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### **DEATH OF MR. THOMAS BELL.**

The death occurred on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Wright, Of Mr. Thos Bell, one of Marmora's oldest citizens . Deceased has been a resident of Marmora for about thirty years, and has made many friends who will regret his demise. Mr. Bell came here from Stirling where he conducted a furniture business for many years. The funeral took place from the home of Mrs. Wright at 10:30. this morning to the Marmora cemetery. The. Rev. A. L. Brown officiating.

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### **DEATH OF MRS.BELL \***

Another of the older residents of the village passed away on Tuesday, in the person of Mrs. Esther Bell, widow of the late Wm. Bell, at the ripe age of eighty-two years Deceased had been in poor health for part of the winter, but was able to be around again, until the beginning of the week, when she became much worse. She was taken to the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Wm Wilkins and quietly passed away as above stated Mr. and Mrs. Bell came to Marmora nearly fifty years ago when our Village was known as “ the Works”. Both were born in Ireland. Mr Bell was a veteran of the American Civil War, He predeceased his wife some twelve years ago. The late Mrs. Bell was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and until the past winter was seldom absent from a church service or Sunday School. She was respected by all who knew her. She is survived by one son, Mr. John Bell, of Malone, and one daughter Mrs. Thos. Downard of Cobalt.

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### **VERNA ELLA BELL**

Funeral service for Verna Ella Bell was conducted at the Cassidy Funeral Home, Marmora. Saturday, July 31. 1982, by Lieutenant Dixon of the Salvation Army followed by interment in Marmora Cemetery.

Mrs. Bell. 67, died July 28 at her residence, the Bell Vista Motel on Matthew Street. She had been ill five months. A native of Kingsbury, Quebec, she had lived in North Bay for 22 years before coming to Marmora five years ago. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Edward Morrison. Her husband, Harry Bell, survives as well as three daughters, Karen (Mrs. Roy McNeil), Toronto; Greta (Mrs. Robert Croni), Italy and Shirley Jensen, Kingston. Also surviving are a brother. Ernest Morrison, Longueuil, Quebec and half-brothers, Joseph R. Morrison, Pembroke, Ont.; Lennox. Calgary; Roderick, Kingsbury, Que.; Robert, Edmonton and George, Red Deer, Alta. Bearers were Alex, Danny, Eddie and Darrell McNeil Oldfield and Ronnie Gallic

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### **JAMES A. BELL \***

A well known and respected resident of Marmora passed away in Peterborough Civic Hospital on Tuesday, December 30th. 1954, in the person of James A. Bell, in his 71st. year. The deceased became ill on Tuesday and was conveyed to the hospital Thursday morning where he passed away that same evening. The late Mr. Bell, was born in Marmora Township a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. As a young man he went to Western Canada where he resided until the First World War when he enlisted with the Canadian Engineers and went overseas during the first years of the war.

On his return he resided for a time in Niagara Falls, N.Y. then at Sulphide, and finally settled on a farm in Marmora Township where he lived until about five years ago, when he erected a house in Marmora village and moved there.

The deceased was a popular and highly respected citizen. He was a member of the United Church. In politics he was a Conservative and was always loyal to his beliefs. He was also a member of Marmora Branch No. 237 Canadian Legion. His wife has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion.

Besides his wife, the former Mary Lucas, is survived by three sons, Cecil, Leslie and Borden, all of Marmora village, and one daughter" Mrs. John (Mildred) McGregor, of Marmora Township. There are also two brothers John A., of Marmora Township, and William Bell, of Lanigan, Sask, and one sister, Mrs. Earl Wells, of Marmora Township.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his son, Cecil Bell, to St. Andrew's United Church where service was conducted by the Rev. K. J. Crawford, B.A., B.D. The funeral was under the auspices of Marmora Branch of the Canadian Legion and the last rites of the organizations at the Committal Service were taken by Past Chaplain W. J. Cottrell. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Buglar Robert Sanderson.

Entombment was made in the vault at Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Thomas J. Bateman, Arthur Tompkins, Richard Moloney, William Flynn, Nathan Mumby and George Fox.

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### **MARY STELLA BELL \***

Mary Stella Bell, a resident of the Hastings County Manor in Belleville, and a former Marmora resident, died in Belleville General Hospital on Friday. January 4.

Mrs. Bell was born in Hungerford Township, the daughter of the late John and Jane (Akey) Lucas. She was educated in Hungerford. married James A. Bell and lived in Marmora until 6 years ago when she went to the Hastings County Manor.

Mrs. Bell leaves sons Cecil, Leslie and Borden, all of Marmora and a daughter, Mildred (Mrs. John McGregor) of R.R. 1. Havelock. as well as a sister. Alma (Mrs. William Caul) of Tweed. 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband and by her brother George Lucas. Mrs. Bell was a housewife, a member of St. Andrew's United Church and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 237.

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## **CECIL F. BENNETT**

Cecil F. Bennett of 6 Madoc St., Marmora, died in Belleville General hospital on Wednesday, November 7, 1978 after a four month illness. He was 69.

Mr. Bennett was born in Rockcroft, Ontario and educated in Buckhorn; he was an employee of the Marmoraton Mining Company up until his retirement.

