

ELEANOR (ELLEN) BARTLEY

Ellen was the first child born to Jared and Mary Jane in Canada. She was born on April 18, 1842. The sponsors at her baptism ("Eleanor Barclay, daughter of Jerod and Mary Jane Barclay") were Lanty Johnston, Betsy Johnston and Jane Barclay. Lanty (i.e. Lancelot) was almost certainly her mother's brother; Betsy is not known and Jane Barclay was either her grandmother, the wife of Joseph, or her aunt, the daughter of Jane and Joseph.

On August 11, 1859 Ellen, age 17, married Samuel Bennett, age 28, son of Samuel and Jane Bennett. Samuel was the brother of Joseph Bennett whose daughter Ellen was the first wife of Jared (II).

Twelve children were born of Ellen's marriage to Samuel Bennett:

William Jared	July	1,	1860	
Jane	February	20.	1862	
Samuel Franklin	November	6,	1863	
Joseph Henry			1865	d. /1866
Henry Johnston	September	22,	1867	
Mary Elizabeth	September	11,	1869	
Robert Joseph	June	12,	1871	
Charlotte	May	1,	1873	
Ellen (Ella)	April	3,	1875	
Charles Richard	November	10,	1876	d. 18/08/1877
Catherine Annie	July	17,	1878	
Charles Wellington	July	14,	1879	

An 1863 map of Oxford township showed Samuel to be located on lot 30, concession 3, in Oxford township, immediately adjacent to Kemptville, although it was not until 1868 that he actually purchased the property. In 1873 he bought an additional 60 acres of that lot and in 1879 he bought 60 acres of the adjacent lot 14, concession 7, in South Gower township.

Samuel died on March 26, 1879 a few months before the birth of his youngest son. By his will he provided that Ellen would have a life tenancy of the farm and upon her death, the farm would be distributed to their children. In fact the farm fell to Samuel Jr. but there was a settlement among the children.

Ellen died on November 24, 1892. Her obituary refers to

"... the aged mother, bowed with grief, closely attending the bedside of her dying daughter";

At that time Mary Jane was over seventy years of age; Ellen was only fifty. Both Samuel and Ellen were buried in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery.

Upon the disposition of the farm after Ellen's death, the members of the family who provided consents were:

Jane	Hawkshaw	(husband Robert)
Henry Johnston	Bennett	(and wife)
Mary E.	Bennett	(spinster)
Robert J.	Bennett	(bachelor)
Charlotte	Thompson	(husband Wm. John)
Ellen	Bennett	(spinster)
Catherine Annie	Bennett	(spinster)

There was no mention of William Jared or of Charles Wellington. The former had been in California for many years and is thought to have died at an earlier time and the latter was only thirteen years old. Ellen and Annie were only about seventeen and fifteen years old respectively and thus still minors but they signed. Samuel Franklin's name did not appear but he was the person to whom the land was transferred by these consents.

The children of Samuel and Ellen were:

William Jared Bennett:

William Jared Bennett was born on July 1, 1860. On April 22, 1881 the Kemptville Advance reported that he and his brother Samuel had taken the train for San Francisco. In 1880 their cousin William Henry Bartley and his family had emigrated to California.

Nothing more is yet known of William Jared. There is an implication in the report of Samuel Franklin's wedding in early 1895 that "Bennett Brothers" in San Jose has more than one proprietor but it does not identify the other(s). Neither was William Jared the best man for his brother. City directories going back to 1901 identify Samuel but not Wm. Jared. His mother died in 1892 but only Samuel is spoken of as having travelled home from California; nevertheless, during that visit Samuel spoke of "...his home in San Jose, Cal. where he and his brother are carrying on a flour and feed store". Still, upon the distribution of his parents' estate in 1893, his name did not appear upon the releases suggesting that he had died and when his brother, Henry, died in 1908, William Jared's name did not appear among the survivors. There is a story in the family that one of the family was killed in California by a falling tree branch; perhaps that was William Jared.

Jane Bennett:

Jane was born on February 20, 1862. On March 11, 1885 she married Robert Hawkshaw, age 26, of Ottawa, in the Kemptville Anglican church.

Robert was a blacksmith and carriage maker. For most of their married life Jane and Robert lived in central Ottawa. In 1894/5 Jane's brother, Robert, lived with them while he taught at the Ottawa Business College. In April 1900 a major fire swept through West Ottawa. Their house at 584 Wellington Street was the last house on the block to survive; west from it, each block was described as "fire-swept". Jane's brother, Henry, died in late 1908; his obituary locates Jane in Cobalt, Ontario, at that time, which was in its early stages as a mining boom town and which would have much need of a blacksmith.

Jane died in April 1924 and was buried in Beechwood cemetery; Robert died about 1943. They had one child, a son Royden who was born about 1901 and died in 1951. He married Helen Hawkshaw, a cousin. There were no children of this marriage.

Samuel Franklin Bennett:

Samuel was born on November 6, 1863. On April 22, 1881 the Kemptville Advance reported that he and William Jared had left by train for San Francisco; at that time Samuel would have been 17 years old. A year earlier his mother's brother, William Henry Bartley, had emigrated with his family to California.

Because copies of the Kemptville Advance do not exist for the period from 1881 to 1891, there is no further information about Samuel until his name appears in the 1891 census of Oxford township at the age of 25. It is not at all clear why he was on the Oxford-on-Rideau census since he had been in business in California for ten years. At that time both he and his mother were described as "farmers", Mary as a "tailor" and the rest of the family at home at that time as "students". When his mother died in November 1892, the Advance reported that "...Samuel Bennett left San Jose, California, on Thursday last in hopes of seeing his mother alive but only arrived in time for the funeral". A week later Samuel speaks "...very highly of his home in San Jose where he and his brother are carrying on a flour and feed business". On February 23 following, Samuel started back to California.

In December 1894 the Advance reported itself "...pleased to learn that Samuel Bennett is the proprietor of the best flour and feed store in San Jose, California.....resident of that city for only a few years whispered that he proposes to get married during the holidays...". On January 5 there is a report that Samuel's brother, Robert, and a sister had left for California, accompanied by Miss Eliza Curry. On February 14 there was a report from the San Jose Daily Herald that Samuel had married Eliza Curry; the maid-of-honour was Ella Bennett and the best man was Joseph Hancock. Samuel was described as "...a member of that wellknown firm, Bennett Brothers, dealers in wood, coal, hay and grain". This adds to the confusion about William Jared since it implies that there is still more than one member of the "firm". Robert Joseph was in San Jose by that time but had only been there for a few months.

In July 1901 Samuel's wife and two daughters of San Jose visited his sister Charlotte, Mrs. Wm. J. Thompson of Johnstons Corners.

The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 must have changed much for Samuel. In street directories from 1907 to 1911 he was a "teamster" or a "driver". But there was another change in his life; his wife died in San Jose and was buried in the Kemptville Public cemetery in a plot with William and Charlotte (Hemmenway) Curry, her father and her step-mother. Her stone records the date of her birth (January 21, 1864) and of her death (November 26, 1908) and refers to "S.F. Bennett".

The 1910 census of San Jose lists:

Bennett, Samuel	age 46	widower	contractor
Bennett, Irma G.	" 14	daughter	

The census reported that Samuel immigrated into California in 1888 and that Irma was born there. The Kemptville Advance of June 1, 1911 reported that Miss Erma Bennett of Pasadena, California was visiting Mr. L.M. Davidson and in August 1912, an "Erma Bennett" visited Heckston but it is not certain that it was the same person.

Henry Johnston Bennett

Henry was born on September 22, 1867. Except for his release of his interest in his parent's estate in 1893, nothing was known of him while he lived in Ontario. He was said to have married Eunice Dunbar.

