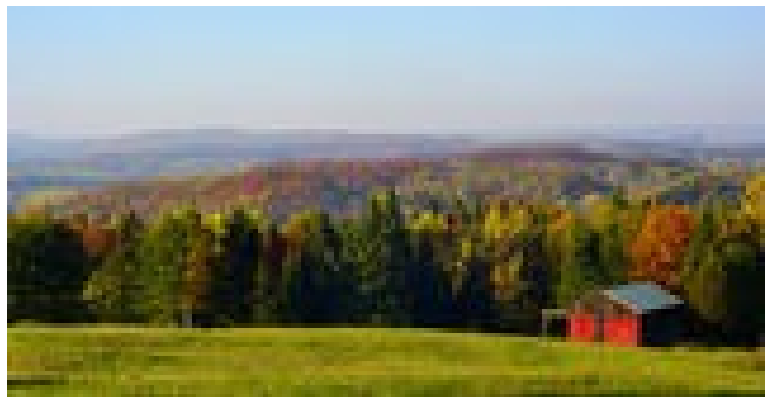


A partial catalogue of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials for Protestant Settlers in the St-Felix area east of Rawdon and Kildare



These photos taken near Ste-Melanie (d'Ailleboust) evoke the countryside as it would have been years ago and is still, today.¹

Events are from the register of Christ Church, Rawdon unless otherwise noted. Many, of the Anglican events, may have taken place at the Church of All Saints, de Ramsey rather than in Rawdon as often the same clergy served both. There is a photograph of the new church, built in 1892, at the close of this posting.

The earliest events marked with an asterisk* are from the Louiseville register.²

Those marked Methodist are from the "Rawdon" register which initially was for the Wesleyville circuit which included all the areas which surrounded Rawdon.

Spelling reflects what is found in the registers. It would appear at times that family members copied what the minister wrote. At other times the minister devised his own spelling and the witnesses used their own version.

1832 March 4 Marriage by A.H. Barwell* Israel TURNER³ (X) and Delphine LAVOTE (X), both of the Parish of Maskinonge, were married. The witnesses were John England, P.M. Benson and W.H. Hardie.

¹ http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/North_America/Canada/Central/Quebec/Ste-Melanie/

² * Indicates baptisms of children at Kildare and other settlements in Maskinonge as recorded in the register of St. James Church, Louiseville, in Rivière-du-Loup Seigneurie, Diocese of Quebec which contains more entries of this scattered English community.
(X) Indicates the party made a mark and did not sign.

1832 March 4 Baptisms by A.H. Barwell* Elaine Phoebe HARDIE, daughter of W.H. and Mary Ann Hardie was born November 12, 1831.

1832 March 4 Baptisms by A.H. Barwell* Anne Caroline Rebecca HIBBARD, daughter of Josiah and Anne Hibbard,⁴ was born November 12, 1831. Witnesses for the two baptisms were Timothy Dunn, P.M. Benson and W.H. Hardie.

1832 March 11 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Mary Josette McRAE, daughter of Duncan and Josette McRae, was born March 4, 1832. Witnessed by William Dunn, Isabelle Armstrong (X) and Rebecca ____.

1832 March 11 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Hannah Mary ARMSTRONG, daughter of Samuel Armstrong and Agatte [sic], was born December 12, 1831 and witnessed by John McRea, Hannah Mary Armstrong (X) and Jane Dunn.

1832 March 16 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Charles HUSTON, son of Charles Huston and Jane Dixon, was born January 20, 1832, John Huston (X) and Catty [sic] Huston.

1832 March 16 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* James KEATON [sic KEATING], son of Richard Keaton (X) and Eliza Dixon, was born February 16, 1832; witnessed by Wilford Heather, Benjamen [sic] Dixon and Mary Reid.

1832 March 16 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Gilbert STAFFORD, son of John Stafford and Jane Winter, was born March 10, 1831; witnessed by Arthur Woods, Alick Taylor and Eliza Dixon(X).

