

## EARLY HISTORY

We pick up the trail of the Clairmont's from the 1871 Census of Ontario for Hastings - Prince Edward. It appears that two brothers Eli and Charles Clarmont (spelling at the time) born from French Canadian Quebec parents had left home and settled in the Marmora area.

Perhaps as young men they were lured to this area when iron ore was discovered. At the time two giant blast furnaces were at the head of a very industrial village, employing over 400 residents.

By the 1870's the days of the lumber barons were in full swing. Logs cut and dragged to the shores by horses of northern lakes were floated down the Crowe River to the sawmills at the Marmora Dam.

Both Eli and Charles list their occupation as blacksmiths in the 1871 Ontario Census book.

# MARMORA SIXTY YEARS AGO

This article is not an attempt to portray in comprehensive style, the village, its inhabitants and conditions existing at the dawn of Confederation. It is merely a collection of glimpses into those days such as older residents and old books have afforded the writer. In 1867 the population of Marmora and Lake townships was jointly about 1500, Lake township contained about 200, leaving about 1300 in Marmora township. In 1865 there were forty-nine householders residing in the village and this number would be practically unchanged for several years afterwards.

These householders were: W. W. Armstrong, Land agent and township Clerk; Simon Armstrong, blacksmith; Benjamin Beddome, Division Court Clerk; David Bentley, bailiff; Julian Bissonnette, agent for Gilmour & Co., G. W. Bleecker, Manor House; D. G. Bowen, J. P., postmaster; Ezekiel Boyd, yeoman; Margaret Brady, widow; Wm. Norman Brady; Baptiste Bruneau, laborer; Felix Carpenter, miner; Charles Clairmont, blacksmith; Eli Clairmont, blacksmith; Patrick Crawford, merchant; George Daraha (or Darrah), yeoman; Nelson Deline, laborer; John Devlin, shoemaker; Rev. J. Dowler, Wesleyan Methodist minister; Robert Fitzpatrick, laborer; G. L. Houston, carpenter; Mrs. Mary Hughes, widow; Wm. Jenkinson, laborer; Benjamin Johnson, J. P., merchant and hotel keeper; Catherine Leggett; William Leonard, drover; Joseph McCloskey, laborer; George McMillan, laborer; Nelson McWilliams, hotel keeper; Wellington McWilliams; James O'Hara, yeoman; D. N. Powell, flour mill; Thomas Price, shoemaker; Minerva Pringle, widow; James Ranney, contractor; Francis Revois, shingle maker; Levi Rose, cooper; Dennis Shannon, tailor; Patrick Shea, shoemaker; William Simmons, yeoman; John Sloan, miller; Lewis Tallion, cabinet maker; Jerome Tallion, cabinet maker; J. Vincent, clerk; Robert Wadsworth, tinsmith; Thomas Warren, carriage maker; Nathaniel Weese; Henry Weese, shoemaker.

Also living at this time on part of Lot 11, of the 7th Con., was Marmora's only centenarian, as far as known, Royal Keys, at the time of Confederation, 103 years old, dying four years later at the great age of 107 years, 1 month and 26 days. As will be noticed by the list of householders, Marmora in the year 1865 had no resident physician. The nearest was Dr. T. F. English, of Stirling. The one existing church at that time was the old Roman Catholic Church spoken of in these days as "the church across the river." Father E. P. Talor is remembered as the ministering priest of that time. Other services were held in the old Town Hall by Rev. E. H. M. Baker, rector of Stirling; Rev. J. A. Dowler, Wesleyan Methodist; Rev. N. H. Howard, Episcopal Methodist; and Rev. M. McGilvray, Presbyterian.

At the time of Confederation, Marmora folk travelled to market by horseback or lumber-wagon in the main, and an odd person or so did not seem to mind an occasional walk. The actual day of Confederation was locally observed by about one third of the residents joining in a big celebration and picnic held on grounds on the Kingston road, Belleville. About 500 of the military are said to have been in attendance and among other speakers were Hon. E. Murney, member of the Legislative Council for Trent Division and George Dickson, barrister of Belleville. Included in those attending from Marmora was our highly esteemed resident Wm. Bonter, J. P.

Though to many the remembrance of Confederation day has become faded Mr. Bonter thrills yet in recalling the joy over its dawn. It may interest many readers to know that Sir John A. Macdonald, who has been described as the great spirit of Confederation, unseated in 1844, as he entered Parliamentary life, Anthony Monahan, who from 1825 to 1880 managed the Marmora Iron Works, when such were the property of Mr. Hayes. This is on the authority of Nicholas Flood Davin, an historian who in 1877 wrote "The Irishman in Canada."

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## Clairmont / Dubord / Family Tree

The very first Clairmont in New France (Canada) at the time was Guilhaen Dubord. He was born in Périgeaux, France. He was a soldier in the Carignon Solières Regiment in France. Louis XIV sent a regiment to Canada in 1665 to protect the settlers against the attacks from the Iroquois Indians.

