

## **The Bensons of Port Hope**

Thomas Benson 1804-1857 moved to Port Hope, Ont. in 1853. His siblings moved to Kingston, Cobourg, Peterborough, Windsor, and St. Catharines and are described below. Thomas' son, Thomas M. Benson 1833-1915, was a lawyer and then judge in Port Hope. Unrelated Bensons also lived in Hamilton Tp. and other townships near Port Hope. It is hoped this summary will help those researching Port Hope Bensons in sorting out who is who. Please contact the author at [slgray@shaw.ca](mailto:slgray@shaw.ca) with additions and corrections.

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## Chapter 4. The Benson Family

The Benson family crest is associated with a General Benson and then perhaps a hundred years later a Benson was a soldier and went to Ireland under William of Orange in 1690 and then settled in Ireland. The family record is picked up again 113 years later with a Benson-Robinson marriage in 1803<sup>1</sup>.

### **James Benson 1780s-1828**

m. 1803 Ann Robinson 1780s-1854

BENSON, JAMES was born about the 1770s or 1780s.

James married Ann ROBINSON at Fintona, County of Tyrone, Ireland on Mar. 19, 1803<sup>2</sup> and they lived at Fintona, County of Tyrone, Ireland.

James and family immigrated to Lansingburgh, N.Y. in 1816 and moved to Kingston, Upper Canada in 1819<sup>3</sup>.

James died at Kingston, Upper Canada on Dec. 24, 1828 and his wife died at St. Catharines, Upper Canada on Aug. 30, 1854 and Ann was apparently buried in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston<sup>4</sup>.

James and Ann had ten children of whom eight were reported in 1828<sup>5</sup> and only four were living in 1880<sup>6</sup>.

I. BENSON, THOMAS	Fintona, Ireland	1804-1857
II. BENSON, HENRY		1800s- >1828
III. BENSON, JOHN ROBINSON	Ireland	180(5)-1875
IV. BENSON, JAMES REA	Ireland	181(1)-1885
V. BENSON, WILLIAM	Ireland	181(2)- >1886
VI. BENSON, DIXON		1810s- >1828
VII. BENSON, JOSEPH W.	Ireland	1810s-1885
VIII. BENSON, ANN	Ireland	1810s- >1886
IX.		
X.		

**Thomas Benson 1804-1857**

m. 1827 Alicia M. Lowe 1805-1877

I. BENSON, THOMAS was born in Fintona, Ireland on Jan. 11, 1804<sup>7</sup>.

In 1816 when Thomas was about 12, his parents and family immigrated to Lansingburgh, N.Y. and three years later moved to Kingston, Upper Canada<sup>8</sup>.

Thomas married Alicia Maria LOWE on Dec. 10, 1827 at Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington Co., Ont.<sup>9</sup>.

Alicia was born on Aug. 25, 1805 at Gloucestershire, England<sup>10</sup>, the “only daughter of Richard LOWE, Esq., of Adolphustown, County of Lennox, became the wife of Mr. Benson, and they had twelve children. The eldest daughter is ... and three other daughters and three sons are still living. ...”<sup>11</sup> Richard LOWE married Maria MOORE, a daughter of a good family of Tipperary, Ireland<sup>12</sup>.

Thomas “was educated at Kingston ; inclined to the legal profession, but was prevented from pursuing it on account of the prejudice against it in the minds of his parents ; entered upon mercantile life, remaining in Kingston until 1832, when he removed to Port Hope, and there traded until 1837. On the breaking out of the rebellion, near the close of that year, he went into the services as Captain of a Company of Volunteers, and was on duty at Chippawa and Navy Island until the disturbances of that year and the following were quelled. On the breaking out of the rebellion again, in 1839, Captain Benson returned to duty ; held a commission as Captain and Paymaster in the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion of Incorporated Militia, and was stationed at Niagara from the enrolment of that corps until it was disbanded in 1845. The battalion was commanded at first by Col. Thorne, and afterwards by Col. Kingsmill, and Captain Benson was a great favourite not only with them, but with the regiment. He possessed the fullest confidence of the commanding officers mentioned, and both addressed him very complimentary letters, expressing their high appreciation and admiration of him as an officer and a gentleman.

Upon the disbanding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, Mr. Benson removed to Peterborough, where he was engaged in the milling business until 1853. He was the first Mayor of that town ; was subsequently, for many years, a member of the Council, and always took a lively interest and a very active part in public doings of any consequence. He was especially useful in advancing all matters connected with education in the county, and was for some time Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Counties of Peterborough and Victoria. During that period, Mr. Benson contributed to the newspaper press, and aided by his powerful pen all the public, educational, and philanthropic enterprises of the neighborhood.

In 1853 he settled in Port Hope, and assumed the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company, now [1880] the Midland Railway of Canada. In this position his services were invaluable in promoting and carrying out this important enterprise ; and he was travelling on the business of this Company when he met with his untimely end. He was killed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 1857, with fifty-seven other passengers, by the breaking of the bridge over the Desjardin canal, on the line of the Great Western Railway, near the City of Hamilton. So awful was the calamity, so painful to contemplate as his death, and so exalted was the esteem in which he was held in Port Hope, that few persons that were ever buried there had a greater number of sincere and profoundly smitten mourners.

Mr. Benson was a sincere and devoted member of the Church of England, but exhibited at all times, the warmest sympathy toward all other churches. He was forward and active in religious work, and was deeply interested in the Upper Canada Bible Society, whose cause always found him a prompt supporter and a zealous and powerful advocate. Being a ready, fluent, and eloquent speaker, with a well-stored mind, he occupied a foremost place on every platform where the claims of christianity, philanthropy, or public enterprise, were put forth.

In politics he was a Liberal Conservative, but thoroughly non-partisan. Though admirably fitted to fill a high place, and to take a prominent part in political affairs, and with the opportunity at his command in representing more than one constituency in the Parliament of the Province, he preferred the quiet retirement of private life, and never took any very active part in politics. ”<sup>13</sup>

After incorporation as a town in Jan. 1850 Mayor Thomas Benson [and the town council] awarded a contract to a Toronto architect, Mr. THOMAS, for the Peterborough Town hall and Market House, over a more local architect, Kivas TULLY, who had designed the Town Hall at Cobourg and perhaps Kingston. Thomas Benson was not mentioned in the local newspapers in Sept. 27, 1851 when the then mayor, Charles HUDSON, laid the corner stone of the newly completed Town Hall, perhaps due to an oversight. <sup>14</sup>

In 1851 in Peterborough, Thomas Benson, about 47, ... [check census].

Thomas and his family moved to Port Hope in 1853<sup>15</sup>.

Thomas Benson died at age 53 on Mar. 12, 1857 at the Desjardin canal near Hamilton and is buried at St. John's Anglican Cem., Port Hope<sup>16</sup>. Thomas' obituary was not reported in the Peterborough newspapers and there "was considerable feeling about [the awarding of the Town hall contract to a Toronto architect] <sup>17</sup>."

Thomas' obituary in the Port Hope newspaper describes the considerable admiration of the townspeople:

"LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Benson's Funeral – The body of the late Mr. Benson was committed to the earth on Tuesday. The procession that followed the hearse to the grave was one of the largest – if not the largest – that ever accompanied the remains of a citizen of Port Hope to the house appointed for all living. At one o'clock every shop in town was closed. -- There was not the least hesitation manifested by any to comply with the expressed wish of the Council, that no business be transacted from one till four P.M. Two o'clock was the hour appointed for the funeral. Before that time the sidewalks on both sides of Walton Street were densely thronged from Cavan Street to Brown Street. The vast concourse consisted not alone of the residents of Port Hope. We noticed many persons from Cobourg and from the townships north and east and west of this town. A feeling of deep solemnity pervaded the multitude – each man spoke in bated breath.

Mr. Benson was one of the most public spirited and prominent citizens of Port Hope. His death has created a void in our midst which will not be readily filled. The *Globe* and other Toronto papers in giving the list of killed by the late fearful accident, speak of Mr. Benson as a merchant of Port Hope. -- We would correct the error into which our contemporaries have fallen. Many years ago he was in the mercantile business in this town, but at the time of his death he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Port Hope, Lindsay, and Beaverton Railway. He assumed that post at the formation of the Company, and by his eminent business capacity conducted the corporation through more than one financial crisis. The loss of such a Secretary and Treasurer, at this particular juncture will be deeply felt by the Railway board and the town.

To the exertions of Mr. Benson and a few others we owe the flourishing Grammar School, of which Port Hope is now justly proud. He was chairman of the United Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees. He was President of the Port Hope Mechanics Institute, for the prosperity of which he zealously labored. After a life usefully and honorably spent Mr. Benson has gone to test the realities of the land beyond the grave. The great respect in which he was held was manifested by the hundreds who followed his body to the tomb.<sup>18</sup>

The Desjardin's canal railway accident and the loss of 57 people including Messrs. Thomas Benson, Mr. R. Wade, and the celebrated railway man, Sam Zimmerman, were remember on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accident<sup>19</sup>.

In 1861 Alicia Benson, 53, a widow, and three children still remaining at home: Thomas, 25, a lawyer; Frederick, 18; and Emma, 14; all born in Upper Canada, the family all C. of England; and a servant, Margaret HOPE,

21, born in Lower Canada, U. Presbyterian; lived at Port Hope, Durham Co.<sup>20</sup>.

In 1871 Alicia M. Benson, 65, born in England, English origin, Ch. of England, a widow; her son Thomas, 37, a widower, a barrister; his two children, Ethel Mary, 4; and Emily C., 2; and Alicia's other son, Frederick A., 29, a student-at-law; the four all born in Ont. of English origin; all five C. of England; and two servants, Mary A. McGAW, 18, born in the U.S., C. Presbyterian, Irish origin; and Mary SKITCH, 18, born in Ont., C. Presbyterian, English origin; lived at the town of Port Hope, Durham County<sup>21</sup>.

Alicia died at age 71 at St. Catharines, Ont. on Aug. 11, 1877 and is buried in St. John's Anglican Cem., Port Hope<sup>22</sup>. "She was a woman of much personal attractiveness, of deep and fervent piety, and of entire devotedness to her family cares and duties<sup>23</sup>."

Thomas and Alicia Maria had twelve children of whom three daughters and three sons were surviving about 1880:

A. BENSON, MARY		182(8)->1886
B. BENSON, JAMES BINLEY		182(9)-1876
C. BENSON, ANNIE M.	Kingston	1830-1906
D. BENSON, THOMAS MOORE	Port Hope	1833-1915
E. BENSON, HENRY WILLIAM		183(6)-1854
F. BENSON, RICHARD LOWE		183(9)->1886
G. BENSON, ALICIA HELEN		1840s->1886
H. BENSON, FREDERICK ALBERT	Upper Can.	184(3)->1915
I. BENSON, EMMA	Upper Can.	184(7)- >1886
J. BENSON,		
K. BENSON,		
L. BENSON,		

A. BENSON, MARY was born about 1828<sup>24</sup>.

"The eldest daughter [Mary] is the wife of Thomas R. Merritt, of Rodman Hall, St. Catharines<sup>25</sup>."

In 1871 Thos. R. Merritt, 48, born about 1823 in the U.S.A., a M. P. manager, Episcopalian, was living in the town of St. Catharines<sup>26</sup>.

