

JOSEPH AND JANE BARTLEY

In the census' of each of 1842 and 1848, both heads-of-family census', Joseph, a tenant, was located on lot 17, concession 2, in Oxford Township, Grenville County. It was only on September 29, 1849 that he finally purchased a 12 1/2 acre property which was on the front part of lot 19, concession 2, in that township. "Front" in this context means the end of the lot closest to the Rideau River. His time on that place was short; Joseph's name did not appear in the 1851 census (recorded in January 1852) since he had died in the months just before. Before his death two of his daughters had already married and his youngest daughter, Anne, seems to have left home (and has not been since located) so that in the 1851 census there was only his widow, Jane, living with a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Nathan Purcell.

Joseph's will was prepared on July 20, 1851 and registered on January 19, 1852 but it was not until March 6, 1854 that the 12 1/2 acre property was disposed of. His will directed that it was to be sold and the proceeds used " ...for the maintenance and support of my wife Jane Bartley... ". After her death there were bequests to be made to:

daughter Anne	five pounds currency
daughter Jane	five pounds currency
daughter Sarah and her	
son Joseph James	eight pounds currency
son Gerard	ten shillings,

all of these amounts to be proportionately more or less as more or less funds remained at the time of the widow's death. As his executors Joseph appointed his son-in-law, Nathan Purcell, and his neighbour, Lanty Johnston.

There is no way to establish the date of Joseph's death except to take it to have been not much earlier than the date upon which his will was registered. The 1851 census was taken in mid-January 1852 and his name did not appear on it although Jane's did.

Neither has it been possible to discover when Jane died nor where either is buried although most other family events were recorded in the registers of the Kemptville Anglican church. As well, there are cemetery stones for the other members of the family who are buried in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery but none for Joseph and Jane. It may be that they were buried, not in the cemetery, but on Jared's farm or on the farm of their son-in-law, Nathan Purcell; in this manner they could save the cost of a burial plot and of a burial.

Jane's name was listed (age 67) in the census in 1851 but not in 1861 so in that 10-year period she died. Soon after Joseph's death, his son-in-law Nathan Purcell purchased the 50-acre farm on lot 17, concession 2, that the Bartleys had occupied when they first arrived from Ireland and it was with this family that the widow was living in 1851. It may well have been that the family thought that the best way to support Jane was to use the proceeds of Joseph's estate to help her daughter and son-in-law to buy a farm so as to

provide a place for her to live. Joseph left almost no estate and what remained would probably have been used up in maintaining Jane long before she died.

It is strange that the burial of neither Joseph nor Jane was entered in the Kemptville Anglican burial registers. The few entries concerning this family that have been located in the parish registers in Ireland were in the registers of the Church of Ireland. That church, in Canada, is the Anglican church (i.e., the Church of England in Canada). When their grandson, James, died in 1842, there was an entry in the burial register and a small stone was erected in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery. There is no record of the death of Jane who married Solomon Clothier but the Clothiers seldom erected stones and the registers of the other protestant churches are not so complete as those of the Anglicans. A Clothier reseacher had no success in locating anything concerning her. Neither has anything been located concerning the death of her sister Anne. But with those exceptions, Bartley deaths have generally been recorded in the local church burial registers and stones have been placed in the cemeteries. On balance it seems likely that Joseph and Jane are buried on the 12 1/2 acres that Joseph bought shortly before his death, on the 50 acres that the families occupied on lot 17, concession 2 over a period of time, or on Jared's farm on lot 21, concession 2.