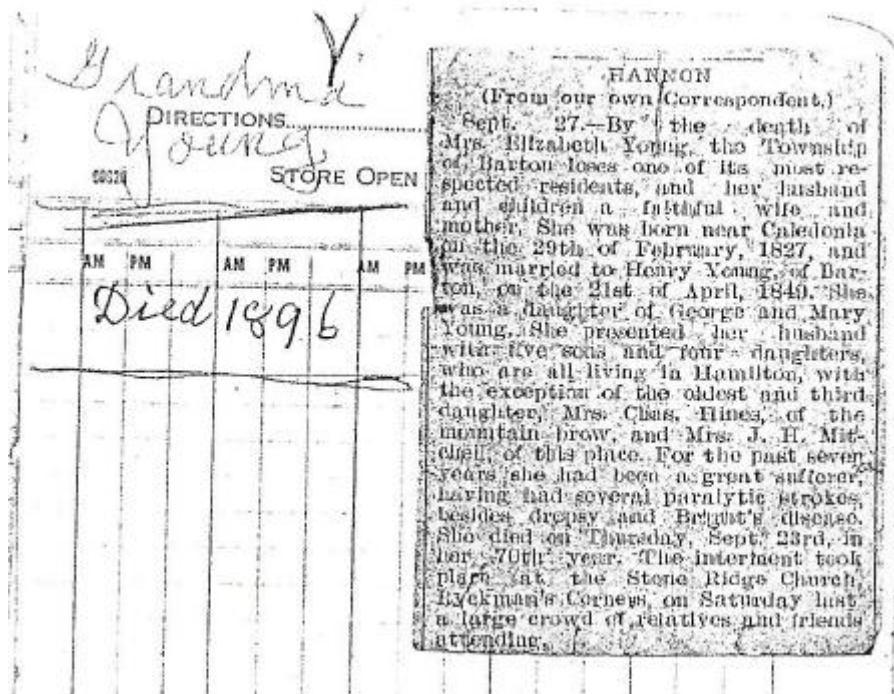


**Chronology of Henry YOUNG Jr. (1825 – 1901) and Wife Elizabeth Matilda YOUNG  
(1827 – 1897)**

Back in the mid 1970s, during one of my visits to the home of my Great Great Aunt Adah Artemus (DAWSON) CROWE on Dundurn Avenue in Hamilton, Ontario, we were discussing her maternal grandparents Henry YOUNG and Elizabeth. I recall her asking if I would like to know the name of the parents of Elizabeth. My reaction may be unrecorded, but I recall the joyful feeling as fresh as if it were yesterday – I supposed I said, “good grief, yes” or something to that effect – these would be my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandparents. She then went to a back room and brought out a book smaller than the dimension of a sheet of letter sized paper. It was a book of obituary notices relating to friends and family. She opened it up to the back (it was alphabetically arranged) and showed me a page with a single large obituary on it and the words written in the margin, “Grandma Young”. In reading the obituary of Elizabeth YOUNG, wife of Henry YOUNG, I noted that it said, “*She was a daughter of George and Mary Young.*”



*Obituary notice for Elizabeth Young from Adah Artemus (Dawson) Crowe's book of obituary notices*

Before I said anything further Aunt Adah (sister to my Great Grandfather Joseph William DAWSON) – (their mother being Hannah Adelia (YOUNG) DAWSON) said that her grandparents were first cousins, and that it was always something of a joke in the family to the effect that the children were not born with fingers coming out of their fore heads, or something of this nature. I don't recall the exact words (it was 40 years ago), but I did later come back with a cassette tape recorder to get all this down – including the sound of her voice. At some point I

will need to convert this tape to a digital format. I then resolved to learn as much as possible about the lives of Henry and Elizabeth.