³ Ike [sic] Turner was a sponsor when Mary Amanda St. Louis was received into the Louiseville Anglican Church in 1869. It is noted that she was previously baptized in the Church of Rome. Her parents were Maxime St. Louis and Rosanna Turner of Ste-Ursule. For Amanda's her marriage to Clement Sarrasin (for his relatives see 1882 and 1892) and notes on his family, go to <http://www.petersarazin.com/history/family/paternal/genealogy/292.htm> Baptized on the same day was a daughter of Edward Lebert and Cordelia Turner of Ste-Ursule.

⁴ The Hibbards were another American family, a.k.a. Hibbert. Joshua Hibbard, a native of Vermont and his wife Ann Hunter of New York, were residents of St-Didace Mission, in 1852, and had four adult children at home – Jerusha 29, James 28, Edson 23, and Caroline 20 all born at St-Didace.

On the same 1852 census at Ste-Ursule was Charles Dunn, 66, and his wife Mary Hibbard, 61, and four adult daughters born at Maskinongé. Charles was born at Ste-Ursule and Mary at "Burlington, Américain" [sic presumably Vermont].

1832 March 17 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Lewis READ, son of James Read and Lucy Horton, was born August 12, 1831; witnessed by George Horton, Ovimill Gibbs (proxy for Lewis Turner), Harriet Turner and James Read, father.

1832 March 17 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Margaret READ, daughter of Henry Read and Mary Connelly, was born on June 13, 1831; witnesses were Catherine Horton, Polly Ann Robison [sic] and Alexander Stevens.

1832 March 17 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Ester SULLIVAN, daughter of John Sullivan and Ester Gibbs, *[See: [Two Different Gibbs Families](#)]* was born 13 March 1832. The witnesses were Melia Clement [sic Melissa Clements], Catherine Horton and Nathaniel Barter.

1832 March 17 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* Leonard CLEMENTS, son of Timothy Clements and Polly Read, was born 5 February last (1832). The witnesses were Leonard Read, James Read, Sophronia Clement [sic] and the mother.

1832 March 18 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* James DIXON, son of James Dixon and Margaret Connelly, was born 20th Instant (Feb.1832). The witnesses were Benjamen [sic] Dixon, James Dixon, Ann Byrn and the father.

1832 March 19 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* James Henry BANKS son of William Banks and Susan _urdon, was born February 20, 1832. The witnesses were the father and Henry Dixon and Ann who made their marks for William and Anne Boyce.

William Boyce was the schoolmaster at Kildare and not related to the Rawdon Boyces.

1836 July 7 Marriage Peter ROLSTON of Brandon and Sophronia CLEMENTS of Ramsay; witnesses were Archibald Rolston and Henry Read

Also known as Ralston, he was previously married to Rachel Connelly and his brother, William Ralston, was wed to Matilda Connelly. Rachel and Matilda were possibly aunts of Mary, Mrs. Henry Read, junior. Henry's sister Mary Read was married to Timothy Clements. The Reads and Clements families may have been related in other ways, as well.

1836 July 7 Baptism George READ, son of James and Lucy Read *[née Horton]* of Ramsay, was born 22 July 1835. Witnesses: Geo. Horton, George Bull, Harriet Turner.

1836 July 7 Baptism William Henry STEPHENS, son of Alexander and Mary Ann Stevens of Ramsay, was born 2 November 1834; witnesses were Polly Stevens, Horatio Clark.

1836 November 11 Baptism Henry BARTER, born 25 August 1834 and Elisa Ann BARTER born 10 November 1836, children of Nathaniel and Catherine Barter of de Ramsay; witnesses: John Spedding [sic], James Read, George Horton, and Polly Clements
Spedding may be Spalding, which was the maiden name of the elder Henry Barter's mother and may have been the middle name of Lucy, the eldest Read daughter.

1836 December 20 Baptism Alexander STEPHENS, son of Alexander and Mary Ann Stevens of de Ramsay, was born 6 August 1836; witnesses were James Read, Nathaniel Barter and Melissa Clements.