He leaves six children: Bert of Belleville, Betty (Mrs. Eugene Dafoe) of Havelock, Barbara (Mrs. Bev Munroe) and Beverly (Mrs. Gordon Munroe) of Havelock, Brian of Peterborough and Barry of Belleville. He is also survived by two brothers - Amox of Nephton and Cameron of Apsley.

Mr. Bennett was a member of the Pentecostal Church. Burial was from the Cassidy Funeral Home in Marmora to the Marmora Cemetery with the Reverend James Stevenson officiating. Pall-bearers included Allan Revere, Cecil Bell, Roy Frost, Al Wells, Rob Bennett and Doug Bennett.

## **ANGELINE BENTLEY**

On Saturday morning, Jan. 22nd, Angeline Bentley entered into rest, in her 90th year. She was born in Waddington, N. Y., in the year of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, but had resided in Canada for over seventy years, and nearly all that time had lived in Marmora. Her father, the late David Bentley, and family came here, as he was appointed manager of "The Works" a smelting plant which made pig iron from the ore taken from Blairton iron mine, which was in operation at that time. At that time the only name of the place was "The Works," the name of Marmora being adopted a little later. The Bentleys first lived where The Royal Hotel now stands, and then for a number of years had the residence now owned by Mr. Marett, When the residence was sold to the late Rev. C. M. Harris, the deceased and her sister had the house erected where she lived in recent years and where she passed.

Following the example of her parents, the deceased took an active interest in the Anglican church here and everything pertaining to it. She was instrumental in the founding of the first Sunday School in the village and was its Superintendent for a period of forty years. She was also postmistress of Marmora for quite a number of years, and had a very wide circle of friends.

For a number of years she had been confined to her home through affliction, but she proved a very cheerful invalid. It was a real pleasure to hear her recount events which occurred in the early days of Marmora. She was a cultured conversationalist and possessed a wonderful memory to the last. Her end was peaceful. Sincerest sympathy is extended her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Bennett, from whose devoted care God has called her.

The funeral service was conducted in St. Paul's church on Monday morning by Rev. A. B. Caldwell. Among the hymns sung was her favorite "Jerusalem the Golden." Interment took place in the family plot in Marmora cemetery.

### **AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH AT DELORO – KUST BIKKI**

An unfortunate accident, and the only fatal one since its inception, occurred at the plant of the Deloro Mining and Reduction Co., last Friday morning. The victim, Kust Bikki by name (a native of Finland,) was caught between an ascending elevator and the floor above in such a manner as to cause dislocation of the spine and instant death. So far as could be ascertained, there was no actual necessity for Bikki in the spot where he met with his death. Why he was there and what move he made that led to his being caught and crushed with such sudden and dire result will always remain an inexplicable mystery as the only other person near was the employee in charge of the elevator who was standing with his back to the position which must have been occupied by Bikki and whose first realization of the unfortunate man's predicament came from the stopping of the elevator by its impact against his body, then the elevator was at once reversed, but too late, Bikki's life being crushed out. Coroner Dr. Harper of Madoc was at once notified of the occurrence, but upon arriving at Deloro and hearing the circumstances of it decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. P. Kirkegaard, manager of D. M. & R. Co., then directed that the body be prepared for burial and arranged for its proper interment in Marmora cemetery.

On last Sunday morning, the funeral cortege leaving Deloro at eleven o'clock and reaching St. Paul's Church an hour later, where the solemn burial service of the church of England was conducted by Rev. C. M. Harris, who also officiated at the graveside. Countrymen of the deceased all of them employees of the D. M. & R. Co., were pall-bearers and mourners and Mr. Kirkegaard with many of his employees were noticed as amongst those present at the last sad rites.

**MRS. FRANK BILLINGS \***

Mrs. Lavina Gertrude Billings, a respected resident of Marmora Township passed away at her residence at Lot 17, Concession 3, of Marmora Township on Wednesday, July 6th, 1960. in her 77th year.

Mrs. Billings was born in Marmora Township, a daughter of the late, Valentine Tennyson and Rachael Baker. Most of her life was spent in high esteem. She was married three times. Her first two husbands John Brooks and Angus Brownson predeceased her.

She is survived by her husband Frank Billings and one daughter Mrs Leonard Carman (Marie) of Marmora Township. There is also one grand child.

She was a member of St Andrew's United Church, Marmora.

The funeral was held on Saturday, July 9th with service at 2.00 p.m. at the Howden Funeral Home, Marmora, conducted by Rev. Maurice McLeod.

Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The Pall bearers were Ross Carman Arthur Carman, Everett Barrons, Donald Shannon, Sr., Pat O'Neill and Harry Moffatt.

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**RICHARD FRANKLIN BILLINGS \***

Richard Billings of R.R. 1, Marmora passed away Friday, June 3rd, at Bellville General Hospital in his 84th year.

He was born in Marmora Twp to the late William Billings and the late Charity Cole. Mr. Billings was educated in Marmora Township as well and was a retired farmer at the time of his death. He belonged to the United Church. He was married to the late Lavina Gertrude Tennyson. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Carman (Marie) Marmora Twp. and one grandson Ricky. Being the last of his family, Mr. Billings is predeceased by one sister. Mrs. Fred Burns and three brothers, Vernon, Wellington and Jesse.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 6th, at 1 p.m. at the Howden Funeral Home, thence to Marmora Protestant Cemetery. The Rev. J. M. D. McLeod officiated.

