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**CLAYTON BYNG BEDORE \***

A veterans of World War II, Mr. Clayton Byng Bedore passed away at the age of 49 in Belleville General Hospital on Thursday, November 12th, 1970, after a short illness.

The service was conducted by Rev. Capt. J. H. Thompson at the Howden Funeral Home on Sunday, Nov.13th. Burial was in the Legion Plot of Marmora Cemetery.

Mr. Bedore was born and educated in Marmora, son of the late Wilbert Bedore and the former Mary Potts.

He enlisted in 1940 and served overseas until the end of the war with the 61st L.A.D.R.C.E.M.E. attached to the 14th Canadian Armoured Regiment. Calgary Tank.

He took part in the Sicilian Campaign through to the liberation of Holland. He was a Past President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 237 and a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Lucille Leal, one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Brooks (Marie) of London; 3 sons, David of Belleville; James and John of Peterborough; 2 grandchildren; One sister. Mrs. Clifford Goodchild (Doris) of Marmora; Two brothers, Thomas of Marmora; Eric of Peterborough; One sister (Louise) predeceased. His grandfather (Julian Bedore) also survives.

The Royal Canadian Legion Service was conducted at the graveside by Branch 237 members and pallbearers were fellow veterans: Roy Jones, Percy Gray. Wm. MacDonald, Stanley Kerr, Jack Lowery. Robert Gray.

At the Legion Ceremony Last Post and Reveille was played by Brian Radnor and the Lament by Gerard Lucas, both of Havelock.

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**DOROTHY LILY MAY BEDORE**

Dorothy Lily May Bedore, 2 Rose Lane Ave., Marmora, Ontario, died October 16, 1983. in Belleville General Hospital at age 46 after an illness of 10 years.

Born in Peterborough County she was educated at Cordova Public School and lived in Marmora and area all her life. She leaves sons Archie Stalker, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, daughters Connie Ruttan. Marmora, Kathy (Mrs. Andy Wren). Marmora, brothers Ken Ellis, RR 1. Havelock. Don Ellis. Campbellford, Harry Ellis, Calgary, and sister Ilene (Mrs. Glen Kelsh) Newcastle. She was predeceased by one son, Jerry Stalker.

Mrs. Bedore was a member of the Pentecostal Church. Marmora.

Funeral service was held October 20, 1983. at 1 p.m. from the Pentecostal Church. Marmora. Rev.. James Stevenson officiating. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack MacFarlane and Robert Ellis, cousins, and friends Art Putnam. Herb Lake, Harold Whalcn and Paul Donald.

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**ELLEN CATHERINE BEDORE \***

Ellen Catherine Bedore died in her 84th year on September 30, 1993. Mrs. Bedore was a resident of the Caressant Care Nursing Home in Marmora.

Ellen was born in Marmora Township, the daughter of the late William Doyle and Ellen (O'melia). She was the beloved wife of the late John Bedore.

Mrs. Bedore had been ill for two months.

She will be forever remembered by her children William of R.R.2 Campbellford; Bernice Beauliew of Rexdale; and Edward of Marmora.

Ellen will also live on in her eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is survived also by one sister Martha Reynolds of Kingston and was a dear sister to the late Mary Hulsman of Marmora.

Ellen was educated in Marmora Township and attended Sacred Heart Church at Marmora. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League for fifty years.

Her funeral was held on October 2, 1993 at 11 a.m. at the McConnell Funeral Home to the Sacred Heart Church.

Interment was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Officiating Clergyman was Father Granger.

Pallbearers were her three grandsons, Steven Bedore.

Marcel Beauliew and Chris Beauliew; her two nephews.

Leo and Jim Bedore and Sonny Deline.

## **EMMORY BEDORE KILLED BY FALLING TREE \***

Mr. Emmory Bedore, who resided near the fairgrounds, just outside the limits of the village, met with a fatal accident while at work for Mr. John Crawford last Friday afternoon. In company with Gordon Gray, he was cutting timber for Marmora Cooperage Company. They cut one tree down and it fell against another evidently breaking off a limb which was held up by other branches. Mr. Bedore then began to cut down the tree which was holding up the one they had just cut. Without warning the limb, which had been broken off, fell striking the deceased on the top of his head. The limb was about 10 feet long and four inches thick at the bottom and fell about thirty feet with great force.

Medical assistance was immediately summoned and as soon as possible the victim was removed to his home here, but although everything possible was he never rallied and passed away Saturday Night.