The first female connected to the family was Catherine Guérard who was born in Paris, France. She came to Canada in 1668 (approximately) as one of "les filles du roi".

After the Iroquois had been subdued, the regiment was called back to France. However over 400 remained in Canada and settled in what is now called Quebec. Guilhaen Dubord and Catherine Guérard, <sup>remained in Canada and</sup> were married in 1670. They had a family consisting of seven boys and three girls.



The fifth child <sup>of theirs</sup> was called Charles. He adopted the "dit" name Clermont.

It was a custom in New France (Canada) at the time to take a second surname. This was referred to as a "dit" name. Guillien Dubord's "dit" name was Lafontaine.

Charles Dubord / Clermont married in 1712 and had a family of 11 children.

It also was common to either drop the original surname or make it the middle name and then use the "dit" name as the surname in the new land that the settlers were now living in.

The last known usage of the Dubord as the record books was when Eli Dubord Clairmont married Domithilde Dalcourt in 1852.



## Obituary.

It is with feelings of deep regret we have to chronicle the sudden death of Mr. Ely Clairmont, one of Marmora's oldest and most respected citizens, who died on Friday, March 25th, after an illness of only a few days.

His last moments were soothed by the loving hands of his devoted wife and affectionate children, who have lost a kind husband and a loving generous father.

The funeral which was so creditably managed by the worthy reeve of Marmora, Mr. J. B. Pearce, was one of the largest ever witnessed in the village, and was attended by a large number of people from Campbellford, Madoc, Tweed and surrounding country.

To show the high esteem and deep respect in which deceased was held by all classes of people, the Methodist church bell was tolled during the procession to the R. C. church, where Rev. Father Davis, who in life had been his spiritual adviser and warm personal friend, conducted the last rites of the church.

Deceased leaves a wife and family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, five of whom live in and around Marmora, one in Campbellford and two in Tweed.—“*Requiescat in Pace.*”

MRS ELY CLAIRMONT

The little stone church situated on the west bank of Crowe River had long been abandoned by 1870. It would not be until after 1874 that the village of Marmora would have a second Catholic church. The second church was a brick church and it was built on Bursthall Street. The church would not be decorated and finished interiorly for years after it was officially opened. The church would become very dilapidated during those years when only the visiting priests attended to the spiritual needs of a growing parish.

The parish priest residence (rectory) would not be built until one year after a full time priest was assigned to the Sacred Heart Church in 1894.

Mrs Ely Clairmont would provide bed and breakfast for a number of visiting priests during those early years. Not only did she have a large wooden home with plenty of spare rooms , but she was also a very gifted organ player.

The photograph is of the original pedal organ that she played for on a variety of church related functions at her private home located on Matthew Street. The organ was purchased for \$215.00 on the 25 January, 1876 from W. Bell & Company, Guelph, Ontario.



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## JOSEPH CLAIRMONT PASSES WAS PIONEER LUMBERMAN

The death occurred last Saturday morning of Mr. Joseph Clairmont, in his 80th year, following a week's illness. Up until a few days before his death Mr. Clairmont had been in his usual good health and daily made his accustomed visits about town, chatting with friends, and the news of his serious illness caused deep regret to all.

For forty-one years he has been a resident of Gravenhurst, and for twenty-five years was manager of the Rathbun Lumber Company, which firm operated a lumber milling business known as the "red mill" on the site where now stands the factory of Creavette Boats, Limited; also the "White Mill" in West Gravenhurst. It was in this capacity that he became so well acquainted with the population of Gravenhurst. Many men, heads of families, were employed in the mills, and in the discharge of his duties to the company he was ever held in high regard for his kindness and honorable dealings.

Mr. Clairmont was one of the few remaining pioneer lumbermen of Muskoka, having come here over forty years ago from Deseronto to manage the Rathbun Lumber Co. interests, when huge quantities of white pine were cut and shipped overseas to England and other European countries.

Before coming to Gravenhurst he managed the company's lumbering trade at Campbellford and Trenton.

Eighteen years ago he retired from active business life.

Mr. Clairmont took an active interest in the town's affairs, having been Mayor, Councillor, Member of the Board of Education, and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Board of Health. In 1906 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the District of Muskoka.

He was born in Marmora, Ont., in 1852, and about sixty years ago was married to Miss Helen Burke of Trenton, who predeceased him seven years ago.

The surviving members of his family are five daughters and two sons, namely, Mrs. W. J. Moore and Mrs. F. R. Mosbaugh of Huntsville; Mrs. A. Ryan, of Toronto; Miss Christine, nurse of New York City; Miss Grace, at home; E. Walter of town, and Fred of Toronto. His daughter, Mabel (Mrs. Louis Morin) of Quebec, was one of the victims in the fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa in 1916.