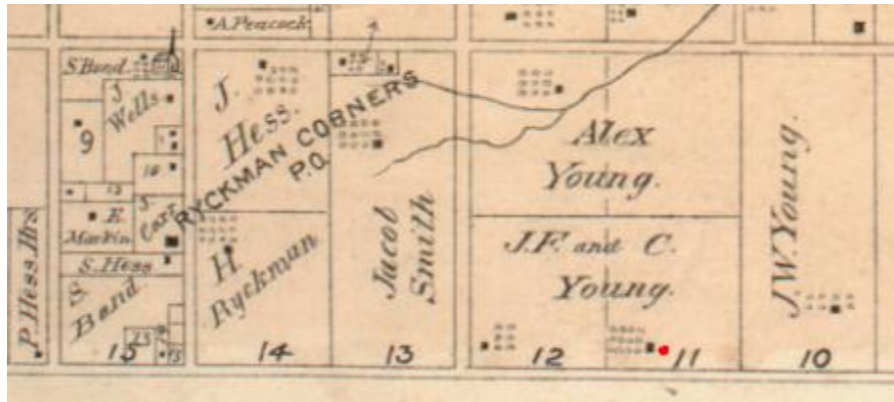
I will discuss what is known about the early pre-marriage lives of each, before discussing them together after their marriage.

**Early Life of Henry YOUNG** - Henry YOUNG was born **14 November 1825** in Barton Township, Wentworth County, Ontario. His parents were Henry YOUNG Sr. (1787 – c.1865) and Rachel YOUNG (1800 – 1848), who were first cousins once removed (Henry Sr. was the first cousin of Rachel’s father Abraham YOUNG of Seneca Township, Haldimand County, Ontario). In terms of ancestry, Henry Jr. was of Palatine German descent on his paternal Grandfather’s (Captain Daniel YOUNG of Barton) side, and mostly Palatine German on his paternal Grandmother’s (Elizabeth WINDECKER) side, but with his PICKARD great grandfather being of English and Mulatto descent. Henry Jr’s maternal Grandfather (Abraham YOUNG of Seneca) was Palatine German on his father’s side and Bear Clan Six Nations Mohawk on his mother’s side. Henry’s maternal Grandmother, Eleanor DENNIS, was Colonial English Quaker who came from New Jersey to Point Abino, Bertie County, Ontario. So Henry was admixed with most of the peoples found on the frontiers of New York in Colonial times.

It appears most likely (see the Biography of Henry YOUNG Sr.) that Henry Jr. was born on Lot 11, Concession 8, Barton Township in a log house at the southwestern corner of the said Lot.



*Upper Wellington on left to Upper Wentworth on right with Rymal Road along diagonal – Red dot at possible location of former home of Henry Young – although perhaps further east*



*Lot 11, Concession 8, Barton Township in 1875 – home was near red dot*

In the **1827** Census of Barton Township, Henry Sr. was residing on the south half of Lot 11, Concession 8, 50 acres. Henry Sr.'s assessment for that year was 14 Pounds compared to his youngest brother John YOUNG's assessment for 173 Pounds. One might assume from this that Henry Jr.'s youth was spent in somewhat austere conditions, whose father appears to have been a tenant farmer on the property owned by his younger brothers James F. YOUNG and John YOUNG.

Henry likely learned the rudiments of farming life, but did not appear to have received any formal education as he signed all documents with his mark only (in contrast to his own father and grandfather in this regard). While Aunt Adah had pictures of her paternal grandparents, she had none of Henry or Elizabeth YOUNG. The only picture to surface to date of Henry's siblings is one of his sister Hanna C. (YOUNG) COOL. It is included here with the assumption that if a picture of an ancestor is unavailable, the "next best thing" is a picture of a sibling:



*Hannah C. (Young) Cool, sister of Henry Young Jr.*

According to the obituary of his wife Elizabeth YOUNG, Henry and Elizabeth were married **21 April 1849**, but the location is unknown since there were few vital or church records pertaining to this period in time. In all probability they were married at the Barton Stone Church (Presbyterian) since Henry's father was a member at this time (his mother having died in 1848) – but there are no marriage records in the surviving documents for this Church. There is something of a “twist” to the marriage however, and it can only be unraveled by exploring the life of the bride, Elizabeth YOUNG.

