

McFarlane Memorial Dedication

on June 3 at Sacred Heart

By Gerald Belanger

Marmora – On June 3, 2001, descendants of Matthew and Elizabeth McFarlane will be in attendance at the regular Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Marmora. Immediately after the 10 am service, a piper will lead the McFarlane family, members of the Marmora Legion and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War to Sacred Heart Cemetery.

At the cemetery, Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War, who will be in full period uniforms, will fire their muskets.

After the service in the cemetery, members of the McFarlane Family and invited guests will march along North Hastings Street to the Legion Hall for a buffet luncheon.

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church and the general public are invited to attend both the Mass Service and the Cemetery Service.

Matthew McFarlane, patriarch of the family and Civil War veteran

This is a story of a young Irish lad who left Ireland and immigrated to New York State in September 6, 1855.

Matthew McFarlane, born January 6, 1839, Welshtown, Ireland, County Lough; enlisted with the 140th Infantry, Company "G" on August 30, 1862, at Scotsville, Munro County, New York, for a three year term; appointed to the rank of Corporal on September 13, 1862; wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, at Little Round Top.

On July 2, 1863, the Confederates see that Little Round Top was lightly defended. Confederate Colonel Perry led his Alabamians in a charge. The Union troops recoiled but were quickly reinforced by the 16th Michigan, the 44th New Yorkers and Lieutenant Hazlett's ten pounder parrot guns.

They opened up on the Alabamians and, if Little Round Top fell to the Confederates, Cemetery Hill was in danger of collapsing and the day would be lost as the Union forces had suffered heavy casualties attacking Devil's Glen at the foot of Little Round Top. Confederate Col. Perry said Little Round Top resembled a volcano in eruption.

Recognizing that the battle for the high ground of Little Round Top was touch-and-go, Col. Patrick O'Rorke, a recent graduate of West Point Academy, quickly led the 140th New York Volunteers up the backside to the summit of Little Round Top. Then, without pausing and with empty rifles, he led his men with a bayonet charge down the hill. Col. O'Rorke was killed at the head of his regiment. The Confederates fled in the confusion.

Corporal Matthew McFarlane was also in that heroic charge and was wounded. He was subsequently transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After being discharged, he moved to Tipton, Indiana. In 1870, he traveled to Marmora, Ontario, where he purchased a small farm north of the village through the Soldiers' Commission of the Civil War.

On June 18, 1876, at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Madoc, he married Elizabeth Revoy who was born March 17, 1856, in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. Her parents were Frances Revoy and Minerva Clarke.

They had 12 children. Matthew died November 1, 1917; Elizabeth died January 25, 1925. Both were buried at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Marmora, in unmarked graves. Four of Matthew and Elizabeth McFarlane's sons joined the Canadian Army during World War I. They were: Michael, Alexander, James and Joseph, who will be honoured June 3.

Michael Ignatius McFarlane was born July 31, 1892. He joined Regiment #8567 and went overseas with the 2nd Battalion of Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), was wounded October 19, 1915, at Wyschaete Ridge, Belgium, losing his eyesight as a result of his wounds. Michael married Helen Lamond of England and they resided in England from 1931 to 1946. He worked as a physiotherapist at Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, dying October 7, 1962 at his Toronto residence. He is buried at the Legion Veteran's Plot, Marmora.

Alexander Mitchel McFarlane was born September 21, 1894. He joined Regiment #1093357, 21st Battalion of CEF. Killed in Action with the 254th Battalion as Passhendale, Belgium November 12, 1917. No known grave but his name is inscribed on Mennen Gate Memorial in Belgium.

James A. McFarlane was born July 26, 1890. Joined Regiment #4022016, served with the First Depot Battalion. James was born with two clubfeet and walked with a distinct limp; he was a cook in the Army. He died February 24, 1946 and is buried at the Marmora Protest Cemetery.

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Joseph Henry McFarlane was born May 16, 1896, Regiment #59715. He enlisted November 13, 1914 and served as a gunner with the 39th Reserve of 21st Battalion in CEF. He was seriously wounded on June 13, 1916, at Hill 60 during the Battle of Sanctuary Wood and Hodge near Ypres. It was Percy Gray, Sr., who carried Joseph to safety after he was wounded in the trenches to the Granville Canadian Special Field Hospital. Over 140 pieces of shrapnel were removed from his left arm, thigh and left leg.

