

JARED (II) BARTLEY

A Kemptville Anglican church register records the baptism on January 8, 1847 of Gerard, the son of Gerard and Mary Jane Barclay, of Oxford township. No sponsors were listed.

Jared's father died on November 15, 1870. The family group according to the 1871 census consisted of:

Barkley,	Mary Ann	52	(obviously Mary Jane)
"	, Jerrod	27	
"	, Eliza Jane	23	
"	, Charlotte	20	
"	, Sarah E.	11	

On April 18, 1871, Jared had married Eliza Jane Bennett, the daughter of Joseph Bennett and Eleanor Beckett, and the niece of Samuel Bennett who had married Jared's sister, Ellen. The marriage was by license and the witnesses were Mary Bennett, Eliza Jane's sister and a Mains person. Apparently the 1871 census was recorded after the date of their marriage.

The reference to "Mary Ann" was, of course, to the widowed Mary Jane. The members of the family who were not listed were Ellen, who had been married for over ten years to Samuel Bennett, William Henry, who has not been located in any 1871 census, and Jane Ann who was married in 1868.

On his father's death Jared had inherited the family farm subject to an obligation to support his mother during her lifetime. The farm was of only fifty acres at that time but in 1873 he purchased an additional twenty-five acres and in 1883 another twenty-five.

Two children were born to Jared and Eliza Jane, Carrie Hester on February 14, 1872 and Joseph Henry on February 5, 1874. On October 2, 1875, Eliza Jane died at the age of twenty-nine years of "decline" and was buried in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery.

Jared married again, this time to Hester Main who was born on April 3, 1854, the daughter of John Main and Christina McCallum. No record of this marriage has yet been found. The Main family lived across the road from the Bartleys. Two children were born of this marriage, Ambrose (Am) A. on August 29, 1880 and John (Jack) on April 8, 1882.

The Kemptville Advance reported in November 1891 that Jared Bartley "...is offering for sale his farm, lot 21, in the second concession, Oxford." but it was not until October 1892 that it was able to report that "...Jared Bartley, a well-known man living on the Howey Road has disposed of his farm intends moving to Ogdensburg next spring. The township of Oxford will lose a good citizen and an industrious farmer in the person above referred to".

There is no way now to discover the reason for this move to the United States; Jared's mother was still alive and she had relatives living in Ogdensburg but it is unlikely that she accompanied the family since in 1891 she was living alone in Kemptville. In any case, in mid-March of 1893 there was an auction of Jared's livestock and equipment and in April the Advance reported that "...Jared Bartley and family removed to Ogdensburg last week".

Whatever the situation, the family's time in Ogdensburg was short; Jared visited Kemptville in June and November of 1893 and in mid-November the Advance reported that

"..... the many friends of Jared Bartley will be pleased to learn that he has decided to return from over the line and take up his abode again near Kemptville. Nearly a year ago Mr. Bartley disposed of his property in Oxford township and with his family removed to Ogdensburg N.Y On Tuesday Mr. Bartley purchased John Dixon's farm which is nicely situated along the Rideau River a short piece above Beckett's Landing. They will take possession at the beginning of the new year."

On January 11, 1894 the Advance reported that the family had returned "yesterday" from Ogdensburg and "....will reside again in Oxford".

On March 1, 1894 Jared entered into an agreement to purchase the west half of lot 22, concession 1, from John Dixon. This was the family home until February 1897 when Jared sold this farm and repurchased the original Bartley farm, lot 21, concession 2, which he had sold before moving to Ogdensburg. The Advance reported that "...Jared Bartley retained a fondness for the place he sold a few years ago and has purchased it from W. J.Dickinson."

There were problems in the family. In November 1911 their son Jack, who was then working in Manitoba, visited his parents at Johnstons Corners and on his return to the west two weeks later took his mother back with him. Whether or not she visited the east again is doubtful. In any case she separated permanently from Jared. The neighbours were not in doubt about the reason; Jared was not an admirable man, at least so far as his treatment of his wife was concerned.

The children were all married and had left home by the time Hester left and Jared remained on the farm for only a few more years. In September 1920 he sold the farm and purchased a small house in Kemptville where he lived until his death. The sale of the farm caused a problem since Jared had acquired it under his father's will and there was a condition that "....the said land is not to be assigned by him or his heirs to any person or persons whatsoever." The matter was referred to the Supreme Court of Ontario which ruled that the condition imposed in the will was not an impediment to the sale.