**Early Life of Elizabeth YOUNG** – Elizabeth had the same paternal heritage as her husband on the paternal side, her father George YOUNG and her father in law Henry YOUNG being full brothers. Her mother was Mary TERRYBERRY born about 1809 in Long Valley (German Valley) New Jersey, the daughter of William TERRYBERRY who was born in New Jersey (and would become the wealthiest man in all of Barton Township – owning the Terryberry Inn where the Terryberry Library at the corner of Mohawk Road and West 5<sup>th</sup> Street), and his wife Hannah (Anna) YOUNG also born in New Jersey. Both of the maternal grandparents of Elizabeth were of German – Swiss ancestry, their parents having come to New Jersey in the mid 1700s.

As noted in her above obituary, Elizabeth was born “near Caledonia” on **29 February 1827**. While her parents resided in Ancaster Township in **1825**, her parents were charged and convicted of stealing butter from Abraham Horning, with the punishment met out to George of “banishment” from the Province for a period of 7 years. If he returned before that time he would face hanging. George and Mary never did leave the Province, and instead they removed to Indian Lands purchased for them by George's father in law, William Terryberry. Specifically this was Lot 25, River Lots, Seneca Township, located immediately east of the village of Caledonia.

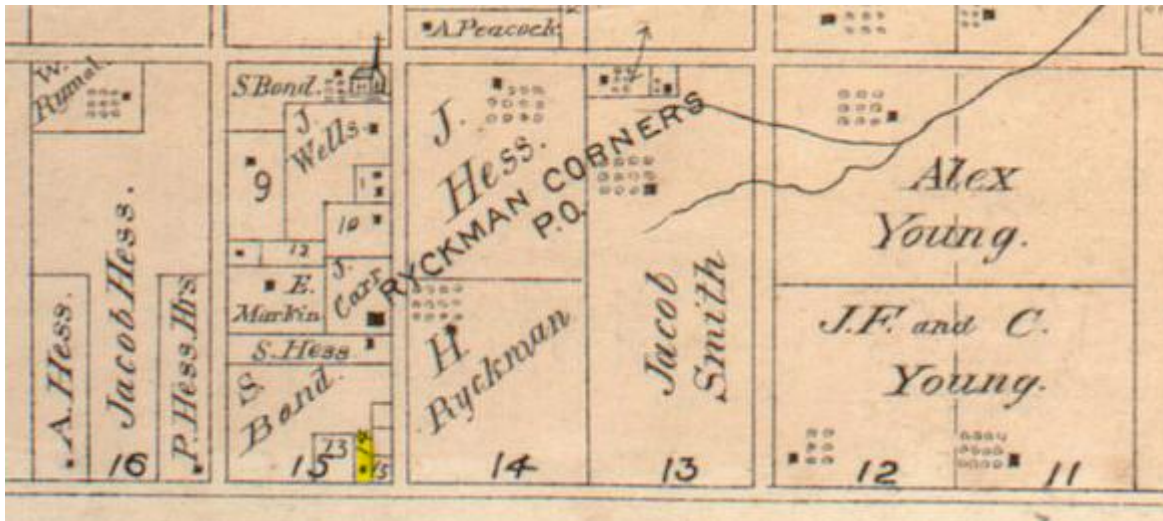


*Lot 25 River Front 1879 Map (Page & Co.) shown with a red dot, the house being located to the left of the dot along the River Road*



*Map of Lot 25 River Front (thanks to Thomas M. Nelson)*

The east end of the village of Caledonia was known as Seneca. The children born to George YOUNG and Mary (TERRYBERRY) YOUNG include: Elizabeth Matilda (**1827** Seneca), Sophia Martha (**1833** Seneca), Jacob Edmond (**1836** Seneca), James Isaac (**1838** Seneca), John (**1847** Barton). It appears that George and Mary lived on this property until about **1840** when they sold the lot to John Jackson, and the family moved back to the area of Barton Township at Ryckman’s Corners. By the **1842** Census they were residing on a small plot of land owned by William Young on Lot 15 of Concession 8, the second home immediately west of the intersection of Rymal Road and Upper James Street (Old Highway 6).



