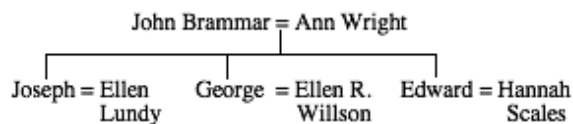


# The Brammer (Brammar) Family

John Brammar was born 1786, son of John and Catherine Harlandly Brammar, died 19 Sept. 1871; married Ann Wright, daughter of Matthew and Sarah Wright, 'born ca. Jan. 1779, died 2 Nov. 1864. They emigrated from Rotherham, Yorkshire about 1829. They lived on Lot 9, Conc. 2 of East Gwillimbury, in the heart of Sharon where John worked as a waggon maker. They also owned 50 acres in the south-west quarter of Lot 15, Conc. 3. They are both buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.



1) **George Brammer** was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire about Jan. 1808. He emigrated to Upper Canada in 1828, and married 4 Nov. 1832 **Ellen (or Hellen) R. Willson** in the Meeting House of the Children of Peace. She was the daughter of William W. and Hannah Vernon Willson (see below), born ca. 24 April 1809 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. <sup>2</sup> They lived on Lot 8, Conc. 2 of East Gwillimbury in 1837. He was a wheelwright by trade, but also farmed on the side. By 1851, he is listed in the census as a yeoman. He owned 50 acres (Lot 15, Conc. 3 acquired after 1845, with an 1865 assessed value of \$1,100), and by 1861, 75 acres (having added 25 acres on Lot 16, Conc. 5, none of it cleared, with an 1865 assessed value of \$140). This second lot was no doubt a woodlot, and by 1869 he had sold half of it. Of the original 50 acre farm, they cultivated 46 acres, leaving no room for expansion. This may be why most of their children emigrated west. He also owned a small lot in the village of Sharon, on Lot 10, Conc. 3, no doubt his retirement home.

Like his brothers, George took part in the Rebellion of 1837. He is no longer included in the membership lists of the Children of Peace after the Rebellion, although he is still recorded as a member in the 1851 census. By the 1861 census, he is listed as a member of the Church of England. His wife and children remained members of the sect until 1871, after which only Ellen is recorded as a member. George died 2 Nov. 1875 in East Gwill. of "Dropsy". <sup>3</sup> She died in Toronto on 24 June 1890. They are both buried in the Newmarket Cemetery. Children:

- a) Anne Brammer born ca. 1833; married ? McPhail.
- b) William Brammer born ca. 1834.
- c) Hannah Brammer born ca. 1835; married ? Bishop.
- d) John Brammer, born ca. 1838, died April 20, 1919 in Souris, Manitoba <sup>4</sup> ; married 1862 Mary Travis born ca. 1836, daughter of Joseph Travis of Lots 19, 20, Conc. 5. They were members of the Church of England. John and George Jr. inherited the family farm, which John farmed. Mary died 1 Oct. 1916. <sup>5</sup> They are both buried in the Newmarket Cemetery.

Children:

- i) *Robert Brammer, born ca. 1865.*
- ii) *Isabella Brammer, born ca. 1868, died 4 Sept. 1887 at Parkdale of inflammation of the bowels. <sup>6</sup> She is buried in the Newmarket Cemetery.*
- ii) *Ann Brammer, born ca. 1874.*
- e) Phebe Brammer, born ca. 1840. Had an illegitimate child, Julia, to whom George left his melodeon.
- f) Eliza Brammer, born Jan. 1842, died 28 June 1842. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- g) Mary Brammer, born ca. 1844; married 1865 John Bowers Jr.
- h) George Brammer, born ca. 1845. Lived on a 1 acre plot on Lot 15 Conc. 2, where he worked as a blacksmith. By 1877, he had moved to California.
- i) Helen M. Brammer, born ca. 1847; married ? Douwoody (?).
- j) Alice H. Brammer, born ca. 1851. She inherited the family house on Lot 10, Conc. 3, originally owned by her grandfather John.
- k) Julia Brammer, born ca. 1857.