Pallbearers were Harry Moffatt, Arthur Carman, Mike Shannon, Irvin McCoy, John Davidson and Joe Maloney.

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## **WELLINGTON BILLINGS \***

On Sunday, December 30th, after a number of years of failing health, Wellington Billings passed away at the home of his brother, Frank Billings, in Marmora Township. He was born in Brighton township, but when about two years of age moved with his parents to Methuen township just across from Lake township. Later they moved to Marmora Township, where the deceased had resided ever since. .

Mr. Billings was a member of Marmora and Lake Council for a number of years. For over 25 years he was also an active and valued member of the Board of Directors of Marmora Agricultural Society.

In 1904 he was married to Mary L. Tennyson, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Tennyson. They purchased a farm on the Cordova road, North Marmora, where they lived until Mrs. Billings predeceased him on, April 16th, 1948. Since then he had lived part of the time at his own home, but mostly with his brother, Frank.

The late Wellington Billings was held in high esteem and had a great many friends. He was kindly and sympathetic and always ready to help those in trouble. For quite a number of years he was school attendance officer for Marmora township and he always performed his duties conscientiously but in a kindly manner. He (came) from the township to visit The Herald after the writer took it over 45 years ago and down through the years his frequent visits were always enjoyed. He took a keen interest in municipal affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Billings had no children and his brother, Frank Billings is the only survivor of the Billings family.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, proceeding from the residence of his brother to St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, for service. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. .L. Ball, District' Supt. Of the Free Methodist Church, owing to the illness of Rev. Geo.D. Young.

Mr. Ball delivered an impressive sermon. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery. The pall bearers were Irwin McCoy, Thos. Bateman, Ross Carman, Arthur Carman, Joe Clemenger and Harry Moffatt.

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## **WILLIAM H. BILLINGS \***

William H. Billings , an aged and highly respected resident of the Township passed away on Monday, Sept. 9th, in his" 81st year. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Wellington, Jesse and Frank and one daughter, Mrs. Fred Burns. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon L.O.L. 319 auspices in Marmora Methodist Church.

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## **MRS. WILLIAM BILLINGS \***

After a comparatively short illness Mrs. Charity Emily Billings, widow of the late William Billings, passed away about midnight, Saturday, August 5th, in her 85th year. Two or three weeks ago she was overcome by the intense heat and had gradually weakened since, but was conscious until the end.

The late Mrs. Billings was born on June 20th, 1848 and was the last surviving member of a family of ten children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. John Cole.

Her early life was spent in the township of Murray. About 68 years ago she was married to William Billings who predeceased her nearly nine years ago. For a few years they lived in Northumberland County and then moved to the Vansickle Settlement in 1876. Later they lived on other farms in Marmora Township for a few years and forty-three years ago took up their residence on the farm now owned by their sons, Jesse and Frank, where they spent the remainder of their lives. For years they lived the life of pioneers, with hard work and many privations, but they were contented and happy and their home was noted for its hospitality and good cheer.

The late Mrs. Billings was a woman of kindly Christian character and a \_\_\_\_\_(morally)? placed disposition. She was a devoted wife and mother, a sympathetic and genial neighbour, and a friend to all who came to know her especially any one in trouble..

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Fred Burns of Marmora, and three sons, Wellington, Jesse and Frank, all of Marmora township. Another son, Burnham passed away 39 years ago.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends and neighbours. Service was conducted at St. Andrew's United church and interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C.W. Hollingsworth, pastor of the church.

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## **MARMORA BOY KILLED INSTANTLY – CHARLES PETER BINGHAM**

Charles Peter Bingham, 18-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingham was instantly killed when his car went out of control on No. 7 Highway about one and a half miles east of Marmora early Sunday morning, January 1st. The car struck a railway warning sign and left the road on the north side crashing into some trees. The vehicle a light Studebaker sports model was completely demolished and young Bingham was thrown out striking his head against a tree. A companion in the car Donald Wright, also 18, was thrown into the back seat but was not seriously injured. The Provincial Police are investigating the accident and an inquest may be held to determine the cause. Charles Bingham was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, a son of Robert Bingham and his wife, the former Laura Tanzella. He attended schools in Norwood, Marmora and Madoc. He came to Marmora about seven years ago when Mr. Bingham joined the staff at Marmoraton Iron Mine. This year he was a student in Grade 13 at Madoc High School. He was popular with his fellow students and last year was a member of the Student Council. He was a member of St. Andrew's United Church. Besides his parents he is survived by one sister, Ann, at home and his grandmother, Mrs. D. Tanzella of Caston, Pa.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd, with service at St. Andrew's United Church, conducted by Rev. Maurice McLeod at 2.30 P.M. Marmora High School staff and students attended the funeral in body and the church was filled with friends of the boy and his family. Interment was in the vault at Marmora Protestant Cemetery. The pall bearers were Harold Moloney, Garry Kelly, Lawrence Bateman, William Flynn, David Bedore and William Cronkright.

