

INTRODUCTION

"Stone Memories Revisited" is the second collection of articles long ago published in the Marmora Herald.

The Reader is informed that this work is an exact re-print, and that obvious errors in spelling as well as grammar have been literally followed.

That the reporters themselves would have reworked some parts of their stories, probably expanded others, and corrected spelling mistakes is evident, but we believe these stories stand on their own merit, offering a rare glimpse of early life and times in Marmora and area. The tragedies that occurred served to bring a village together and gave it the strength and character to survive 175 years.

Reading "Stone Memories Revisited" through the reporters' eyes, with their free-flowing form, their sense of community, their compassion and caring is a delight to read.

October 31, 1997.

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SACRED
TO THE
MEMORY OF
MARGRET HUGHES
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE
15th of AUGUST 1828
aged 14 years

The above grave is all that is left of the original Sacred Heart Catholic Church which was used from 1825 to 1876. Part of the old church still remains as a kind of a shrine, which was restored in 1964. At one time there were 30 individuals buried in this burial ground and there are still a few left but none of them have stones. The graveyard and church was vandalized by men who worked on the river and used the old abandoned church as a hang-out. Many stones were broken and because of this several families had the remains of their loved ones taken to the newer Sacred Heart Church on Bursthall Street.

The above Margret Hughes is not buried here. She was buried in the Common Cemetery (Marmora Protestant Cemetery) at the time of death. Her older brother wishing to have her interred in the Catholic (on Bursthall St.) burial ground, made a trip to Belleville and had the very large stone cut for her. Upon his arrival in Marmora, had the stone placed in the Sacred Heart Church grounds. However, before he was able to make arrangements for her removal from the Common Cemetery to the new Sacred Heart Church graveyard, he died. The first priest of this newly built Catholic Church, wanting to preserve some of the original church on the west bank of the Crowe River, had Margret's stone removed to that spot, in the late 1890's.

Recorded by Bonnie Cole,
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August 15, 1828

CORONER'S INQUEST

On the 4th, an inquest was held by Dr. B. S. Wilson, coroner, on the body of Mrs. Charles Barrons, of the township of Marmora. It appears, that Mrs. Barrons died on the 25th, shortly after having been visited by a physician. The husband suspected that Mrs. Barrons had died from improper treatment on the part of the Doctor, and therefore ordered an inquest.

A post mortem examination was made by Dr. Boulter, who found that the deceased died from the effects of inflammation of the lungs.

The verdict returned was that "Mrs. Barrons died from inflammation of the lungs and not from an instrument or improper care, thus exonerating the Doctor from an unjust charge.

November 11, 1870

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

While Mrs. Sanford Lawrence and another woman were driving past the old Wiley homestead on Wednesday morning the horse became unmanageable, with the result that Mrs. Lawrence, who was carrying a baby about seven weeks old, was thrown from the rig. In falling the baby struck its head on the rim of the wheel, it is thought, the skull being crushed in and death ensuing in about fifteen minutes. Although Mrs. Lawrence was severely shaken up, she was not seriously injured.

August 5, 1909

DIED OF PARALYSIS

4.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Warren have the sympathy of a large number of friends in the death of their infant son, Frederick Donald, who died on Sunday, Aug. 15th, aged 1 year, 4 months and 20 days. The child had always been remarkably healthy until the week before his death when he was suddenly stricken with a form of infant paralysis, which has been prevalent of late and death resulted as above stated. The funeral being conducted at the family residence by Rev. J.E. Moore and interment taking place in Marmora cemetery.

August 19, 1909

**LITTLE COLIN SMITH
DROWNED**

5.

Colin Smith, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, was drowned on Friday last while he was playing on the ice. He was taken from the water by Casha Boyd assisted by Mr. A. Smith, and hurried to the residence of Dr. McDonald but the little lad was already past help. The funeral was held Sunday in St. Paul's church, Mr. Ralph Fulcher preaching the sermon and interment taking place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

March 17, 1910

FOUND DEAD IN COBALT PLANT

An inquest on the death of John Koslowski who was found lying dead in the Cobalt plant was continued at Deloro on Wednesday evening with Dr. Harper, of Madoc, presiding. The evidence brought out the fact that only foremen of the various departments are authorized to touch the switches and notices are posted up to that effect. The jury brought in a verdict that death was the result of coming in contact with an electric switch near which he was found lying dead. Mr. J.K. McKinnon was foreman of the jury.