The late Emmory Bedore was born on the old homestead in Marmora Township, not far from the village and has lived all his life in this vicinity. His father died at his home in the village just ten days before.

Deceased leaves a wife but no family except an adopted daughter.

He is also survived by four brothers and four sisters all of whom reside in the Village or in Marmora Township. They are Alex, Julian, Frank and George, Mrs. Robert Forsythe, Mrs. Thos. Winfield, Mrs. John Ryan and Miss Polly.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon service being conducted in the Methodist Church by the Rev. W.H. Clarke and interment taking place in Marmora Cemetery.

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## **JOHN ALEXANDER BEDORE \***

John Alexander Bedore, 42 Cameron Street, Marmora, Ontario, died in Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Mon., Nov. 7, 1983, at age 70 after an illness of two months. Born in Orillia, Ontario, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bedore. Mr. Bedore had lived in Marmora for the past 10 years and previous to that in British Columbia.

He leaves his wife Ellen Catherine Doyle Bedore, sons William and Ed of Marmora, daughter Bernice (Mrs. G.B. Beaulieu), Rexdale, Ontario, sisters Rita (Mrs. Dermont Bedore) Marmora, Marie, (Mrs. Stanley Hart), Toronto, brothers Charles, Niagara Falls, New York and Ted, RR2. Marmora. He was predeceased by sisters Myrtle and Laura (Mrs. Bert Brown).

Educated in Marmora Township, Mr. Bedore had been employed in British Columbia as a miner. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and of the Marmora Legion having served overseas.

A Legion service was held at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8, 1983, at Cassidy Funeral Home. Funeral service was held from Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, Wed., Nov. 9, at 11 a.m., Rev. J.P. Carty officiating. Pallbearers were Joe Dubeau, Jim Nobes, Ted Hussey, Harold Doyle, Stan Kerr and Ralph Gray. Cremation.

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## **Grand Old Man Of Hastings Buried In Marmora Cemetery JULIUS BEDORE \***

Funeral service for Julius Bedore, who died at Belleville General Hospital on Wednesday Jan. 3. was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. John Lombard officiated. Mr. Bedore, whose life span was almost a personal parallel to Canada's, nationalhood, died at the age of 104.

He had been in good health until a short time ago, and was affectionately known as the "Grand old man of Hastings Manor", where he had spent his latter years.

Born and educated in Marmora Township when it was a pioneering settlement, son of the late Michael Bedore and Catherine Terrion. he was one year younger than Canada itself. When he was born the British Empire had still to reach its zenith, the West was awaiting settlement and the last spike in the Canadian Pacific Railway would be driven 17 years later. As a centenarian he saw many inventions that changed man's lifestyle. -- aircraft, radio, the automobile, telephone, commercial electricity. At 101 he watched the first man walk on the moon and said "it was one of the most wonderful things that ever happened."

A sawyer by trade, Mr. Bedore worked for many years for the Pearce Lumber Co. and the G. B. Airhart and Son Lumber Company of this area.

One of eleven children, Mr. Julius Bedore was the last surviving member of a long-living family. His father, Michael, who came to this area from Quebec and was Marmora's first shoemaker, died at the age of 96. Three other sons, Alex, George and Frank, died at ages 81, 98 and 99 and two daughters lived to be 96.

His wife, the former Lillian Jones, and only son Wilbert, predeceased him.

He is survived by seven daughters, Mrs. S. C. Boyd (Margaret) of Belleville, Mrs. J. Barradell, (Claire) Florida, Mrs. J. Gordon (Mamie), Florida. Mrs. F. Feeney, (Eilien), Vancouver, Mrs. R. J. Brophy, (Muriel), Montreal, Mrs. J. Berg (Mildred). Bermuda and Mrs. C. Watson (Merrell) of Stirling.

Mr. Bedore also leaves 21 grandchildren and 65 greatgrandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren. His descendants total 105 - one for each year he lived.

Entombment took place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery vault. Arrangements were by the Howden Funeral Home Marmora.

Bearers were eight grandsons: Barry Watson. Kenneth Corner. Charles. Don and Robert Brophy. Fred Blampied, Eric Bedore and Cliff Arquin.

**JULIUS BEDORE \*  
Centenarian Laid to Rest  
MARMORA**

Julius Bedore was laid to rest here Saturday — returned to the Hastings countryside from which he emerged to become one of the longest - lived Canadians of the century.

A simple burial service marked the tranquil end of the 104 years lived by Mr. Bedore — a life span that reached back to the days when this now - prospering community was still in the uncertain throes of settlement.