Jared died, age 78, at the home of his daughter Carrie Armstrong in April 1924 and was buried in the Anglican cemetery in Kemptville. Hester died in her 88th year on March

28, 1942 at Swan River, Manitoba, at the home of her son, Jack, with whom she had lived for about thirty years. She was buried in the Kemptville Union cemetery.

Carrie Hester Bartley

Carrie was the oldest child of Jared and Eliza Jane. She was born on February 14, 1872, at Johnstons Corners. On March 1, 1892, Carrie married James (Jim) Armstrong of Marlborough township. At that time the Armstrong farm was located on the front east quarter of lot 8, concession 5, a short distance west of the hamlet of Pierces Corners. Jim had owned the farm as early as 1889 having bought it from Samuel Hyland at the time that family moved to Essex county. Samuel was the father of Lewis Hyland whose wife was Eleanor (Ellen) Bennett, a sister of Carrie's mother.

Jim and Carrie operated this farm until at least 1926 although by that time they had moved to a rented farm on lot 4, concession 6. This second farm was owned by George Hyland who had married Mary Bennett, another sister of Carrie's mother. Jim later purchased this farm and it remained in the family for many years after the deaths of both Jim and Carrie.

The children born to Carrie and Jim were:

Grover Clarence	August	18, 1893
Chester Bennett	April	10, 1895
James Ernest Eccles	October	5, 1896
Fulton Lawrence	June	22, 1899
Jared Clifford	December	3, 1900
John Henry Howard	February	17, 1905*
Rupert Mansell	June	1, 1906*
Arthur Lewis Errol	May	30, 1908
Carrie Grace Pearl	October	14, 1910

(* died when about one year old)

Only Grace is alive in 1998.

Jim died on August 18, 1933 at the age of 78, Carrie on December 14, 1936 at the age of 65. Both were buried in the Anglican cemetery at North Gower.

JOSEPH HENRY BARTLEY

Joseph (Joe) was born on February 5, 1874 on the family farm at Johnstons Corners. His mother died in 1875 leaving him an orphan at the age of one. His aunt Charlotte may still have been living at home but his grandmother, Mary Jane, was certainly there to take care of Joe and his sister. Before 1880 his father had married Hester Main and the family arrangement would have become relatively normal once again.

The Bartley family was very close to two branches of the Bennett family. Joe's aunt, Ellen Bartley, had married Samuel Bennett and his mother, Eliza Jane, was a daughter of Samuel's brother, Joseph. Joseph Bennett owned land on lots 23 and 24, concession 2, a short distance east of the Bartley farm. In January of 1878, only a few days before he died, Joseph transferred the 200 acres which he owned to his son, Joseph Jr., a school teacher. In his turn, and in the same year, Joseph Jr. sold the 100 acres in lot 24 to his brother, Samuel and retained the 100 acres of lot 23.

About five years later Joseph Jr. died. By his will he transferred the 100 acres located in lot 23 in equal parts to Joe Bartley and to (another) Joseph Bennett, the son of his brother, Samuel. The beneficiaries were each required by the terms of the will to pay \$100 to their sisters, Carrie Bartley and Mabel Bennett respectively and in this manner the sisters benefitted from the estate. Joe Bartley was only eleven years old at that time and the 50 acres which he inherited (the west 1/2 of the west 1/2 of lot 23) remained in his name until February 5, 1895, his twenty-first birthday, when he sold it to his father.

In 1891 Joe was living with the family at Johnstons Corners. His father and stepmother and (likely) his stepbrothers lived in Ogdensburg from April 1893 until January 1894 but Joe was nineteen at that time and it is unlikely that he was with them. His stepmother, Hester Main, had a number of relatives living in the Munster area and in February 1895 he was working there. There is a story that he worked for a summer with Milton Boyle and at the end received \$100 as wages for the entire period. The Boyle farm was on lot 11, concession 5, of Goulbourn township; it lay on the east side of the Munster sideroad, immediately east of the village. He also worked on a farm at Goodstown for a couple of years and joined L.O.L. #107 there on February 10, 1896.

