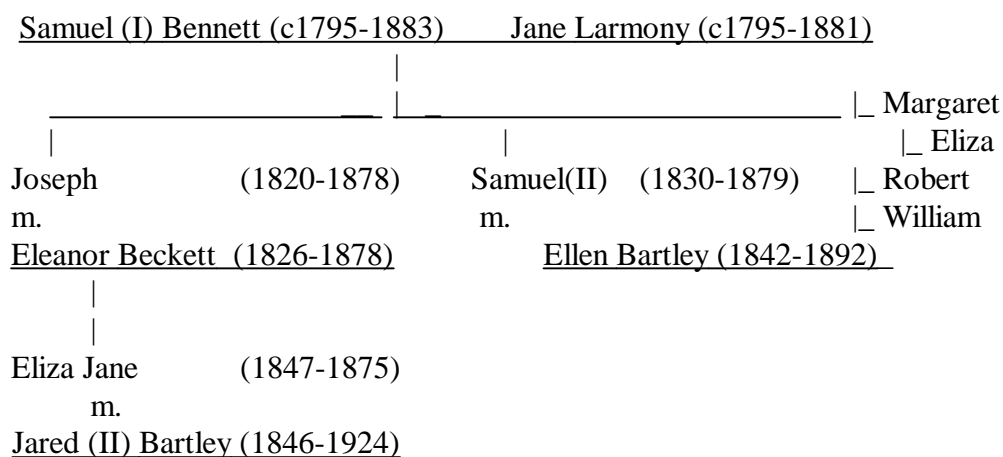


BENNETT FAMILY

The Bennett family, some of whom married members of the Bartley family, emigrated from County Mayo, Ireland. The year of their arrival is not known but they had settled in Matilda Township, Stormont County, Ontario in the 1840's. Matilda Township is located south east of South Gower Township. By the early 1850's they were settled in South Gower Township. Descendants of Samuel (I) and Jane lived on the family farm until recently.

Samuel (I) and Jane may have had other children but the names of four sons and two daughters are known to us. Of these, Joseph and Samuel (II) are of particular interest because Joseph's daughter and Samuel (II) both married Bartleys.



That is, although Eliza Jane and Samuel (II) were uncle and niece, Ellen and Jared (II) were brother and sister.

HARRIS FAMILY

The information which we have concerning the Harris family of Oxford-on-Rideau Township goes back to 1630. Whether or not it is valid has not been tested but it leads to the family groups which appeared in the census of Oxford Township in 1802. This summary deals mainly with the family of Robert Harris and his wife, Clarissa Hicks.

Briefly, brothers William and Thomas Harris immigrated into the Massachusetts Bay Colony on December 1, 1630 with a group that included Roger Williams. Soon after his arrival Williams experienced difficulties and escaped being banished to England by fleeing the Colony. He founded a settlement which became Providence, Rhode Island. In the same time period, at least one of the Harris brothers also settled in that new location. After several generations, descendants appeared in New Hampshire and it was from there that the family eventually emigrated to Oxford-on-Rideau Township.

A convenient place to identify the residents of Oxford-on-Rideau Township in 1802 is in Thad Leavitts "History of Leeds and Grenville" published in 1879. At page 133 Leavitt says in respect of a number of local townships, "The following list contains the names of all the settlers in the respective townships in the year 1802". The list for Oxford was as follows:

Harris,	Jeremiah	(family #1)
" ,	Precilla	(" #1)
" ,	Silas	(" #1)
" ,	Levi	(" #1)
" ,	William Sr.	(" #2)
" ,	William Jr.	(" #2)
" ,	Hulda	(" #2)
" ,	Hebron	(" #2)
" ,	Daniel	(" #2)
" ,	David	(" #2)
" ,	Caleb	(" #3)
" ,	Lucy	(" #3)
" ,	Hiram	(" #3)
" ,	Nancy	(" #3)

That is, only Harrises lived in the township in 1802, the families of three brothers, Jeremiah, William and Caleb. Most of the township lots had been granted by that time but all of those that had been granted, other than those occupied by the Harrises, were in the hands of absentee owners, generally military and United Empire Loyalist grantees. With few exceptions, the lots were held by those who had been compelled to emigrate from the United States during or after the Revolutionary War.

