

*Richard Berry Johns (1847 – 1884)*  
*Mary Crawford (1850 – 1899)*

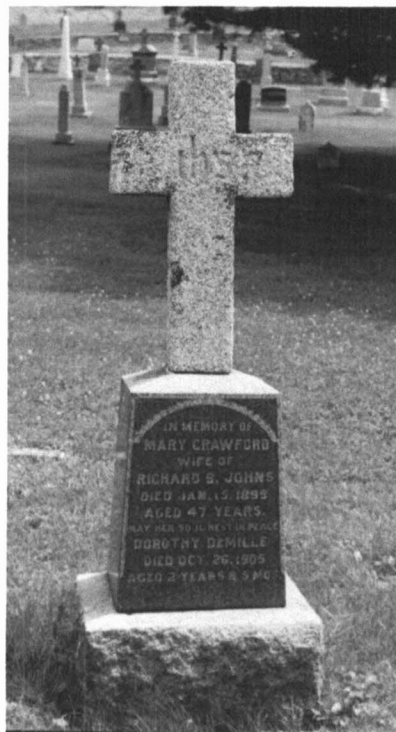
Richard was the eldest son of David Bucklin Johns and Mary Fralick. Born in Sidney Township (now Belleville), Hastings County, he grew up in Stirling. When he was a young lad of 17 years his mother died. Richard likely was working on his father's farm in Stirling by that time.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872 Richard took out a Patent on the east half of Lot 12, 4<sup>th</sup> Concession in Marmora, a couple of miles north of the village, kitty-corner from the property of his uncle, Solomon Johns. This purchase may have been made in preparation for his marriage on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1873 to Mary Crawford of Marmora. He appears to have had some training in carpentry, as in 1874 Richard Johns is noted as being one of the carpenters engaged to build the new Roman Catholic Church in Marmora. During 1878 he deeded his property to William Holland, for reasons unknown.

Richard and Mary had four daughters but Mary, the second eldest, died in 1879 at about the age of four. Unfortunately, in 1884 Richard died of consumption, leaving his widow, and three daughters – Elizabeth, 11, Gertrude, 7, and Edith, 5. His wife, Mary, died in 1899. Their infant granddaughter, Dorothy DeMille was buried with Mary in the Catholic Cemetery. Richard was buried in the Protestant Cemetery, near his great-grandparents, David and Sarah Johns.

IN  
 MEMORY OF  
 RICHARD B. JOHNS  
 DIED  
 JAN. 24, 1884  
 AGED 36 YEARS  
 & 5 MO.

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*Farewell my wife and children  
 From you a Father Christ doth come  
 Mourn not for me in Vain  
 But hope in Heaven to meet again.*



IN MEMORY OF  
 MARY CRAWFORD  
 WIFE OF  
 RICHARD B. JOHNS  
 DIED JAN. 15, 1899  
 AGED 47 YEARS.  
 MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE  
 DOROTHY DEMILLE  
 DIED OCT. 26, 1905  
 AGED 2 YEARS & 5 MOS.