1836 December 20 Marriage John SMITH and Elizabeth HOOKER were both of de Ramsay; the witnesses were Robert Parker, Elizabeth Whittal and George Horton

1836 December 20 Baptism Daniel READ, son of Zadok and Olive Read of de Ramsay, was born 8 July 1836; the witnesses were Asher Castle, Polly Clements and Horatio N. Clark.

Olive Read née Scofield was married on March 25, 1830 in the Anglican Church at Philpsburg; she was of "this signiory" to Zadock Read from the Township of (illegible). The bride and groom who were of major age, and Scofield witnesses all signed.

1839 February 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Peri [sic illegible] Hoskins READ, son of Zadoc [sic] and Olive Read of the Seigneury of Ramsay, was born 24 September 1834; witnessed by Zadok and Olive Reed [sic] and Henry Basford

1839 February 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist James READ, son of Zadoc [sic] and Olive Read of the Seigneury of Ramsay, was born 28 day of October 1838 with witnesses by Zadok and Olive Reed [sic] and Henry Basford.

1839 April 7 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Harlow REED [sic], son of Zadok and Olive Reed of the Seigneury of Ramsay, was born 5 April 1833 and witnessed by Henry and Mary Basford, Zadok Reed [sic].

*It is curious that the sons were not baptized in birth order.
Harlow Reed was married with two children and farmed with his father at Sutton, in 1871.*

1840 January 15 Baptism Leonard READ, son of James Read of Ramsay and Lucy Horton, was born 4 December 1839. Witnesses: George Horton, Leonard Read, Ann Hooker.

1840 January 27 Baptism John Benjamin PAGE, son of John Philip Page and Melissa Clement of Brandon, was born 3 October 1839; witnesses were James Read, Horatio N. Clark, Polly Clements.

1840 January 27 Baptism Henry READ, son of Henry Read of Rawdon [sic] and Mary Conley [sic], was born 22 November 1838; witnessed by Leonard Read, Mary Clements, Lucy Ann Clements.

Perhaps the minister erred in saying Rawdon because the Copping Journal makes it clear the property was sold in 1838. Also, baptized on the same day was a son of John Philip Page and Melissa Clement of Brandon indicating the baptism was probably at All Saints Church.

1840 February 24 Marriage John DOYLE of Lake Brandon and Jane ROBINSON of Ramsay with witnesses: James Robinson of Ramsay and Thomas and Elizabeth Doyle of Lake Brandon.

1840 February 24 Baptism John ROBINSON, son of James Robinson of Ramsay and Lucy Read, was born 15 Sept. 1839; the witnesses were Zadok Read, Mary Ann Stevens.

1840 July 27 Baptism Essena STEVENS, daughter of Alexander Stevens of Ramsay and Mary Ann Robinson, was born 7 July 1840; witnesses were James and Lucy Robinson.

Mary Ann (Polly) was the daughter of Lucy Read Robinson. Alex Stevens was a "forgeron" at St-Felix in 1852; he was 40 and Mary Ann 37, both born in Canada. They had eight children at home, the eldest, William, 17 years, also a blacksmith.

1841 June 21 Marriage Leonard READ of de Ramsay and Elizabeth Annis PAGE of Brandon Witnesses: Josiah E. Page, Horatio N. Clark

Elizabeth Annis may be a sister of Malvina Rebecca Page who married Leonard Read's nephew. Elizabeth used her full name, Elizabeth Annis, at baptisms of the first two of her children who are listed here. Leonard and Elizabeth had at least seven children according to census sources. Their eldest daughter died at Dunham 1857.

1841 June 21 Marriage James ROBINSON of de Ramsay and Melvina Rebecca PAGE of Brandon with witnesses John Clement,⁵ Josiah E. and John Page.

1841 June 21 Baptism George HOOKER, son of William Henry Hooker of Ramsay and Ann Whittal, was born 19 April 1841 with witness, Lucy Read.

1841 October 5 Marriage Asher CASTLE and Sarah Jane BASSFORD [sic] of De Ramsay were married with witnesses Henry Basford and Chester Conner.

