JANE FENNELL

Jane was born in Montague Township in Ontario on June 2, 1853. The 1861 and 1871 censuses of the township list her as aged 8 and 14 in those two years respectively.

On January 1, 1874, at the residence of her father, (i.e. at the home of Thomas and Ann Fennell on lot 7, concession 7, in Montague) Jane married John Hawkins of Ramsay Township. John was born on August 19, 1847 at Carleton Place, Ontario.

Three hawkins children, John, Harriet Elizabeth and Edward were born on August 19, 1847. The Perth Courier of August 31, 1847 reported the births "...in Ramsay, 19th inst., Mrs. Wm. Hawkins, of three children, two sons and one daughter". Edward died a week later but two survived and on January 1, 1874, John married Jane Fennell.

There were nine children of this marriage:

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Mary A.F.
                September 25,
                                 1874 (bpt. C.P. Ang.)
                                 1876 (" " " " )
Elizabeth
                 April
                            1.
Rebecca A.
                January
                           2.
                                 1880
Elizette
                      January
                                 1,
                                      1882
Lavina J.
                November 30,
                                 1885
                February
Alton
                           5.
                                 1890 |
                            5.
Orvan
                                 1890 |
                           9.
Howard
                June
                                 1891
                           1894 (d. 07/09/06)
Clifton
           July
                      27,
     (C.P. Ang: Carleton Place Anglican church)
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John died in Ontario on March 14, 1894, at the age of 46 years and 7 months; his place of burial is not yet known but there is little doubt that it was in the Anglican cemetery in Carleton Place. By that time all of Jane's family had left Lanark County or had died and it was likely for that reason that she moved to North Dakota where all but Richard and Rebecca lived. Where she lived and how she supported her family there are not known but with Elizette and John she moved to Elm Creek about 1900.

Jane's farm was located near Elm Creek on SW 32, township 8, range 4W, next to the Burrows farm and only one farm distant from John. After about 1910 her sister Rebecca lived in the village.

It is not known whether she remained on the farm until her death nor how she operated the farm. She died on April 26, 1924 and was buried in the Elm Creek cemetery.