2508 Autumn Hill Crescent, Blackburn Hamlet, which the parish now rents out.

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.



## 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.

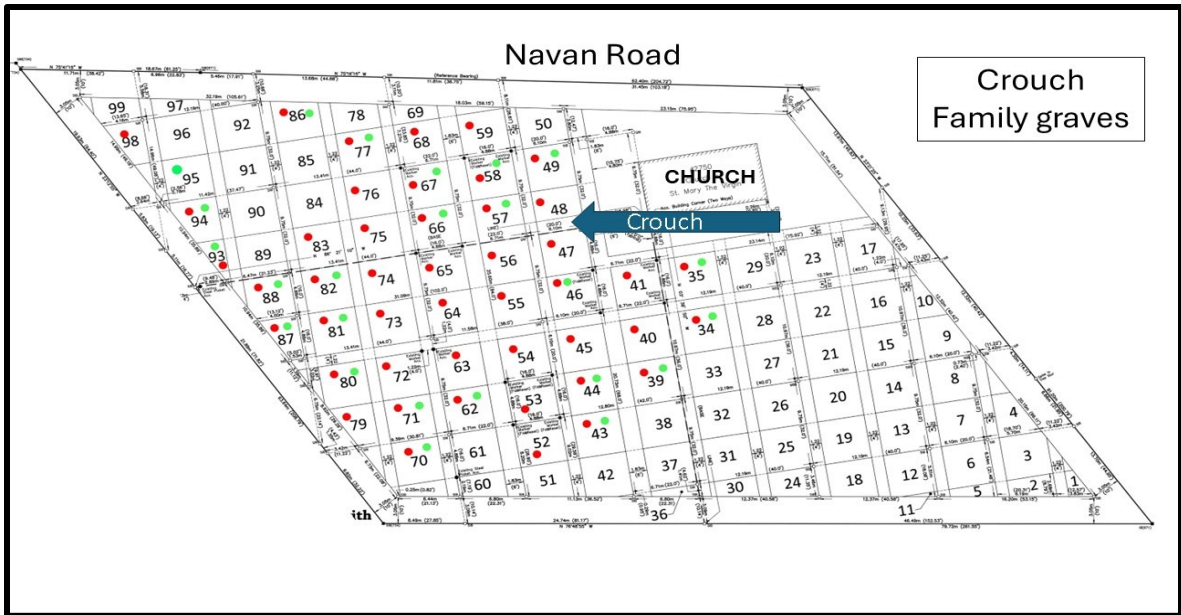


Gravestone for  
 Robert Weir Crouch  
 1856-1943  
 His wife  
 Mary Hanington  
 1869-1943  
 Maude E. Crouch  
 1907-1945  
 (Maude Ellen Maclean Crouch)