There are baptisms for children of Asher Castle which follow. Also see footnote 11.

⁵ The name J. Clemens [sic] is on an 1828 petition concerning J. E. Burton (File 60B, Diocesan Archives, Bishop's University, Lennoxville).

1842 March 8 Baptism Victoria Susan REID [sic], daughter of James Reid, [sic] a farmer of Ramsay and Lucy Horton, was born 12 February 1842 with witnesses Ann Hooker and John Clement.

Victoria Susan, 76, wife of the late Walter Nicol BENNY of Ste-Melanie died March 31 and was buried April 2, 1918 in the Church Yard of All Saints e Ramsay.

1842 July 18 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Elizabeth Ann READ, daughter of Leonard Read and Elizabeth Annis of De Ramsay, was born 2 May 1842. Parents signed.

1842 August 21 Baptism John Albert ROBINSON, son of James Robinson of Ramsay and Malvina Rebecca Page, was born 5 April 1842 with witnesses John Read, Alexander and Sabina Robinson.

1842 December 18 Marriage Rawdon Methodist Josiah Edmond PAGE of the Township of Brandon and Selina ROBISON of D Ramsay [sic] were married on this date in the presence of James Robison and James Hibbard.

1843 January 1 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Henry Arthur CASTLE, son of Asher Castle and Sarah Jane of D Ramsay [sic], was born 11 November 1842. Parents signed as Asher Castle jnr. and Sarah J. Castle.

1843 January 1 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Margaret Nicol BENNY, daughter of James Benny⁶ and Sophia of Daillebout [sic], was born 6 June 1842. Sponsor was Harriet Turner.

1844 March 19 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Cynthia Sobrinia READ, daughter of Leonard Read and Elizabeth Annis of de Ramsay, was born 8 February 1844. Mary Ann Stevens and the father witnessed.

⁶ James Benny, merchant of Montreal, married Sophie Rouillard, by licence, at Saint Gabriel Street Presbyterian November 27, 1827. The same day, their nine months daughter Sophie was buried. The mother was noted as unmarried. Several children were baptized at St. Gabriel Street Church – Robert 1830, Sophia 1832, John James 1835 and Walter 1836. Born at d'Ailleboust (Ste-Melanie), the baptisms of Margaret 1842 and Selina 1852 were recorded at Rawdon and William was born in 1847 but baptized at Montreal. The baptisms of two other daughters have not been located. A daughter, Julia Benny, died at Ottawa January 4, 1919 and was buried at All Saints, St-Felix on January 9. See footnote 15.

The move to the farm at Ste-Melanie would have occurred between 1837 and 1842.

1844 July 21 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Sarah Emma CASTLE, daughter of Asher Castle and Sarah Jane Basford of the Seigniorship of Ramsay, was born June 20, 1844. James McKenney and the father signed.

1846 March 1 Baptism Louiseville Protestant Episcopal (Anglican) John Calvin READ son of Leonard Read, yeoman of St. Gabriel {de Brandon] and Elizabeth Ann Page was born January 10, 1846. The parents signed as godparents as well as parents.

1846 October 5 Baptism Rawdon Methodist John Edgar PAGE, son of Josiah Edmond Page and Selina Robinson, Parish of St-Felix was born; the parents signed.

1846 December 14 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Fidelia ROBINSON⁷, daughter of James Robinson and Melvina Page of Parish of St-Felix, was born 19 October 1845. James Robison [sic] and Celeste Connor witnessed.

Celeste was perhaps a daughter of Daniel Connor

1848 May 15 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Alvan CONNOR, son of Chester Connor of Ramsay Parish of St-Felix and Elizabeth Ann Reid, was born 19 February 1848.

Chester Connor was 33, a farmer at St-Felix and Liza Ann Read was 24, in 1852. Both were born in Canada and they had a son, John, one year.

His parents were Daniel Connor, 56, and R--- Farnham, 54, natives of Vermont with seven other children living 8 – 28 on an adjoining farm, 1852 St-Felix Census.