Thomas Merritt was written up in Who's Who in Canada in 1898 as a capitalist<sup>27</sup>. Thomas may be related to William Hamilton Merritt, an engineer and projector of the Welland Canal, written up in Who's Who in Canada in 1898 and 1912<sup>28</sup>.

Thomas Rodman Merritt and Mary (Benson) Merritt and several other Merritts are buried at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines<sup>29</sup>.

B. BENSON, JAMES BINLEY was born about 1829 to 1832<sup>30</sup>.

“The eldest son, James Binley Benson, died in 1876 at Hamilton, Bermuda, whither he had gone to recruit his health ...<sup>31</sup>.”

C. BENSON, ANNIE M. was born on May 15, 1830 at Kingston<sup>32</sup>.

One daughter [Annie M.] was unmarried and living in 1886<sup>33</sup>.

In 1871 Annie Benson, 38, born about 1833 in Ont., Episcopalian, in a household with the head with a different surname, lived in the town of St. Catharines, Lincoln Co.<sup>34</sup>.

Annie died at St. Catharines on July 22, 1906 and is buried at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope<sup>35</sup>. An Annie M. Benson is buried (or reported on a headstone) at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines<sup>36</sup>.

D. BENSON, THOMAS MOORE was born Nov. 25, 1833 at Port Hope<sup>37</sup>.

In 1861 Thomas, 25 (sic), born in Upper Canada, a lawyer, lived with his widowed mother and two siblings at Port Hope, Durham Co.<sup>38</sup>.

In 1871 Thomas Benson, 37, a widower, a barrister; his two children, Ethel Mary, 4; and Emily C., 2; and his mother, Alicia M. Benson, 65, a widow; and Thomas' brother, Frederick A., 29, a student-at-law, all five Ch. of England; and two servants; lived at the town of Port Hope, Durham County<sup>39</sup>.

“The eldest surviving son [in 1880] is Thomas Moore Benson, Barrister-at-law, Port Hope, a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario, and one of the leading men in his profession in the County of Durham. His first wife was Mary Edith, eldest daughter of Rev. John McCAUL, LL.D., President of University College, Toronto, and his present wife is Laura A., daughter of the Lord Bishop of Niagara<sup>40</sup>.”

Thomas M. Benson married “Mary Edith, the eldest daughter of the Rev. John McCAUL, LL.D., then President of University College, Toronto, one of the most beautiful and estimable women of her day” on Apr. 26, 1866 (or Apr. 1, 1866<sup>41</sup>). Mary was born in 1843 in Toronto and she died of puerpual fever (during or soon after childbirth) at age 27 (also incorrectly as age 29) on Dec. 13, 1870 at Port Hope and is buried in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope.<sup>42</sup>

Thomas married, secondly, Laura Abigail FULLER, the second daughter of the Right Rev. Thomas Brock FULLER, D.D., D.C.L., the late Lord Bishop of Niagara on June 25, 1874<sup>43</sup>. (complete and confirm this latter footnote.) [Laura was a sister of Thomas' brother-in-law, see below.]

In 1874 the architect, Cornelius John **Soule**, trained at the prestigious South Kensington School of Science and Art in London, emigrated from England about 1871, and in 1873 settled in Port Hope. In 1874 he designed renovations and additions to "Terralta Cottage" at 160 Dorset St. West for lawyer Thomas M. Benson.<sup>44</sup> The house is presently on the Port Hope driving tour, noting the unusual window gables, called nun's coiffe dormers<sup>45</sup>.

There are detailed biographies for Thomas M. Benson in American Biographical Publishing Co. (1880). "The Canadian Biographical Dictionary" and somewhat updated in Rose (1886) "A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography." His Honour Thomas M. Benson was also written up in "Canadian Men and Women of the Time" in 1898 and 1912<sup>46</sup>.

In 1881 Thomas M. Benson, 47, a barrister, his second wife Laura A., 39, their five children: Ethel M., 14; Emily C., 12; Clara C., 5; Thomas B. F., 4; Jessie L. L., 3 mos.; and Thomas' brother, Frederick A. Benson, 49, a barrister; all Church of England, all born in Ont., lived at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>47</sup>.

In 1891 Thomas M. Benson, 57, county judge, his wife Laura A., 59 (sic, try 49), their five children, Ethel M., 24; Emily C., 22; Clara C., 15; Thomas B., 14; and Jessie L., 10; and Thomas' brother, Frederick A., 50, notary public, all Church of England, lived at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>48</sup>.

[Not related, in 1891 a Thomas BENSON, 38, a brewery labourer; his wife Louisa, 37; and their two children: Irmis J., 5; and ?, 1, all born in Ontario, all Church of England, lived in Port Hope<sup>49</sup>. This Thomas Benson family did not live in Port Hope in 1881 or 1901<sup>50</sup>.]

In 1901 Thomas M. Benson, 67; his wife Laura A., 59; their four children remaining at home: Emily C., 32; Clara C., 25; Thomas B. F., 24; and Jessie L., 27 (sic); and Thomas' brother, Frederick, 60; all lived at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>51</sup>.

There was a lengthy obituary and photograph of Judge Benson in the Port Hope newspaper on his death:

LATE JUDGE BENSON

"Were a star quenched on high,  
For ages would its light  
still travelling downward from the sky  
shine on our mortal sight,



"So when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men."



Figure 1. Judge Thomas Moore Benson.

From his obituary, *The Evening Guide*, Port Hope, Dec. 15, 1915, jpeg file courtesy of Peter Bolton.

It is our solemn duty today to record the death of one of Port Hope's most estimable and beloved citizens in the person of His Honor Judge Thomas Moore Benson. The late Judge Benson has been ill for some time, but the news of his death came as a surprise, and a great shock to his many friends, the first intimation being the tolling of St. John's church bell, of which church the deceased was an honored member.

