

## WILLIAM HENRY BARTLEY

William Henry was born on November 21, 1844 on the farm at Johnson's Corners. Nothing is known of him until 1866 when he enlisted in the Burritts Rapids Rifle Company at the time of the first Fenian Raid. The Kemptville Advance of March 15, 1917 reported the events of fifty-one years before:

"The Company left Burritts Rapids for Prescott on March 10th, under the command of Captain George Shepherd who was lockmaster at Burritts Rapids. That year the roads were bare of snow and the company travelled on the ice from Richard Guests tannery, on the Rideau River, to the mouth of the branch, followed the branch up to Kemptville, where they entrained for Prescott. At Prescott they were joined by a company from Merrickville and one from Iroquois and formed into a battalion. The Fenians had assembled at Decalb Junction and threatened to cross at Prescott but the attack at that point failed to materialize. The names of the gallant men from Burritts Rapids are given below, not many of them are now left but many of them have left descendants in the land that they turned out to defend from the invasion of a foreign foe.

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Pte. Bartley, William

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In 1899 the Canadian Government authorized a medal for all who had served in 1866 (and in the second Fenian Raid in 1870) and who formally applied for it. There is no evidence that a medal was issued to William Henry but that probably is because he had been in California for twenty years by that time and did not know of it or was uninterested. Upon his father's death on November 15, 1870, his bequest of \$200.00 was paid to his credit in the Kemptville Post Office Savings Bank indicating that he may have been away from home at that time. His name has not been located in the 1871 census of either Grenville or Carleton Counties which further suggests that his home in the early 1870's was not on the family farm. A few years later he was found to be working on the barges operated by the Harris family and since the 1871 census was taken in April, (certificate dated April 26) it is possible that the shipping season had already started and he was not enumerated because he was on the canal. Alternatively he may have already left for, for example, California since a number from the community had done that including some members of the Harris family.

On March 27, 1872, William Henry married Mary Harris of Oxford Township, the daughter of Robert Harris and Clarissa Hicks. Clarissa was the daughter of Joseph and Maria (Ouderkirk) Hicks who, in the early 1800's, lived near Burritts Rapids but later settled in the Manotick area of Ontario. Mary was born on May 30, 1847.

Robert Harris was one of the few early residents of the township who was born there. His grandfather, William Harris, a native of Richmond, New Hampshire and his wife Hulda Bond, had moved to Oxford-on-Rideau township as early as 1802. In fact, in 1802 the only residents of the township were fourteen Harrises;

- \* Jeremiah and his wife Priscilla and their children Silas and Levi

- \* William Jr. and his wife Hulda and their children,

- Hebron (whose son was Robert, above), Daniel, David and William Jr.,

- \* Caleb and his wife Lucy Ellis and their children;

- Hiram, and Nancy.

- (\* brothers)

(As a matter of interest, a researcher has traced the Harris line to the immigration of Thomas Harris into the Massachusetts Bay Colony on December 1, 1630, with brother William Harris and Roger Williams).

On February 28, 1874, a daughter, Edith Maretta was born to William Henry and Mary. On February 31 (sic), 1875, she and her mother were baptized in the Anglican Church at Merrickville. Mary's family were barge operators on the Rideau Canal. The baptismal register records William Henry's occupation as "works for Harris barges" and so he may have been away a good deal during the period that he was employed by them. On the other hand, some of Mary's brothers worked in the United States, some as far away as California, in the early years and some of the California branch believe that he was in that state before 1880.

Three more children were born in the 1870's:

Jared	December 4, 1875
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Adeline	October 6, 1877
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George Harris	March 6, 1879,
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and Edith Maretta died of sunstroke and was buried in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery on July 18, 1876. A small stone near the grave of her uncle Jared (II) Bartley marks her grave.

In 1880 William Henry, Mary and the three surviving children emigrated to California, settling first at the town of Guerneville in Sonoma County. The cemetery there has markers for:

George Harris Bartley, son of Wm. H. and Mary, died July 13,  
1880, age 4 months, 6 days. (an error  
of one year apparently)

Jared Bartley, eldest son of Wm. H. and Mary, died  
May 3, 1880, age 4 years, 4 months,  
20 days.

In May 1885 William Henry and Mary signed certain documents in connection with the Harris farm in Ontario and recorded their address as the Town of Guerneville. Her brother, Tiberius, also signed, recording his address as San Raphael in Marin County.