Chester died on September 14, 1919 and was buried in All Saints de Ramsay church yard.

Lois Connor HEBBARD, 86, widow of Edson Hebbard [sic] died at de Ramsay and was buried there on June 16, 1918.

1848 May 15 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Charles ROBISON, son of James Robison of Ramsay Parish of St-Felix and of Malvina Rebecca, was born 16 December 1847. Father signed Robison.

1848 September 4 Baptism Josiah James READ, son of John Read, Yeoman of St-Felix de Valois and Mary Melinda Hebbert [sic], was born August 7, 1848. Witnesses were Leonard Read proxy for Isaiah Hebbert, James Read, Lucy Read.

In 1881, John and Melinda Read, both 50, were resident at Berthier with five adult children.

John was an "agent". All were born in Quebec

⁷ The story of Fidelia and her move to North Dakota with her husband Guilford Milton Mandigo may be read at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chatweb/b538.htm> and details of the lives of these and younger siblings born after 1852, many are mentioned in the catalogue which follows.

1848 September 18 Baptism Arthur Edmund PAGE, son of Josiah Edmond Page of Seigneury of De Ramsay, Parish of St-Felix de Valois and Selina Robinson, was born July 17, 1848 Witnesses: Leonard Read, Lucy Read and "self" who was the presiding minister the Reverend Charles Rollit.

1849 February 22 Baptism Eglise Evangélique Française de Pointe-aux-Trembles
William Walson BENNY, son of James Benny *originnaire de Falkirk (Ecosse)* and Sophie Rouillard, was born at Daillebout [sic] 24 February 1847; witness was D. Amaron; the father and witness signed.

1849 12 March Marriage Eglise Evangélique Française de Pointe-aux-Trembles
Gates CURTIS, native of Depuyter, St. Lawrence County, New York, son of Jonathan Curtis and Phoebe Roisin [sic] married Rosana CLEMENTS (parents: Timothy Clements and Mary Read) of de Ramsay. Witnessed by Peter Ralston, John Clements, Jean Vernier, Louis Pasche.

See: 1852 St-Felix, Berthier County Census. The Curtises had a two year old son Albert and lived with John Clements and three of his brothers, all unmarried. Gates and John Curtis were "fabricants de moulins (millwrights); the Clements were joiners and one a blacksmith.

1849 August 19 Baptism Caroline Pauline READ, daughter of John READ, trader, of St-Felix de Valois, the Seigneury of de Ramsay, Co. Berthier and Mary Melinda Hebbard [sic], was born July 26, 1849. Sponsors were Edward Hibbard, Mary Ann Hibbard and Jerusha Clark.

1849 October 3 Burial Louiseville Anglican register Samuel Hibbard, yeoman of Ste-Ursule, died and his burial witnessed by his brothers John and Josiah.

1850 February 10 Baptism at New Glasgow Methodist Church but recorded in the register of Mountain Street Methodist, by Henry Cox, later of Wesleyville Circuit: Alfred Lewis CASTLE, son of Asher Castle, farmer and founder, and Sarah Jane Basford, was born on 2 August 1849. The baptism was witnessed by John Lloyd and Asher Castle.⁸

1850 April 21 Baptism John Elmore STEVENS, son of Alexander Stevens of the Seigneury of de Ramsay, County of Berthier, blacksmith and Mary Ann Robinson, was

⁸ Asher Castle, of the Township of Sutton, died aged 86 years and seven months and 29 days on March 7, 1849 and was buried from the Dunham Methodist Church. This is not the husband of Sarah Jane Basford but the unique name and the fact that many of the Read family were at Dunham and Sutton makes it of interest. There are a number of Castles in the register.

born October 29, 1849 in the presence of John Clements, Isaiah Edmond Page and Achsah [sic Isaac] Cruchet.

1850 April 21 Marriage Isaac CRUCHET and Lucy ROBINSON both of the Seigneury of de Ramsay married in the presence of James and Lucy Robinson.