On Monday of this week a cablegram was received from his granddaughter, Madame Garneau of Paris, France, Madame Garneau was formerly Miss Jacqueline Morin, of Quebec.

Mr. Clairmont was a devout Catholic and one of the leading members of St. Paul's Church of town. A week before his death he attended the Holy Name Rally held here, of which Society he was local Chairman. Throughout life he was a staunch Liberal in politics and daily read his Globe for upwards of sixty years.

A testimony to his memory was the numerous spiritual and floral offerings received by the family during their bereavement, and the large number of townspeople and visitors who attended the funeral service held in St. Paul's Church at 10 o'clock last Tuesday morning.

High Mass was sung by the Rev. Dean O'Leary with Rev. G. Maher as Deacon and Rev. P. J. Lynch as Sub-Deacon. The Rev. V. J. Corkery of Peterborough, Rev. J. McGuire of Cobourg, Rev. S. J. Coffey and Rev. J. Grant of Bracebridge were in the Sanctuary.

Right Rev. Denis O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, spoke in a very touching and eloquent manner on the passage of life—the wonderful reward of a soul spent in God's service and enriched by acts of charity, love and kindness. Mr. Clairmont lived as he died, a peaceful life, was beloved by all who knew him and by his happy disposition and his delightful personality he had endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his association and friendship.

Burial took place in the family plot at Lakeview Catholic Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs Chas. Jones, James Murray, Chas. Mickle, S. Polmateer, Chas. Brown, H. Etler.

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## Letter to The Herald

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### REMINISCENCES

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To the Marmora Herald:

I noticed in the Belleville paper the passing away of Joseph Clairmont, of Gravenhurst, Muskoka. As we were both born and brought up in Marmora, I, of course, knew him well. He always looked on life in a very serious and dignified way. When I saw his obituary notice my mind shot back to Christmas, 1875. I had called at the home of the late Dan. Shannon to help out the passing of a rather dull afternoon. I was always helped out of the blues when I mingled with that lively family and that day was treated to an extra joy to find Miss Crawford, now Mrs. Dunlay, was there "in all her glory." Then to add to our pleasure along came Joe Clairmont with McWilliams' grey mare and cutter.

His mission was to look up a bunch who would go to help the swelling of a party which was coming off at Mr. Gillen's. I had reason to suspect that Joe had a strong hankering for Miss A. E. Shannon as his escort, I, being well pleased with having the honor of the company of either of them. When we reached our destination dancing was in order with Dan McKinnon master of ceremonies and his brother Jack played the fiddle. Needless to say we all had a good time. I wonder how many who were there are now alive. One of us four has just passed away; Miss Shannon married and lives in Seattle and is one of my valued correspondents; Miss Crawford, now Mrs. Dunlay, of Marmora, and I in Cherry Valley, Prince Edward County.

I only know of four persons now in Marmora whom I went to school with in the old Beaver Creek school, which I attended in 1871, that being my last year at school, - Miss R. A. Mouncey, of Madoc, being our teacher. Hester McMullen, Hugh and Dan Shannon and Dan Campion are all I can trace in Marmora who once attended Beaver Creek School.

I would like to have a re-union of old timers take place, who were grown up in 1879. That is the year I left there in December. Fifty-two of us, all told, boarded the train in Belleville for Marquette, Mich., 150 miles west of the Soo on Lake Superior. We had to go by way of Chicago around Lake Michigan to reach our destination—no way being open by way of the Soo then.

At Chicago they told us we could get no lunch till we reached Marquette, We then got a bbl. of sodas and a cheese put in our car and away we went for 36 hours. There are those who are scattered through Hastings County who were on that excursion.

In the winter of 1891-92 I was away up at Swan Lake near the source of the Mississippi River and there I met two brothers by the name of Powers, who told me their sister was married to Chas. Bleecker, of Marmora, so, of course, we felt kind of chummy.

Tomorrow will be Dominion Day. The Beaver Creek folks celebrated the first one in 1867 in a grove south of the Briggs Farm and east of the Johns' homestead. The location was known afterwards as the Pinner farm. My sister Kate made a pyramid cake, above which was suspended a motto inscribed "Union Dominion". This supplied a text for the speakers.

Respectfully  
JAS. WIGGINS,  
Cherry Valley

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Mrs. Chas. Clairmont passed away at her home in Marmora on Sunday, Jan. 16th. She was a native of Quebec but came to Marmora when about twenty years of age and shortly after was married to Mr. Chas. Clairmont, who survives her. She was in her 77th year. One son, Charles, of Trenton, and three daughters, Misses Frankie, Celina and Louise, also survive her. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

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## OBITUARY

### CHARLES D. CLAIRMONT.

Perhaps the oldest resident of the village, and one who helped make it what it is to-day, passed away Friday night in the person of Charles D. Clairmont. He was born in Berthier, Quebec, ninety-two years ago. At the age of eighteen he left High School and went to Belleville, where he spent three years learning the blacksmithing trade. Immediately after he came to Marmora and opened a shop here, and carried on the business continuously until about ten years ago. He delighted in his work and it was a pleasure to hear him sing and whistle, day after day and year after year as he carried on his work.