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## **MORE ON CHARLES BINGHAM – INQUEST**

Charles Bingham was found about 10 feet from the car where he had been thrown against a tree and Donald Wright was lying in the rear seat of the car in a dazed condition. The car was badly smashed on the right side and the motor was thrown onto the travelled portion of the highway. It was evident that excessive speed had contributed to the accident. It had been impossible to determine which one had been driving. The youths had previously attended a New Year's Party at the residence of Pat McCrodan and Mr. McCrodan was the next witness called. He described the party at his home and slated the two boys had arrived between 11.30 and 11.45 with two girls from Madoc. He stated that the guests at the party were dancing and talking and listening to a tape recorder and that there was some liquor there, each person having brought their own. Don Wright and Charles Bingham had brought a bottle of Rye whiskey which was about half gone. Bingham had become ill at the party and had been taken outside. Later Wright had started an argument with Michael Kouri and had been asked to leave. He had not seen them get into their car to leave.

Robert Jenkins of the West End Cities Service Garage was called to describe the condition of the vehicle when he went to tow it to the garage. The damage was practically all on the right hand side of the vehicle and it appeared that the car had swung around and gone into the trees backwards. The right front tire was flat due to the fact that the wheel was bent letting the air escape. The tires were all in good shape with no cuts or blowouts and the steering appeared to have been in good condition.

Charles Bingham's shoes were found in the car still laced up, one of them in the back seat and the other jammed into the front right corner between the side panel and the floor of the car, in the position where one might normally have had their right foot if sitting on the right side of the front seat.

Elaine Wickens and Jane Rupert, both of Madoc gave evidence that they had accompanied the boys to the party. They had left home about 10.15 and had gone to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Walker where they had spent an hour. They arrived at the McCrodan home between 11.30 and 11.45. They had not seen either boy take a drink or have any liquor at any time before reaching the party. Later they wished to go home but did not want to go with the two boys.

M. Kouri and Patricia Spry offered to drive them home to Madoc They had left in Kouri's car and driven to Miss Spry's residence where they had changed to her car and then had returned to McCrodan's to pick up a purse. They had come on the accident on their way to Madoc and had stopped. Kouri remained at the accident and the others returned to town to get the police and a doctor. Miss Rupert had stayed at McCrodan's and later been driven home by Leo Darrah. Miss Spry, Miss Wickens and Pat McCrodan returned to the accident and later brought Don Wright, home before taking Miss Wickens home.



Mr. Price Morris of Frankford was the next witness. He had been proceeding to Eldorado and was the first person to come to the accident scene. He saw Wright, in the back seat but did not see Bingham. He returned to Marmora to get help. He did not know who had been driving.

Patricia Spry told pretty much the same story as the two former girls and stated that she did not know which one of the boys had been driving the car when they left the party.

Clifford Ellis was at the party when the two girls and Wright and Bingham arrived. He had seen both boys take a drink. Later he helped Bingham outside, when he became ill and later helped to break up an argument between Wright and Kouri and had taken Wright outside. He had taken them outside so they would not do any damage in the house. He did not see either of them get into the car to leave.

Bill Sabine was not at the party when the four had arrived. He did say he could not find Charles. He sent the girls back for help and stayed at the accident. Later Lawrence Bedore arrived with a flashlight and they discovered Bingham's body. Dr. Par kin arrived and examined Wright and Kouri and Miss Spry took him home. He had not talked with Wright since the accident.

Gordon Uniacke, Leo Darrah, Evelyn Buchanan, Carol McCrodan, Keith and Mrs. Keith Lynch, Josephine Price, Ronald Stephens, Anne Marie Bedore, Jean Provost, Eleanor Brummel were all called but none of them could add anything to the facts the others had given and none of them had seen the boys get into their car to leave.

Donald Wright was called to the stand and gave, an outline of his activities during the day and evening. He had picked up Charles Bingham in the afternoon and they had gone to Ivanhoe to ask the girls to go to the party. They had bought a bottle of whiskey but he refused to tell who had got it for them. He said they had not been drinking before the party and he had taken the bottle into the McCrodan kitchen and poured a drink for himself and for Charles.

He said Charles became sick after midnight and he could not remember anything else that happened that night but he remembered drinking from the bottle until it was empty.

He had no idea who was driving the car when the accident occurred.

Corporal Sears was the last witness and he explained the accident as he thought it must have happened.

The jury was an hour reaching a verdict which was as follows.

"Charles Bingham came to his death 01 miles east of C.N.R. railway crossing No. 42 on Highway No. 7 in Marmora Township as a result of multiple fractures of the skull as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

Even though some of the evidence appears pointed we believe it to be circumstantial and not conclusive as to who the driver was on Jan. 1st, 1961. Therefor we consider the driver unknown, from the evidence received today.

We believe that alcohol was a contributing cause of the accident and we recommend that further investigation should be made as to the source of minors procuring illegal alcoholic beverages."

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## **ROBERT WALKER BINGHAM**

Robert Walker Bingham of Marmora died in the Campbellford Memorial Hospital on September 14. He was 66 years of age. Mr. Bingham was born the son of Samuel Frederick and Lizzie Bingham in Powassan, Ontario on February 13, 1912. He had lived in Marmora for the past 27 years and was a retired employee of the Marmora Mining Company at the time of his death. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Norwood Masonic Lodge A.F. and A.M. No. 223 G.R.C. Mr. Bingham leaves his wife, Bertha, and four sisters - Mrs. Edna Willoughby and Kay Hoaken, both of Toronto, and Miss Margaret Bingham and Mrs. Dorothy Elliot, both of Edmonton.