*One acre lot on Lot 15 Concession 8 shown in map of 1875 owned by William Young shown highlighted in yellow*



*Map of Lot 15, Concession 8 Barton Township highlighted with small red rectangle (thanks to Thomas M. Nelson)*

It appears, however, that the family did return from time to time to their former home along the Grand River. The lot to the east of the George Young property of Lot 25, was Lot 24 owned by

David P. YOUNG a Justice of the Peace and married man with a large family. The latter was the son of Frederick YOUNG who was closely associated with his brother George YOUNG in terms of residency (the two were of almost the same age). During one of these visits it appears that David P. YOUNG “took advantage” of young Elizabeth, resulting in a pregnancy. The DNA testing of descendants leaves no doubt about this connection. Also the first child of Elizabeth, Celestia Jane YOUNG, was born **1 July 1849**, only two months after the marriage of Henry and Elizabeth. In the Census of 1861 she is listed as the last child (the question being relationship to the head of the family). Also the first cousin of Thomas M. Nelson, Jean (HINES) KENNEY wrote an entry in her diary about attending the funeral of her grandmother Celestia Jane. She noted that Ira YOUNG came down from Muskoka to attend the funeral, and when introduced as the brother of Celestia, corrected the person and said that no she was a “half sister”. So it was to be that Henry YOUNG Jr. would become the nurturing father of Celestia, but her biological father was David P. YOUNG a first cousin to both Henry Jr. and Elizabeth. It would appear that Henry stepped in to rescue the honour of the family, and married his very pregnant cousin Elizabeth (there may well have been other reasons for his decision). It is now time to write the blended story of Henry and Elizabeth.

**Henry YOUNG and Elizabeth YOUNG from 1849** – It appears that after the marriage, Henry and Elizabeth moved to property owned by the latter’s grandfather, William Terryberry and where Elizabeth’s father George YOUNG was residing at the time. The personal Census of 1851 for Glanford Township is missing, but George is then listed as residing on Lot 6, Concession 1, Glanford, 25 acres in the Agricultural Census.

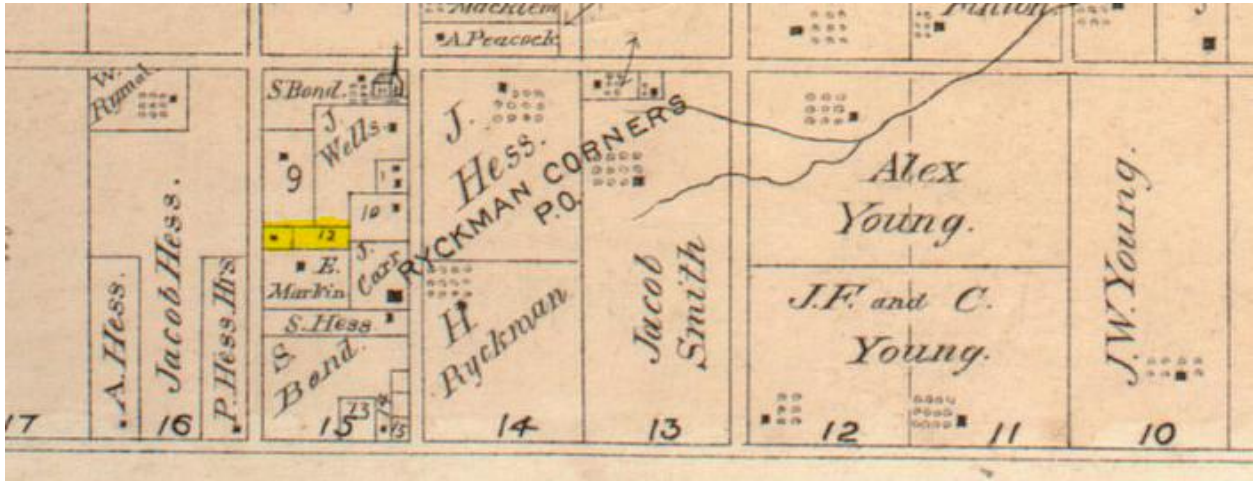


*Lot 6 Concession 1 Glanford – George Young’s property is where W Allison was residing in 1875*



Map of Lot 6, Concession 1 Glanford Township highlighted with a red rectangle (thanks to Thomas M. Nelson)

On **14 November 1853**, Henry YOUNG Jr. purchased his own land nearby. He bought 2 acres, 0 rods, and 11 ½ perches from Mary Ann Wells, located halfway down the west side of Lot 15, Concession 8, Barton Township.