The late Charles Clairmont won the esteem of his fellow citizens to a marked degree. Years ago, when Marmora Village was part of the township, he was elected one of the Councillors for the Municipality for twelve consecutive years. His cheerful optimism, his kindness and a quaint humour made him a general favorite in his younger days and won him many friends. In politics he was a Conservative of the old school.

The deceased was around until Tuesday of last week, when he became seriously ill. Although recently he was becoming quite feeble he always shaved himself regularly and one thing in which he took a sort of pride, was that during the whole of his long life he was only shaved once by another person.

He is survived by one son, Charles, of Toronto, and three daughters, Misses Lousia, Fanny and Selina, all at home.

The funeral took place on Monday morning. Service was conducted in the Church of the Sacred Heart by Rev. Fr. Hanley and interment took place in the R. C. cemetery.

### CLARA BELLE CLAIRMONT

Clara Belle Clairmont of Marycrest Nursing Home in Peterborough and formerly of Marmora, passed away on Tues., Oct. 11, 1983, in her 93rd year.

Mrs. Clairmont was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Doeir and was the wife of the late Joseph Dubord Clairmont. She is survived by her children Delores (Mrs. Fred Smith) of Belleville, Helen (Mrs. John Raeside) Glasgow, Scotland, Mamie (Mrs. Andrew Noble) of Sudbury, Lewis Nahrgang of Prince George, B.C., Lillian (Mrs. Art Logan) of Peterborough and John of Cobourg. Also surviving Mrs. Clairmont is a sister, Priscilla (Mrs. Lewis Dahmer of Kitchener) and 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

The funeral service took place at the Cassidy Funeral Chapel on Fri., Oct. 14 with the Rev. Walter Mittler officiating. Interment took place at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Pallbearers were Pat Logan, Eric Nahrgang, Dana Nahrgang, Chris Nahrgang, Bob Noble and Rick Noble.

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# OBITUARY

## PATRICK JOSEPH GILLEN

The death of Patrick Joseph Gillen occurred at his home in Oshawa on Thursday, March 23, 1944 at the age of 82 after an illness of four months.

Deceased who was a son of the late Michael and Elizabeth Gillen was born in Marmora township where he farmed for a number of years. He later operated a general store in Deloro before moving to Oshawa in 1919.

Fifty five years ago he married the former Delia Clairmont of Marmora. Besides his widow he is survived by seven children: Mrs. T. J. Reid of Deloro, Miss Edythe, Mrs. S. Cawker, and Michael of Oshawa, Mrs. R. L. Lundy of Toronto, Murtagh of Cleveland, Ohio, Clement of Saskatoon and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Feeney of Marmora.

The funeral was held from the family residence 163 Elgin St. E. to St. Gregory's Church where Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Donald Gillen of St. Patrick's College at Ottawa, a nephew of the deceased. Interment in St. Gregory's Cemetery, Oshawa.

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## MRS. P. J. GILLEN

Mrs. P. J. Gillen, a former well known resident of Marmora, passed away on Wednesday morning, October 19th, after a long illness at her home 163 Elgin St. E., Oshawa.

Born 94 years ago, her maiden name was Delia Clairmont. She was the widow of Patrick J. Gillen who predeceased her in 1942. They had lived in Marmora and vicinity until moving to Oshawa in 1920.

Mrs. Gillen is survived by seven children, Mrs. T. J. Reid (Mary), Michael, Edythe and Mrs. S. Cowker (Elizabeth), all of Oshawa, Clement, New Westminster, B. C., Mrs. R. L. Lunday, Toronto, and Murtagh of Chicago. There are also 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held from St. Gregory's Church where she had been an active member of the C.W.L. and Altar Society, until recently. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Deon Dwyer at 10 a. m. Friday October 21st. Interment was in St. Gregory's Cemetery.

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# Obituary

## Mrs. Mary Loretto Reid

The first woman ever to work as a teller at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Marmora passed away in Pickering, Ont. on July 8 in her 97th year.

Mrs. Mary Loretto Reid, formerly of Deloro and born in Marmora and Lake Townships was the daughter of Patrick J. Gillen and Delia Clairmont. Mrs. Reid also worked in the office of the Deloro Smelting and Refinery.

She is survived by her husband Thomas J. Reid and children: Mrs. Mary Vodden, (Oshawa); Sister Margaret Reid, Vienna, Austria; Tom Reid, Brampton; ten grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Church with

Father J.P. Carty officiating. Interment was held at Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tony Reid, Jim Vodden, Allan Dunlop, Allan Dunlop Jr., Gordon Marshall and Joe Lundy.