The funeral was held from the Howden Funeral Home on Saturday, September 16 with the Reverend A.H. Perry, assisted by the Reverend E.S. Bull, presiding. Burial was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Pallbearers were Sid Demorest, Ray Smith, Francis Rothermel, Stan Reynolds all of Marmora, Keith Hearn of Richmond Hill and Ralph Perry of Uxbridge.

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## **EDITH LILLIE BISHOP \***

Mrs. Edith Lillie Bishop of Marmora passed away at CaressantCare Nursing Home on June 6 in her 87th year

.Mrs. Bishop was born in Rawdon Township but resided the majority of her life in Marmora. She was the daughter of David and Sarah Bowen and wife to predeceased William Bishop. Edith is survived by her children: Jean McCann, of RR#2Marmora and Helen Yearwood and Husband Don, of Cloyne. She was loved by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bishop was the dear sister of the late May Gray, Annie McGarvey, Cassie Gray and Archie Bowen.

Edith's life included a education in Marmora, belonging to St Andrews United Church and being a homemaker.

A funeral service held June 9 at McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora, and was officiated by Rev. Kim Warne.

Pallbearers included David Lowery, Ron Smith and Don Martin, and three nephews: Kevin Fox, Bill Deline and Jim Cuddy.

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## **MARY LUELLA BLACK**

Mary Luella Black, 62 Bursthall Street. Marmora, died October 24, in Ottawa Riverside Hospital. She was 76.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Bennett, she was born in Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

Surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline, West Hill, Ont., and a son Richard, Ottawa.

Mrs. Black was a member of St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, and of the Eastern Star, Red Cross. IODE and Rebekah Lodge, which held a memorial service at the McConnell Funeral Home. October 26.

Funeral service was conducted at St. Andrew's by Rev. Clyde Westhaver on October 27.

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## **MRS. CLARA BLAKELY \***

A former resident of Marmora Village and Marmora Township, Mrs. John Blakely, passed away in Belleville General Hospital on Friday, November 2nd, in her 78th year.

Mrs. Blakely was born at Sulphide and spent her early life in that area. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young. Much of her married life was spent in Marmora township where she was known as a good neighbour and friend. She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

For the past few years she had resided at the Hastings County Home for the Aged. Her husband predeceased her about three years ago.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. T. Hamilton (Pearl), of Toronto; Miss Mabel Blakely of Philadelphia; Earl of Nepton and Charles of Marmora Township. There is also one sister, Mrs. Mabel Rutter, of Picton, and three brothers William and Willard Young of Sulphide and Cameron of Belleville, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the Howden Funeral Home to St. Paul's Anglican Church where service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Stewart. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Jas. Fluke, Les. Bell, Bruce Young. Harold Bodham, Wm. Young Sr. and Wm. Young, Jr.

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## **MR. GEORGE.BLAKELY \***

Mr. George.Blakely. one of the oldest residents of Marmora township, passed away at the home of his son John, on Monday, March 19th. Deceased was eighty years or ago. The funeral took place yesterday. service being conducted by Rev. C. M. Harris.

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## **JOHN ALBERT BLAKELY \***

John A. "Jack" Blakely passed away on Saturday in Belleville following a short illness. He was in his 78th year. Mr. Blakely was born in Marmora Township, a son of the late George Blakely and his wife the former Mary Ann Sheridan. He attended school in Marmora Township and had spent all his life in the Township or village with the exception of a few years when he was employed in Toronto. About the first of November he and Mrs. Blakely had gone to the Hastings County Home for the Aged where they had been quite happy all winter.

He is survived by his wife, the former Clara Young, two daughters, Miss Mabel Blakely of Philadelphia, U. S. A. and Mrs. Roy Mayhew (Pearl) of Toronto; two sons, Earl of Nepton and Charles A. of Marmora Township; three sisters, Mrs. Anne Gray and Mrs. Burt Howe of Trenton and Mrs. Marshall Fair of British Columbia; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Howden Funeral Home, Marmora, to St. Paul's Church where services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Fleming. Interment was in the vault at Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Peter Quinn, Carl Howe, Alex McCoy, Bruce Young, Roy Howe and John Howe.

