

491. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville: I, SARAH ANN McCANN¹ of the Township of North Crosby in the United Counties aforesaid, unmarried woman, do make oath and say:

1st, That I am now pregnant and sick with an illegitimate child and expect to be delivered thereof in about three months and half hence.

2nd, I do declare, make oath and say that MICHAEL McGINNIS² of North Crosby aforesaid, farmer, is really the father of the said child of which I so expect to [be] delivered as aforesaid.

3rd, I do declare and make oath and say that no other man had anything to do with me.

Sarah Ann (X her mark) McCann

Voluntarily sworn before me at North Crosby in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville this 19th day [of] September, 1878. *James Bilton, J.P.*

492. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, to wit: I, SOPHIA LAHA of the Town of Brockville in the County of Leeds, one of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville aforesaid, unmarried woman, do make oath and say:

1, That I was on or about the seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight delivered of an illegitimate male child.³

2, I do further declare, make oath and say that FERDINAND MARSHALL⁴ of the said Town of Brockville, Inspector of Inland Revenue, is really the father of the said child of which I have been so delivered as aforesaid. *Sophia (X her mark) Laha*

Voluntarily sworn before me at Brockville in the County of Leeds this twenty-first day of February, A.D. 1879. *Jos. Deacon, Police Magistrate and ex officio J.P.*, and I hereby certify

¹ There is more than one possible Sarah McCann. The 1871 census of North Crosby Twp. contains the listing of 12 year old Sarah McCann, born in Ontario. She is in the family of farmer James McCann (45) and his wife Mary (44). According to a Roman Catholic register of North Crosby Twp., Sarah Ann was born January 21, 1859 to James McCann and Mary Byrnes. A family tree on Ancestry states that this Sarah Ann married William P. Brennan ca. 1882. The couple lived in Youngstown, Ohio. She died on November 21, 1938 in Youngstown. The 1871 census of North Crosby Twp. also contains the listing of 12 year old Sarah McCann, born in Ontario. She is in the family of farmer Samuel McCann (44) and his wife Sarah (45). Ralph Barker Jr., 23, of South Crosby Twp., married Sarah McCann, 21, of North Crosby, born in North Crosby to Samuel and Sarah McCann, on August 13, 1879. A family tree on Ancestry states that this Sarah's mother's maiden name was Steadman.

² The 1871 census of North Crosby Twp. contains the listing of 15 year old farmer Michael McGinnis, born in Ontario. He is in the family of farmer Michael McGinnis (40) and his wife Margaret (50). The Roman Catholic register of St. Edward, North Crosby Twp. contains the baptism of Michael McGinnis, son of Michael McGinnis and Margaret Bennett, on March 3, 1851. It is not clear if this baptism is for the correct man.

³ The birth of George Frederick Marshall to Sophia Lahaye of Brockville on December 17, 1878, was registered as illegitimate on February 21, 1879 by Dr. J.E. Brouse.

⁴ The 1871 census of the Centre Ward of Brockville contains the listing of 34 year old clerk Ferdinand Marshall, born in Ontario. His wife is Mary (30) and there is a one year old boy in their family. The 1894 Civil Service List contains the name of Ferdinand Marshall of Prescott, 3rd class exciseman, born on February 5, 1835, first appointed in December, 1876. Find a Grave states that Ferdinand died on May 16, 1902. His wife was Mary Catherine Botsford. A family tree on Ancestry states that Ferdinand's parents were Isaac Marshall and Mary/Polly Webster.

that the above affidavit was first read over by me to the above named Sophia Laha and that she seemed perfectly to understand the same and made her mark thereto in my presence.

493. Canada, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario: I, JANE LEE, unmarried[?] woman of the Township of North Crosby, [swear] that I was on the 2nd day of April last past delivered of an illegitimate female child and I do further declare and make oath and say that JAMES LAKINS,¹ joiner, of the Township of North Crosby is really the father of the said child of which I have been delivered [as] aforesaid. *Jane (X her mark) Lee*

Voluntarily sworn before me at North Crosby in the above United Counties this 3rd of May, 1879. *E. Hastings, J.P.*

494. Province of Ontario, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville: SARAH ANN HODGE² of the Township of Yonge in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, spinster, personally appeared before me, Reuben Fields, and maketh oath and saith:

1st, That she was delivered of a female child on or about the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

2nd, That DANIELD [sic] HOLLINGSWORTH THE YOUNGER,³ son of Daniel [sic] Hollingsworth Sr. of Escott Front in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is really the father of such child. *Sarah A. Hodge*

Sworn and subscribed before me the fourteenth day of June in the year of our [Lord] one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight [sic] at the Township of Yonge in the United Counties aforesaid. *Reuben Fields, J.P.*, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

¹ The 1851 census of North Crosby Twp. contains the listing of 15 year old James Lakins. He is in the family of Isaac Lakins (45) and his wife Nancy (31). In the 1861 census of the same place, 24 year old James Lakins, born in Upper Canada, is in the family of farmer Isaac Laykins (60) and his wife Anne (48). James Lakins, 40, mechanic of North Crosby Twp., born in North Crosby to Abraham Lakins and Agnes Dowdale, married Mary Mitchell, 32, of South Sherbrooke, on March 16, 1879 in South Sherbrooke. A family tree on Ancestry states that Abraham and Isaac are the same man, married to Agnes Nancy Dowdall.

² The 1871 census of the Front of Yonge Twp. contains the listing of 14 year old Sarah Hodg [sic], born in Ontario. She is in the family of mason John Hodg (52) and his wife Mary (50). The 1881 census of the same place contains the listing of 24 year old Sarah Hodge, in the same family. Also in the family is 2 year old Lucretia. George Richardson Comstock, 21, of Leeds County, married Sarah Ann Hodge, 32, of Leeds County, born in Leeds County to John Hodge and Mary Ann Leeder, on May 1, 1889 in Mallorytown. Sarah Ann Comstock, widow, born January 12, 1857 to John Hodge and Mary Leeder, died December 2, 1934 of mitral regurgitation, and was buried in Mallorytown. See Oath #450 for Sarah Ann's sister Lucy.

³ The 1881 census of the Front of Escott Twp. contains the listing of 27 year old single farmer Daniel Hollingsworth, born in Ontario. He is in the family of farmer Daniel Hollingsworth (78) and his wife Ann (60). David [sic] John Hollingsworth, 46, bachelor merchant, of Escott Mills, born in Escott Twp. to Daniel and Mara [sic] Hollingsworth, married Susan McNickle, 51, widow of Escott Mills, on March 17, 1890 in Escott Mills. D.J. Hollingsworth, 51, widower merchant of the Front of Escott Twp., born in Escott to Daniel Hollingsworth and Anne Ellen Anna Mangan [sic], married Alice Caldwell, nee McAvoy, on October 7, 1903 in the Front of Yonge and Escott. Daniel Hollingsworth, of Mallorytown, widower, born in Escott in August of 1845 to Daniel Hollingsworth and Eleanor Manning, died on December 17, 1930 of cerebral haemorrhage.