Deceased was appointed Judge of these United Counties thirty-four years ago. In his public and private life he had justly earned the esteem and affection of all classes. As a citizen of Port Hope he has endeared himself to all by his quite Christian life and his invariable courteous manner. A member of the bench in Toronto, recently referring to Judge Benson said: "Yes, there are many older judges in the Province, but, gentlemen, there is only one Judge Benson."

Deceased was the second son of the late Thomas Benson, a native of the County of Tyrone, Ireland, and Alicia Maria **Lowe**. His father was killed by accident at the Desjardins Canal, Ont.

The late Judge Benson was born at Port Hope, Nov. 25, 1833 ; he was educated at the Grammar School, Niagara, and at the Grammar School, Peterboro ; matriculated at University College, Toronto, 1851 and obtained three scholarships in law. After studying in the office of the late Sir Adam **Wilson** and in that of the late Mr. Justice **Patterson**, he was called to the bar in 1859 and practiced his profession in his native town ; was elected a Bencher of the Law Society, 1871, in 1876 and again in 1881. In 1880 he was created a Queen's Council by the Marquis of Lorne, then Governor General of Canada.

While yet a student he acted as reporter in Chambers for the Upper Canada Law Journal and since then has frequently contributed to that and similar publications.

He was active in raising and enrolling companies of volunteers at Port Hope at the time of the "Trent" affair in 1861 and held a commission in a company of infantry then raised, commanded by the late Lt. Col. A. T. H. **Williams**, M.P. This company, at the time of the Fenian Raid, 1866, was included in one of the Provisional battalions then formed, and the command of it given to him, vice Williams promoted. Mr. Benson, at this period, attended the military school at Toronto, under the command of Lt. Col. (now Lt. General) R. W. **Lowry**, of Her Majesty's 47<sup>th</sup> Foot and obtained from it a first class certificate, after passing the required examination.

After remaining on active duty at Kingston until the termination of the Fenian disturbance, he retired from the force and was succeeded by his brother, Lt. Col. F. A. Benson, late commanding the 46<sup>th</sup> battalion.

He was appointed Deputy Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1882 ; he became Junior Judge of the same Court and Local Judge of the High Court of Justice of Ontario, Nov. 3, 1882, and Junior Judge of the County Court November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1887. He was Revising Officer under the Election Franchise Act for East and West Durham and the two Northumberlands, 1885 and 1887.

He has been for over 30 years a lay delegate to the Diocesan Synod of Toronto of the Church of England and was for several years a delegate from the Diocesan to the Provincial Synod.

His Honor has also been for many years past one of the Council of Wycliffe College, Toronto, as well as director of Bishop Ridley College, St. Catharines, the latter since the foundation of the institution. He was elected by the Diocesan Synod, 1883, a lay member of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr, Toronto. He has been a member of the Port Hope High School Board for over forty years. Politically, Judge Benson, before his elevation to the Bench, was a Liberal Conservative and an ardent admirer and supporter of the later Sir John A. **Macdonald**. He never entered on a parliamentary career, though asked to do so by the departed statesman and others. Politics being eschewed, he still remained an uncompromising upholder of British connection. He was married on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1866 to Mary Edith, eldest daughter of the late Rev. John **McCaul**, L.L.D., President of University College, Toronto. Mrs. Benson died December 1870. He was married again in June 1874 to Laura A., second daughter of the late Right Reverend Thos. Brock **Fuller**, D.D., D.C.L., first Anglican Bishop of Niagara.

The following tribute was paid to His Honor by the late Hon. Sidney **Smith** – "As a private citizen Judge Benson has endeared himself to all who have met him while by his course as a professional man he has won the respect and esteem of all his associates.

Judge Benson retired from the Bench last summer [1914] and was honored by the bar and citizens of these Counties in being presented with a beautiful oil painting of himself the work of art being from the brush of Mr. Wylie **Greer**. ...<sup>52</sup>

Thomas died at age 82 at Port Hope on Dec. 15, 1915 and is buried in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope<sup>53</sup>. Laura died at age 81 at Port Hope on Nov. 16, 1928 and is also buried in St. John Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope<sup>54</sup>.

Thomas had two surviving daughters by his first marriage and two surviving daughters and a son by his second marriage<sup>55</sup>.

- i) BENSON, ETHEL MARY 186(7)- >1915
- ii) BENSON, EMILY CONSTANCE 186(9)- >1915

iii) BENSON, EDITH ELLEN	1870-187(0)
iv) BENSON, CLARA CYNTHIA	1875-1964
v) BENSON, THOMAS BINGLEY FULLER	1876-1941
vi) BENSON, JESSIE LAURA LOUISE	1880- >1915

i) BENSON, ETHEL MARY was born about 1867 likely at Port Hope<sup>56</sup>.

Miss Ethel Benson of Port Hope, niece of Calvin Brown, one of the shareholders of the Hamilton shipbuilder, Louis Shickluna, christened the propeller ship "Prussia" on June 7, 1873<sup>57</sup>.

Ethel Mary BENSON married Edward Francis BLAKE, second son of Hon. Edward Blake, Toronto at Port Hope, Ont. on Mon. morning May 18, 1891 (or May 19, 1891)<sup>58</sup>.