By reference to the early Harris story and the 1802 listing the family groups can be identified in this manner:

- 1) Harris, Jeremiah born 19/05/1768, brother of William and Caleb;
 Harris, Priscilla wife of Jeremiah;

Children: Silas age 4 in 1803;
 Levi " 2 in " ;

- 2) Harris, William born 08/03/1773 Richmond N.H.; to Oxford by
 1802 with brothers Jeremiah and Caleb; died before 1805;
 Harris, Hulda (Bond), wife of William, born 17/07/1772 in
 United States;
 married 2: Asahel Hurd, before 1805;

Children: Hebron 06/01/1792-07/12/1859
 Daniel 1795 -
 David /1799 -25/01/1869
 William 26/02/1801-

- 3) Harris, Caleb born 19/07/1777; brother of William and Jeremiah;
 Harris, Lucy (Lucy Ellis) wife of Caleb;

Children: Nancy age 4 in 1803;
 Hiram " 3 in " ;

William's son, Hebron, is said to have had these children:

Sally	born c1810	(bpt. Feb. 12, 1825, age 14)
Robert*	born 17/08/1811	(" " , " , " 13)
Daniel	born 09/06/1813	(" " , " , " 12)
Tiberius	born c1815	(" " , " , " ?)
Achilles	born c1818	(" " , " , " 7)
Erastus	born c1820	(" " , " , " 4)
Camilla	born c1822	(" " , " , " 2)

(* the father of Tiberius and Mary Harris who married Jane Ann and William Henry Bartley respectively).

Robert Harris

Robert was born on August 17, 1811. On February 12, 1825, he was baptised in the Prescott Anglican church at the age of 13 years. On December 24, 1834, in the Kemptville Anglican church, he married Clarissa Hicks of Marlborough township; the witnesses were Daniel and Hebron Harris.

Clarissa was born on November 2, 1817, the daughter of Joseph Hicks and Maria Ouderkirk. Thad Leavitt, in listing all of the residents of Marlborough township in 1802, identified Elizabeth (age 38), Sarah (age 14), Gertrude (age 12), Thomas (age 10) and Joseph Hicks (age 8). They were located on the Rideau River, almost directly across from the Harris lot on the Oxford-on-Rideau side.

As to the family of Robert Harris and Clarissa Hicks, census data is as follows:

	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>
Harris, Robert	40	49	59		
" , Clarissa	34	43	53	64	73
" , Silas	16				
" , Elias		14	23		
" , Tiberius	12	21			
" , Adaline	10	19			
" , Lavina	8	17	28		
" , Simon	7	15	26		
" , Mary	5	13	24		
" , Daniel	3	12	22		
" , Sarah (Jane)	1	9	19		
" , Robert		7	17		
" , Alzina		5	15	25	
" , Hebron		3	13		33
" , Lorenzo (Joseph)		1	11		

Clarissa's obituary reports that she was married at the age of 17, that there were 13 children and that 6 sons and 5 daughters survived in 1894. It is particularly Tiberius (who married Jane Ann Bartley) and Mary (who married William Henry Bartley) who concern us.

LANCELOT JOHNSTON

It is only speculation that Mary Jane Johnston, the wife of Jared (I) Bartley was a sister of Lancelot Johnston. They were both of the parish of Templecarne. Mary Jane and Jared arrived in Oxford-on-Rideau Township in 1841, the same year as Lancelot and his wife, Margaret Noble. He was a witness at their wedding. The two couples occupied adjacent portions of a single lot. Members of each family often acted as sponsors at baptisms of the other's children. But, after Mary Jane married Jared, there were no more marriages between members of the two families, at least in Canada..

In late 1841 Lancelot Johnston emigrated from the parish of Templecarne, Townland of Cashelenny, County Donegal, Ireland. He had been married in Ireland on March 8, 1832. The record of that marriage in the registers of the Church of Ireland, Parish of Drumkeeren, Barony of Lurg, County Fermanagh, was as follows:

Lancelot Johnston,	Templecarne Parish	County Donegal
Margaret Noble,	Drumkeeren Parish	County Fermanagh

At least three children were born in Ireland. From the baptismal registers of the parish of Templecarne, Church of Ireland, we have:

May 26, 1833	Letty, daughter of Lanty and Margaret Johnston of Cashelenny. (born May 23)
March 7, 1835	Ellen, daughter of Lanty and Margaret Johnston of ----- ? ----- (illegible)

Henry was born about 1837; the record of his baptism was not seen.