2) Joseph Brammer was born 15 July 1809 in Yorkshire, England. He emigrated to Upper Canada as a young man, working as a wheelwright in Hogg's Hollow. He married 18 Feb. 1833 in Hope, Ellen (or Mary Ellen) Lundy, daughter of Israel and Rachel Hughes Lundy (see below), born 16 Feb. 1803, died 15 Feb. 1886 of cancer. <sup>7</sup> The marriage was registered in 1859. In 1837, they lived on Lot 8, Conc. 2. He took part in the Rebellion of 1837, fighting at Montgomery's Tavern; it was said his boots froze to his feet during the melee. He was captured several days later, and jailed in the Old Kirk in Newmarket, before being sent on to Toronto. When he was arraigned, and asked to plead, Brammer said, "Your Lordship, I am an Englishman. I have a heart as true and loyal to the Queen and to Britain as any British subject in the country; but if you mean disloyal to the Family Compact and the men who are robbing this country, I am guilty." He was never tried; several days after, when his fellow inmates were being released, he simply walked out with them, later fleeing to Buffalo where he stayed until it was safe to return to Sharon.

Although his wife and female children remained members of the Children of Peace, he is no longer included in the membership lists of the Children of Peace after the Rebellion. He became a member of the Church of England. By 1869, he owned 34 acres on Lot 104, Conc. 1E, 75 acres on Lot 2, Conc. 2, 60 acres on Lot 9, Conc. 2 and 4 acres on Lot 10, Conc. 2. This was a total of 173 acres, of which he cultivated 130 acres - a remarkable jump from 1851 when he owned just 35 acres of which he cultivated 28. This was accomplished by working in partnership with his son Alfred. While he was primarily a farmer, he also had a saw mill on Lot 10, Conc. 2, capable of sawing 1000 board feet a day. By 1871, the mill only operated for 2 months a year. His property was assessed at \$2,008 in 1865. Joseph died 22 May 1900, after

*Joseph Brammer* are both buried in the Newmarket Cemetery. <sup>8</sup>

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Children: <sup>9</sup>

- a) Esther Brammer , born 5 June 1834; married 21 Nov. 1851 William Matthew Lepard, born 27 Oct. 1824 of Peter and Elizabeth (Phillips) Lepard (see below). They lived at Holt (33 acres on Lot 11, Conc. 6), although they also owned 45 acres on Lot 7, Conc. 3. By 1862 he had sold this land and moved to a house on Lot 3, Con. 2. By 1865, he had purchased 100 acres on Lot 15, Conc. 6 with an assessed value of \$900, and by 1869 he had added a further 50 acres on Lot 14. He slowly expanded the cultivated acreage on this land from 75 to 97 acres by 1879. At that time he bought a further 100 acres on Lot 15, Conc. 7 in partnership with George Hogaboom. He then sold his interest in that land to finance the purchase of 100 acres on Lot 18, Conc. 6 for his Judah by 1882. By 1871, William is listed in the census as a Quaker, and the rest of the family members of the Christian Church. They later moved to Scott Twp.

Children:

- i) *Ellen Amy Lepard, born 10 July 1853, died 13 Feb. 1892 of consumption, buried in the Newmarket cemetery; <sup>10</sup>married John Bogart 1 Jan. 1878. No children.*
- ii) *Judah Lepard, born 30 Nov. 1864; married 2 April 1881 Lydia Stevens, <sup>11</sup>born 9 Feb. 1858 in Bradley England, of Francis and Fanny Scott Stevens. They lived at Holt. Children:*
- 1) *Florence Lepard, born 2 Jan. 1882.*
  - 2) *Luella Lepard, born 20 Aug. 1885.*
  - 3) *Esther Lepard, born 9 March 1887.*
  - 4) *Francis William Lepard, born 20 Aug. 1889.*
  - 5) *Almer Lepard, born 27 Nov. 1892.*
- iii) *Benjamin Wilmot Lepard, born 8 July 1869; married 15 April 1890 Mary A. Thompson, born 16 June 1873, daughter of Simon and Sarah Gibney Thompson. Children:*
- 1) Edith Lillian Lepard, born 12 Aug. 1891, died 1959; married George Herbert Boyd, born 1880, died 1949, son of Richard Boyd and Catherine Brammer. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.
  - 2) Earl Ross Lepard, born 7 July, 1897.
    - iv) *Edith Almeda Lepard, born 17 July 1871; married 5 Dec. 1894 A.C. Douglas Welburn of Holt.*
    - v) *Persilla Lepard, adopted, born ca. 1864.*
- b) Rachel H. Brammer , born 9 April 1836, died 6 Oct. 1863; married George Traviss, son of Whitney Travis of Lot 8, Conc. 6. She is buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

- i) *Alfred Edward Traviss, born April 1861, died 19 Oct. 1861. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.*

- ii) *Tamazine Traviss, born 1853, died 1915; married first Matthew P. Wright, born ca. 1856, died 18 July 1890. They lived on Lot 15, Conc. 2, E.G. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery. She married secondly ? Harris.*