The Ottawa Journal of January 7, 1909 reported that

"....word had been received by Mrs. Alec Phillips, 802 Somerset Street, Ottawa, of the death of her brother Henry J. Bennett in San Francisco on December 26 39 years of age survived by wife and three children, three brothers and five sisters Charles W. and Samuel F. of San Jose, Robert J. of Detroit, Mrs. Wm. Thompson and Mrs. Wm. Mackey of Kemptville, Mrs. G.L.Kennard of San Francisco, Mrs. Robt. Hawkshaw of Cobalt and Mrs. Alec Phillips deceased born in Kemptville lived in California past 16 years funeral in San Francisco."

The 1910 census of San Francisco listed at 235 Guerrera Street:

Bennett, Eunice	widow	age 36	boarding house
" , Ella	daughter	" 16	
" , Earl	son	" 10	
" , Leroy	"	" 7	

(plus five roomers)

Mary Elizabeth Bennett:

Mary was born on September 11, 1869. Nothing more is known of her until 1892 when, in mid-November, she and her sister, Jane Hawkshaw, returned to Kemptville from Ottawa because of the illness of their mother. In 1893 she was one of the family who signed consents in connection with the distribution of her parents' estate.

On February 14, 1894 at the Anglican church in Kemptville Mary married William Mackey of Kemptville. Eventually they acquired a portion of her parents' farm on lot 30, concession 3, at the eastern edge of Kemptville. This was their home through much of the remainder of their lives. The 1901 census of Oxford township lists them, ages 40 and 31, on lot 30, concession 3.

There were no children of this marriage.

There were few significant events in Mary's life after her marriage. There were visits from relatives (eg. by Jane Hawkshaw in February 1900, by Jane and her baby in August 1901 and by Jane and Royden in August 1909 and December 1910). On June 6, 1905, her home was the location of the wedding of her sister, Catherine Annie, to Alec Phillips. It is understood that about 1950 William and Mary moved in with two of Annie Phillips' daughters and lived with them until they died.

Mary died on August 17, 1951, William in 1958.

Robert Joseph Bennett:

Robert was born on June 12, 1871. Nothing is known of him thereafter until 1893 when he was one of the family who executed releases in connection with the distribution of his parents' estate. In 1894 he was living with his sister Jane at 184 Bell Street in Ottawa and working as an instructor with the Ottawa Business College. During that summer he attended a special course in penmanship at the Zanerian Art College. In September he returned from that course in Columbus, Ohio and resumed his teaching duties at the college.

By December of 1894 he had left the Ottawa Business College to join his brother(s) in San Jose, California. At the beginning of 1895 he, his sister Ella and Miss Eliza Curry took the train for California. A few weeks later Miss Curry married Samuel Bennett in San Jose. Whether or not Robert intended to join his brother(s) in the feed and flour store is not known but by May 1895 he had been engaged as a special instructor in penmanship by the public schools of San Jose.

In the fall of 1897 he was employed as the principal of the commercial and art departments of Wilsons Modern Business College in Seattle, Washington. A year

later, while still employed there, he obtained the degree of Master of Accounts from the Highland Park College in Des Moines, Iowa.

In the summer of 1901 Robert had successfully passed the examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ontario. At that time he was the Secretary of the Woodstock Business College and he used the designation F.C.A. after his name. By December of 1901 he was also on the teaching staff of the college and in January 1902 he was appointed auditor of the City of Woodstock.

In 1905 Robert was on the staff of the Pierce Business School in Philadelphia and had just authored a book entitled "Notes and Questions on Bookkeeping" by Robert J. Bennett, C.A. By the end of August of that year he had been appointed principal of the Detroit Business College. His brother, Henry, died in December 1908 and his obituary places Robert still in Detroit.

Robert appears in a city directory of Philadelphia in 1910; he was listed as an accountant at 1421 Arch Street, his home at 5333 Baltimore Avenue. In 1915 the listing was of the Bennett Accountancy Institute (Robert J. Bennett) at 259 Farragut Terrace. In 1918 his business address of 1421 Arch Street appeared again; the business was still styled the Bennett Accountancy Institute but he was a Certified Public Accountant living at the Farragut address. From 1922 to 1931 he appeared in a business directory with an office at 402 Land Titles Building.