On May 5, 1897, Joe married Eliza Reddick the daughter of John Reddick and Margaret McMullen. Her grandfather, Daniel Reddick, a soldier who served at Waterloo, settled in Marlborough township in 1832 and brought his family from Ireland in 1834. Her father was six years old when he came to Canada. Daniel lived first on lot 7, concession 6, before settling on a 200-acre farm on lot 4, concession 4, before 1850. After Daniel's death John inherited the rear half of the lot; his brother James owned the front half by that time. It was on John's portion of this farm that Eliza was born on February 19, 1870.

James Reddick had died in 1892 and his widow had operated the farm with the help of her son, Erastus, thereafter. It had been for sale or rent since 1895 and on October 23, 1897, Joe and Eliza purchased it. It was not until February 1, 1898 that James' widow, Matilda, and Erastus, left to join a number of their family who had moved to Aitkin, Minnesota as much as twenty years before so some arrangement must have been made in the months between Joe and Eliza's marriage and Matilda's departure.

Three sons were born to Joe and Eliza:

Jared Colin	October 10, 1899
Nelson Henry	November 11, 1901
Herbert Arnold	October 13, 1904*

(* baptized on April 27, 1905, died soon after
and was buried in the Malakoff cemetery)

Joe died on December 30, 1948, Eliza on June 6, 1950. She and Joe are buried in the Methodist cemetery at Malakoff.

AMBROSE A. BARTLEY

The baptismal register of the Anglican Church for Oxford Mills/Oxford Station/ Actons Corners recorded the baptism at Oxford Mills on September 16, 1880 of Ambrose Bartley, the son of Jared and Hester Bartley, who had been born on August 29. Upon his marriage, the Kemptville Advance reported his name as "Arthur Ambrose" but he was generally known as "Am".

There is little early information about Am. In 1893 he was a student at Kemptville High School. He obviously worked away from home for a time since in June 1901 the Kemptville Advance reported that he spent a Sunday with his parents at Johnstons Corners. On July 4, 1901 he and Jack visited Ogdensburg, New York. In mid-November of that year he spent a few days with his half-brother, Joseph, at Pierces Corners. He may have been there to help out since Joseph's second son was born on the 13th. He would likely visit his half-sister Carrie at the same time since she lived even closer to Pierces Corners. A few days later there was a report that Am and his brother Jack were to enroll at the Kemptville Business College for the winter term. In fact, only Jack enrolled and thereafter Am seems to have lived in the Actons Corners/ Johnstons Corners area, likely with his parents on the family farm on lot 21, concession 2. In those years he was active in the Orange Lodge at Actons Corners.

In August 1904 Am was one of a group who travelled to the west on a harvest excursion; he returned in late November. In March 1907 he travelled to Brandon, Manitoba to visit his brother, Jack, and returned to the east in September. In November of that year he met the train carrying the body of Jack's wife at Ottawa and accompanied it to the funeral at Brookdale, New York.

In the early summer of 1909 Am was still living at Johnstons Corners. In June he attended an Orange Lodge social at Merivale, Ontario and in September he spent a weekend there. In January 1911 he attended the Dalglish/Long wedding at Fallowfield and on March 7 of that year, at St. John's Church in Merivale, he married Beatrice Mary Long, the daughter of George Long of Fallowfield. They made their home at Johnstons Corners (most likely with Jared and Hester) although, for a period in 1912 and 1913, there is a suggestion that their home may have been in Kemptville.

On March 13, 1913 the Kemptville Advance reported that Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bartley left for Ottawa for a few days en route for Saskatoon. The Saskatoon City Directory listed Am in that city in:

1913	warehouseman, home address not given
1915-1917	teamster, Rodwell and Merkle
1917-1948	teamster, later motorman, for Canadian National Express Co.
1949-1957	retired

Two sons were born to Am and Beatrice at Saskatoon:

Leonard Laurence	August 30, 1916
Denzil Cecil	May 16, 1922

The 1958 Ottawa City Directory lists Am, Beatrice and Cecil living in the west end of the city. In 1960 the listing was of "Beatrice Bartley, (widow Ambrose)". Both she and Am are buried in Pinecrest Cemetery in Ottawa. Their stone displays: Ambrose A. 1880-1958; Beatrice Long 1883-1979.