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## **THE BLEECKER MARMORA PROTESTANT CEMETERY FAMILY PLOT**

Researched by Gerald Belanger, September 2002,  
FRONT SIDE READS 16

### **George W. Bleecker \***

Born April 27, 1824

Died June 17, 1895

His wife

### **Sarah M. Johns \***

Born April 8, 1839

Died Feb 17, 1927

LEFT-HAND SIDE READS

### **James R. Bleecker**

Born Oct 6, 1876

Died April 28, 1880

### **Jennie May Bleecker**

Born Dec 19, 1878

Died Feb 18, 1885

**Maggie A. Bleecker**

Born July 30, 1865

Died May 2, 1889

**W.F Bleecker**

Born Aug 15, 1868

Died Oct 17, 1910

**J. Gilbert Bleecker**

Born Jun 9, 1872

Died Mar 7, 1933

BACK SIDE READS

**Charles A. Bleecker**

Born Sep 2, 1857

Died Mar 13, 1945

His wife

**Cora A. Powers**

Born Mar 27, 1865

Died Dec 12, 1951

**E.C Bleecker**

Eldest son of C.A. Bleecker

Born Mar 20, 1887

Died Nov 23, 1913

**Howard Bleecker**

Born Jan 1, 1902

Died Jan 18, 1995

His wife

**Marjorie E. Innis**

Born Jul 9, 1918

Died Sep 16, 2000

**G.B Bleecker**

Born Feb 18, 1861

Died Jul 10, 1903

His wife

**Elizabeth M. Waterhouse nee Bowen**

Born Feb 8, 1868

Died Mar 23, 1909

Children of George W. Bleecker and Sarah M

**MRS. ANNIE BLEECKER \***

A former highly esteemed resident of Marmora Village passed away at Long Beach, California, on February 19th, in the person of Mrs. Annie Bleecker, widow of the late (William) Frederick Bleecker. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McWilliams and was born in Marmora sixty five years ago. She was married to the late Frederick Bleecker and both belonged to families prominent in the early history of Marmora. For quite a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bleecker resided in the brick house on Madoc street which is now the United Church parsonage. Both were widely known and had many friends. Mr. Bleecker passed away in 1910.

The late Mrs. Bleecker moved from Marmora to Windsor in 1914 where she resided until 1923. In the latter year she moved to Long Beach, Cal., where she had since resided with her daughter Dora. She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Ellis, of Windsor, and Miss Dora, of Long Beach, Cal. One brother, Mr. John McWilliams, of Vancouver, B. C., also survives. The funeral service and interment took place at Long Beach, Cal.

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**CAPT. CHARLES A. BLEECKER \***

After several months of failing health Capt. Charles A. Bleecker passed away at his home in the village Tuesday morning, March 13th, aged 87 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bleecker and was born in the residence now owned by Dr. H. Crawford. It is one of the eldest buildings in Marmora, and was first a log building, then a frame house and for many years a fine brick residence. (5 Forsyth St – The Dr. Parkin House)

Almost from the earliest days of the village the Bleeckers played an important part in its business and municipal life. When Marmora township was first organized, the late George Bleecker was appointed its first treasurer and he was succeeded by his son, Chas. A. Bleecker, who has held it ever since. It is unique record for father and son to hold a municipal office for upwards of 90 years.

In 1903, when Marmora was incorporated as a village and separate municipality. C. A. Bleecker was appointed its first treasurer and has held the office ever since, as well as that of township treasurer. He has also held other municipal offices, including that of tax collector, at various times.

When Marmora village purchased the local electric lighting system and became one of the municipalities in the Ontario Hydro Electric system, Mr. Bleecker was appointed secretary-treasurer and manager by the local Commission and has also held that office ever since.

He was also secretary-treasurer of Marmora Agricultural Society for a number of years and trustee of Marmora Protestant Cemetery Board.

In the early days of the village the late George Bleecker carried on a general store business in the building now occupied by Fred Lee as a harness shop. In those days there were no railroads in this part of the country and not even a good wagon road. All goods had to be hauled from Belleville and a trip to the city was quite an event. His sons George, Charles and Fred assisted with the business, an important part of which was furnishing supplies for the big lumber camps. "The Bleecker toys." as they were called in those days, were widely known and very popular.

As a young man Mr. Bleecker learned the tailoring trade and became an expert. For years he conducted a tailor shop in connection with the Bleecker store and enjoyed, a large patronage.

Some years after the death of their father the sons sold the business to the late J. W. Pearce.

The late C. A. Bleecker always took a keen interest in military matters. Year after year he took a company to Barriefield Camp near Kingston, and was frequently complimented on the smart appearance of his men and the manner in which they were trained. He attained the rank of Captain with the old 49th Regiment and was in command of a company of the 155th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, when it was mobilized during the first World War. One of his greatest disappointments was when he was refused permission to accompany the Battalion overseas for active service. His fine work as recruiting officer during the war was perhaps of even greater service to Canada.

After the C. P. Railway line was constructed from Montreal to Toronto the late Fred Bleecker was appointed local ticket agent for Marmora. Before automobiles became numerous there was a lot of passenger traffic from Marmora, Deloro and district and the office did a thriving ticket business. On the death of his brother, C. A. Bleecker was appointed agent and he also took over the insurance business.

Over 59 years ago Chas. A. Bleecker was united in marriage to Cora A. Powers, and soon, after they erected the fine brick residence on Madoc Street in which they have since resided. In 1936 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and a host of friends joined in extending best wishes and congratulations. Devoted to each other, they found happiness and satisfaction in working together in both home and office. They were also among the first to build a summer home at Crowe Lake and they loved their summers there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bleecker had the faculty of making and keeping friends.

Besides his wife he leaves a family of two sons, Roy, of Portland, Oregon and Major Howard Bleecker, of Camp Borden. He is also survived by one brother, Frank, of Le Masa, California and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Mulloy, of San Francisco, Cal. Miss Miriam Savage, who has been a member of the household for several years was like a daughter to the deceased.

