

## Marmora Township property owned by the Johns family from 1830 to 1917

Between 1830 and 1839 Solomon, Daniel, David and Bartholomew Johns (sons of David and Sarah Johns) purchased 1800 acres of land in Marmora Township, Hastings County. Solomon purchased 600 acres near the town of Marmora. A 1200-acre tract bought by Daniel, David and Bartholomew was in a block surrounding Beaver Creek in the bush area north of the town. After Daniel's early death his brother-in-law Sheldon Hawley acquired his third of the 1200-acre parcel. A few years later Sheldon purchased all David's portion of that tract of land. Bartholomew at his death owned half of the original tract, being the only son of David and Sarah to live on this land. Later, other family members purchased, and subsequently sold, property in the Marmora area. Solomon acquired an additional 300 acres east of the town of Marmora, and later sold portions of his property. After his death in 1884 his nephew William Hilton Jr. purchased the remaining 500 acres of Solomon's estate. When William retired from farming in 1917 he sold all the property. Of Bartholomew's six sons only his eldest son Daniel kept his property and lived on it until his death. Daniel's brothers each sold their land over a period of time until 1903. It is unknown whether Daniel's sons Henry and Archibald kept their father's farm after his death in 1911.

### 1830-39: Lots 10 and 11, Conc. 5; East-½ of Lots 12 and 13, Conc. 7: 600 acres

- On 31 March 1830 Solomon Johns, son of David and Sarah Johns, acquired the deed to Lot 11, Conc. 5 in Marmora.
- On 12 May 1831 Solomon bought the east half of Lot 10, Conc. 5. On 22 June 1839 he purchased the west half of this lot. A petition regarding the property of Solomon Johns at his decease in 1884, by his siblings, or their descendants, resulted in a ruling of the County Court Judge, and the subsequent purchase of these two lots in 1887 by William Hilton, Jr. We believe these two lots to be the property that was known in the early years of the town of Marmora as the David Johns' Homestead.
- Solomon's uncle, Solomon Johns Jr., was granted Marmora Lots 12 and 13, Conc. 7 from the Crown by Patent on 21 Feb. 1831. He had originally been granted Lot 13, Conc. 7 in 1797 as a son of Lieutenant Solomon Johns, United Empire Loyalist. On 24 Sept. 1831 Solomon Jr. gave the 2 lots in Marmora to his nephew Solomon. Solomon Jr. was living in the U.S. at that time and his lawyer had prepared the transactions. On 26 Sept. 1831 young Solomon sold the west half of Lot 12, Conc. 7 to Hugh Jones, and the west half of Lot 13, Conc. 7 to James Crawford, Sr. On 08 Sept. 1851 Solomon took out a mortgage on the east half of Lot 13, Conc. 7; this was discharged 27 May 1856 by the mortgagee, his brother-in-law William Hilton, Sr. On 07 April 1855 Solomon sold the east half of Lot 12, Conc. 7 to John Bull. Solomon kept the east half of Lot 13, Conc. 7 until 1870, when he deeded it to John Fleming and George Fleming.

### 1833-35: Lot 17, Conc. 5; south-½ Lot 18, Conc. 5; east-½ Lot 16, Conc. 5: 400 acres

- Daniel Johns purchased the south half of Lot 18, Conc. 5 on 04 Oct 1833 from Billa Flint.
- On 30 May 1835 Daniel purchased the east half of Lot 16, Conc. 5 from Baltus Lott and all of Lot 17, Conc. 5 from Spencer Patrick.
- On 14 November 1835, at the suit of Alexander Fisher, Sheriff McLean of Kingston seized all of Lot 17 and the east half of Lot 16, both in the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession. At that time this land was in the possession of David Johns, heir at law, and father of the said Daniel Johns. On 26 July 1837 Sheldon Hawley, son-in-law of David Johns, paid 80 pounds, 5 shillings, by public bid, to purchase this land. It would appear that Daniel Johns died between 30 May and 14 Nov. of 1835, and named his father David Johns as his heir. Perhaps David did not pay the taxes on this property.