Mary's brother, Hebron, was said by his daughter to have been a stagecoach driver in that area in the early years. In the document referred to above he gave his address also as San Raphael. Hebron later returned to Kemptville, was married and died there but there is not yet any information about Tiberius' later years.

The 1900 census (recorded June 8, 1900) of the City of San José, Santa Clara County, listed the family living in a rented house at 155 San Teresa St. It reported that of nine children, six survived, although only five were listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Bartley , Wm. Henry	56	November 43	Canada
" , Mary	53	March 49	"
" , Addie	22	October 77	"
" , Mary	19	April 81	Califa
" , Wm. Norman	15	May 85	"
" , Beatrice	10	April 90	"
" , Cecelia	5	November 94	"

The census recorded William Henry's occupation as "woodman". The three whose birthplaces were in Canada were said to have immigrated in 1880 and had been twenty years in the United States. The child whose name was not on the list was Clara Ellen who was born on January 8, 1883 and married on Christmas Day, 1899, and therefore not at home when the census was recorded.

The information from the California branch is as follows:

William Henry arrived in Guerneville in 1862. He was a lumberman, a powderman, a stumper. At one time he owned as much as five miles of Russian River frontage. The Russian River, located north of San Francisco, is now a major tourist area.

The family owned a hotel and, at one time, the largest saloon in Guerneville. It seems that Mary was the strong one in the family; William Henry could make money but he could not hold onto it. At one time they separated, Mary remaining in Guerneville and William Henry in Sebastapol. He was said to have been the sheriff of Sonoma County and a Justice of the Peace at Sebastapol.

Eventually the family moved to San José where William Henry bought a lumber yard from relatives. It was an unfortunate deal and he lost the business. He died at San José and was buried there.

The Kemptville Advance of August 31, 1904 carried this obituary:

WM. BARTLEY DEAD

"Word was received last week of the death of Wm. Bartley of San Jose, California, and brother of Jared Bartley of Oxford, which sad event occurred on August 9th. Deceased was born near Acton's Corners 60 years ago, being a son of the late Jared Bartley, senior. Thirty-two years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Harris of Oxford, (sister of Hebron Harris of that township) who now survives him, together with six children, five girls and a boy. His loss is also mourned by one surviving sister, Mrs. Wm. Cook, of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

The late William Bartley was a victim of ulcer of the stomach and liver. Four physicians attended him during his last illness, but medical skill was of no avail. The funeral took place at San Jose, the remains being interred at that city of which deceased had been a resident for the past 27 years.

The Advance extends condolences to bereaved friends."

The family does not accept the report that Wm. Henry had lived in San José for twenty-seven years. It is likely that the obituary was written (perhaps by Jared) in Kemptville from a letter received from the family; it does not have the character of an obituary taken from the San José Mercury. The family was certainly in Guerneville in 1885 so their time in San José must have been less than twenty years. In fact, all of the children are reported to have been born in Guerneville and the youngest, Cecilia, was born in 1894.

William Henry was first identified in the San José city directory in 1901. He was reported to be living at 155 Santa Teresa Street and employed was a bartender. Mary's name did not appear but it was not the practice in the early years to report the wife's name in directories. With William lived Miss Addie Bartley.

In 1905 the city directory listed Mrs. Mary Bartley at 378 South 4th Street. With her lived Miss Beatrice, a student, and Norman W., a driver for the Saratoga Mkt. In an unusual item, the directory noted that William Henry died on August 4, 1904.

In 1906 the San José directory reported as in 1905 but in the San Francisco earthquake of that year they lost their house and moved to Oakland. In the directory of 1907/08 there was a note that Mrs. Mary Bartley had "moved to Oakland, Cal." and in the 1909 directory for that city there was a listing under "Bartley" for "Mrs. Mary.....wid Wm....1311 Tyler"; her name did not appear in 1910. Thereafter only Wm. N. was listed.

William Henry was buried in the Oakhill Cemetery in San José. Mary died on October 18, 1910 and was buried in Oakland Evergreen Cemetery at Oakland, California.