Number 12, Lot 15, Concession 8 Barton Township – highlighted in yellow





**Google Earth Map – Home on 2 acres on east side of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street – red rectangle**



*Henry and Elizabeth Young home on West 5<sup>th</sup> Street – about 1985*



*Barns and property associated with above home – 1980s*

All of the children of Henry and Elizabeth's were born in the above home, with the exception of the eldest James William born Glanford Township **1852**. The others, Hannah Adelia **1854**, Henry Allan **1857**, Ira Oscar **1858**, Charles Roland **1861**, Freeman **1863**, Clara A. **1865**, and Alice **1870** were all born there.

The Agricultural Census for **1861** gives a good indication of the farming operation of Henry showing that then they were living in a one story frame home (the above brick structure must have been built later), with 2 acres and Henry worked with another farmer on shares. The cash value of his farm was \$200, and the farm included 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 pig, all worth \$125; and 1 carriage for pleasure worth \$80.

The same data for **1871** give more information: Henry Jr. owned 2.5 acres in pasture, including 1 acre of salt or dyked marsh and 1 in garden and orchard. He grew 75 bushels of potatoes on half an acre; owned 1 house and 1 barn and stable with 3 wagons and sleds, one plough and cultivator, 1 horse rake, and 1 fanning mill. In terms of livestock he then owned 3 horses over 5 years old, 2 milk cows, 2 other horned cattle, 3 pigs and made 300 pounds of butter. In addition he raised about 30 muskrats for fur, and in South Barton Township he owned a further 12.

An event happened in **1869** which is worth quoting in full. It pertains to the elopement of my ancestor, Henry and Elizabeth's daughter Hannah Adelia, at age 15, with John DAWSON a local man 6 years her senior who lived with his parents at Ryckman's Corners. Here follows a transcription from the article in The Spectator:

Hamilton Spectator

July 30, 1869 Elopement in Barton

At the Police Station yesterday, George Dawson, who lives on the Hamilton and Port Dover Road, near Ryckman's Corners, was fined \$5 for profanity and obscene language towards Henry Young, of the same neighbourhood.

The affair grew out of the elopement on Saturday last of Young's daughter, aged 15, with Dawson's son, aged 21. The young girl is described as small for her age and in appearance not more than twelve years old.

It appears that on Saturday last, Dawson and his son came to this city and procured a marriage licence, giving the usual bonds and making the required affidavits as to age, etc. On their arrival home, the elder Dawson jumped out of the carriage, a timber waggon, while the son, with the licence in his pocket, drove on a short distance where the girl was awaiting him at the wayside. She quickly clambered into the waggon and away they two went at break-neck speed down the townline between Barton and Glanford to the residence of a clergyman who married them. They then returned to the paternal roof of Dawson, Sr.

In the meantime Mr. Young and his family, half-distracted at the sudden and mysterious disappearance of their favourite child, were searching high and low for her, not forgetting to look into all the wells and dragging all the fish ponds in the neighbourhood. This dispiriting employment engaged the efforts of themselves and friends all night and until ten o'clock on Sunday morning, when some one discovered the head of Mrs. Dawson, the younger, gracefully resting on the bosom of her husband whose feet protruded through the back window of the tenement of Dawson, the elder.

Enraged, as a fond father naturally would be, Mr. Young, ignorant of the clandestine marriage, rushed into Mr. Dawson's domicile and ordered his daughter off home. To his astonishment, his once obedient and loving child merely raised her hand and handed him a marriage certificate which she drew from her pocket. The father read it; and then, without a word, half blind with sorrow, and burning with shame, marched out of the house, and went home.