The funeral was held this forenoon under the auspices of Marmora Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 222, of which Mr. Bleecker was a life member. In 1944 he was presented with a special

jewel as a member of the Craft for fifty years. He was also a member of Springbrook I.O.O.F. Lodge. In religion he was for many years a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and a

Conservative in politics. Some years ago he was made an honorary member of Marmora Branch No. 237 of the Canadian Legion. The funeral service was held in St. Paul's church and was conducted by Rev. J. M. Brownlie, the rector. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

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## **MRS CORA A. BLEECKER \***

A long and very busy life ended last Wednesday evening when Mrs. Cora Alice Bleecker passed away. She had been in poor health for a year or two and as she was in her 88th year death came as a welcome relief.

In 1884 Cora Alice Powers, a native of Clark township, came to Marmora as a school teacher. School was then held in the building on Hayes street now occupied as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet. A little later she was married to Charles A. Bleecker, son of George W. Bleecker one of Marmora's pioneer business men. Chas. A. Bleecker also played an important part in the business life of the community for many years and Mrs. Bleecker carried a full share of the work and responsibility in his various activities. They were a devoted couple and lived a long and happy married life, celebrating their golden wedding a couple of years before Mr. Bleecker passed away in 1917.

The late Mr. Bleecker retired from mercantile life a few years after the village was incorporated. He was treasurer of Marmora and Lake Townships and also of Marmora village from the time it was incorporated until his death. He was also local ticket agent for the Canadian Pacific Railways and before automobiles came into general use the C.P.R. did a fine business here. He also had a large insurance business. In all these Mrs. Bleecker was his assistant, doing much of the clerical work- She was a keen and efficient business woman and greatly enjoyed the work.

In addition the late Mrs. Bleecker played an important part in social activities in the village. She was one of the organizers and charter members of Marmora Women's Institute and was president for several years. She was also a leader in the movement for the establishment of a public library here and aided a great deal in its success for a long period. She also held various offices in North Hastings District Women's Institute and in honor of her services was made a life member of Marmora Institute.

For a few years Mr. Bleecker was secretary-treasurer of Marmora Agricultural Society and Mrs. Bleecker did much of the clerical work. She was also a lady director for years and in the capacity rendered very valuable assistance to the Society. She took a keen interest in municipal affairs and served a couple of terms as a member of the Public School Board. She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church almost from the time she first came to Marmora. She was a member of the Ladies Guild from the time it was organized and from time to time assisted in various other movements for the welfare of the village.

The late Mrs. Bleecker is survived by two sons, Roy, of Portland, Oregon; and Howard, of Toronto. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Maxfield Sheppard, of Windsor.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, service being conducted in St. Paul's Church by Canon J. M. Brownlie. Interment took place in the family plot in Marmora Protestant cemetery, the committal service also being conducted by Canon Brownlie.

The pall bearers were D. E. Bell, G. Murray, E. D. O'Connor, V. M. Lynch, W. D. Lavender and J. L. Shannon.



## **CROSSED THE DARK RIVER**

### **MRS. ELIZABETH M. BLEECKER PASSES AWAY \***

#### **ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

After about six weeks' illness of typhoid fever Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bleecker widow of the late George B. Bleecker, passed to the great majority on Tuesday afternoon, March 23rd, aged 41 years. Her mother, the late Mrs. Mary J. Bowen, predeceased her just one month ago on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Although Mrs. Bleecker had been seriously ill for several weeks, no fatal results were anticipated until Monday forenoon when hemorrhage of the bowel set in.

Dr. Bingham, an eminent specialist of Toronto, was hastily summoned, but when he arrived Monday evening found she was beyond human aid and she passed away as above stated.

Deceased came to Marmora as a little girl and has lived here ever since and during that time was one of its most popular residents, and her death has caused a feeling of sadness and regret throughout the village. She was an active member of St. Paul's church having been organist for a number of years and her services will be much missed by the congregation, though not more than her kind and winning personality. Being an accomplished pianist and a gifted singer, she was prominent in social and musical circles, and her death will be felt as a personal loss by many. She leaves two sons, George and McLaren, to mourn her loss. They have the sympathy of the whole village in this double bereavement, especially as it breaks up the home.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, service being conducted at the house of Rev. C.M. Harris, and interment taking place in Marmora cemetery. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance, quite a number being present from out of town.

The following relatives were present from out of town :

Mrs. S.M. Bleecker, Chicago; Mr. Fraser Bowen, Grand Rapids; Mr. Mack and Miss Pearl McLaren, Frankford; Mr. Joe Chisholm, Roslin, Mr. Harry Simpson, Toronto.

There were a large number of floral offerings, among them being the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkegaard, Cross; Mr. J. W. Pearce, Basket; Mr. and Mrs. H. R Pearce, Basket; Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Parker, Spray; St. Paul's Choir, Crescent, Deloro M & R Co, Staff, Wreath; Mr. Wills, Wreath.

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### **GEORGE BARTHOLOMEW BLEECKER \***

Friday afternoon witnessed the culmination of the life struggles of one of Marmora's most highly esteemed citizens, Mr. George Bartholomew Bleecker. He was 12 years of age. Mr.

Bleecker was born in Marmora and had been a long time in mercantile life ; first with his father, the late G.W. Bleecker, and since his death with his brothers, C.A. and F.W. Bleecker, under the firm of Bleecker Bros. They have conducted a general store almost since Marmora was of any size. George travelled for a short time for a whole sale grocery firm in Montreal.

About five years ago he was taken with writer's cramp, which was but a symptom of paralysis that gradually became worse notwithstanding that every means was sought to regain health.