Edward's father, Hon. Dominick Edward Blake, was born near Strathroy, Middlesex Co. in 1833 of Irish parents. He was a distinguished lawyer and brilliant orator and was recognized as an authority on constitutional law. He was elected in 1867 to both the Canadian parliament for West Durham and the Ontario legislature for South Bruce. He was leader of the Liberal opposition in the provincial legislature and served as Ontario's second premier from 1871 to 1872. He served as federal minister of justice in Alexander Mackenzie's cabinet. He was uncomfortable with Mackenzie's policies and resigned in 1874 and assumed leadership of the Canada First movement. In 1875 he returned as Justice Minister and was a key figure in the establishment of the Supreme Court of Canada and in reducing the powers of the Governor General. He was Liberal leader of the Opposition at Ottawa from 1879 to 1887. In 1892 he went to Ireland where he served as an Irish Nationalist member of parliament for 15 years. He returned to Canada in 1907 due to illness and died in 1912.<sup>59</sup>

Ethel Blake was living in 1915<sup>60</sup>.

ii) BENSON, EMILY CONSTANCE was born about 1869 likely at Port Hope<sup>61</sup>.

Emily Constance Benson married Maj. Robert Cochrane MORRIS on June 3, 1911<sup>62</sup>.

Mrs. Capt. Morris was living in 1915<sup>63</sup>.

iii) BENSON, EDITH ELLEN was born about Dec. 13, 1870 at Port Hope<sup>64</sup> and died about 1870, a presumed daughter of Mary E. Benson who died in childbirth<sup>65</sup>.

iv) BENSON, CLARA CYNTHIA was born on June 5, 1875 at Terralta, Port Hope<sup>66</sup>. Terralta would be the name of their house and would mean high ground<sup>67</sup>.

Clara Cynthia Benson, was written up in Who's Who in 1912. She graduated from University College, University of Toronto with a honours B.A. in physics and chemistry in 1899 and a Ph.D. in 1902, one of the first two women receiving that degree from the university. She was then a professor at the University of Toronto.<sup>68</sup>

Clara is written up in Gale Research (1976). Woman's Who's Who of America 1914-1915 and Gale Research (1976). Who Was Who among North American Authors, 1921-1939<sup>69</sup>. The Clara Benson Award is awarded annually by the Canadian Society for Chemistry beginning about 1990<sup>70</sup>. The Clara Benson Building, University of Toronto on Huron Street, Toronto is named after her<sup>71</sup>.

Clara's Ph.D. thesis was on "The Rates of the Reactions in Solutions Containing Ferrous Sulphate, Potassium Iodide, and Chromic Acid." Unable to secure a position in the chemistry department, Clara taught at the newly created Faculty of Household Sciences, University of Toronto, until her retirement in 1945. The Clara Benson Women's wing of the University Athletic Centre was unveiled in 1959 and commemorates her efforts to get athletic space for women at the university. There is a brief description and an excellent quality photograph of Clara at about age 70 at the University of Toronto web site.<sup>72</sup>

Dr. Marianne G. Ainley, a professor at the University of Northern B.C., Prince George has written several articles about Clara Benson, as an example of an early woman scientist dealing with a gendered society. It was Dr. Ainley and Professor Mary Baldwin of Concordia University that suggested the Clara Benson Award be established. Dr. Ainley's articles include: "Canadian women's contributions to chemistry, 1900-1970," in Canadian Chemical News 46, No. 4 (1994): 16-18 and "'Women's Work,' in Canadian Chemistry," Canadian Women's Studies 13, 3 (1993):43-46. Ruby Heap, University of Ottawa has also written about Dr. Benson in her chapter, "From the Science of Housekeeping to the Science of Nutrition: Pioneers in Canadian Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Household Science, 1900-1950 in Elizabeth Smyth et al., eds. Challenging Professions, U. of T. Press, 1999. Dr. Ainley would like to write a more detailed biography on Dr. Benson in a forthcoming book of biographies but requires more personal material. She asks if

anyone has copies of personal correspondence with Clara Benson by friends or family to please contact her.<sup>73</sup> Dr. Ainley presented a conference paper on early women scientists in Vancouver in November, 2000.

Clara died on Mar. 25, 1964 in Port Hope<sup>74</sup> and is buried in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope<sup>75</sup>.

v) BENSON, THOMAS BINGLEY FULLER was born at Port Hope on Oct. 28, 1876<sup>76</sup>. He was known as Bingley in 1915<sup>77</sup>.

Bingley died at Toronto of cancer at age 64 on Feb. 15, 1941 and is buried at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Port Hope<sup>78</sup>.

vi) BENSON, JESSIE LAURA LOUISE<sup>79</sup> was born on Dec. 31, 1880 at Terralta, Port Hope<sup>80</sup>.

Jessie was married to a Mr. JAFFRAY in 1915<sup>81</sup>.

E. BENSON, HENRY WILLIAM was born about 1836 and died at age 18 at Port Hope on Oct. 18, 1854<sup>82</sup>.

F. BENSON, RICHARD LOWE was born about 1839 in Ont.<sup>83</sup>.

Unlikely the same person, a Richard Benson married a Margery PORTER about 1859 and they may be buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward Co., Ont.<sup>84</sup>.

In 1871 Richard Benson, 32, Ch. of England, deputy sheriff, in a household with the head with a different surname, lived in the town of Cobourg, Northumberland Co.<sup>85</sup>.

Richard Lowe Benson, LL.B., was deputy sheriff of Northumberland and Durham in 1880<sup>86</sup> and barrister-at-law at Peterborough in 1886<sup>87</sup>.

G. BENSON, ALICIA HELEN

Alicia Helen Benson of St. Catharines married Calvin BROWN, of St. Catharines, on Sept. 29, 1870<sup>88</sup>.

In 1871 Calvin BROWN, 31, born about 1840 in Ont., barrister, Ch. of England lived in the town of St. Catharines, Lincoln Co.<sup>89</sup>.

In 1873 Calvin Brown was one of the shareholders of the Hamilton shipbuilder, Louis Shickluna<sup>90</sup>.