JOHN (JACK) BARTLEY

Jack was born on April 8, 1882 and baptised in the Anglican Church at Oxford Mills, Ontario on May 29 of that year.

We have little information about Jack in the early years. In May 1899 a football club was organized at Actons Corners; Jack was the president. On July 4, 1901 he visited Ogdensburg, New York with his brother, Am. In November 1901 there is a report from the Federal College (a business school in Kemptville) that ".....John Bartley, who spent last winter in the commercial department will return in a few days to take the telegraphic and shorthand course." There was also a report on November 21 (from Johnstons Corners) that "...John Bartley .(is)..again in our midst as he returned here again on Saturday" and from the Federal College on December 5 that "...Messrs J. Bartley and G. Ward of Johnstons Corners entered the college on Monday".

After completing his training Jack was employed at a number of stations in eastern Ontario and northern New York State. In April 1902 he was working as a telegrapher with the Ottawa and New York Railway at Chrysler, Ontario. In mid-summer he was stationed at Santa Clara, New York. In October 1903 he was working with the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company at Bay Pond, New York. In early 1905 he was with the Ottawa and New York Railway in Ottawa and by November of that year in Russell, Ontario.

On November 22, 1905 Jack married Blanche Curtis of Brookdale, New York, a town near Massena. A year later he was transferred from Russell to Hilton, Manitoba. In September 1907 Jared and Hester travelled west on a harvest excursion train to visit Jack and Blanche at Hilton. They returned to the east in mid-October. In the Kemptville

Advance of November 14, 1907 it was reported that Hester was ill with typhoid fever, that she was under a doctor's care and that there was hope for her recovery. The same edition reported Blanche's death at Hilton on November 11. Both Jack and Blanche had been ill with typhoid fever.

Blanche's funeral was held at Hilton with interment at Brookdale, New York. At the time of her death she was 24 years old; a three-month old daughter survived her. Before her marriage she had lived with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L.M.Curtis of Brookdale. Other survivors included her brothers Guy of New York City and Frank of Brookdale. Jack's brother, Am, met the train at Ottawa and accompanied the body to Brookdale for burial.

Brookdale is now a collection of about ten houses with a single church and no stores or other services. On the northern edge of town is a small cemetery with no name or other designation. On the highest point in the cemetery is a granite stone with this inscription:

BLANCHE CURTIS
Wife Of
JOHN BARTLEY
1886-1907
BABY, 1907-1908
BARTLEY

To the right of the stone is a small marker bearing the single word "BLANCHE" and in line with it and about six feet away, a similar marker inscribed "BABY". It seems that the child did not die of typhoid fever in 1907 but of some other cause in 1908. The back of the stone bears the following inscription:

LEBBEUS M. CURTIS
1847-1922
His Wife
EMMA F. TRYON
1848-1925
CURTIS

In 1910 Jack became the station agent at Hartney, Manitoba and remained there for 22 years. During his tenure he established beside the C.N.R. station "....a small, neat park with spruce trees, silver maples and flower gardensthat has added to the appearance of that part of the town" (from "The Mere Living, a Biography of the Hartney District"). For a considerable period he served as a town councillor.

After Hartney, Jack was transferred to Swan River, Manitoba; it was there that his mother died in 1942. In 1911 he had visited his parents at Johnstons Corners and, believing that she was being badly used by Jared, took her back to Manitoba with him. It is thought that she never returned to the east, and she lived with Jack for the rest of her life.

On June 19, 1912 Jack married Bertha Carter at Elgin, Manitoba. Bertha was a telegraph operator at Elgin. Their first home was at Hartney where their only child, a daughter,

Nova was born on May 13, 1913. When Jack retired at Swan River, he and Bertha returned to Hartney to spend their retirement years.

Bertha died in Hartney in 1972. Nova lived in Regina and after Bertha's death, Jack moved to that city to be near her. Jack died in 1975; he and Bertha were buried at Hartney.

On September 16, 1939 Nova married William John MacGregor (Mac) Hunter who was killed in Belgium in 1944. They had one child who died at birth on October 22, 1940. Nova died in Regina on February 27, 1997 at the age of 83 years. She was buried in Hartney, Manitoba.