- c) Hugh Willson Brammer , born 25 June, died 17 Aug. 1837. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- d) Sarah Catherine Brammer, born 9 April 1839, died 23 Aug. 1848. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
- e) Brammer, born 7 Dec. 1840, died 20 March 1893; married 1865 Eliza Brewer, daughter of William, born 1839, died 21 May 1922. He worked in partnership with his father, until they sold the farm in 1889 and moved to Newmarket. He also purchased 75 acres on Lot 2, Conc. 2 for himself about 1879. They were members of the Christian Church. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery. Children:
- i) *Addie A. Brammer, born 3 June 1869, died 4 April 1947; married Allen Denne, born 19 Feb. 1862, died 26 Feb. 1935. They are both buried in the Newmarket Cemetery. Child*
- 1) Frances Mary Denne.
    - ii) *Mary Ellen Brammer, born 1872, died 10 Feb. 1910; married Rev. William A. Terry, the only son of Dr. C.A. Terry of Huntsville (formerly Newmarket). They were members of the Christian Church. She is buried in the Newmarket cemetery. They had two children.*
    - iii) *Alfred Edgar Brammer, born 5 Feb. 1873, died 12 May 1962; married Phoebe Playter, born 9 Feb. 1875, died 7 May 1946. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*
  - 1) Charles Alfred Brammer, born 25 May 1905, died 18 June 1908.
    - iv) *Rachel Brammer, born 8 Jan. 1876, died 3 Sept. 1961; married James C. Bond, born 22 June 1872, died 24 Jan. 1948. They are both buried in the Newmarket cemetery.*
    - v) *Edith Emily Brammer, born ca. 1878.*
    - vi) *William Joseph Brammer.*
  - f) Israel John Brammer, born 15 Aug. 1842, died 27 Aug. 1848. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.
  - g) Joanna Brammer, born 7 April 1845, died 26 Dec. 1908 at West Toronto; married first, in 1866, George Travis (widower of her sister Rachel), second Peter McClelland, died Crosswell, Mich. She is buried in the Newmarket cemetery.
  - h) Sarah Catherine Brammer, born 25 Dec. 1848, died 28 Nov. 1916; married 20 Sept. 1871 Edward Smith Clarke 12 , born 7 Jan. 1844, died 6 Aug. 1925. She became a member of the Christian Church at the time of her marriage. They lived at Ravenshoe, and are both buried in the Queensville cemetery.

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*Sarah Catherine Brammer Clarke*

Children:

- i) Sarah Orscina Clarke.*
- ii) Joseph Brammar Clarke.*
- iii) Wellington Edward Clarke.*

3) John Brammer Jr. remains a mystery. The only mention of him is in his father's will which notes " and I give and devise to my son John Brammer the sum of One dollar only and I wish it to be distinctly understood that neither him nor his heirs shall have any further claims upon my estate either real or personal."

4) **Edward Brammer** was born in April 1811 in Rotherham, Yorkshire, England, died Oct. 1872. He emigrated to Sharon in 1836, several years after his brothers George and Joseph, with his wife **Hannah Scales**, born May 1805, died 23 Aug. 1882. The following year, he joined Mackenzie's Rebellion, and was jailed for a short time. Edward was a blacksmith for most of his life, his shop being in front of the Temple, next to the present day site of the Temperance Hall. Unlike his brothers, he never appears to have taken up farming, and never purchased any land. The family appears to have left the Children of Peace shortly after the Rebellion, and are not listed in an 1845 membership list. Edward was an ardent temperance worker, and a trustee for the Sons of Temperance, Sharon Division. It is thus fitting that the Temperance Hall now sits on the site of his old smithy. They are both buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

Children:

- a) Robert Brammer, married 1861 Clarissa Edwards, daughter of Joseph Edwards of Oro twp. He had become a Wesleyan Methodist by 1855. He operated a chopping mill. Their house on Lot 11, Conc. 3, built in 1857, still stands, a testament to their prosperity. It was designed and built by John T. Stokes (see below)
- b) Catherine Elizabeth Brammer, born Nov. 1833, died 3 Dec. 1835. Buried in the Children of Peace cemetery.

c) Edward Brammer, born 1843, was the first child born in Sharon; married March 1867, Emily Ager, daughter of Henry Ager of East Gwillimbury. Edward took over his father's blacksmithing business, until 1882, when he became a merchant in Sharon. For the last three years of his life he worked in the machine shop of Cane's factory in Newmarket. He died 26 Dec. 1909 of pleurisy. Children: