

Marriages, Baptisms and Burials
in the St-Felix area and east of Rawdon and Kildare



Photos near Ste-Mélanie (d'Ailleboust) ¹ evoke the countryside as it was and is, still, today.



All Saints de Ramsay Anglican Church
St-Félix de Valois ²

Sources and related background are found in the endnotes. Additional genealogical information, from my research, is in italics after some of the entries.

Marriages, baptisms and burials are from the Christ Church, Rawdon register unless otherwise noted. All Saints de Ramsay congregation dates from 1825 and was always closely associated with Christ Church but for many years with St. John's, Kildare before that church was closed; the present sanctuary, was built in 1892. The register for All Saints began in 1887 and events for residents of the area, before then, appear in a variety of Anglican church registers. The earliest burials in All Saints Cemetery are for the Read family in the 1850s, which suggests there was an earlier place of worship. Church services were held through the years in private homes, the school house and in the Meeting Hall.

This link is to All Saints Cemetery

<http://www.cimetieresduquebec.ca/lanaudiere/st-felix-ramsay/>

Events marked with an asterisk * are from the St. James, Louiseville register (Rivière-du-Loup Seigneury, Diocese of Quebec)³. I think that baptisms, marriages and burials for St. James, (Berthier) Joliette and St. James, Louisesville should be in one register or were the churches completely independent. They both include entries for the scattered English communities, often served by missionary priests, such as St. Gabriel de Brandon, d'Ailleboust (Ste-Elisabeth and Ste-Mélanie), Kildare, Lac Maskinongé, Lavaltrie, Lanoraie, St-Cuthbert, St-Didace and Ste-Ursule.

Anglican events at (Berthier) Joliette are not included in this file

But are found in BaNQ archives:

http://bibnum2.baq.qc.ca/bna/ecivil/affichage.html?serie=06M_CE605S41&a=st.

Those marked Methodist are from the "Rawdon" Wesleyan Methodist register, initially called the Wesleyville circuit, and include the many communities which surrounded Rawdon.

Spelling reflects what was written in the registers. At times family members spelled their names as the minister wrote them but sometimes the minister devised his own spelling and the individuals used their own more accurate spelling.

(X) Indicates the individual made a mark and did not sign; it suggests that the person was illiterate but this was not always true.

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additional events from register of the Rev. Henry Gagnon, M.A., incumbent of St. John's Church, St-Felix de Valois

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3916871>

marriages, baptisms and burials – St. Felix and area

1828 January 20 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Leander Clements REMMINGTON son of John Remmington and Victoire his wife of Crête de Coq was born 10 December 1827. Present David Mitchell, John Remmington, Charles Turner.

This is the 1828 register of John C. Driscoll of Rivière du Loup that has events in Sherbrooke District not included here. He was subsequently at St. James, Berthier

1828 February 25 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Daniel Fredrick DAME son of A. A. Dame surgeon at Rivière du Loup and his wife Margery was born 6 December 1827. Witnesses L. Grant, D. Grant.

1828 June 14 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Andrew WILSON son of William Wilson, tinsmith of the parish of St-Gregoire and Mary his wife Mary was born 4 October 1827. Present, Daniel Mitchell, James Millard and the father.

1828 July 8 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* Joseph Henry MITCHELL, aged 22 months, son of Daniel Mitchell, tailor of Rivière du Loup and died July 7. Witnesses the father, James Douglas and James Millard.

1828 July 31 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Elvira TURNER daughter of William Turner of Crête de Coq and his wife Mary Ann was born 4 May 1828, Witnesses John England, W. Forrest and the father.

1828 August 3 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* John TURNER, 36 years, of Crête de Coq, died August 2. Witnesses Daniel Eddleston, John England, Alexander Turner

Crête de Coq became one of the ranges in the Parish of Ste-Ursule c. 1842.

1828 November 22 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* Robert TURNER son of Robert Turner of Crête de Coq and his wife Margaret died November 20 Witnesses James Millard, Henry and Charles Turner.