Helen, the wife of Calvin BROWN, lived in St. Catharines in 1880 and Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A. in 1886<sup>91</sup>.

H. BENSON, FREDERICK ALBERT was born about 1843 in Upper Canada<sup>92</sup>.

In 1861 Frederick, 18, lived with his widowed mother and two siblings at Port Hope, Durham Co.<sup>93</sup>.

In 1871 Frederick A. Benson, 29, a student-at-law, single, Ch. of England; and his mother, Alicia M. Benson, 65, a widow; and his brother, Thomas M. Benson, 37, a barrister; Thomas' two daughters; and two servants; lived at the town of Port Hope<sup>94</sup>.

In 1881 Frederick A. Benson, 49 (sic, 39), barrister, Ch. of England, lived with his brother, Thomas M. Benson, and family at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>95</sup>.

Lieut.-Col. Frederick Albert Benson, of the 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion Volunteer Militia, lived at Port Hope in 1880 and 1886<sup>96</sup>.

In 1891 Frederick A. Benson, 50, notary public, Ch. of England, lived with his brother, Thomas M. Benson, and family at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>97</sup>.

Lt. Col. F. A. Benson, commanded the 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion after his brother Thomas M. Benson and prior to 1898<sup>98</sup>.

In 1901 Frederick Benson, 60, lived with his brother, Thomas M. Benson, and family at Port Hope, Ont.<sup>99</sup>.

Frederick lived at Port Hope in 1915<sup>100</sup>. Frederic died on \_\_\_\_ , 19\_\_ and is buried in \_\_\_\_\_ cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_.

I. BENSON, EMMA LOUISA was born about 1847 in Upper Canada<sup>101</sup>.

In 1861 Emma, 14, lived with her widowed mother and two brothers at Port Hope, Durham Co.<sup>102</sup>.

Emma Louisa Benson married Thomas Richard Fuller on Oct. 6, 1868 in Canada<sup>103</sup>.



In 1871 a Thomas R. Fuller, 32, born about 1839 in Ont., merchant, Ch. of England, lived in the town of Stratford, Perth Co.<sup>104</sup>.

In 1880 and 1886 it was reported “[Emma] is the wife of Thomas Richard FULLER, of Toronto, son of the Lord Bishop of Niagara<sup>105</sup>.”

II. BENSON, HENRY (Ireland) 1800s- >1828

Henry about age 23 was listed as a son in 1828<sup>106</sup>.

This Henry Benson is not reported in the 1871 census of Ontario.

III. BENSON, JOHN ROBINSON Ireland 180(5)-1875

John Robinson BENSON was born in Ireland about 1805<sup>107</sup>.

John's parents immigrated to Lansingburgh, N.Y. in 1816 and moved to Kingston, Upper Canada in 1819<sup>108</sup>.

John married Catharine E. LEE on Sept. 21, 1832 (also seen as Sept. 25, 1832) at Douro (Tp., Peterborough Co., Ont.)<sup>109</sup>. Catharine was born in New York state, or Virginia, U.S.A. about 1815 or 1818<sup>110</sup>. Catherine's father was a cousin of Robert E. LEE, 1807-1870, the famous general of the U.S. Confederate Army.<sup>111</sup> [The American Civil War was fought between 1861 and 1865.]

[A Daniel LEE, father of a large family, a sawyer employed at J. R. Benson's Mills and was drowned on the Otonabee River, Peterborough Co., on Tues. July 24, 1838<sup>112</sup>. Daniel was perhaps related to Catharine<sup>113</sup>.]

The third general merchandise store of the town of Peterborough was opened in 1827 on the corner of Simcoe and Water Streets by John BROWN of Port Hope and managed for him by John R. Benson, the latter “still a well-known citizen” in 1867<sup>114</sup>.

As part of Upper Canada's response to the raid on Prescott in the autumn of 1838, the government raised an Embodied Militia Force, Seventh Provisional Battalion at Peterborough consisting of six companies of fifty men under the command of Col. Alexander McDONELL and duties in great part carried out by Maj. COWALL. The appointments by the Lieut. Governor included John R. Benson as captain on Nov. 16, 1838, one of three men so appointed<sup>115</sup>.

Prior to 1848 J. R. Benson, Esq. was one of three owners of flouring mills at Peterborough<sup>116</sup>.



In 1851 John R. Benson, 46, gentleman, his wife, Catharine, 36, and four sons, and six daughters lived in a one and a half-story frame house at Conc. 1, Lot 16 in Smith and Harvey Tp., Peterborough Co. The ten children were: Anne, 19; Marth I., 17; Henry W<sup>m</sup>., 14, a student; Margret, 12; John R., 11, a student; Edw., 9, a student; Aletia W., 7; Catherine Margret, 5; James, 3; and Mary, 1 (born within the year). John had 25 acres of land.<sup>117</sup>

J. R. Benson is not listed for Peterborough County in the 1857 Directory of Ontario<sup>118</sup>.

In 1861 John R. Benson, 54, occupation not reported, his wife, Cathrine E., 43, and 5 sons, and 6 daughters lived in Smith Tp., Peterborough Co. The children were: Anney R., 28; Martha I., 26; Henry W., 23; Margret, 21; John R., 20; Edward, 18; Alisca, 15; Catherine, 13; James, 12; Mary, 10; and Joseph, 6. The family was Wesleyan Methodist, except the eldest daughter, Anney, who was Church of England. Anney was reported as being absent at the time of the census.<sup>119</sup> There were no other Benson families in Smith Tp.<sup>120</sup> The artist, naturalist and author, Catherine Parr TRAILL, then age 60, lived in Smith Tp. as well<sup>121</sup>.