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CLAIRMONT FAMILY TREE

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A  
CHILDREN OF CHARLES CLAIRMONT & ISABELLA DORAN

- JOHN DORAN CLAIRMONT - born 1902 (approx) *Gravenhurst*
- died 22 December, 1968
  - buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora, Ontario
  - married Marguerite Mary Shannon
  - on 26 May, 1924 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - Marguerite born 26 May, 1904 (eldest daughter)
  - Marguerite bapt 3 July, 1904 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - Marguerite confirmed 1 June, 1915 at Sacred Heart Church Marmora, Ontario
  - Marguerite died 17 January, 1973
  - Marguerite 's parents; John Joseph Shannon & Cecilia McGrath
  - Refer to their monument in Centre Section, Lot 26
  - Known children;
- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joseph Francis Clairmont     | - born 4 October, 1924    |
| John Joseph Clairmont        | - born 10 September, 1925 |
| Charles Louis Clairmont      | - born 26 January, 1930   |
| Patricia Mary Clairmont      | - born 16 March, 1934     |
| Anne Louisa Clairmont        | - born 26 November, 1936  |
| Theresa Marguerite Clairmont | - born 9 July, 1942       |



## Obituary

### CHARLES A. CLAIRMONT

On Thursday, April 18th, Charles A. Clairmont passed away, after an extended illness, at the home of his sisters in the village. He was the only son of the late Charles Clairmont, one of the pioneers of Marmora who conducted a blacksmith shop here for many years. Deceased was born in Marmora and spent his boyhood and early manhood here. He was altar boy in the first R. C. church, built on the site of the present church in the time of Father Davis. He served in that capacity for nearly twenty years.

The late Charles A. Clairmont left Marmora about forty years ago and has only been back on an occasional visit since. For some time he had resided in Toronto. About four years ago his health broke down. Later it was found that he was suffering from cancer and a complication of diseases. Last summer he was in a hospital in Toronto for a time and he was advised by his doctors to get away from the city. He came to Marmora and has been with his sisters ever since. He gradually grew worse but was very patient in his suffering and retained his faculties until the end.

The deceased is survived by a widow, three sons and five daughters. The sons are Bernard, of Detroit; John of Marmora; and Louis, of Cleveland. The daughters are Mrs. Thos. Bailey, Mrs. Percy Kaiser, and Helen, Albertine and Veronica, all of Toronto. The eldest son, Charles, died in 1919 as a result of wounds received in action during the Great War. He also leaves three sisters: Misses Frances, Cecelia and Louise, of Marmora.

The funeral took place last Saturday morning, Mass being conducted in the Church of the Sacred Heart after which interment took place in the R. C. cemetery.

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## OBITUARY

### MISS FANNY CLAIRMONT

After an illness of only a couple of days Miss Fanny Clairmont passed away at her home on Matthew street on Monday afternoon. Many had not learned of her illness until her death was announced and it came as a real shock to many of her friends. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clairmont and only her two sisters, Selina and Louise, now survive of the family which has been so long and favorably known in Marmora.

The family residence on the corner of Matthew and Burstall streets was erected by Charles Clairmont, a pioneer blacksmith of the family. The family had resided there as long as most of the residents of the village can remember, and since the death of their father the sisters had lived alone, except on occasions when one of their nephews resided with them. As the majority of those who attended church services pass their home on Sunday the cheery greeting of one or other of the Misses Clairmont has been a real pleasure to many. Kindly, cheerful and industrious Miss Fanny Clairmont found her greatest happiness in service for others.

The funeral was held yesterday morning and was attended by a very large number of friends. Requiem mass was conducted by Rev. Father Keeley and interment was made in Sacred Heart cemetery.

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Private Bernard Clairmont of Camp Borden visited his brother, John Clairmont on Monday. The brothers had not met for seventeen years. He was accompanied by his wife and two sons of Gravenhurst.