1828 November 29 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* Martha GETTINGS, 64, Widow of Gettings of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment died November 26. Present W. Forrest, G. Forrest, W. E. Driscoll

1828 December 14 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* Isaac MORRIS found frozen to death on the common of Maskinongé. Witnesses James Millard, Daniel Mitchell. W. E. Driscoll

1828 December 25 Marriage by J. C. Driscoll* Peter MAIRS, miller at Machiche and Elizabeth MCLEAN daughter of Peter McLean. All signed witnesses Peter McLean, James Douglas, Charles Dunn
Machiche [now Yamachiche] near Louiseville had been the site of encampment for refugee settlers.

1828 October 27 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Samuel Edson HEBBARD son of Josiah Hebbard and his wife Anna, of Maskinongé, born 24 September 1827. Present Josiah Hebbard, Timothy Hebbard, F. C. Driscoll.

It seems that, in time, Hibbard was the more accepted spelling but the family used both.

1828 October 27 received into church* by J. C. Driscoll* Eliza ARMSTRONG daughter of Peter Armstrong and Ruby, his wife, of Maskinongé, born 27 August 1828 and baptized in Roman Catholic Church on same day.

1830 February 2 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Nancy ARMSTRONG daughter of Peter Armstrong, miller and Ruby, his wife, of Maskinongé born 1 January 1830. Present James Millard, Peter Armstrong, Edward Cook.

1830 February 2 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Alfred Narcisse REMMINGTON son of John Remmington and Victoire his wife of Crête de Coq was born 18 May 1829. Signed John England, Victoire Remmington, Charles Dunn.

1830 February 8 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Caroline Louisa DAME daughter of Charles F. Dame of the carding mill, Machiche and his wife Hannah was born 1 January 1830. Signed James Millard and the parents.

1830 April 12 Marriage by J. C. Driscoll* Duncan MCRAE and Josephte LEMAI of Lac Maskinongé by banns Present William Morrison, James Armstrong, John Hebbard.

1830 May 30 Burial by J. C. Driscoll* Henry Audley COLGLOUGH, ten months, son of John and Elizabeth Colclough, living at Adams' Mills (Parish of Rivière du Loup) died May 29. Buried by the clerk of the church" in the absence of me" Present John Colclough, Henry Adams, Patrick Benson.

1830 July 5 Marriage by J. C. Driscoll* William HARTIE, junior and Emilie MINOT of the Parish of Rivière du Loup by license Present Daniel Mitchell, William Hartie, senior, Théodore Minot

1830 August 23 Baptism by J. C. Driscoll* Elizabeth DONCASTER daughter of Daniel Doncaster, miller at Maskinongé Mill and his wife Elizabeth. Present the father Charles Dunn, James Cook.

1831 January 22 Marriage by J. C. Driscoll* James MILLARD "steward of the St. Lawrence steamboat" and Clotilde Lafêche of Rivière du Loup by license. Present Daniel Mitchell, Mathilde Mineau [sic], ... Desmarais,

1831 May 2 Burial by A.H. Barwell* Lewis DORWIN of Machiche, doctor of medicine, died April 30. Present C. Dorwin, A. A. Dame
*I believe Canfield Dorwin was brother of Lewis and A. A. Dame surgeon, Rivière du Loup, his brother-in-law.
Read about Canfield Dorwin at <https://uptorawdon.com/supplements-to-book/>
and the Dorwin family in UP TO RAWDON, Part One*

1831 June 13 Marriage by A.H. Barwell* William ENGLAND, farmer and Emelie Vallier of Maskinongé by banns, both signed. Present John England, Paul Trepanier.