Not so quiet and subdued was Dawson, the elder, who had been chief engineer in the elopement, for so overjoyed was he at the success of his scheme that he immediately fell to and drank up what remained in the jug of whiskey provided for the nuptial cheer. Thus primed, he marched over by the residence of Mr. Young, and taking up a position in the road in front of the house, expended his vocabulary of the abusive in galloping gab. The consequence of this was that he was fined \$5 yesterday by Mr. Cahill. Perhaps the end is not yet.

In 1876 a true crisis arose to engulf the family of Henry and Elizabeth, which can be illustrated with the following poster:

**\$1,000.00.**

**ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS**

**REWARD!**



**THE YOUNGS.**



**JAMES WILLIAM YOUNG.**

**JOHN YOUNG.**

**A Reward of One Thousand Dollars will be paid for the re-capture of JOHN YOUNG and JAMES WILLIAM YOUNG, who were under sentence for the MURDER of Abel McDonald, and who made their escape from Cayuga Gaol on the evening of the 28th May, 1876. The above reward is offered by the authority of the Canadian Government. \$500.00 will be paid for the re-capture of either of the said parties.**

**Description of Prisoners at the time of their Escape.**

**JOHN YOUNG, 5 feet 10 inches high; stout built; dark brown hair; large grey or blue eyes, and sandy beard; 30 years old, and weight about 180 lbs.; broad shouldered, with short thick neck; aquiline nose, very slightly turned up at the tip; fair complexion. It is said he has scarred his face since out of prison, to avoid detection. He is a carpenter by trade.**

**JAMES WILLIAM YOUNG, about 5 feet 8 inches in height; rather more slender than the other; dark hair; grey eyes; fair complexion; about 24 years old.**

**IF ARRESTED, TELEGRAPH**

**J. W. MURRAY,**

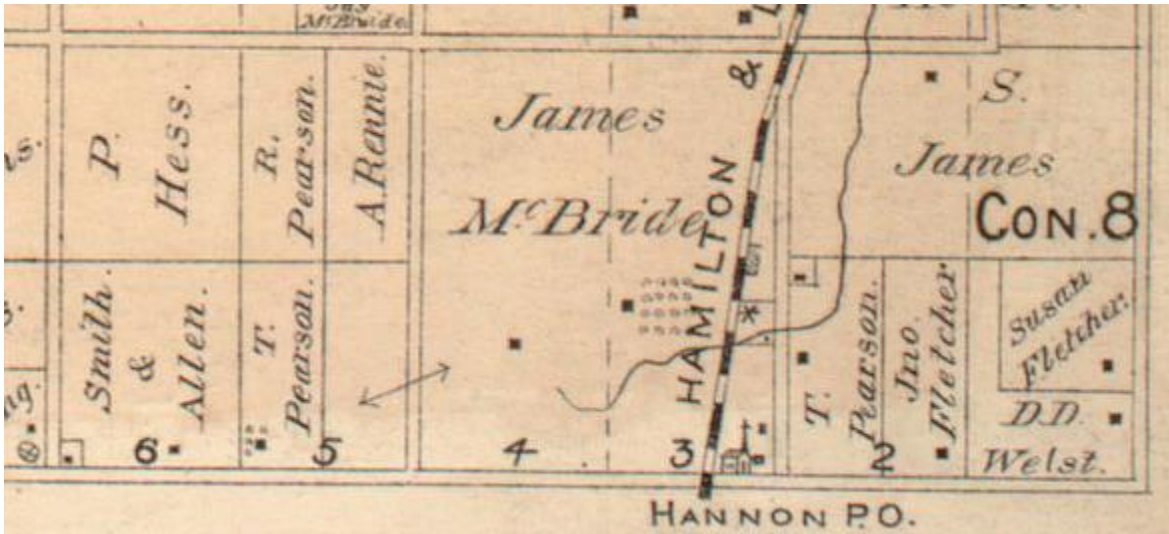
*Government Detective, Toronto, Canada.*

The Globe Printing Company, 26 and 28 King Street East, Toronto.