### Children of William Henry Bartley and Mary Harris:

Nine children were born to William and Mary, four in Ontario and the remainder in California. Of the four born in Ontario, the oldest died there and two others died soon after the family emigrated to California. Accordingly six children reached adulthood.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Where</u>
Edith Maretta	28/02/74	Oxford	18/07/76	Oxford
Jared	14/12/75	"	03/05/80	Guerneville
Adeline	06/10/77	"		
George Harris	06/03/79	"	13/07/80	Guerneville
Mary Jane	01/04/81	Guerneville		
Clara Ellen	08/01/83	"	04/02/55	Colma
Wm. Norman	22/05/85	"	8/07/73	San José
Beatrice	/04/90	"		
Cecilia	29/11/94	"	07/07/78	San Cruz

### Edith Maretta Bartley:

Maretta was born on February 28, 1874 while the family lived at Burritts Rapids. She was baptised on February 31, 1875 (sic) in the Merrickville Anglican Church. Her mother was baptised on the same day; the baptismal register noted that her father "...works for Harris Barges". On July 16, 1876, Maretta was buried in the Kemptville Anglican cemetery; she had died of sunstroke. There is no local newspaper for that year so it is not possible to learn about the circumstances of the episode. She is buried in a plot beside the plot of her uncle Jared; a small stone marks the location.

### Jared Bartley:

Jared was born on December 14, 1875, the son of William Henry (boatman) and Mary 'Barkley' and baptised on June 4, 1876. The sponsors were Robert and Clarissa Harris and Sara E. 'Barclay'.

In 1880 the family emigrated to Guerneville, California. Jared died on May 3, 1880 and is buried in the Guerneville cemetery. A stone notes that he was the "... eldest s., W.H. & Mary, ae 4ys 4 ms 20 ds".

### Adeline Bartley:

Adeline was born on October 6, 1877 while the family lived in South Gower township, east of Kemptville. She was baptised on June 2, 1878; the sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. John Willis and her parents.

In San José Adeline married Ernest ---?--- who had been born there.

George Harris Bartley:

George Harris was born on March 6, 1879 while the family was living again in Oxford Township. He was baptised on June 5, 1879. The sponsors were Jared 'Barclay' and Mrs. Robert Harris, his grandmother; his grandfather had died in 1877. Obviously the family's emigration to California was after June 5, 1879 and before May 3, 1880, the date of Jared's death. In any case, Jared's death was closely followed by that of George Harris; he died on July 13, 1880 and was also buried in the Guerneville cemetery. His age was recorded as "...4 ms 6 ds" which seems to be in error by one year.

Mary Jane Bartley:

Mary Jane was born on April 1, 1881 at Guerneville, California. She married Anton Galli who was born at San Francisco and died in 1937. He is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Hayward, California.

The children of this marriage were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Where</u>
Henrietta	/ /02	San Franc'co	/ /06	Hayward, Cal.
William	29/08/07	Oakland		
Henrietta	29/08/14	Oakland		
Edmond	15/07/16	Oakland		

Clara Ellen Bartley:

Clara Ellen was born on January 8, 1883 at Guerneville, California. On December 25, 1899 she married Emery Ellis Day who had been born in 1876 at Council Bluff, Iowa.

Emery Ellis died on July 11, 1911 and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Hayward, California. Clara Ellen's second marriage was to Ambrose Saxon who died in 1928 and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Colma, California. In 1930 Clara Ellen married Alexander Piel who died in 1944 and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Clara Ellen died on February 4, 1955; she was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The children of this marriage were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Where</u>
Adeline	29/06/01	San José	29/07/01	San José
Henry Earl	29/06/01	"	04/08/01	"

Bartley Earl	07/12/03	"
Claribel Day	05/09/05	"

William Norman Bartley:

William Norman was born on May 22, 1885 at Guerneville, California. His first marriage was on October 24, 1912 at Oakland to Cecilia Ornbaum who died in 1914. Upon her death he married Rose Catherine Brown in Sonoma, California. William Norman died on July 18, 1973 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in San José. Rose died on January 28, 1934 and was buried in the Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.

The children of these marriages were:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Where</u>
(1)	Wm. Norman	08/03/14	Oakland		
(2)	Alvin Darrel	01/03/24	San José		

Beatrice Bartley:

Beatrice was born in April 1890 at Guerneville, California. In Oakland she married Rollie O'Neal. Beatrice died in 1918. There was a child of the marriage, a son who died in 1917.

After Beatrice' death, Rollie married again but nothing is known of this marriage.

Cecilia Edith Bartley:

Cecilia was born on April 29, 1894 at Guerneville, California. She married Paul Hansen. Upon her death on July 7, 1978 she was cremated at San Cruz, California. Nothing more is known of this marriage.