1831 July 10 Baptism by A.H. Barwell* Amanda Jerusha DUNN daughter of Charles and Mary Dunn was born February 9. Sponsors Jerusha Page, Augustus and Elizabeth Armstrong

1831 July 10 Baptism by A.H. Barwell* Ann MITCHELL daughter of Daniel and Rachel Mitchell was born 26 June. Sponsors Jerusha Page, Elizabeth Armstrong, James Abernathy

1831 July 27 Marriage by A.H. Barwell* Canfield DORWIN, merchant of Montreal and Mary Olivia CUSHING, Rivière du Loup by license. Witnessed by two people named Grant and J. H. Dorwin
The word father is mysteriously noted with the witnesses. J. H. was brother to the groom. The Grants were connected to the Dame family. Later, at Rawdon, the miller Charles Grant was connected with Dorwin.

1831 July 28 Private baptism by A.H. Barwell* Jane MAIRS daughter of Peter Mairs and Betsy [Elizabeth] born July 8. Sponsor Agnes McLean, Joseph Mairs.

1831 August 7 Marriage by A.H. Barwell* John Anthony ENGLAND, farmer and Mary ISABELLE of Maskinonge. Witnesses Daniel Mitchell, William Stephen [?]

1831 September 1 Burial by A.H. Barwell* Daniel Frederick DAME son of A. A. and Margery Dame, 3 years, 8 months, who died two days before. Father, James Douglas and P. M. Benson signed.

1831 September 1 Baptism by A.H. Barwell* Eloga [sic] COLCLOUGH daughter of John and Elizabeth Colclough aged three weeks. Sponsors Marshall Henderson, Harriet Thoughson.

1832 March 4 Marriage by A.H. Barwell* Israel TURNER⁴ (X) and Delphine LAVOTE (X), both of the Parish of Maskinongé, were married. Witnesses John England, P.M. Benson and W. H. Hardie.

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

1832 March 4 Baptism by A.H. Barwell* Anne Caroline Rebecca HIBBARD, daughter of Josiah and Anne Hibbard,⁵ was born November 12, 1831. Witnesses for the two Baptism were Timothy Dunn, P.M. Benson and W. H. Hardie.

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

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. Father signed.

1832 March 16 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* James KEATON [sic KEATING], son of Richard Keaton [sic] and Eliza Dixon, was born February 16, 1832; witnessed by Wilford Heather, Benjamin [sic] Dixon and Mary Reid. Father made his mark.

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).

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, Orimill Gibbs (proxy for Lewis Turner), Harriet Turner and James Read, father who signed.

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, [UP TO RAWDON *Two Different Gibbs Families*] was born 13 March 1832. The witnesses were Melia Clement [sic Melissa Clements], Catherine Horton and Nathaniel Barter.

John Sullivan was, I believe, connected to the Loyalist families of Rivière du Loup district.

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

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 Benjamin [sic] Dixon, James Dixon, Ann Byrn and the father signed.

1832 March 19 Baptism by Mr. Lindsay* James Henry BANKS son of William Banks and Susan Hurdon [sic], 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 Boyce family.

1832 October 7 Baptism by Amos Ausley* John Richard COCLOUGH son of John Colclough of Rivière du Loup and Elizabeth his wife was born 19 August 1932. Witnesses: Charles Dunn, Mary Dunn, Daniel Mitchell

Mr. Ausley was the Anglican minister at Berthier

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 Connelly 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
Elizabeth Hooker was a witness at Gibbs and Smith marriage in 1833 UTR Updates page 264. He brother or father of Ann, Amelia and Sarah Smith.

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 Philipsburg; she was of "this signiory" [St=Armand] to Zadock [sic] Read from the Township of Ely. The bride and groom were of major age, they and Scofield witnesses signed.

1839 February 8 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Pere[sic] Hoskins READ, son of Zadoc [sic] and Olive Read of the Seigneurie 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, born 5 April 1833 and witnesses Henry and Mary Basford, Zadok Reed [sic].

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 "of Rawdon". The Copping Journal makes it clear the Read's Rawdon 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 de Ramsay.