From Oxford-on-Rideau Township census records we have this family grouping:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>1891</u>	<u>1901</u>
Lancelot	(Ireland)	38	50				
Margaret	(")	38	50	60	70	81	
Letitia	(")	18					
Ellen	(")	16					
Henry	(")	14	24				

and these were also listed in 1861 although there are no other reports of two of them either before or after that year:

Lancelot	(Ireland)	13
Anna	(")	11*
John L.(Ontario)		8

(*Anna was buried with Lancelot and Margaret and thus may have been their daughter, but she could as well have been (say) a granddaughter. Neither the year of death nor her age are legible on her stone).

Ellen married Chester Banks on December 11, 1856. Letitia married Noble Johnston before 1861 (a descendant of Ellen and Chester says that Letitia and Noble were unrelated but that remains to be confirmed; Noble's family came from County Fermanagh but that is a common name in that county). Henry married Rachael Rose before 1871. There is no explanation for Anna, Lancelot Jr. and John L. being in the 1861 list and not in any other either before or after. Lancelot was in Canada in 1841 so there is no obvious reason for two children aged 13 and 11 to have been recorded in 1861 as born in Ireland if they were children of Lanty and Margaret. And a child aged 13 in 1861 should have been listed in 1851. One has to assume that they were born in Canada but information from the family mentions only Letitia, Ellen and Henry. Perhaps Lancelot and John L. were not their children. Still, the 1861 census records a family of six, four males and two females and all as family members. Thus all of the last three children must have been born in Canada. Perhaps Lancelot and John L, as well as Annie, died before 1871. Perhaps they were all grandchildren.

Lancelot Sr. died on August 31, 1862 "in his 51 year", Margaret on August 26, 1900 aged 92. Both are buried in the Kemptville Anglican graveyard. After Lancelot's death. Margaret lived on the home farm, lot 20, concession 2, at least until 1871, and thereafter with Henry and his wife on lot 24, concession 3.

There may have been others, including Johnstons, from the same area of Ireland as Lancelot and Margaret. On April 13, 1836, in the Church of Ireland in the parish of Templecarne were married John Noble of Drumkeeran parish and Margaret Johnston of Templecarne parish. One of the witnesses was Lanty Johnston. (probably, although not necessarily, the Lanty Johnston who married Margaret Noble). In the 1848 census of Oxford township were the following persons:

Lot	24,	Concession	8	Johnston, John
"	24,	"	8	Johnston, Noble
"	23,	"	9	Johnston, Rosa
"	23,	"	9	Noble, John (but not in any later census)
"	23,	"	9	Johnston, Simon
"	24,	"	9	Johnston, Isaac
"	24,	"	9	Johnston, Thomas

That is, in a small cluster there were many Johnstons, including a Noble Johnston and a John Noble. Lancelot's daughter Letitia married Noble Johnston. In 1861 they were recorded as living on lot 24, concession 8. He was a son of John Sr. and a brother of John Jr., J.P., Isaac and Simon and (likely) others. In the circumstances there is reason to suspect that Letitia and Noble may have been related. They had four children by 1861 but were not listed thereafter. They are said to have gone to California, probably to Petaluma.

CLOTHIER FAMILY

The Clothier family is significant to the Bartley story because of the marriage of Jane Smyth Bartley in 1846 to Solomon Clothier and, as well, because it was an ancestor of the Ontario branch of this family who first settled at what is now Kemptville, the Bartley's local town.

From "Leeds and Grenville, their first two hundred years" by Ruth McKenzie at page 44, in the context of events of about 1817:

"Meanwhile, in Oxford township, the village that was to become the second town in Grenville, had been founded. This was Clothier's Mill, now Kemptville, on the south branch of the Rideau (Kemptville Creek). It is on land that was granted originally to Captain Peter Drummond, an officer of Jessup's Rangers who settled in Edwardsburg. Drummond sold the land to John Boyce who, in turn, sold 200 acres to Lyman Clothier "for a yoke of oxen and a fusil."