James William YOUNG the eldest son of Henry and Elizabeth, as well as John YOUNG the brother of Elizabeth, and the brother in law as well as first cousin of Henry were charged with the murder of farmer Abel McDonald just south of Caledonia at the McKenzie Creek Crossing. They hit him over the head with a stick to steal his money. McDonald died and after a boot print in the mud was matched to one made for John YOUNG in Caledonia they were wanted men. Both were soon captured and placed in the Cayuga Jail, however soon they brutally beat the jail guard and escaped, making their way to Ancaster where they hid out. Eventually the authorities figured out that their girlfriends, the Barber sisters of Caledonia, were bringing them food to Binkley's Barn in Ancaster. Both men were holed up in the hay and well armed. A shoot out ensued and both men were once again captured. In due course James William was sent to the Kingston Penitentiary for a life sentence, and on **22 September 1876** John was hanged at the Cayuga Jail. The family was not allowed to bury the body and it still likely rests in the jail yard in Cayuga. There is a great deal more to the story – books and pamphlets have been written about the subject – but there is simply too much content to include here, and it does not directly relate to Henry and Elizabeth. However, doubtless this whole situation took its toll on both, and without a doubt the eyes of the community were on them. James William was released from Kingston about 1900 and he lived out his remaining days in Waterdown. Aunt Adah knew him well as her uncle visited frequently. She recalled more than anything his “stingy” ways (giving the present author examples).

On **13 September 1878** the Congregation of Barton Stone Church Cemetery voted for elders. Among the names put forward was Henry Young. He was not elected.

It is quite likely that the above tragedy was the stimulus for Henry and Elizabeth to on **6 December 1878** sell their farm to daughter Celestia Jane (YOUNG) HINES and move east to another farm, which they purchased from Celestia Jane and her husband Charles H. HINES on the same day, one acre on Lot 5, Concession 8, at Hannon along Rymal Road – still in Barton Township but about as far removed from Ryckman's Corners as one could get. On **5 April 1882** Henry purchased the entire 25 acres of the Southwest quarter of Lot 5 from Charles McMichael.



*Property at Hannon in 1875 – property then owned by T. Pearson – Lot 5, Concession 8, Barton*



*Google Earth view of SW corner of Lot 5, Concession 8, Barton – home in picture below was somewhere near the red square*

Below is the home in which Henry and Elizabeth spent their last days. It was in the 1980s when this picture was taken by the author, when it was part of a horse riding establishment. It is all gone now – nothing remains.



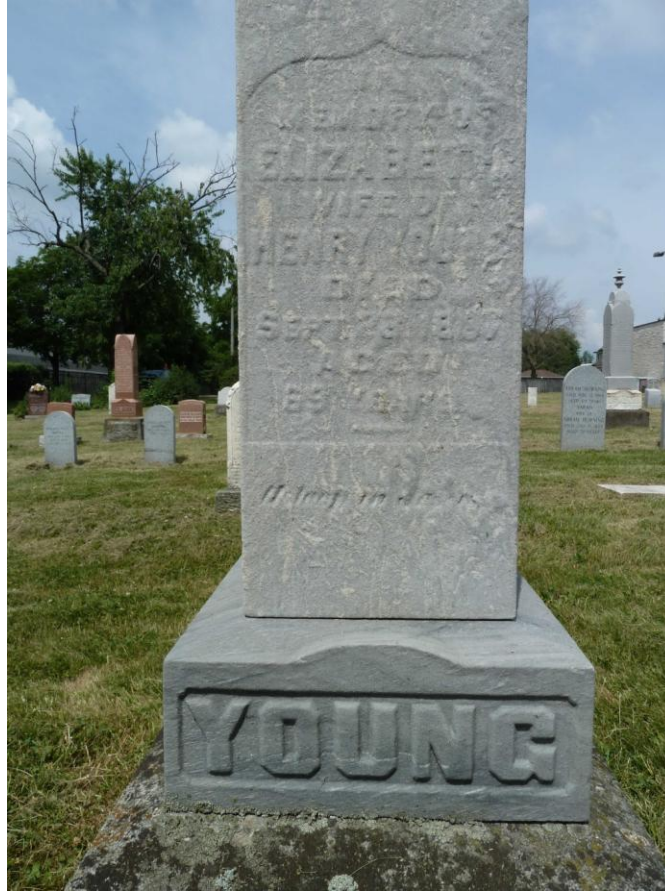
*Home of Henry and Elizabeth from 1878 to 1901, SW ¼, Lot 5, Concession 8, 25 acres, Barton*