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

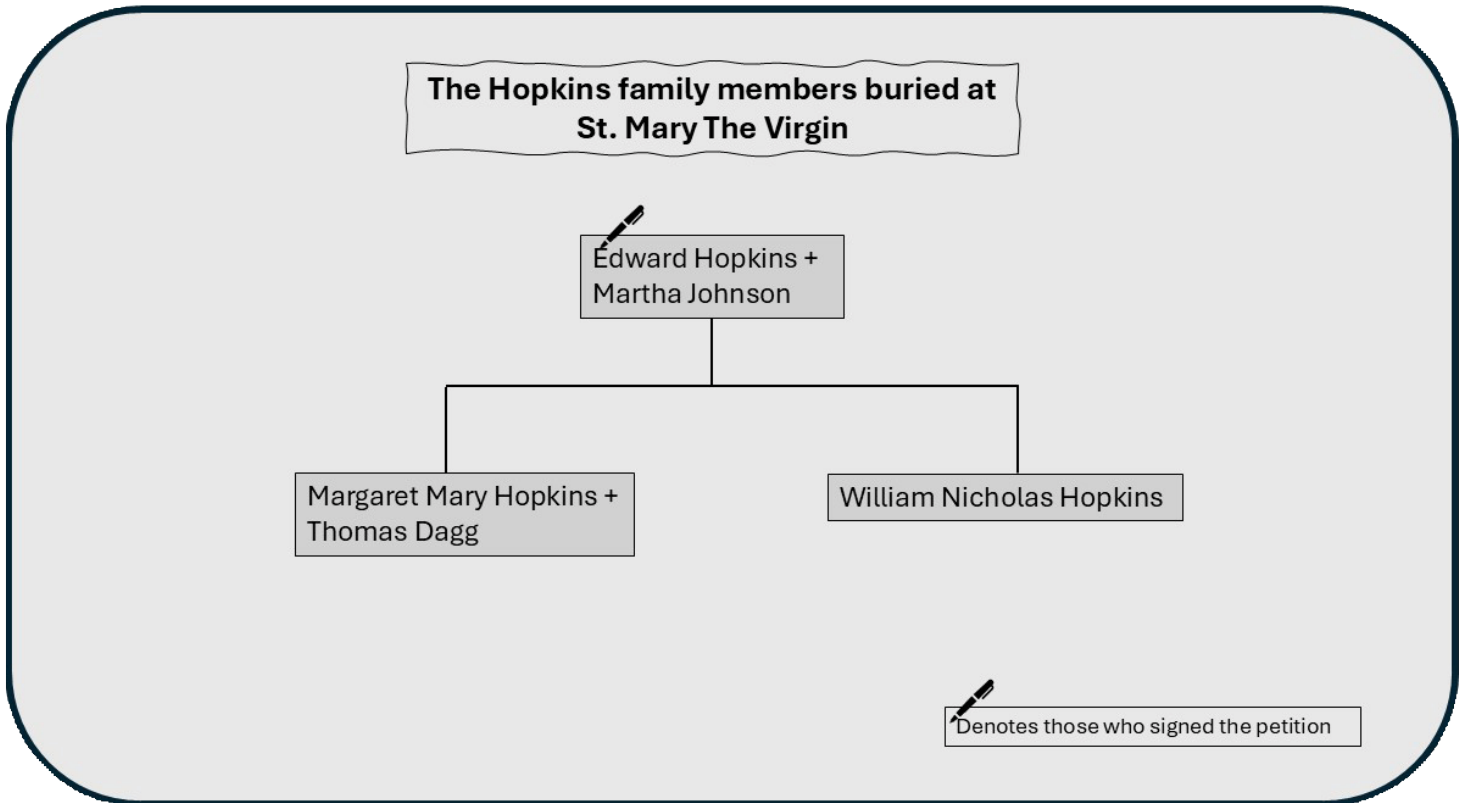


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## Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Hopkins chapter

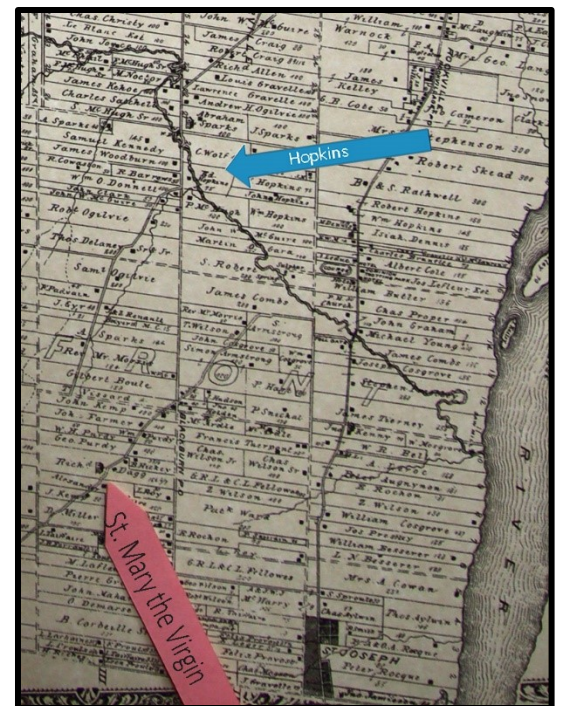


### 1<sup>st</sup> Generation

**Edward Hopkins** was born in Wicklow County Ireland in 1827. He immigrated to Canada and Gloucester Township via Kingston in 1848 and acquitted 75 acres of lot 19 on concession 2, Ottawa Front, from the estate of his father, Nicholas Hopkins in December 1889.

Allen McDonnell originally received the patent from the Crown for lot 19 in 1802. It wasn't until 1866 that Nicholas Hopkins acquired a part of Lot 19 that was subsequently divide among his sons.

Edward married Martha Johnson from Huntley Township in Ottawa on 19 July 1860. Together, they had six children: Elizabeth Jane (1861), Margaet Mary (1862), William Nicholas (1867), Susan Louise (1871), Ernest Edward (1873) and Wilfrid Morley (1876).



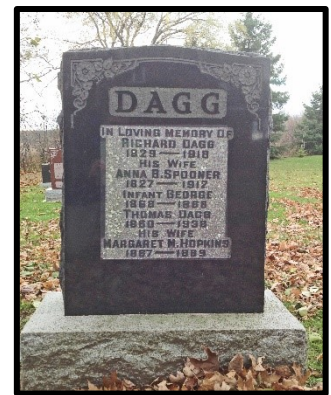
Only two of Edward and Martha's children, Margaret Mary and William Nicholas, are buried in the cemetery at St. Mary the Virgin. Elizabeth Jane and Susan Louise are buried in the cemetery at Ramsayville, Gloucester Township, while the two sons are buried in British Columbia.