August 11, 1910

TWO LIVES LOST BY FIRE

7.

There occurred on the 5th concession of Rawdon on Tuesday, May 2, one of those sad and mysterious happenings which, fortunately, we are seldom called upon to record as taking place in our vicinity although in the larger outlook of the world's news they are more or less frequent. At about 10 o'clock a.m. Mr. Patrick Cain went to Minto to get a horse shod, and almost immediately after his arrival there he was informed that his house was on fire. With all possible speed he returned and a couple of friends accompanied him. On their arrival the house and its contents were almost completely destroyed by the fire. Others of the neighborhood had gathered to render what assistance they could, but the fire was far advanced before the arrival of any of them, and no one belonging to the house answered the calls, or could be found until the fire was subsiding. Then was seen the charred remains of Mrs. Cain and her daughter Miss Ellen Maloney who had been burned to death in the fire which destroyed their home.

It is thought that the fire started from a spark from the chimney in the outer kitchen and was well advanced when Miss Maloney opened the door from the inner kitchen and was met by the flames and overcome. The fire rapidly entered the main building and burned everything including Mrs. Cain who had been bedridden and helpless for some years.

There was no insurance on either house or contents. A sum of money was also burned in the house. Mr. Cain had only the clothes he was wearing left. Coroner Dr. Bissonnette was summoned and upon inquiry decided that an inquest was unnecessary and gave the required authority for burial.

As there was no home in which to lay out the bodies, they were taken to the home of Mrs. John Farrell, from which the funeral was conducted on Thursday to the Roman Catholic Church and cemetery in the village.

May 11, 1911

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 Mr. Gordon Gray he was cutting timber for the 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 16ft. 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 done 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. The 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. Thomas 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.

February 29, 1914

DEATH BY FIRE

9.

A telegram from Cobalt was received today announcing the sad death by fire of Mrs. Arthur McKenzie and six children. The bodies are being brought to Central Ontario Junction tomorrow for burial here. They formerly lived at Malone. Mrs. McKenzie is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Darrah, of Marmora Township.

August 24, 1916

DOUBLE DROWNING

Two bright young lives were suddenly cut off last Sunday afternoon when Charles Ronald, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Moloney, and Wilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houghton, were drowned. The former was 14 years of age and the latter nearly 12 and were almost inseparable chums. The boys were bathing in Deer River and were walking along a rock which was slimy and slippery when they suddenly shot off into a deep hole. The funerals took place on Tuesday, both starting Tuesday at 9 a.m. and proceeding to Marmora, where service was held in the R.C. church for Charles Moloney after which the remains were interred in the R.C. cemetery, and at the same time service was conducted in St. Paul's church for Wilbert Haughton, after which the remains were interred in Marmora cemetery.

August 9, 1917

DIED AT DELORO

The death of an American, who gave his name as George Murphy, occurred at Deloro last Saturday. The deceased fractured his ankle, and while Drs. Crawford and Thomson were reducing the fracture, Murphy suddenly passed away as a result of Heart failure.

The remains were brought to the undertaking rooms of Marett & Wiggins and every effort was made to locate the relatives of the deceased but without avail, and on Tuesday morning the funeral service was held in the R.C. church and interment took place in the R.C. cemetery.

January 24, 1918

**KICKED BY COLT
DIES OF RUPTURE**

Last Sunday, Mr. George Snarr, of Rawdon Township was kicked in the stomach by a colt causing a rupture. A doctor was quickly summoned but he could give no hope and death resulted on Monday night. He was in his 63rd year.