At some point after the move the health of Elizabeth began to deteriorate. As is reported in the obituary, she suffered several paralytic strokes, as well as having dropsy and Bright's disease. Elizabeth died **23 September 1897**. According to the death certificate she had suffered from paralysis for the past 6 years. Elizabeth was buried in the Barton Stone Church Cemetery.





*Tombstone dedicated to Elizabeth (YOUNG) YOUNG*



For years Henry Young must have spent most of his extra time caring for his ill wife, leaving little time for attending Church – however he refused to change his denomination even though St. George’s Anglican Church in Hannon had been built 14 years before Henry and Elizabeth arrived in Hannon. However their daughter Clara A. (YOUNG) MITCHELL was buried in the Cemetery there in 1936, and her husband John H. MITCHELL in 1932. The Church was literally minutes away from their home in Hannon. Also, living in Hannon, Barton Stone Church was now many more miles away than it was while living near Ryckman’s Corners when it was then within walking distance. It was less than a month after the death of his wife when Henry felt compelled to rejoin the Barton Stone Church Presbyterian Congregation. On **22 October 1897** the minute books of Barton Stone Church recorded that, *Mr. Henry Young whose name had formerly been on the communion roll of the church but who had been absent from the Church for a long time appeared and stated that owing to the long illness of his wife he had been closely confined to the house and with the decease of his wife he wished the privilages of the church. It was agreed to restore his name to the Communion Roll. Sacrament was dispensed on the Sabbath the twenty fourth.* Clearly Henry had a very strong Presbyterian affiliation. It is interesting to recall what Aunt Adah said when I asked her what she recalled most about her grandfather, and she said without hesitation that he was “strict”. Perhaps this helps explain why his daughter left home at 15 and eloped – probably to get out of the house.

Life goes on, and there was still much work to be done to keep a farm producing. His children had all left home and most lived in Hamilton – a very long distance away.

On **14 November 1900**, 75 year old Henry Young Jr. married 45 year old widow Isabella Woodward in Hamilton. This is a rather extreme age difference, and the reasons for this marriage are not a matter of record.

In the **1901** Census of Barton Township Henry was recorded as the head of a household which included his wife Isabella, step daughter also named Isabella age 11, and step son Frank age 9.

What is clear, however, is that the marriage did not last long since a few months later, on **4 July 1901**, while tossing hay from the mow (there are various versions – including that he was walking a horse along Rymal Road), Henry Jr. had a fatal heart attack. Henry was buried with Elizabeth in Barton Stone Church Cemetery, near his mother Rachel (YOUNG) YOUNG.



*Tombstone dedicated to Henry Young*



After the death of Henry, on **13 July 1901** his widow Isabella applied to administer the estate. The personal estate and personal effects was valued at under \$502, and the real estate property valued at \$725. All of the children of Henry were listed in the Administration papers. Ultimately on **16 December 1901** daughter Hannah Adelia (YOUNG) DAWSON (the first name on the list), and the rest of the children, as heirs of Henry Young, sold the property in Hannon to their brother James William YOUNG (who had recently been released from prison) for the rather bargain price of \$50.

The comprehensiveness of my Great Great Aunt Adah's book of obituary notices is reflected in the fact that she has included an obituary for her Grandfather's second wife Isabella who died **30 December 1925** in Detroit, Michigan.

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