Until it closed last Wednesday in a Belleville hospital room, his lifetime was a living contact with that era and the evolution of modern times.

It was inevitable that time— and its passing — would be one of the themes expressed at his memorial during the Anglican service in St. Paul's church here. The edifice whose stones today appear venerably timeworn, wasn't built until 1874 — six years after Mr. Bedore was born in the year after Confederation.

"To have 104 years of life is a gift .-...;something that is exceptional,"

Re. John Lombard, rector of St. Paul's told the 60 family members gathered in the church. .

"I don't know how you explain it," admitted the rector. "I found it impossible to comprehend that Mr. Bedore was born as he was — the year after Confederation."

"A person of such great years," said Rev. Lombard, "is someone very, very special : to all of us. It is a privilege to know one ... . It is so unusual, so remarkable. . ."

The brief service ended with the gracefully – timeless Abide With Me, after, which the casket was placed in the vault at the nearby Marmora Protestant cemetery. It will be in this small knoll of ground —which now is flanked by the modern bustle of the Toronto ~~- Ottawa Highway 7 traffic route — that Mr. Bedore will be buried in spring.

From the line of descendants he left — estimated to include close to 100 great- and great - great - grandchildren. — eight grandsons escorted the centenarian to his final resting place as pall bearers. They were Barry Watson, Kenneth Corner, Charles Brophy, Don Brophy. Robert Brophy. Fred Balmpied, Eric Bedore. Cliff Arguin.

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## **MRS. LILLIAN BEDORE \***

After some years of gradually failing health Mrs. Lillian Bedore passed away about 10 o'clock Sunday evening in the Nursing Home in Havelock. She had been confined to her home for the past few years, but when her condition became critical last week she was moved to the Nursing Home where she passed away.

She was born in Marmora Township on the 21st day of February, 1873, her parents being the late Robert and Margaret Jones (nee Jandrew.)

Her grandfather, on the paternal side, was Hugh Jones, reeve of Marmora Township for a number of years in the 1860's. All her life was spent in this district and her friendliness and ready sympathy for others in time of sickness or trouble won her many friends, first in the Jones Settlement and then in Marmora village. A descendant of the early pioneers she had seen many changes during her long life. With her memories of what she had herself seen and what had been told her by her parents and relatives, Mrs. Bedore could tell in a most interesting manner of conditions in the early history of the district and the changes which had gradually taken place. She could also describe many interesting and amusing incidents. She was a devoted member of the Anglican Church and when health permitted a faithful attendant. For years she was a valued member of the Ladies' Guild and helped in other Church activities.

The deceased is survived by her husband Julius Bedore. Their many years of happy married life was blessed with a large family and seven daughters survive. They are Mrs. S. C. Boyd (Maggie), Belleville; Mrs. Charles T. White (Clara) and Mrs. Robert J. Gordon (Mamie), both of Detroit; Mrs. Fred Feeney (Eileen), New Westminster, B. C.; Mrs. R. J. Brophy (Muriel), Verdun, Que.; Mrs. J. H. Berg (Mildred), Bermuda, and Mrs. Clifford Watson (Merle), Whitby. Four other children predeceased her — Robert Eugene, Hannah Helena, Frances Janet and Wilbert. The latter passed away this year and was a veteran of the first World War. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister as follows: Cyrus Jones, London, Ont; Mrs. W. A. Kaitting, Kingston, Ont.; Charles Jones, Havelock and Hugh Jones, Belleville.

There are twenty-three grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon; proceeding from her late residence to St. Paul's Anglican Church where service was conducted by Rev. T. Harvey Good, rector of Madoc Parish. Interment was made in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

## **LOIS BEDORE DIED WHILE SWIMMING IN CROWE RIVER \***

A tragedy occurred Sunday evening when Lois Faye Bedore, youngest daughter of Mrs. Wilbert Bedore and the late Mr. Bedore, passed away while swimming. She was an expert swimmer and enjoyed the pastime. She was in the water alone at the time, at the bathing beach just below the bridge over No. 14 Highway and no other swimmers were around at the time. It is reported one or two people saw her in the water, but knowing how well she could swim did not pay any particular attention, No one knows when she went down but when she did not return home for supper her mother became alarmed and started out to look for her. When she could not be found a search was started. Dragging operations were started and continued throughout the night and all day Monday, except for a short time in the afternoon when the wind became too strong. Others searched the shores but no trace of the missing girl was found during the day. A plane from Trenton, with a mechanical device by which it was possible to see into the water, also joined in the search for a while about noon. The search was resumed early Monday evening and about 10.30 o'clock the body was found in about ten feet of water lying on a ledge of rock near a deep hole. Several boats were close to the spot at that time. Among those around when the body was found was Jack Hickey, Joseph Darrah Lome Gawley, Fred Harvey, her brother Clayton and a number of others. The former two are said to have actually located the body.