April 11, 1918

FATAL ACCIDENT

Mr. Charles Bateman, who resides in Marmora township a few miles from the village, lost his life last Wednesday evening as a result of an accident with a gun. About eight o'clock he went out with an old shotgun to look for foxes, which he thought might be attracted by a dead horse lying in a near by field. As he did not return as soon as expected his wife went out with a lantern to find out what was detaining him. She was greatly shocked at finding him lying on the ground. Help was summoned and it was found he had been shot through the breast bone and heart. Just how this accident occurred will probably never be known. Dr. J. W. Gardiner, coroner, of Eldorado, investigated the case and deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Deceased was 45 years of age and was highly esteemed by his friends and his neighbors. Besides his widow he leaves two children aged eight years and three years.

The funeral took place on Saturday, service being conducted in Zion Methodist church after which the remains were interred in Zion cemetery.

December 4, 1919

ACUTE INFLUENZAL TOXAEMIA

14.

Perhaps no event has ever caused a feeling of more genuine regret throughout the village than the death of Mrs. Hamilton Crawford, which occurred early Wednesday morning, after three days illness. She was in her usual health on Saturday and in the afternoon took Nurse Lillian Brock to the latter's home near Blairton. Mrs. Crawford was returning when something went wrong with the car. She had the children with her and carried the baby a considerable distance. She then had to wait sometime while the doctor went out and she took a chill, but no serious results were anticipated. Later she became very ill and gradually grew worse until she passed away, death being due to acute Influenzal Toxaemia.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Thomas Hay and Mrs. Hay, of Peterborough, and was thirty-four years of age. She was married to A. Hamilton Crawford on May 25th, 1911, and if she had lived until Sunday would have observed the 8th anniversary of their wedding. Besides her husband she leaves two little daughters and one son, the latter being about 16 months old. She is also survived by her mother and one sister.

For a short time after their marriage they resided in Havelock, and came to Marmora in the latter part of 1912, Dr. Crawford taking over the practice of Dr. Mackechnie. Since coming here they have been very popular with all classes.

The late Mrs. Crawford was a graduate nurse and her experience in connection with her profession was a great help to the doctor in his work. She was always ready to help any one in an emergency and her ready sympathy and help was greatly appreciated by many whom she aided.

The remains will be taken to Peterborough for interment tomorrow. The deepest sympathy of the whole community is extended to the bereaved family.

May 22, 1919

**STEWART AIRHART STRUCK
BY LIGHTNING**

A sad tragedy occurred during the electrical storm last Thursday, when Stewart Airhart was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Along with Fred Vincent he was unloading hay, while Charles Airhart was also near by. They were able to get the body out of the barn before it was totally destroyed by fire. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved relatives.

July 21, 1921

LITTLE GIRLS PASSING

16.

Very sad was the feeling in the neighborhood when it was learned that little Gertrude Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wells, was sick, but sadder still on Monday morning when the doctor was called in and pronounced the sickness pneumonia on the left lung.

She had gone to school on Friday morning in her usual health and in the best of spirits, for she was never happier than when wending her way down to the little white school known as S.S. No. 8, North Marmora.

Friday night she came home crying with a pain in her stomach. She was placed in bed and everything seemingly done that could be done, but her sickness grew worse until Wednesday noon her heart gave out and she was gone in an instant. God had called her and like all the human family she must answer to the roll call.

She had not been going to school very long but had learned very rapidly and could read and write very well for so short a time at school. She loved her teacher, (Miss Prentice) dearly and was never heard to murmur because she had to go to school but was delighted when the weather was favorable so she could get back to her books again. She took her medicine patiently and was never heard to murmur, but hoped she could go to school tomorrow. When asked by her father on Monday night if she wanted to say her prayers and ask the Lord to make her better, she said "father I am too sick to say my prayers to-night, you say them for me."

Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon in the Beaver Creek church by the pastor, Rev. George Mitchel assisted by the Elder Burnham and Rev. Loft of Cordova Mines Circuit, after which the remains were laid to rest in the adjoining grave yard.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides father and mother, seven brothers and two sisters. A beautiful wreath of flowers presented by the teacher and pupils showed the high esteem in which she was held by the school.

April 3, 1924

PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

Following a brief illness, Edgar Caverley, a highly esteemed resident of Marmora for thirty-two years, passed away suddenly on Friday evening June 6th.