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- On 29 July 1837 David Johns sold the south half of Lot 18, Conc. 5 Sheldon Hawley for the sum of 50 pounds. This transaction was witnessed by Solomon Johns of Marmora and William Hilton of Rawdon, husband of David's daughter Maria.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> March 1844 Sheldon Hawley sold the tract of 400 acres consisting of all of Lot 17, Conc. 5, the south half of Lot 18, Conc. 5, and the east half of Lot 16, Conc. 5 to his brother-in-law Solomon Johns.
- On 08 Sept 1851 Solomon Johns took out a mortgage on Lot 17, Conc. 5, which was later discharged by the mortgagee William Hilton, Sr.
- On 06 April 1853 Solomon Johns sold the west half of Lot 17, Conc. 5 and the south half of Lot 18, Conc. 5 to his brother Bartholomew Carley Johns. He kept the east half of Lot 17, Conc. 5 until 18 May 1875 when he sold it to William Fleming.
- On 13 April 1864 Solomon Johns sold the east half of Lot 16, Conc. 5 to George Leonard.

### 1835: Lot 17, Conc. 4; south-½ Lot 18, Conc. 4; south-½ Lot 18, Conc. 3: 400 acres

- Bartholomew Carley Johns purchased the above 400-acre tract of land from Richard Bullock on 01 Dec 1835.
- Bartholomew sold the south half of Lot 18, Conc. 3 to his brother-in-law Sheldon Hawley on 26 Feb. 1846.
- Bartholomew kept the remainder of this tract until his death in 1859, when it passed on to his widow and children. He purchased an additional 300 acres next to this tract, as detailed above and below; thus he owned 600 acres at his death. This property was willed in six half-lot parcels to his six sons.

### 1835-42: Lot 19, Conc. 4; north-½ Lot 18, Conc. 4; north-½ Lot 18, Conc. 3: 400 acres

- David B. Johns purchased these lots from Richard Bullock on 01 Dec. 1835.
- A document drawn up on 30 Dec 1842 states that this tract of 400 acres was sold by David Bucklin Johns to his brother-in-law Sheldon Hawley, for the sum of 250 pounds. However the sale was not registered until 01 Nov. 1867, when it appears that Sheldon, prior to his death in 1868, was transferring his properties to his son George Frederick Hawley. Meanwhile, the deed for Lot 19, Conc. 4, part of the above tract, was executed and delivered to Sheldon Hawley on 04 Feb 1857 by Sheriff Moody of Hastings County. Sheldon Hawley had paid the price of 11 pounds, seven shillings and a halfpenny for it on 09 January 1856 because of a notice of warrant, for the purpose of tax collection by the sheriff, dated 25 August 1855.
- In 1842 David [Buckland] Johns was deeded the west half of Lot 9, Concession 8. He sold this 100-acre lot in 1847.
- Bartholomew Carley Johns purchased the north half of Lot 18, Conc. 4 from Sheldon Hawley on 04 April 1853, but that sale was not registered until 29 April 1861, after Bartholomew's death.

### 1857: Lot 15, Conc. 4: 200 acres

- On 12 Sept. 1857 this lot was purchased by George Edward Bull and his wife, Emma Stevenson Johns Bull. There was evidently difficulty with the mortgage payments on this lot, resulting in a lawsuit by the mortgagee Patrick Turley.