During those five years Mr. Bleecker made a heroic fight for health and was never known to complain but on the contrary always tried to be bright and cheerful and hopeful for the future.

He was well beloved by all the citizens of Marmora, those who had known him from childhood days and by a large number outside this immediate vicinity. He leaves an un sullied reputation as an honorable business man and a worthy citizen. Every movement for the advancement of Marmora was assured of his warmest support. He was an active helpful member in a number of societies and tilled the Masters chair in Marmora Lodge A. F. & A. M. We was also, when well, a punctual attendant at St. Paul's church, of which he was an active member.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and was attended by a throng of people from Marmora, surrounding country and neighboring villages. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. C. M. Harris after which the Masons took charge. There were a large number of them present from Madoc. Stirling and Frankford, Campbellford and other Lodges. W.M. Bro. J. W. Pearce conducted the ceremony at the house and R. W. Bro. Chas. Wensley took charge at the grave. The pall bearers were brethren of the Royal Arch Chapter of which deceased was a member.  
Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

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#### **HOWARD BURTON BLEECKER \***

A native of Marmora. Howard Burton Bleecker. passed away peacefully al Campbellford Memorial Hospital on January 18, 1995 in his 94th year. Howard was the son of the late Charles and Cora Bleecker. husband of Marjorie McInnis and father of John in Kingston. Sally of Oshawa, and Peggy of Toronto. He was the brother of the late Carl and Roy Bleecker and grandfather of Jesse, Matthew, Laura, David and Cora.

Howard was a graduate of Queen's University and a Major in the Canadian Armed Forces. After retirement from Bell Canada he was active in Marmora organizations including Marmora Public Library (Chairman); Marmora Protestant Cemetery; Chamber of Commerce and the Ontario Housing Association.

A funeral service was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1995 with Rev. Gordon Walls officiating. Interment at Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gordon Bennett. John Lea. Jack Reynolds. Ronald Stewart. Jesse Nader. Richard Backus and John Bleecker.

Donations in memory of Howard may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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## **JOHN GILBERT BLEECKER \***

On June 9th, 1872, a son was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bleecker and he was named John Gilbert. He grew up in Marmora and received his public school education here. Later he attended High School in Madoc and then the Horological Institute in Toronto. Graduating from there he conducted a business for a short time in Athens and Gananoque. In 1896 the late John Gilbert Bleecker purchased the jewellery business of John Abbott in Marmora and he carried on the business here for about ten years. In the spring of 1906 he went to Seattle, Wash., where he remained for a short time. He then went to Spokane, Wash., where he joined a large jewellery firm and he remained with them ever since. A short time ago he was taken ill with pneumonia and passed away early Tuesday morning of this week. As a boy and man, the deceased was very popular in Marmora and some of the older residents still remember him with the most kindly feeling. He is survived by a son and daughter, two brothers Charles of Marmora, and Frank, of Spokane, and one sister Mrs. Mulloy, of Chicago. The deceased paid his last visit to Marmora about ten years ago before the illness and death of his mother.

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## **MRS. S. M. BLEECKER \***

Last Sunday evening, Mrs. Sarah M. Bleecker passed away in a Toronto hospital where she had been, for some time. Had she lived another couple of months, she would have been ninety years old. In spite of her age she was remarkably active until about three years ago, when she suffered a paralytic stroke. Since that time she had been confined to her bed. The late Mrs. Bleecker was born in a log house on what has for years been known as the Hilton farms. Her parents were the late B. Johns and his wife, whose maiden name was Annabel Chisholm. While she was quite young, they moved to the Jas. E. Bailey farm living in the stone house, which still stands on the farm. In 1856 the deceased was married to George W. Bleecker, who predeceased her about thirty-three years ago. All their married life they resided in what is now Marmora Village, although for years the place was known as "The Works", and the Village has only been incorporated for about twenty-five years. Until the time of his death, Mr. Bleecker played a very important part in the business and municipal affairs of the community, and few women were as widely known and as highly esteemed as Mrs. Bleecker. In recent years "Grandma Bleecker", as she was called by nearly all who know her, held a unique place in the affection of the people of Marmora.

The late Mrs. Bleecker is survived by one daughter and three sons. They are Mrs. Mulloy of Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles of Marmora; Gilbert and Frank of Spokane, Wash. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Walker of Victoria, B.C. and two brothers, Murchison Johns of Allandale, Ontario and Alex Johns, who resides in the Southern States.

Mr. C.A. Bleecker and Mr. F.R. Wells went to Toronto Sunday night and brought the remains down on the 3:36 train Tuesday morning. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, service being conducted in St. Paul's church by Rev. A.B. Caldwell. Interment was made in the Marmora Protestant cemetery.

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## **WILLIAM FREDERICK BLEECKER**

Marmora lost one of its best known citizens last Monday in the person of William Frederick Bleecker, who passed away at the age of 43 years. Death was due to Chronic Cholangitis but he was only confined to his bed for two weeks.. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Annie McWilliams, and two daughters, Dora and Thelma, both at home. He is also survived by his mother, three brothers, Chas. A., of Marmora. Bert, of Spokene, and Frank, of Seattle, Wash.; also one sister, Mrs. Malloy, of Chicago. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. M. Harris "and was under the auspices of Marmora Lodge, A.O.U.W

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