Joseph married Olive Myrtle Turcotte on September 9, 1923, at North Bay. He died on July 7, 1949 in his small trailer located at Crowe Lake. Joseph is buried with his parents at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Marmora.

Their other children were: Mary Jane (Minnie), born September 3, 1877, married Benjamin Revoy; Elizabeth, born March 2, 1880, married Jacob Reid; John J. McFarlane, born August 11, 1882, married Effie Cole; Catherine McFarlane, born April 25, 1884, married Harry Linney; Matthew (Jr.), born June 29, 1886, lived at Santa Clara, California; Anne Bridget, born July 11, 1888, married Charles Dodson; Frances McFarlane, born March 7, 1898, married Fred Jennings; and Agnes Adelaide, born March 17, 1902, married George Kennedy.

Five of Matthew and Elizabeth's grandsons joined the Canadian Forces during World War II. They were Alexander Reid, Wilfred Dodson, John Kennedy, Harry Linney and Joseph Kennedy.

Two of Matthew and Elizabeth's great grandsons served in the United States military. They were Dennis George (1965-1969) and Brian Frances (1978-1982).

June 3 will be a great day! The itinerary for the day

From Ireland to the United States and the Civil War, to Marmora and World War I, the McFarlanes stood tall!

On June 3, a Memorial Dedication for Matthew McFarlane, Civil War veteran, and his son, Joseph Henry McFarlane, World War I Veteran will take place. Starting at 9 am, the McFarlane Clan will gather in the basement of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Group pictures outside the church will take place at 9:30 am and, at 9:45, the McFarlane Clan proceeds to its reserved seats in the church. They will be followed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War Colour Party, taking their seats in the front row, left side. The Canadian Legion Branch 237 Colour Party and their guests will be seated behind the American Colour Party, first placing all Colour party flags in flag stands near the left side of the altar.

At 10 am, the normal church procession begins and the McFarlane relatives will then bring the gifts from the entrance of the church to Father Brennan.

When Mass ends, about 11 am, Father Brennan and altar servers will lead a procession out of the church, followed by S.O.U.V. Colour Party, the Legion Colour Party and the McFarlane Clan. A piper and bagpipes will lead everyone to the gravesite.

Master of Ceremonies, Andre Philpot, will highlight the purpose of the gathering and call on Father Brennan and Rev. Jim Armstrong for prayer followed by Sandy Schell-Kennedy outlining the lives of Matthew and Joseph McFarlane. The Colour Parties will approach the grace sites and Todd Shillington of the New York Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will address the assembly; the Last Post

will be played, following by one minute of silence. A volley will be fired over the gravesite, led by Lt. Mark Somerville, followed by Rev-eille.

Rev. Armstrong will lead in the laying of poppies while Matthew's great-great grandson, Matthew Kennedy, will read *In Flanders Field*. Five families will be represented: Catherine, Annie, John, Joseph and Agnes; two from each family will place a poppy on each grave.

After another tune played by the piper, Mr. Philpot will introduce Matthew's great-granddaughter, Pat Pild (nee McFarlane), for closing remarks.

Lt. Somerville will lead the march to the Legion Hall at 12:10, where the Star Spangled Banner and O Canada will be sung, followed by Grace and a few words by Mr. Belanger.

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will serve lunch at about 12:30 pm, with violin music provided by Gabriel Hamley accompanied on the keyboard by George Danes.

By: Sandy Schell-Kennedy

(Editor's note: Mrs. Schell-Kennedy is the daughter-in-law of Joseph Kennedy, Matthew McFarlane's grandson. She lives in Sloughville with her family. She gave this address June 3 at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora)
Marmora – We are gathered here to pay tribute to two war veterans of the McFarlane family: Matthew and Joseph.

How did today come about? In 1959, Joe Kennedy asked his uncle, Michael, and his mother, Agnes, to write down the McFarland military history. They complied but the information lay dormant until Gerald Belanger discovered it while researching the Veteran's plot.

Neither Matthew nor Joseph had a grave marker. Gerald obtained their military records and obtained a marker from The Last Post Society Fund, Ontario Branch, for Joseph. With great assistance from Todd Shillington, a marker was obtained for Matthew from the New Department Sons of Union Veterans of the War.