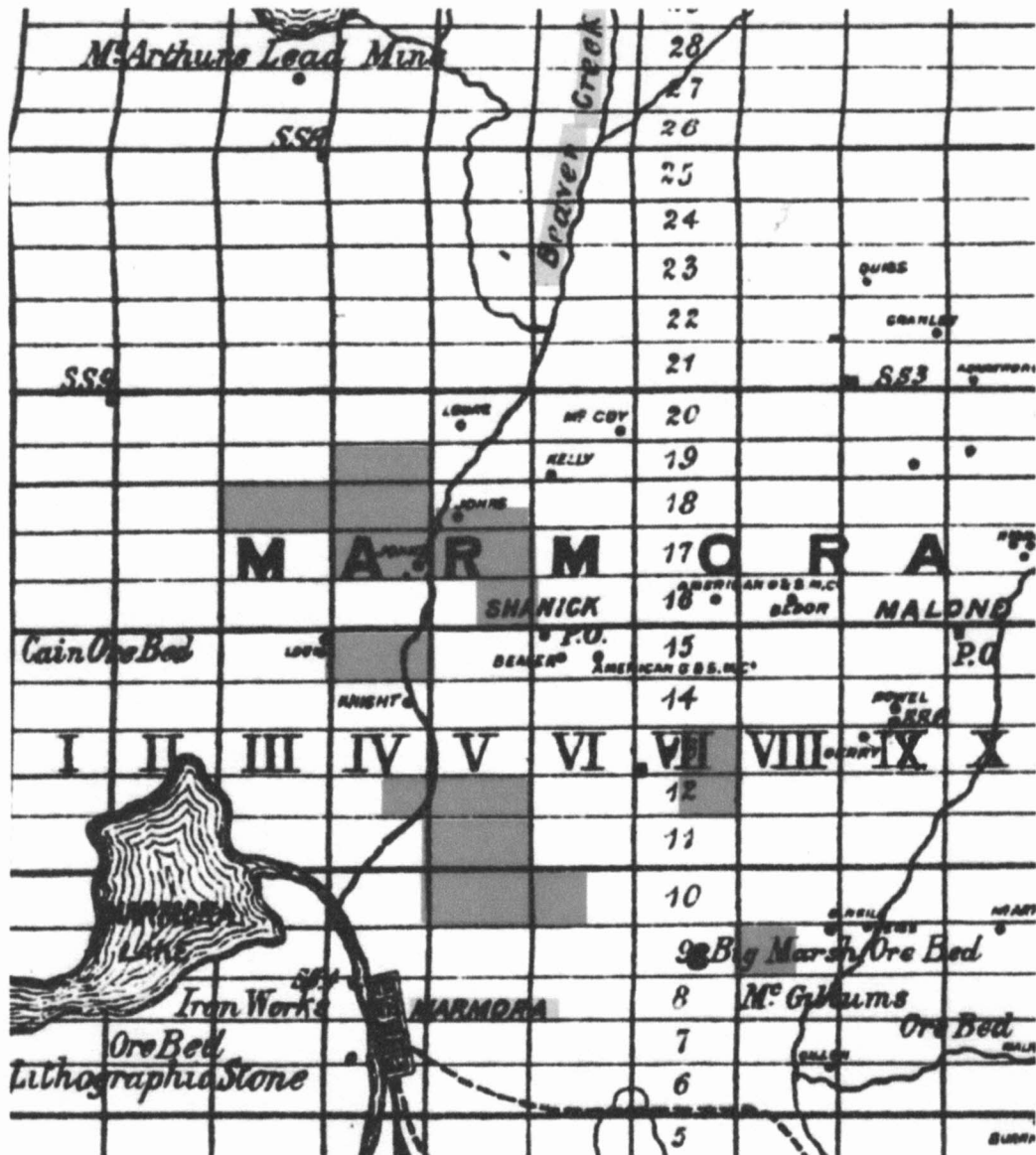
### 1872: East-½ Lot 12, Conc.4: 100 acres

- Richard Berry Johns, eldest son of David Bucklin Johns, acquired a Patent for the east half of Lot 12, Conc. 4 on 21 October 1872; he deeded the lot to William Holland on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1878.

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1872-87: Lot 12, Conc. 5; West-½ Lot 10, Conc. 6: 300 acres

- Solomon Johns acquired a Patent from the Crown for Lot 12, Conc. 5 in 1873 - he later deeded it to his nephew William Hilton, Jr. on 26 Dec. 1881.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1878 the County of Hastings deeded the west half of Lot 10, Conc. 6 to Solomon Johns. At his death in 1884 Solomon owned 500 acres.
- William Hilton, Jr. purchased the estate of his uncle, Solomon Johns in 1887. This included Lots 10 and 11, Concession 5, plus the west half of Lot 10, Conc. 6. He immediately sold Lot 11 to Frank Brown, husband of his cousin Nancy Johns, but he kept the remaining property on which he farmed until retiring in 1917.



Map of Marmora area with details of the Johns family property from 1830 to 1917<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This partial map of Marmora, Hastings County was extracted from a county map published in the Hastings County Directory, 1869-70, detailing mineral resources and leases. Numbers in vertical column represent Lot numbers; Roman numerals in horizontal column represent Concession numbers. "JOHNS" printed on Lot 17, Conc. 4 and Lot 18, Conc. 5 of original map represents mining leases granted by Annabel Johns and her son Solomon on their respective properties from 1866. David Bucklin Johns was granted the mineral rights on the road allowance between Lot 8, Conc. 8 and Lot 8, Conc. 9 in 1869.