The local and provincial police assisted during the day, but were not present when the body was found. They were immediately called and Coroner Dr. S. R. Beatty, of Madoc was summoned.

For years Lois had been subject to occasional epileptic attacks. A medical examination showed that death was due to such an attack. There was no water in her lungs, which was evidence death was not due to drowning. The Coroner decided no inquest was necessary.

The deceased was 19 years and 3 weeks old. She had a good record as a student in the public school and Marmora high school. She also attended Madoc high school for a short time. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Church and for a few years was a member of the junior choir, occasionally taking a solo part. Her mother, Mrs. Bedore, has the sympathy of the community in bereavement. About six months ago she lost both her husband and her father within a few hours of each other.

Besides her mother she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Cliff Goodchild (Doris). Marmora township, and three brothers, Clayton, Marmora; Eric. Havelock; and Thomas, at home. She is also survived by three grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bedore and Mrs. Thos. E. Potts, all of Marmora. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence to St. Andrew's United Church, where service was conducted by Rev. K. J Crawford. Interment was made in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

**MARY ADA BEDORE \***

Mary Ada Bedore of Marmora died at Blue Spruce Haven Rest Home, Deloro, on Tuesday, May 25, 1982 in her 83rd year. She was born in Marmora on November 29, 1899, daughter of the late Thomas and Ada Potts (Walker), wife of the late Wilbert Bedore. She was mother of Eric. Peterborough: Mrs. Clifford Goodchild (Doris) Marmora: Thomas. RR2. Marmora: the late Clayton and Lois Faye and sister of Mrs. Thomas Dickson (Myrtle). Bewdley. the late Gerald and Clayton Potts and Mrs. Tom Pritchard (Gertrude). She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. She rested at the McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora, where the funeral service took place on May 27, 1982, with Rev. Clyde Westhaver officiating. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Bearers were Harry Moffatt, Garnet Brownson, Cecil Neal, W.R. Deering. And nephews Roger and James Dickson.

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**THOMAS WILBERT BEDORE \***

Passed away at Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Trent Hills, On Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Tom was the son of the late Wilbert Bedore and Mary Potts. He was born in Marmora, Ontario on January 25, 1926. He was predeceased by his Siblings: Lois, Clayton and Eric. Surviving family members include his sister, Doris Goodchild, Marmora, and sisters-in-law Lucille Bedore, Marmora and Madge Bedore, Peterborough. A private graveside service will be held in the spring. Donations were requested to the Hospital for Sick Children. Arrangements: McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora.

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**WILBERT BEDORE \***

After long years of suffering, Wilbert Bedore passed away at his home here about noon on Tuesday, January 29th: - He was a veteran, of the First World War, having served overseas during most of the war. While at the front he suffered from gas poisoning and never fully recovered from the effects of it.

The late Wilbert Bedore was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bedore. He was 57 years of age and was a resident of Marmora all his life, except for the time he was on military service. After his discharge from the army he was employed by Deloro Smelting & Refining Co. Ltd. for a time and later was caretaker of Marmora public school for seventeen years until forced to retire by ill health two or three years ago: He had been a member of Marmora Branch No. 237 Canadian Legion ever, since it was organized here and of the War Veterans Association before that. He held various offices in the organization and as long as health permitted took an active part in its various activities.

He was married to Mary Potts, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Potts, who survives him with three sons and two daughters: Eric Bedore, Havelock; Clayton and Thomas, Mrs. Clifford Goodchild (Doris) and Lois, all of Marmora. He is also survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bedore, and seven sisters. They are Mrs. Maggie Boyd, Belleville; Mrs. Clara White and (Mrs. Bob Gordon (Mamie), Detroit; Mrs. Fred Feeney (Eileen), Vancouver, B.C; Mrs. Rod Brophy (Muriel), Montreal; Mrs. John Berg (Mildred), Hamilton, Bermuda; and Mrs. Clifford Watson (Merle). Whitby, Ont.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at the same time as that of his father-in-law, Thomas E. Potts. Service will be conducted in St. Andrew's United Church and the remains will be placed in the new vault in Marmora Protestant cemetery until spring.

The funeral will be under the auspices of Marmora Branch No. 237, Canadian Legion.

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