Gerald Belanger met Joe Kennedy through this research and I am certain he would agree his life has not been the same since.

Matthew McFarlane lived through the potato famine and left Ireland at the age of 17 for America. Matthew knew hard times – he lives through the “No Irish Need Apply” period. He fought and was wounded in the

American Civil War.

The newspaper articles and family lore claim he never complained and was proud to have served under Abraham Lincoln. His descendants should be proud that he contributed to the formation and the future of the United States of America.

Matthew was a great storyteller. A free thinker. He was passionate about his politics and we are led to believe he took a drop of the drink, but never on a Sunday.

In 1870, he came to this town and to this church after it was built in 1876. How or why he came to Marmora is the only missing link in his life.

We must not forget that Grandfather did not and could not have produced 13 wonderful children on his own. Grandmother Eliza was just as important in bearing and raising their family. She lies beside Matthew and her two sons, Joseph and Francis, in this cemetery.

Matthew: the Irish lad, the American, the veteran soldier, the Canadian, the father. Both of our great nations are proud of him.

Like his father and his three brothers, when his country needed him, Joseph Henry McFarland was there.

Joe was wounded at Sanctuary Wood in Belgium in 1916. Had it not been for his cousin, Corporal Percy Gray, who picked him up and carried him to a dressing station, Joe would have died in the mud at Flanders. The Irish charm and wit

flowed freely through and around Joseph. The young people of Marmora loved him. The elders held him in high esteem.

On the day Joseph returned home to Marmora from the war, both the Catholic and Public schools were closed and the students gathered on the Main Street to meet and welcome him home.

Joseph never complained about his wounds or like many veterans, talked about his wartime experiences.

Joseph's only son, Sox (Leo) who died last year, said he often tried to get his fa-

ther to tell him about how he was wounded. All he would say was, “I got shot in the bum.”

Joseph dearly loved his mother Eliza: a son that stood tall among Canadians.

To all the men and women who have served their country, we are here because of them.

A blaze of light streaks through the darkened sky melting grayness into pink. A new day begins. A new day to walk into life.

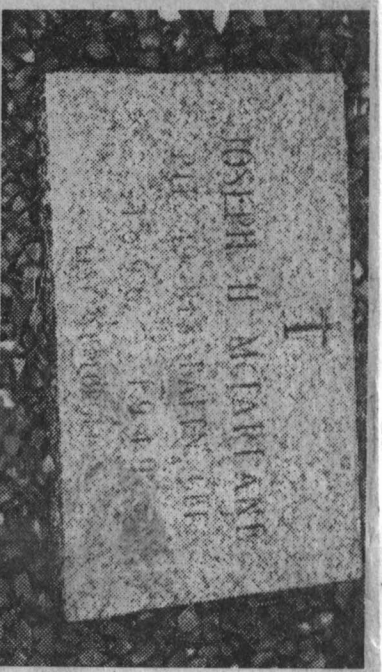
Thank you, God, for your gift of a new day. A new opportunity: to do; to feel; to be.



Piper leads contingent of Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War following the church service. Below, a volley is fired over Matthew McFarlane's gravesite.



Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party marches to Sacred Heart Cemetery, June 3.