Edward died on 4 November 1909 and Martha on 29 March 1910 and are buried together in plot 66, graves 5 and 6 in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

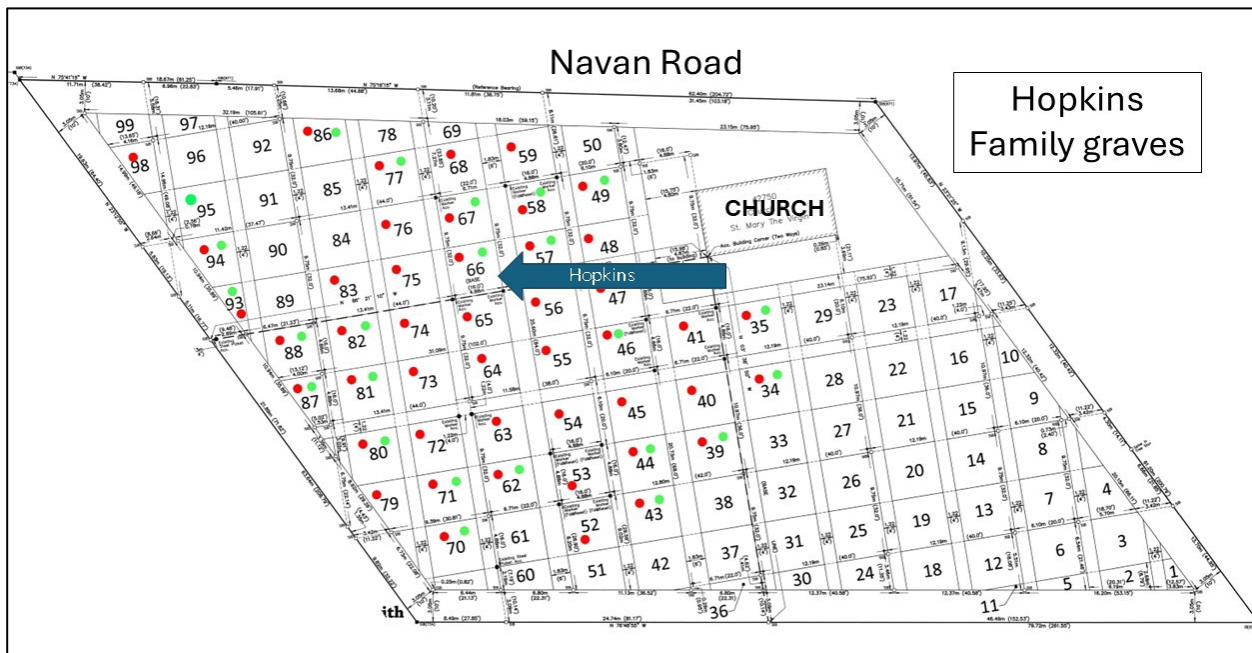
**William Nicholas Hopkins** remained single all his life, farming on the family lot, which he inherits upon his father's death, until his own death on 14 May 1946 due to arterial sclerosis. He is buried in plot 66, grave 7.

**Margaret Mary Hopkins** was born on 1 December 1862 and became Thomas Dagg's second of three wives on 15 February 1887. Together, they had two children, Charles Edward (1887) and Ethel Margaret (1889), adding to Thomas' family of four children from his first marriage to Mary Ann Moore. Margaret Mary died eight days after giving birth to Ethel Margaret on 16 January 1889. Margaret Mary is buried in grave 6 in the Dagg family plot 57.



See Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Dagg chapter

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### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Taylor 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.

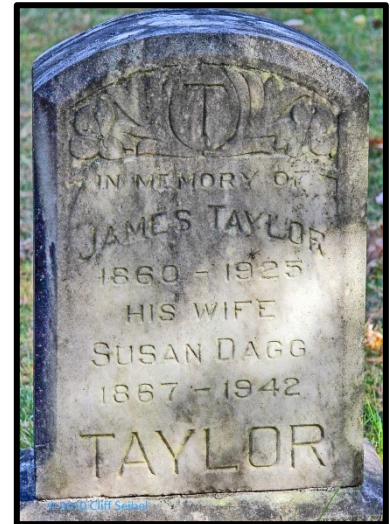
## The Taylor Family

### 1st generation

**James Taylor** was born about 1862 in Renfrew County. He married Susanna (Susan) Dagg, Richard Dagg's niece,\* on 17 June 1885. In October of that year, Richard Dagg sold James 40 acres in the South-West corner of the West half of his lot 8. The following year James was recorded in the assessment roles as paying taxes of \$650 as a freehold owner of that lot.

James died in 1905 and Susan in 1942. Both are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Navan, Ontario.

- \* It was Richard Dagg who deeded part of his lot 8, concession 3, to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario for St. Mary the Virgin church and cemetery in 1879.



### Following generations

No online sources can yet be found to link James Taylor with the Taylor gravestone in St. Mary the Virgin cemetery. There is, however, a gravestone for Valerie Jean Boddy who married William (Bill) Robert Taylor. William married Valerie Jean Boddy in September 1972, probably in Montreal. Both Valerie and William were born in Lachine, Quebec, in 1950. Valerie and her parents are buried in St. Mary the Virgin cemetery in plot 93, grave 6, urn 7 and plot 93, grave 7, urns 3 and 7 respectively. Valerie's gravestone includes an inscription for William.





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