Lyman Clothier, a settler from South Gower, came here around 1813, built a dam across the stream and erected a sawmill, and later a grist mill. The houses of Clothier and his sons, around the corner of North Rideau and Clothier Streets in present-day Kemptville, were the first in the village. Settlers who came to get their grain ground or their logs sawn, often stayed overnight in a Clothier home. When a blacksmith shop, harness shop and general store were added, "The Branch" or "Clothiers Mill" became the leading centre in the area.

As happened too often in pioneer days, the people thought the early name of their village was too ordinary. They wanted something more dignified. They held a public meeting, probably in 1829, and chose the name Kemptville in honour of Sir James Kempt, Administrator of Canada, 1828-1830. The tradition is that Kempt had once camped near the village, which is quite possible since Sir James Kempt, while Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, went through the Rideau Canal, then being built, as a member of an official commission of enquiry.

Fortunately the Clothier name has been commemorated in Clothier Street and Asa Street after Lyman's eldest son. It was Asa Clothier who established the first mills at Oxford Mills in the 1840's. When Kemptville became an incorporated village in 1857, the first Council meeting was held in the old Lyman Clothier home."

Lyman Clothier died in 1839. He had four sons, Asa, Lyman, Henry and John. Henry was born in the United States about 1800. He and his wife Emeline had a large family one of whom was Solomon, probably the second oldest son. Solomon, his parents and a younger brother were baptised in Prescott, Ontario on Christmas day, 1825. At that time he was five years old.

Although far from certain, it is likely that the Clothier family takes this form:

LYMAN (-1839) married Emeline Garlick (-)			
<u>Asa</u>	<u>Lyman</u>	<u>HENRY (Emeline)</u>	<u>John (Briesa)</u>
Ambrose	Ezra	Ransom	David Kilborn
Reuben	William	SOLOMON	Alba Anson
Asa		Elias Alfred	Whiting Leonard
John		Richard Henry	Joshua Garlick
	Osee		William Henry
		Edgar	Lorenzo Dow
		Edson	John Gardner
		Lorinda	Hannah Emeline
		Leander	Mary Briesa
		Emily	
		Mary	

BANKS FAMILY

The Banks family seems to have begun in Oxford township with Israel Sr. and Israel Jr. in 1828. At least that was the first year that there were Banks' on the land assessment rolls. Until 1846 their locations were on lot 19, concession 2 and lot 21, concession 3. Israel Sr. was not listed after about 1835 but Alvin Banks' name appeared about that time on lot 19, concession 2, so he may have been a son of Israel Sr and a brother of Israel Jr. There was also a Sullivan Banks who was likely another son of Israel Sr.

There is little information about Israel Sr. Israel Jr. and Alvin were both born in the United States and so, almost certainly, was Israel Sr. Although he was on the early assessment rolls, he did not appear on the census sheets which began in 1841. Accordingly he may have died before then. There are very few Banks grave stones so little can be confirmed in that manner. Sullivan, Alvin and Israel (Jr. no doubt) were all listed in 1841. In 1842 Alvin reported that he had been in the country for 13 years. The 1851 census said that he and his wife Louisa had been born in the United States and their 6 children in Upper Canada.

Israel Jr. married Mary Clothier on January 23, 1830 in the Kemptville Anglican church. She was born in the United States and was probably a daughter of Lyman Clothier. The 1851 census (January 1852) recorded this family group:

		<u>Born</u>	<u>Age</u>
Banks,	Israel	U.S.	48
Banks,	Mary	U.S.	38
Banks,	William	Can.	20
Banks,	Chester	Can.	18
Banks,	Caroline	Can.	16
Banks,	Adaline	Can.	14
Banks,	Asa	Can.	12
Banks,	Edson	Can.	9
Banks,	Ambrose	Can.	6

By the time the 1861 census was recorded, only Chester and his brother William were listed in Oxford-on-Rideau township. William had married Anna McVey, a native of Bushmills, County Antrim, Ireland and on December 11, 1856, Chester had married Ellen Johnston, the daughter of Lanty Johnston.

Among the eight children of Chester and Ellen was Harvey Chester who married Sarah E. Pitcher in 1902. It was Harvey Chester, born in 1873, who returned to Kemptville in 1974 to celebrate his 101st birthday. And it was the brief report of that celebration in the Kemptville Advance that identified the place in Ireland from which his mother, and the Bartleys, had come in 1841.