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" [blacksmith] 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 baptism of the first two of her children who are listed here. Leonard and Elizabeth had 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,⁶ 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 Baptism for children of Asher Castle which follow. See endnotes 10 and 14.

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-Mélanie died March 31 and was buried April 2, 1918 in the Church Yard of All Saints de 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 Benny⁷ and Sophia of Daillebout [sic], was born 6 June 1842. Sponsor was Harriet Turner.

1843 December 2 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Amelia Rebekah ROBINSON daughter of James Robinson, of St. Felix, farmer and his wife Malvina [Page]. was born on November 7, 1843. Sponsors: Henry Basford, Asher Castle

Died January 25, 1865, Dunham, PQ and buried Fairmount Cemetery, Sutton, PQ. ⁸

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.

1844 July 21 Baptism Rawdon Methodist Sarah Emma CASTLE, daughter of Asher Castle and Sarah Jane Basford of the Seigniory 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 ROBINSON⁹, 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.

1852 St-Felix Census: his parents Daniel Connor, 56, and R [sic Lucy] Farnham, 54, natives of Vermont, had seven other children aged 8 to 28, lived on an adjoining farm.

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

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 [sic], 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

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 *originaire 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.

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 Protestant Episcopal (Anglican) Samuel Hibbard, yeoman of Ste-Ursule, died and his burial witnessed by his brothers John and Josiah.

1850 February 10 Baptism 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.¹⁰

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 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 Seigneurie of de Ramsay married in the presence of James and Lucy Robinson.

1852 St-Felix de Valois Census named Isaac Cruchet ¹¹ a Swiss-born farmer, 27, Lucy, 21, Canadian born, and Samuel, 1 year. Isaac was a relative of Anne Cruchet Amaron on the same census with her husband, Daniel Amaron. ¹² 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 reflects the prejudice of the census taker.

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

1850 September 17 Baptism Emily Jane PAGE daughter of Isaac Edmund Page and Selina Robinson of the Seigneurie 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.¹³

1852 September 18 Burial Lucy CRUCHET, wife of Isaac Cruchet of Seigneurie 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 Albron HIBBARD, son of Samuel [Edson] Hibbard of Ste-Ursule and Lois Connor, born 21 May, 1856 in presence of Olive Connor and Emily Connor.
Lois Connor HEBBARD, 86, widow of Edson] Hebbard died at de Ramsay & buried there June 16, 1918

1856 December 22 Baptism George Leonard READ, son of John Read and Mary Melissa [sic] Hebbard of the Seigneurie 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 Hill ¹⁴, 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 – in presence of Mary J. Stevens and David Clark
Born 8 February 1856

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.

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 born November 4, 1858, daughter of James Robinson, yeoman, of Ramsay and his wife Malvina Rebecca [Page].

“Lina” Robinson (wife of James William Murphy) died March 17, 1949, Sutton, QC, buried Fairmount Cemetery. Her parents settled at Dunham, in Missisquoi County, before 1865. Endnote 8.

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 Benny¹⁵ 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 Luis [sic] BODDY, farmer and Elora Arvesta CONNOR, both of de Ramsay witnessed by Robert Boddy and Selina Benny.

1878 March 14 Burial Saint John’s Anglican, Kildare James BENNY formerly of Falkirk, Scotland and latterly of Daillebout [sic] 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 endnotes 7, 13, 15).

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.

From register of the Rev. Henry Gagnon, St-Felix de Valois

1900 May 21 Death burial 24 May Caroline Rebecca Hibbard, widow of late William Henry Stevens witnesses Harles and George Stevens

1900 July 16 Birth Baptism 9 September Phillipe Eduard son of Clement Sarrasin famer and Amanda St Louis of St. Gabriel sponsors: Ellen H Read and Geo. Read signed by Clément Sarrasin

1900 4 November Death Burial 7 November Jane Marlin, widow of the late John Purcell of St-Alphonse, County of Joliette witnesses George Purcell, Thomas H. Purcell, Thomas Porter

1901 25 February Death Burial 27 February Grace Eliza Ann eldest daughter of Peter Lewis Boddy, farmer of de Ramsay witnesses Geo. Read, jr., Geo. Read, sr.

