

MARY FENNELL

Mary was born on June 1, 1844, the first of the children of Thomas and Ann to have been born in Canada. She was listed in the censuses of 1851, 1861 and 1871 as aged 5, 14 and 23. Her parents were still in Ontario in 1881 but her name did not appear in the census of that year. She would have been about 37 years old suggesting that she might have been working away from home, married or dead.

Neither did her name appear with the family in the 1885 census of North Dakota nor was she listed as a Fennell elsewhere in that census. When her father died in 1890 her name did not appear as an heir-at-law so that it seems fairly clear that she had died before then.

On balance it seems likely that Mary died in Ontario between the dates of the 1871 and the 1881 censuses. It is unfortunate that although a family bible records the dates of death of many of the family members, it does not record hers.