In 1865 a James H. Benson (perhaps a brother or nephew of John R. Benson) was a barrister & attorney, solicitor, notary, &c., had an office on George street, north of Simcoe Street, Peterborough, Ont.<sup>122</sup>.

In 1867 John R. Benson owned a flouring mill in the town of Peterborough, leased by Messrs. Nicholls & Hall, that manufactured 20,000 barrels of flour annually<sup>123</sup>. In 1865 J. R. Benson, Esq. was a coroner for Peterborough Co.<sup>124</sup>.

John commanded the boats and voyageurs via the Great Lakes to Fort Garry in the Red River Expedition under the command of Wolseley during the first Riel Rebellion in 1870<sup>125</sup>. Col. Garnet J. Wolseley (1833-1913) lead a military force of 400 British regulars and 800 Ontario and Quebec militia men. The troops left Toronto on May 1870, reached Fort Garry on Aug. 24, 1870, and found the fort deserted by Riel. The British quickly returned to Ontario and the militia were left to garrison the fort.<sup>126</sup> John was a Colonel at the end of his military career<sup>127</sup>.

In 1871 John R. Benson, 65, born in Ireland, Wesleyan Methodist, a gentleman, lived in Smith Tp., Peterborough Co. (to be checked for wife and children still at home<sup>128</sup>).

John R. Benson died at age 70 of inflammation at Peterborough, Ont. on Nov. 10, 1875 and is buried at Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ont., officiated by Rev. Rogers<sup>129</sup>.

About 1875 Mrs. John R. Benson, a widow, born in England, settled in Canada in 1829, and her eldest son, Henry (and his family), lived at Conc. 1, e.c.r. in the town of Peterborough. A likely related, Moore LEE, a gentleman,

born in Canada in 1827, also lived at Conc. 1, e.c.r. in the town of Peterborough.<sup>130</sup>

By 1881 the Bensons had moved from Smith Tp.<sup>131</sup>.

Catherine died at age 86 of old age at Winnipeg, Man. on Aug. 21, 1899 and is buried at Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough, Ont., officiated by Rev. Shorey<sup>132</sup>.

John had eleven children<sup>133</sup>:

A. BENSON, ANNIE R.	Ont.	183(2)- >1904
B. BENSON, MARTHA I.	Ont.	1835- >1904
C. BENSON, HENRY WILLIAM	Peterborough	183(8)- (1873)
D. BENSON, MARGARET	Ont.	1840- >1904
E. BENSON, JOHN ROBINSON Jr.	Ont.	1841- >1904
F. BENSON, EDWARD	Peterborough	1843-1904
G. BENSON, ALICIA M.	Ont.	1845-1915
H. BENSON, CATHERINE	Ont.	184(6)- >1904
I. BENSON, JAMES L.	Ont.	184(8)- >1904
J. BENSON, MARY	Ont.	185(1)- >1904
K. BENSON, JOSEPH M.	Ont.	1855- >1904

[Many of these Bensons moved to Winnipeg in the 1870s. Please contact the author if you are researching any of these Bensons. Alicia Benson married John Green, a lawyer in Peterborough. Alicia and John Green are great grandparents to the author's wife.]

#### IV. BENSON, JAMES REA

James was born about 1811<sup>134</sup> likely at Fintona, County of Tyrone, Ireland. He immigrated with his parents to America in 1816.<sup>135</sup>

James married Mary Anne (or Marianne) INGERSOLL on May 25, 1836 at Oxford, Ingersoll, Oxford Co., Ont.<sup>136</sup>.

In 1857 J. R. Benson of J. R. Benson & Co., James st. near Market in St. Catharines, Lincoln Co. and a J. R. Benson had a grist mill at Ingersoll, Oxford County<sup>137</sup>.

In 1871 James R. Benson, 60, a Senator, Anglican, lived at St. Catharines, Ont.<sup>138</sup>.

The Hamilton shipbuilder, Louis Shickluna, launched a schooner "James R. Benson" on Aug. 30, 1873 and the ship was christened by Senator Benson's niece, Miss Eccles<sup>139</sup>.

In 1880 James was a Senator of the Dominion of Canada and lived at St. Catharines, Ont.<sup>140</sup>.

James R. Benson died at Ottawa on Mar. 18, 1885<sup>141</sup> and he and his wife are buried at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines<sup>142</sup>.

James and Mary Anne had at least four children:

A. ? BENSON, CHARLES	Ont.	1837- >1901
B.		
C. BENSON, FREDERICK WILLIAM	St. Catharines	1849-
D. BENSON, THOMAS	St. Catharines	1860-

V. BENSON, WILLIAM was born about 1812<sup>143</sup> likely at Fintona, County of Tyrone, Ireland. He immigrated with his parents to America in 1816.

In 1871 William Benson, 59, born in Ireland, collector of customs, Ch. of England, lived at the town of Windsor, Essex Co.<sup>144</sup>.

William was collector of customs at Windsor, Ont. in 1880<sup>145</sup> and 1886<sup>146</sup>.

William Benson was not living at Windsor in 1901<sup>147</sup>.

#### VI. BENSON, DIXON

Dixon about 10 to 20 years old was listed as a son in 1828<sup>148</sup>.

VIII. BENSON, ANN E. was born about 1813 likely at Fintona, County Tyrone, Ireland<sup>149</sup>. She immigrated with her parents to America in 1816.

Ann married John R. DICKSON, M.D. on May 1, 1839 at Peterborough<sup>150</sup>.

John Robinson Dickson was born Nov. 15, 1819 at Dungannon Ireland; emigrated with his mother and family in 1838 and settled in Peterborough, where he lived for a couple of years, then removed to Kingston where he (resided thereafter).<sup>151</sup>

In 1871 John R. Dickson, 50, born in Ireland, Irish origin, Canada Presbyterian, physician & surgeon, lived at Portsmouth Village, Frontenac County<sup>152</sup>.