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## HYMENEAL

### CLAIRMONT—SHANNON

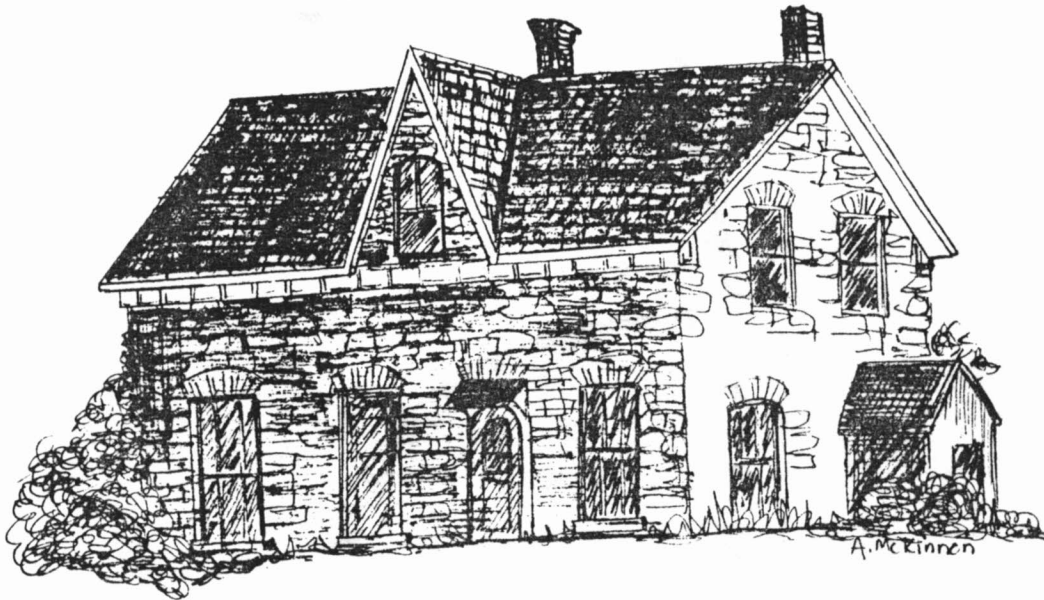
The marriage of Mr. John Clairmont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clairmont of Gravenhurst, to Miss Marguerite Shannon, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Shannon, Marmora Township, took place on Monday morning, May 26th, at the church of the Sacred Heart, Rev. Father Traynor officiating.

The bride wore a very becoming suit of navy, with sand colored hat, and carried a bouquet of white lilies. Miss Bertelle Moloney was bridesmaid, and wore a suit of sand color. Michael Shannon brother of the bride was groomsman.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. A number of relatives and friends of the young couple attended. Mr. and Mrs. Clairmont received a large number of beautiful gifts.

In the afternoon the bride and groom, midst showers of confetti and best wishes for their future happiness, left for Toronto to spend their honeymoon.

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## The Clairmont House

This sturdy stone structure, which was probably built at two separate times, as the building design is different in certain sections was closely connected with the lumbering operations in Marmora. This building was built by the Page Company, who appear to have used it only briefly before transferring the property to the Gilmour Company. Government records show they obtained a permit to cut the timber off 3 1/4 square miles of forest in 1866, but the Gilmour Co. continued their operations in the area at least until 1872, when they are reported to have taken off 22,000,000 board feet of pine.

The building was turned from offices to home by the Jack Clairmont family.

The present owner, Andre Philpot, is a lawyer, who has combined the structure into his home/office.

### NOTICE

TENDERS in writing will be received by the undersigned solicitors for the Frances C. Clairmont Estate, up to but not after the 1st day of September A.D. 1933 for the sale of the following realty in the Village of Marmora;—

- (1) Stone residence 1½ storeys on lots 13 and 14 on west side of Forsythe Street, including lots in rear thereof.
- (2) North Half Lot 9 and all Lot 10 on East side of McGill Street in said Village of Marmora.
- (3) North Half Lot 9 and all Lot 10 on West side of Hays Street in said Village of Marmora.
- (4) Lot 8 on West side of Bursthal Street, Marmora, upon which is erected a two storey frame dwelling.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders may be for all or any one or more of the said parcels of land. For further particulars and conditions of sale and for inspection of properties apply to the undersigned Dated this 8th day of August 1933.

COLLINS & CUSHING

Royal Bank Building,  
Belleville, Ont.

Solicitors for Frances C. Clairmont Estate.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS having any claims against the estate of Frances Catherine Clairmont late of the Village of Marmora in the County of Hastings, deceased, are hereby required to file proof of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the Administratrix of the estate of said deceased, on or before the 19th day of January A. D. 1933 after which date the said estate will be distributed having regard only to such claims as shall then have been received.

Dated this 19th day of December A. D. 1932.

COLLINS & CUSHING,  
8 Campbell St.  
Belleville, Ont.  
Solicitors for Administratrix.