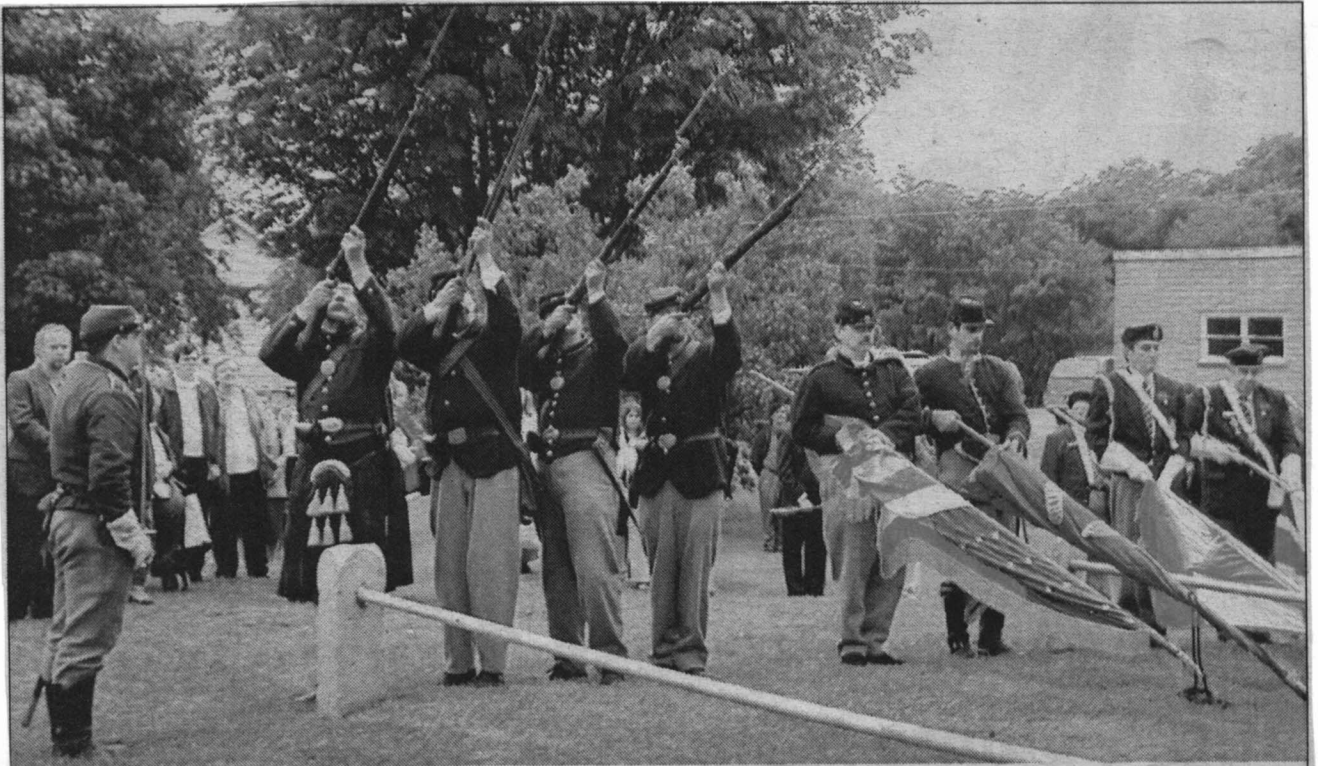
Temporary marker laid by Sons of Union Veterans of the American Civil War.

Matthew and Joseph McFarlane's military history honoured



The MacFarlane family showing 143 112 descendants of Matthew McFarlane, including two great-great-great-granddaughters. All photos/Nancy Derrer

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Canadian members of the American Civil War Historical Reenactment Society, Mark Somerville, Brian Armstrong, Jim Marshall, Dave Fulton, Norm Vandenberg, Malcolm Ross and James Atkinson, participated in the June 3 dedication of markers at Sacred Heart Cemetery to honour Matthew McFarlane, a veteran of the American Civil War, and his son, Joseph, who served Canada during World War I.

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JOS. McFARLIN

Last Thursday night Joseph McFarlin, a former well known Marmora resident, passed away very suddenly while sleeping in a trailer at Crowe Lake. He was a veteran of the first World War and was very badly wounded by shrapnel. He has resided in Schumacker, Ont., for some years, but never fully recovered from his wounds and has spent considerable time in Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, at various times. In recent years, he had also suffered from a serious heart condition.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McFarlin and was in his 54th year. He was born in Marmora and spent his early life here, where he was popular particularly with the young people of that period. After the start of the First World War he enlisted with several others from Marmora, who were among the originals of the 21st Battalion. Major Percy Gray is the only survivor of the group who enlisted here. Frank Leal was also one of the originals in the battalion, but he enlisted at Coe Hill.

Joe McFarlin was wounded at the battle of Hooge in front of Epres. Percy Gray, who was his corporal at that time, had sent him back for ammunition as the Germans were attacking in force and a shell exploded as he was passing along a trench and he was showered with shrapnel and gravel. Percy Gray carried him from the trench to a dressing station and 140 pieces of shrapnel and gravel were taken from his body. In addition he carried some in his body for the rest of his life. He was wounded on the 13th of June 1916.