1852 St-Felix de Valois Census named Isaac Cruchet⁹ a Swiss-born farmer, 27, Lucy, 21, Canadian born, and Samuel, 1 year. Isaac was a young relative of Anne Cruchet Amaron on the same census with her husband, Daniel Amaron¹⁰ Both 40 years and Swiss born, with five children who were actually born in Canada with two more born subsequently. Amaron was a French Protestant missionary and described on the census as "colporteur evang." or Evangelical hawker or peddler which, no doubt, reflects the prejudice of the census taker.

1850 August 26 Burial Mary CLEMENTS, relict of the late Timothy Clements "in his lifetime of the Seigneury of de Ramsay, Co. of Berthier", died on August 24, 1850. Burial was witnessed by James and Lucy Read.

1850 September 17 Baptism of Emily Jane PAGE daughter of Isaac Edmund Page and Selina Robinson of the Seigneury of de Ramsay who was born July 30, 1850. Witnessed by Isaac Edmund Page, George Read, John Read, Melinda Read and M. A. Stevens

1852 July 18 baptism Selina BENNY, was born June 1, 1852; daughter of James Benny of Daillebout [sic] farmer and of Sophia RUIILLARD [sic]. Witnesses were James Benny and James Benny, junior.¹¹

⁹ Isaac Cruchet was a native of Yverdon, Canton de Vaud, Suisse according to the marriage registration of another son Alfred Benjamin Cruchet at Montreal, in 1876.

¹⁰ Biographies of Daniel Amaron and Anne Cruchet may be found on line at:
http://www.united-church.ca/files/history/overview/frenchministries/bios_amaron.pdf
http://www.united-church.ca/files/history/overview/frenchministries/bios_cruchet.pdf

¹¹ James Benny, junior was born 29 December 1828 and baptized the following 7th of January at St. Gabriel Presbyterian. In 1881, James Benny (52) farmed at Ste-Melanie and was married to a French Canadian, Sophie Etu. His origin on this census was "Channel Islander" but his sons gave their origin as Scottish. A grandson was said to be French. All were Roman Catholic.

Also at Ste-Melanie was Sophie Rouillard Benny, 76, a widow and her unmarried daughters; Sophie 40 [sic], Julie 39, Marguerite 38, Christiana 36, Celina 28 - all were Catholic and the daughters were "Channel Islanders" in origin. The designation of origin is strange as James was born in Scotland according to his death registration and the baptism of one son. Perhaps his parents were from the Channel Islands.

1852 September 18 Burial Lucy CRUCHET, wife of Isaac Cruchet of Seigneury of de Ramsay, died September 17, 1852 and witnessed by Josiah Edmond Page and (illegible, possibly David Clark).

1852 September 18 Baptism William Henry PAGE, son of Josiah Edmond Page and Selina Robinson, was born July 1, 1852; the sponsors were James Read, Jerusha Clark and D. Clark (illegible, possibly David Clark).

1856 March 16 Burial Lacy [sic] ROBINSON, wife of James Robinson of de Ramsay in her 63rd year, who died March 14, 1856. Richard Robinson and Sewell Clement [sic].

1856 October 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Adam HIBBARD, son of Samuel Hibbard of Ste-Ursule and of Lois Connor, was born 21 May, 1856 in presence of Olive Connor and Emily Connor.

1856 December 22 Baptism George Leonard READ, son of John Read and Mary Melissa [sic] Hebbard of the Seigneury of de Ramsay, was born December 26 1855 and baptized in the presence of John and Paulina Read and J. C. Heriot.

1856 December 31 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Sarah Ann STEVENS, (minister wrote Stephens) daughter of Alex'r Stephens [sic] and Mary Ann Robinson of Castle Hill, was born 15 June 1855 in the presence of James Robison and Mary J. Stevens

1856 December 31 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Lucy Eva PAGE, daughter of Josiah Reuben [sic] Page and Salina [sic] Robinson of Castle Hill¹², was born 5 November 1856 in the presence of James Robison and Mary J. Stevens.