A report in the Kemptville Advance of August 8, 1918 indicated that Robert had left Kemptville 24 years before, i.e. about 1894, probably after settling his mother's estate.

Robert is said to have married Nellie Solomon but nothing is known of her or of when or where she died. There is no mention of a wife in his obituary when he died. From a death notice in the Kemptville Advance on July 20, 1950 and from an obituary on August 10:

"On Monday July 10, 1950 at his summer home in Atlantic City, New Jersey Robert J. Bennett C.P.A funeral services at Oliver H. Blairs residence at 1820 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia age 79 son of Samuel Bennett and Ellen Bartley, Oxford head of his accounting firm Secretary of the State Board of Examiners of Public Accountants since 1926 .. Secretary of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1918 ... during First World War he was Chief Accountant, Division of Auditing, United States Food Administration in Pennsylvania senior Warden of Vestry, St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church member of Union League and Kiwanis interment Arlington cemetery, Philadelphia brother of Mrs. William Mackey, Kemptville".

Charlotte (Lottie) Bennett:

Charlotte was born on May 1, 1873. The first record of her thereafter was of her marriage on June 28, 1893 to Wm. John Thompson at the Kemptville Anglican church. It is thought that their home was at Johnstons Corners throughout their lives.

Charlotte's name appeared in the Kemptville Advance a number of times over the years; a sample of them:

February 1900:	Her sisters, Jane (Hawkshaw) of Ottawa and Mary E. (Mackey) of Kemptville visited her.
November 1901:	Her grandmother, Mary Jane Bartley, who lives with her was unable to be up. (note: Mary Jane died in September 1902)
July 1902:	Her sister, Annie, of Ottawa visited.
August 1907:	Her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Wm. Mackey, visited; there was also a mention that her son, Harold, was visiting in Ottawa.
January 1911:	Charlotte, Wm. and Harold spent New Years with Mary and Wm. Mackey.

There seems to have been only one child of the marriage, a son, Harold; the date of his birth is not yet known but he was six years old in 1901. He attended school in Kemptville (probably high school) and business college in Ottawa. In November 1911 he spent two months in St. Lukes Hospital in Ottawa; in April 1912 he was relief agent (railway) in Spencerville and in May at Stittsville. A family rumour has it that he left home and the family heard no more of him but the Kemptville Advance reported on August 15, 1918, that Charlotte's son "...Sapper Harold B. Thompson .. had been gassed while at the front in France ... had been in hospitals in France and England". The Advance of July 8, 1920 reported the wedding on June 14 in Knox Church, Winnipeg, Mantoba of Edith Margaret Caddoc of Lakeland, Manitoba, and Harold Bennett Thompson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J.Thompson of Kemptville. After the wedding they "...left for Shellmouth where they will spend the summer months..". Nothing more has been learned of him.

Both Charlotte and William are buried in the Public cemetery at Kemptville; her stone indicates dates of 1878-1926 and William, 1868-1936.

Ellen (Ella) Bennett:

Ella was born on April 3, 1875. The Kemptville Advance of January 3, 1895 reported her trip to San Jose, California with her brother, Robert J. and Eliza

Curry; she was the maid-of-honour at the wedding on February 14, 1895 of her brother Samuel and Eliza.

Ella remained in San Jose after that trip and, although it cannot be certain that it was she, the following listing appeared in the 1900 census of San Jose:

Bennett, Ellen ; born April 1877; age 23 ; single;
born in Canada; salelady, drygoods;
immigrated 1890; 381 Park Avenue.

Ella returned to Kemptville for a visit in October 1902 after (it was said) "....an absence of eight years. She will visit her sister and other friends before returning in several months"; the reference to her sister would have been to Mary Mackey who lived at Kemptville but she also visited Jane and Annie in Ottawa and her aunt, Mrs. Cook, in Plattsburg, N.Y. (Charlotte Bartley)

On June 3, 1903, at San Jose, Ella married George Leonard Kennaird of San Francisco. The obituary of her brother Henry who died on December 26, 1908, refers to Mrs. G.L. Kennaird of San Francisco.