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## CHILDREN OF JOHN DORAN CLAIRMONT &amp; MARGUERITE MARY SHANNON

- JOSEPH FRANCIS CLAIRMONT - born 4 October, 1924
- bapt 12 October, 1924 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - confirmed 19 May, 1937 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - died 19 July, 1964
  - buried at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Marmora
  - refer to his inscription on his parents monument
- JOHN JOSEPH CLAIRMONT - born 10 September, 1925
- bapt privately by Mrs Laughlin Hughes on 20 Sept, 1925
  - confirmed 19 May, 1937 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - died 8 August, 1992
  - married Grace Branton
  - on 29 November, 1952 at St Gregory's Church, Oshawa Ontario
  - Grace born 12 February, 1916
  - Grace died 10 November, 1995
  - Grace's parents; Richard Branton & Kate Celina Kellow
  - Refer to their flat marker
  - In North Section, Row 6, Lots 18 & 19
  - no children
- CHARLES LOUIS CLAIRMONT - born 26 January, 1930
- bapt 2 February, 1930 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora Ont.
  - confirmed 3 September, 1944 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora
  - married Aileen Marv Tinsley
  - on 27 December, 1969 at St Fisher Church, North Harrow Middlesex, England
  - Aileen born 24 December, 1924
  - Refer to his parents back-side of their monument located in the Centre Section, Plot 37

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- JOSEPH DUBORD CLAIRMONT
- born 1886 County of Berthier, District of Joliet, Quebec
  - bapt 19 October, 1886 at St Norbert Church, Joliet, Quebec
  - died 5 October, 1964
  - buried at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Marmora , Ontario
  - Joseph's parents; Joseph Clairmont & Melina Guibeault
  - married Clara Belle Doerr
  - Clara born 1890
  - Clara died 11 October, 1983
  - Clara buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora, Ontario
  - No children between Joseph Dubord & Clara
  - Clara had first married Lanson Edgar Nahrgang
  - Clara & Joseph Nahrgang had six known children;
- Lillian Margaret Nahrgang
- Delores Marie Nahrgang
- Helen Mae Nahrgang
- Mamie Jean Nahrgang
- John Edgar Barry Nahrgang
- Lans Lewis Nahrgang
- both Joseph Dubord & Clara are buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora
  - refer to their upright monument in Centre Section Plot 106
  - Clara's parents; Adam Doerr & Lavina Bechtel

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CHILDREN OF JOHN DORAN CLAIRMONT & MARGUERITE MARY SHANNON

PATRICIA MARY CLAIRMONT - born 16 March, 1934  
 - bapt 20 March, 1934 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - confirmed 3 September, 1944 at Sacred Heart Church  
 - married David Tinsley  
 - on 14 September, 1968 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - David bapt 19 November, 1931 at St James Orall Wigan, England  
 - David's parents; John Tinsley & Florence Walton

*Died  
Jan 1996  
General Wakefield  
Cemetery*

ANNE LOUISA CLAIRMONT - born 26 November, 1936  
 - bapt 29 November, 1936 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - confirmed 9 May, 1948 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - married Paul McGrath  
 - on 27 December, 1958 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - Paul James bapt 27 Feb, 1937 at Oshawa, Ontario  
 - Paul's parents; Thomas McGrath & Jessie Turebert  
 - Known children;

John Paul McGrath - born 1 March, 1961

Elizabeth Marguerite McGrath -

Michael Desmond McGrath - born 3 July, 1969

THERESA MARGUERITE CLAIRMONT - born 9 July, 1942  
 - bapt 12 July, 1942 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - confirmed 1 May, 1955 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - married ~~Herbert~~ Vincent O'Keefe  
 - on 16 July, 1966 at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora  
 - Herbert bapt 2 August, 1942 Sacred Heart Church Peterborough, Ontario  
 - Herbert's parents; Joseph O'Keefe & Dorothy Allen  
 - Known children;

Michael Patrick O'Keefe - born 1 August, 1971

- bapt 22 August, 1971  
 at Sacred Heart, Marmora

# Married Pretty Wedding Sacred Heart Church

## TINSLEY - CLAIMONT

United in marriage on Saturday, September 14th, in Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, were Miss Mary Patricia Clairmont and Mr. David Tinsley of Peterborough. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clairmont of Marmora, and his parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. John Tinsley of Upholland, Wigan, Lancashire, England. Celebrating the Nuptial Mass was Rev. Father T. G. Scanlan. Organist, Mrs. Hugh Brady, accompanied the junior girls' choir in beautiful vocal selections.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor length white gown of French crepe under attached coat of French Guipure lace, with three-quarter bell sleeves and long train edged with Guipure lace. Her head-dress holding a shoulder length veil was a tieria of crystal beads and seed pearls, and she carried a nosegay of white glads.

Attendants, her sister Mrs. Hubert O'Keefe of Newmarket, and Mrs. Bernard Hughes Jr. of Peterborough, were dressed similarly in floor length empire style gowns of ice blue peau de charme with wide sashes, and their bouquets were nosegays of cerise glads. Miss Cathie Hughes of Peterborough was flowergirl, and her long dress was of white peau de charme with blue sash, and she carried a basket of white mixed flowers. Groomsman was Frank Cassidy of Toronto and ushers were Charles Clairmont, brother of the bride, and Tom Hanley, of Marmora.

After reception at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, the bride changed to a Lakeland beige wool coat over a dress of gold lurex and brown accessories. On return from their trip to Ottawa and eastern points, Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley will live at Lakefield.