1857 February 24 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Leonard Irwin CONNOR, son of Chester Connor and Eliza Ann Reid of de Ramsay, was born 17 August 1855 – in the presence of James Robison and David Clark.

1857 February 24 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Richard Prescott ROBISON, son of James Robison and Malvina Rebecca Page of de Ramsay, was born 8 February 1856 – in presence of Mary J. Stevens and David Clark.

1858 March 24 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Orion Nelson Fitzallan STEVENS, son of Alexander Stevens and Mary Ann Robison of Castle Hill, was born 25 July 1857 - in the presence of James Robison and Mary J. Stevens.

¹² A possible reference to the area where Asher Castle lived

1859 August 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Gilbert James PAGE, son of J. Edwin Page, yeoman, of Ramsay and Selina, was born 6 April 1859.

1859 August 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Angelina ROBINSON daughter of James Robinson, yeoman, of Ramsay and his wife Malvina Rebecca was born November 4, 1858

"Lina" Robinson (wife of James William) died on March 17, 1949 at Sutton, QC. She was buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Sutton. Her parents had settled at Dunham, in Missisquoi County, prior 1865 (see footnote 7 and 14).¹³

1861 April 29 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Walter Laban CONNOR, born 13 November 1857 and Lyman CONNOR born 31 January 1860, sons of Chester and Eliza Ann Connor of de Ramsay baptized in the presence of Laban Connor.

1862 May 12 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Herman CONNOR, son of Chester Connor and Eliza Ann of de Ramsay, was born 17 August 1855.

1869 October 3 Baptism Saint John's Anglican, Kildare Lilly Paulina BENNY, daughter of Wm. Walter Nicol Benny¹⁴ and Victoria Susan (by her maiden name Read), was born 31 July 1869. Parents were sponsors.

1875 June 20 Baptism Eglise Evangélique Française de Joliette Wilfrid CONNOR, son of Laban Connor and Edwedge Contois of Ramsay, born 21 July 1874

1875 September 12 Baptism Eglise Evangélique Française de Joliette James John BENNY, son of Walter Nicol Benny and Victoria Susan Read of d'Aillebout [sic], County of Joliette, who was born 29 January 1875.

1877 January 29 Marriage of Luis [sic] BODDY, farmer and Elora Arvesta CONNOR, both of de Ramsay witnessed by Robert Boddy and Selina Benny.

¹³ Source: freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chatweb/b538.htm

¹⁴ Walter was born in Montreal on 4 January 1836 and was baptized at Saint Gabriel Street Presbyterian on November 27; his father was a merchant. In 1881, Walter was farming at Ste-Melanie, Joliette County (formerly in the d'Ailleboust Seigneurie); he had six children and a female servant. Walter was 45; he and his family was Presbyterian; he claimed to be of Scottish origin but his children were said to be of "Channel Islander" stock. Victoria Read was of English origin.

1878 March 141 Burial Saint John's Anglican, Kildare James BENNY
formerly of Falkirk, Scotland and latterly of Daillebout who died March 11 at de Ramsay.
Witnessed by William Stevens and John A. Stevens

His children were baptized in various Protestant churches. Despite Sophie's Protestant marriage she was received back into the Catholic faith with her daughters (see footnote 13).

1882 February 13 Marriage Joseph SARRASIN of de Ramsay and Selina ENGLAND,
daughter of James England of Saint Gabriel de Brandon, witnessed by Emily Page, Pierre
Sarrasin. *Christ Church register but location was probably de Ramsay*

1882 March 02 Burial Lucy FARNHAM born at Salisbury, Vermont in 1798
and wife of Daniel Connor who died at de Ramsay, February 28, 1882 and was buried at
de Ramsay.

1882 April 9 Baptism Edward Samuel READ, son of George Read, store
keeper of de Ramsay, and of Ellen Hamilton, was born February 21, 1882.

1892 June 28 Marriage Pierre SARRAZIN [sic and signed as such] and
Margaret Ann KNOX of Kildare at Rawdon, James Samson and Ellen Knox Samson were
witnesses.

All Saints de Ramsay Anglican Church