1901 20 March Death Burial 22 March Eliza Johnston, wife of John Knox farmer of St. Ambroise de Kildare witnesses Thomas Knox, Thomas Porter, William Job

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

² More photos at http://www.lieuxdeculte.qc.ca/fiche.php?LIEU_CULTE_ID=76338

³ Louiseville was an entry point for Loyalist refugees from the American Revolution. There had been encampments for them at Sorel across the river from Berthier and ten kilometers east at Machiche, now called Yamamchiche. United States independence began in 1783 but before then there were American settlers scattered through the lands north and west of those points. Some took their children to be the Roman Catholic churches at Sorel and to St. Antoine de Rivière de Loup to be baptized.

A twelve-page register for the **Protestant Episcopal parish of St. Antoine de Rivière de Loup** at Louiseville is found in the Drouin Index. It begins September 23, 1821. Its first page names a Hebbard [sic] marriage, a Turner burial and six baptisms for Dame, Grant, Dunn, Turner, Hebbard [sic] and Page families, residents at Machiche and Maskinonge and nearby areas, recorded by the Reverend Richard Knagg, a missionary, between February and August 1821 (they are in the register for Stanstead, Quebec). The following of pages of this register are baptisms and records of being received into the church of individuals from the England, Elliott, Dunn and other Turner families with Catholic baptisms. I cannot find this register in Drouin.

There are 17 pages in the 1822 register and include many others received into the church with a Roman Catholic baptism; one from 1783 proves how quickly some people received land. Several baptisms give birth information with dates and places in late 1700s Vermont and New York.

I have catalogued events beginning in 1828 from the Louiseville register but there are 8 pages from 1823, 11 from 1824, 9 from 1825, 3 from 1826 and for 1827 four pages. There are very interesting stories in the details of many of these events recorded in this register.

⁴ 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 marriage to Clement Sarrasin 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.

⁵ The Hibbards were another American family, a.k.a. Hibbert and Hebbard. Joshua Hibbard, of Royalton and Bethel Vermont and his wife Ann Hunter of New York [and d'Ailleboust], 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].

⁶ The name J. Clemens [sic] is on an 1828 petition concerning J. E. Burton (File 60B, Diocesan Archives, Bishop's University, Lennoxville).

⁷ James Benny, merchant of Montreal, married Sophie Rouillard, by license, at Saint Gabriel Street Presbyterian November 27, 1827. The same day, their nine months daughter Sophie was buried. The mother was noted "an unmarried young woman". Other children James born 29 December 1828 and baptized the following 7th of January, Robert 1830, Sophia 1831, all baptized at Saint Gabriel Street. John James born in Montreal 12 February 1834 and baptized 18 January 1835 at Saint Gabriel St. Presbyterian; Walter born in Montreal on 4 January 1836 and baptized at Saint Gabriel St. Presbyterian on November 27; Julia was born 1 November 1837 and baptized at St. Paul Presbyterian, 22 July 1838; she died at Ottawa January 4, 1919 and was buried at All Saints, The baptisms of Margaret 1842 and Selina 1852 born at d'Ailleboust (Ste-Mélanie), were recorded at Rawdon Methodist and William was born in 1847 and baptized 1849 Église Évangélique Française. Christiane Benny was 15 in 1861 and died 1919, "celibatrice" aged 74. Buried Cimétarie Ste-Mélanie.

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

⁸ Source: freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chatweb/b538.htm

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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

¹³ In 1881, James Benny (52) farmed at Ste-Mélanie 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.

On that census was Sophie Rouillard Benny, 76, a widow and her four unmarried daughters; 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.

¹⁴ A possible reference to the area where Asher Castle lived.

¹⁵ In 1881, Walter was farmed at Ste-Mélanie, Joliette County (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.