The 1910 census of San Francisco lists:

Kennard, George L.	age 34	born Ohio	clerk, bridgework
Kennard, Ellen B.	age 34	born Canada	wife

(plus two boarders).

The Kemptville Advance of June 20, 1918 reported that Mrs. Kennard and little son of San Francisco visited her sisters Mrs. Mackey and Mrs. Thompson; "their brother R.J.Bennett of Philadelphia will join them".

City directories of San Francisco disclose the following:

1905/06	Geo. L. Kennard, clerk, U.I.Works, res. 2708 Harrison
1915	Geo. L. Kennard, (Ellen) foreman, U.S.Steel Products, res. 362 Connecticut
1939	Geo. L. Kennard man. Pacific Coast Founders Association, res. Alameda.

Ellen is said to have died on October 29, 1935.

Catherine Annie Bennett:

Annie was born on July 17, 1878. She is said to have moved to Ottawa at the age of 13 (probably when her mother died in 1892) to live with her sister, Jane Hawkshaw.

Ottawa city directories list her for the first time in the 1897/98 edition, a waitress at the C.P.R. restaurant and living at 156 LeBreton Street, at the home of Wm. Trimble. In 1901 Annie had become the manager of the restaurant.

The Kemptville Advance reported on November 23, 1904 in an article from the Ottawa Citizen entitled "Miss Bennett's Popularity" that " ... Miss C.A. Bennett formerly of Kemptville ... eight years manageress of the Union Depot Restaurant ... leaving for an extended pleasure trip through California gifts from her friends..". Her name did not appear again in the Ottawa city directory until 1939.

On June 7, 1905, the Advance reported the wedding "...at nine o'clock yesterday morning of Catherine Annie Bennett to Alexander Phillips of Ottawa. The wedding was at the home of her sister, Mary Mackey. Mr. Phillips is a prosperous grocer of Ottawa".

Alexander (Alec) Phillips had first appeared in the Ottawa directories in 1896/97 as a C.P.R. porter. In succeeding directories he was:

in 1897/98, a C.P.R. policeman,

in 1898/99, a C.P.R. weighmaster, and again

in 1899, a C.P.R. weighmaster and a partner with J. Wesley Hand,

grocers at 130 Rochester Street. The major fire of 1900 swept those blocks and in 1901 they were in business at 802 Somerset Street W. By 1904 Alec was operating alone at that location and in 1911 the grocery was moved to 158 Rochester Street, next door to their home at 156 Rochester Street. The business ceased before 1936 and in 1939 Annie's name appeared in the directory, the widow of Alec. Her name remained in the directory through 1944 and in 1948 but not in 1949. Both Alexander and Annie are buried in Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa, with these dates of birth and death, Alexander 1870-1936 and Annie 1878-1947.

Charles Wellington Bennett:

Charles was born on July 14, 1879, almost four months after his father's death. The 1891 census of Oxford township lists him at home, age 11. He was not located in the 1901 census of either Oxford or Kemptville but the Kemptville Advance of July 7, 1898 (from the San Jose Mercury) reports that C.W. Bennett, formerly of Kemptville, had joined Company B for service in the war with Cuba. On October 27 of that year there is a report that he had enlisted for two years but expected to be at his brother's home in San Jose shortly. Accordingly it is not yet known when he joined his brothers and sisters in California.

On the death of his brother Henry in San Francisco on December 26, 1908, Charles was reported to be living at San Jose. He is said to have married Claire (last name not known). The 1910 census of San Jose listed:

Bennett,	Chas. W.	age	30	foreman, telephone company
"	, Clara	"	25	wife
"	, Margaret	"	2	daughter
"	, Mildred	"	1	"

The San Francisco city directory of 1915 listed:

Chas. W. Bennett, (Clara I.), electrician, res. 412 Texas.