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## Beautiful Summer Wedding At Sacred Heart Church



The wedding of Theresa Marguerite Clairmont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clairmont, Marmora, and Hubert Vincent O'Keefe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Keefe of Peterborough took place in Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, on Saturday, July 16th. The Nuptial Mass was said by Rev. Father J. F. Spence, Pastor. Soloist, Mrs. Joseph Quinlan, Norwood, accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Brady organist, sang "Ave Maria", "Mother at Thy Feet is Kneeling" and "Panis Angelicus".

The bride was elegant in her floor length gown of Poloma crepe designed with a rounded neckline and tiny sleeves. Her Empire bodice and edge of sleeves were enhanced with a band of fine French Alencon lace delicately showered with baby pearls. A long chapel train complemented the waist of her softly draped sheath. Her lily-shaped lace headdress edged with pearls and adorned with Barbarian crystals was highlighted with a 4-tiered scalloped veil of

silk illusion. White roses and feathered 'mums formed her cascade bouquet.

Wedding attendants were the bride's sister, Mrs. Paul McGrath of Chicoutimi, P.Q., as matron of honour, the groom's sister, Miss Margaret O'Keefe, and cousins of the bride, Miss Mary McCormick of Trenton and Miss Paulette Clarke of Port Credit. Flower girl and ring bearer were the bride's niece and nephew, Mary Anne and John Paul McGrath. Dennis O'Keefe was groomsman for his brother and the ushers were Michael Theobald, Vincent Kennedy and John Beggs, all of Peterborough.

Pistachio green Swiss sparkle crepe and lace was used in floor length A-line gowns worn by the attendants, and they carried white carnations and yellow roses. The flower girl's dress was lemon yellow crepe and she carried a basket of daisies, yellow roses and white mums.

For the 120 guests from Toronto, Weston, Port Credit, Belleville, Peterborough, Flint Mich. Ottawa, Kingston, Trenton, Chicoutimi, Oshawa, and Marmora, Wedding breakfast was served in Sacred Heart Parish Hall by the Catholic Women's League. A reception was held later at the home of the bride's parents.

For their wedding trip to New York State, the bride wore a 2-piece sleeveless cream suit with cinnamon lace top, a white Panama hat and accessories.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe will live in Montreal.

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## FROM THE "MARMORA ADVOCATE"

Our readers may be interested in some of the news items taken from the 1st issue of the Marmora Advocate, May 4th, 1893

This is a good time to get out the family paint pot and do a little spring painting. Paint is cheap and it makes things look nice.

The funeral service of the late Robert Warren will be preached next Sabbath evening in the Methodist Church, Marmora.

During the past year there were 10 horses, brick or wood put up in this town; and so far this season there are fourteen under way. There is not a vacant house in the place and the hotels and boarding houses are full to the garretts. The boom has struck Marmora.

The funeral of the late James Kennedy of Marmora was taken charge by the C. O. O. F. There were eighty members present from the neighboring lodges. The Town Band furnished suitable music. Service was held by the Rector in the English church.

The Ladies Society of the Methodist Church gave a social and bazaar in the Town Hall on Monday 17th which was well patronized. Following program was given. Greeting Glee, by the choir, "Duet, Why Stand Ye Idle," Mr. Sanderson and Miss Reddick, Song, by Miss Cora Gladney and Miss Mamie McCamus. Then came the saucers of boiling hot sugar, relished by the old as well as the

young. Proceeds were \$60.

1000 deacons wanted at Geen's tinshop.

Prof. Brush, horse educator will give an exhibition under a tent with his four trained horses.

English Spavin Linament sold at Stewart's Drug Store,

The advertisers were:—

T. M. Bell, Furniture and Undertaking; M. Fidler, Roll and Stone Flour; A. Johns, Meat Market; A. W. Carscallen, Banker; C. A. Blecker, Gents' Furnishings & Millinery; Jos. H. Warren, Carriages, Wagons, Blacksmithing; Geo. Blecker, Dry Goods & Groceries, Albert Geen, Hardware; G. McWilliams, Prop. Royal Hotel; Frank Pringle, Prop. Pringle House; W. A. McIlroy, Prop. Provincial Hotel; Wm. Narrie, Boot and Shoemaker; J. Green, Harness Maker; J. R. Irish, Dentist; Henry M. Jones, M. D. Chemist and Druggist; L. E. McPomeroy, M. D.; J. A. McCloskey, Jeweller and Photographer; Oscar Vollick, Boot and Shoemaker; W. L. Clairmont, Groceries; H. J. Clark, Jeweller; T. M. Barry, Grocer; Dempsey Bros. Hardware; R. Stewart, Druggist; B. C. Hubbell, Dry Goods, Ready Made Clothing; The Pearce Co., Lumber, Woollen Mills, General Store Tailoring.

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