In addition to an M.D., John also had an M.R.C.P.L. and an M.R.C.S.E.<sup>153</sup>, whose meaning is uncertain.

John is written up in the Encyclopedia Britannica:

"Irish-born medical doctor and educator who was instrumental in establishing organized medical training in Canada. Dickson's family immigrated to Upper Canada in 1837, a move that interrupted his medical studies in Glasgow, Scot. He studied for one term at the University of New York, receiving his M.D. degree in 1842. He then returned to Canada and opened a practice in Kingston. Together with a group of colleagues, Dickson proposed a plan for the establishment of a faculty of medicine at Queens College in Kingston; in 1855 the faculty was organized, and Dickson was appointed to teach the principles and practice of surgery. Dickson and others left Queens in 1864 in a dispute with the trustees. Within two years they had established the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Kingston. Dickson also served as the first president of the Council of Medical Education and Registration of Upper Canada. He retired in 1881."<sup>154</sup>

John Robinson Dickson 1819-1882 is also written up in the "Dictionary of Canadian Biography 1881-1890"<sup>155</sup> and two other contemporary biographies<sup>156</sup>.

Dr. Robinson's obituary from the Port Hope newspaper:

"... Deceased was one of the most eminent surgeons in Canada, and was for many years President of the Medical College, Kingston. For over ten years he filled the important position of Medical Superintendent of Rockwood Lunatic Asylum, Kingston. Dr. Dickson was held in the highest esteem by all members of the profession. He died at the family summer residence, Wolf Island, near the city of Kingston, on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November [1882]. He had been ill for over two years, therefore his death was not unexpected. ..."

John R. Dickson died at age 63 on Nov. 23, 1882 at Wolfe Island, near Kingston<sup>157</sup>.

Ann was living in 1886<sup>158</sup>.

Anne Dickson, died at age 83 in Toronto on Dec. 29, 1896 and is buried in Section M, Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston<sup>159</sup>.

John R. Dickson is not reported as buried at Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston<sup>160</sup> although the cemetery office could be contacted or perhaps he is buried at Portsmouth.

Census records between 1851 and 1871 should be examined to see if John and Ann had any children.

Their wills are on file in Kingston<sup>161</sup>.

[John R. Dickson's brother, Rea DICKSON, was born at Dungannon, Ireland in 1816, emigrated to Canada in 1834, married in 1844 Jane MIGHT, dau. of John MIGHT, and moved to Port Hope about 1852. Rea died at age 80 on July 16, 1897 at Port Hope.<sup>162</sup> Jane (Might) Dickson was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1822, had brothers James and Samuel, emigrated in 1833, died at age 65 at Port Hope on May 8, 1887<sup>163</sup>.]

[A John DICKSON, perhaps related to Rea Dickson, born about 1863, died at age 24 at Port Hope on Feb. 11, 1888<sup>164</sup>.]

VII. BENSON, JOSEPH W. was born about the 1810s likely at Fintona, County of Tyrone, Ireland. He immigrated with his parents to America in 1816.

Not necessarily the same person, a Joseph W. Benson of Illinois married Malissa \_\_\_ about 1841<sup>165</sup>.

In 1850 a Joseph Benson, not necessarily the person of interest, lived at Lincoln Precinct, Clark County, Illinois<sup>166</sup>. In 1880 a Dr. Joseph Benson lived at Cook Co., Illinois<sup>167</sup>.

In 1880 Joseph Benson was a professor in a Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.<sup>168</sup> Joseph died at Chicago in Dec. 1885<sup>169</sup>

## Other miscellaneous Bensons of the Port Hope area

Barbara Barker, [yabutt\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:yabutt_ca@yahoo.com), is researching the Bensons of Hamilton Tp., Northumberland County. Her great grandfather Benson (perhaps Samuel Benson) settled at Lot 28 Con. 7, Hamilton Township and had six boys and two girls, of whom four are known: James (her grandfather), William, Annie, and Mina. Mina was born in 1870 and married Leonidis Hubbard. Leonidis set out to explore uncharted land in Labrador in 1903 and after his death Mina took up where Leonidis left off. Mina, an explorer and author, was mentioned in Pierre Burton's book, "The Wild Frontier."<sup>170</sup>

Possibly related, a Sarah BENSON, born in Ireland about 1800, died at age 70 in Kingston on Apr. 16, 1871 and is buried at Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ont.<sup>171</sup>.

Probably not related, a T. M. BENSON, born in England about 1800, died at age 56 in Kingston on Nov. 10, 1870 and is buried at Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ont.<sup>172</sup>.

Not in the Thomas M. Benson family, although perhaps related<sup>173</sup>, an Ida BENSON, born about 1870, married James H. DAYNARD, and Ida died at age 21 at Port Hope on Aug. 27, 1891<sup>174</sup>.

A Francis (sic) Lillian Benson, perhaps of the Port Hope area, married Halliday SCOTT on Aug. 17, 1910<sup>175</sup>.

Probably not related, in 1871 a Jane BENSON, 64 (sic, try 74), a washerwoman (born in Quebec of Irish origin, Church of England) lived in Port Hope<sup>176</sup>. In 1881 Jane Benson, 81 (sic, try 84) (born in Quebec, Church of England) lived in Port Hope<sup>177</sup>. In 1891 Jane Benson, 95 (born in Quebec, Church of England) lived in Port Hope<sup>178</sup>. Mrs. Benson, known as "Granny Benson," born in England (sic) about 1797 died at Port Hope at age 95 on Nov. 9, 1892<sup>179</sup>.

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- <sup>12</sup> [Thomas Moore Benson] Rose (1886). A Cyclopaedia of Canadian biography, p 66 to 67
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