Since the war the late Joe McFarlin has resided in Schumacker most of the time and was employed in one of the mines until ill health forced him to retire. He was held in high esteem both by the management and his fellow employees. He spent most of his holidays in Marmora where he had many friends. His friendliness and keen sense of humor made him popular with all who knew him. He just arrived in Marmora last Thursday with a friend, L. Lauchin, and was planning to spend the summer here.

Mr. McFarlin leaves a wife and one son, both of Schumacker. He is also survived by two brothers, Michael Toronto, who is also a veteran of the First World War and lost his sight in battle; and John of Marmora township; also five sisters, Mrs. Ben Revoy, Marmora township; Mrs. E. Reid, Marmora; Mrs. Fred Jennings, Mrs. Annie Dobson and Mrs. Agnes Kennedy, all of Toronto.

The funeral was held on Monday morning, proceeding from the home of his sister, Mrs. E. Reid, to Sacred Heart Church, where Requiem Mass was conducted by Rev. H. J. Farrell. The funeral was under the auspices of Marmora Branch No. 237, about 20 attending under the command of Major Percy Gray. Interment took place in Sacred Heart cemetery. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bobby Sanderson.

The pall bearers were Harold Naylor, Harold Osborne, Wilbert Bedore and John Laird, who also joined the 21st Battalion later. The other two were Jos. O'Neill and Joe Darrah, who are also veterans of the First Great War. Others in attendance at the funeral, who were also members of the Battalion were his brother-in-law Chas. Dobson, of Toronto, and Fred Revoy, of Peterborough.

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WEDDING NUPTIALS

McFARLANE—BARRONS

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized on Tuesday, November 18, when Mary Irena, daughter of Mrs. George Barrons and the late Mr. Barrons, of Cordova Mines, became the bride of Mr. John Duncan MacFarlane, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James MacFarlane, of Renfrew.

To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Laura McGregor, of North Marmor, the picturesque ceremony was performed at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. S. Martin, Free Methodist Minister of Napanee, formerly of Cordova.

Under an alcove of evergreens tinted with silver, flowers, white streamers and a large silver bell hanging from the centre, the bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Everett Barrons. She looked charming in a floor-length white silk crepe gown. Her embroidered silk net finger-tip veil fell from a coronet of pink carnations and fern. She wore silver slippers and carried pink carnations and fern.

Her sister, Miss Evelyn Barrons, of Hamilton, as her bridesmaid, was daintily gowned in floor length blue silk jersey and a coronet of Briarcliff roses and fern. She wore silver slippers and carried Briarcliff roses and fern. The groom was ably assisted by the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. George Rush, of Hamilton.

ter Miss Laura McGregor played and sang "I Love You Truly."

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to about thirty guests. The bride's mother received in black crepe.

Shortly after, amid showers of confetti and good wishes, the happy couple departed on a trip to Montreal and other Eastern parts. The bride travelled in navy with wine accessories.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane will reside at Stoney Creek, Ontario.

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(Oct. 28, 1915)

Mr. Matthew McFarlane to-day received the following telegram regarding his son who went with the First Contingent.

Oct. 27, 1915.

Ottawa, Ont.
To Matthew McFarlane,
Marmora, Ontario.

Sincerely regret to inform you 8567 Pte. Michael Ignatious McFarlane, 2nd Batt., officially reported admitted No. 24 General Hospital Wimereux, Oct. 21st. Gunshot wound eyes. Will send further particulars when received.

Adj. General.

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MARRIED

McFARLIN—INKSTER

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Andrew's United Church Parsonage on Saturday, January 20th, when Mildred Pearl Inkster, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clemenger, became the bride of George Elymer McFarlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlin. Rev. Geo. D. Young, B.A., B.D., officiated!

The bride was dressed in blue crepe with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses and fern.

The bridesmaid was Mrs. Gordon McFarlin, sister-in-law of the groom. She wore a dress of navy blue floral crepe and a corsage of pink roses and fern. The best man was Mr. Clayton Clemenger, brother of the bride.

Dinner was served at the Royal Hotel. After the bride and groom left for a honeymoon trip to Oshawa and other points west. On their return they will reside in Marmora.

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