He had been doing some masonry at the Rectory and in the afternoon took a weak spell, from which he revived and walked down town to consult his physician after which he felt better and he returned to work. After tea he went to the post office for the mail and when he reached home he had an attack of heart trouble and just as the doctor arrived he passed away. He was in his 69th year. Mr. Caverley was a son of the late Charles Caverley and was born in Rawdon Township. He was a staunch member of the Presbyterian church and in politics a Conservative. He was a member of Marmora Lodge, No. 222, A.F. & A.M.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, who before her marriage was Catherine Webb of Rawdon Township, and one son, Harry, of Toronto. Three children pre-deceased him. The funeral service under the auspices of Marmora Lodge No. 222 A.F. & A.M. with a number of visiting brethren, was conducted on Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Mr. McLlroy of Havelock. A large number of relatives and friends were present to pay their last respects to the deceased. The remains were interred with full Masonic honors in Marmora cemetery.

June 12, 1924

LEFT TO MOURN

18.

At the family residence early on Friday morning November 20th, 1925, Elizabeth Deline, wife of Clinton Rose, entered into Rest, after a short illness, at the age of 33 years, 4 months and 13 days. Her death was particularly sad as she leaves to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother, her husband and three little daughters, Helen, Marjorie and Clema. A baby girl born on Thursday, Nov. 19th, survived the mother only by a few hours. She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Deline, a sister, Mrs. George McGowan, of Havelock, and a brother, Warden Deline of Marmora.

The funeral service which was most impressive was conducted by the Rev. F.J. Horwood, at the United Church, on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The church was filled with relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last respects to one who was well known and highly esteemed in the community. Beautiful floral tributes were placed on the casket. Interment in Marmora cemetery.

BORN

Rose - Marmora, on Thursday, Nov. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rose, a daughter.

DIED

Rose - In Marmora on Friday, Nov. 20th, Elizabeth Deline, wife of Clinton Rose, aged 33 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Rose - In Marmora, on Friday Nov. 20th, infant daughter of Clinton Rose and the late Mrs. Rose.

November 26, 1925

ALEX BEDORE DIED SUDDENLY

19.

Alexander Bedore, an elderly farmer of Marmora township was found dead on the road leading to his home about six miles from this village late Monday afternoon.

Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Bedore was a widower in his 81st year living on the Marmora-Cordova road about two miles from Cordova. His body, still warm, was found by Eva and George Hamilton, children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton had been working recently on the Bedore Farm. The deceased owned a number of Cattle and pigs. He had set out in the morning to search for a missing pig, and had dinner at Thos. Winfield's home, remaining several hours in the afternoon apparently in ordinary health and good spirits. In the morning Mr. Bedore had helped Mr. Winfield extricate a colt from a muddy part of the pasture. The Hamilton children had offered to help find the stray pig, and about 5:30 o'clock when they were driving it towards the Bedore farm and were about three hundred yards from the house they found their aged neighbour dead on the roadside.

The road leading to Mr. Bedore's home is rather hilly, and it is thought that his exertions at Winfield's in the morning proved too heavy a strain on his heart especially on the hilly part of the road.

The children notified Mr. Winfield, and Constable Gillen of Marmora was called. Dr. H. Alger of Stirling was also summoned and gave permission to remove the body. Provincial Constable Gray of Marmora, returning later from duty elsewhere in the county, also investigated the circumstances of Mr. Bedore's death, and it was decided that an inquest was not necessary. The body was taken to the home of Mr. Bedore's sister, Mrs. Polly McDonald, in Marmora.

June 4, 1931

**LAVERGNE JOHNSTON DIES
OF BLOOD POISONING**

Lavergne Johnston, aged 14 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, of Belmont, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Archibell, of Marmora, died last Sunday evening as a result of blood poisoning, which developed from an infected pimple on the side of his face. He was treated by a Havelock doctor on Saturday and the gathering lanced, but a few hours after returning home lapsed into unconsciousness and did not revive. He is survived by his parents, five sisters and two brothers. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery on Tuesday morning.

November 17, 1932