

## Yonge St Monthly Meeting

### Also called - Botsford St Church, Newmarket Monthly Meeting Marriage Register including Marriage Act 1937

Archives: This marriage register is held by the Canadian Quaker Archives and Library in Newmarket, Ontario. It is stored in Box 41, item 9. The fonds is also described as O-41-item with the O standing for Orthodox.

Botsford St Friends Church in Newmarket was also called Yonge St Meeting and Newmarket Meeting. In 1881, the Orthodox Canada Yearly Meeting separated into Evangelical (church service) and Conservative (silent worship) branches. At Yonge St, the Conservative branch maintained the original 1812 Meeting House and was designated Yonge St Conservative. The Botsford St Friends Church was designated Yonge St Orthodox with an Evangelical church service and they were the other part of the separation establishing their church in Newmarket. The Church Friends received the burying ground on Yonge St. Both monthly meetings were named Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, claiming legal and theological continuation to the original meeting body.

This Register was deposited along with all the Botsford St. Mtg. minute books in the CYM Archives in the early 1980's, by Marjorie Moore Keffer, clerk at the time, when the Botsford St meeting was laid down. Box 41 was created at that time. It was microfilmed, with other Botsford St records, but not part of the 1975 microfilming.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT  
[R.S.O. 1937, chapter 207)

Registration of Marriages

30. Every clergyman, minister, or other person authorized to solemnize marriage, shall, immediately after he has solemnized a marriage, enter in a register to be kept by him for the purpose, unless a similar register is kept in the church at which he officiates, in which case the entries shall be made in that book, the particulars mentioned in Form 4, and shall authenticate the same by his signature.

31. (1) Every clergyman, minister, or other person authorized to solemnize marriage, where a marriage register is not already possessed by any church or congregation over which he is placed or has charge, shall make application for a register to the clerk of the local municipality within which the church or congregation is situate, and the clerk shall thereupon supply such register, at the cost of the municipality.

(2) One additional register may be supplied, at the cost of the municipality, to any clergyman, minister, or other person authorized to solemnize marriage, and a register shall also, on application, be supplied at the like cost to any clergyman or minister in the municipality who is not in charge of a church or congregation.

(3) Every clergyman or minister in charge of a church or congregation in an unorganized township shall, upon a written application to be made by him to the Registrar-General, receive a register, to be supplied by the Registrar-General.

**[As to returns to be made, see The Vital Statistics Act (R.S.O. 1937, chapter 88), section 29.]**

32. The register, by whomsoever furnished, shall be the property of the denomination or body to which the clergyman, minister, or other person, to whom it is delivered, belongs at the time of the delivery thereof, and where he is in charge of a particular congregation of such denomination, it shall belong to the trustees or other body in which the property of the church or meeting house used by such congregation for its ordinary services is vested.

This Register is the property of The Friends' Church (Quakers) (Newmarket Friends' Meeting)  
Dated at Newmarket this Twenty-seventh day of July 1942.

Norman L. Mathews  
Clerk of the Town of Newmarket

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

BRIDEGROOM

His Name	Lothar Manfred Prager
Age	24
Residence when married	111 Albert St. St Catherines, Ont.
Place of birth	Germany
Bachelor, widower, or divorcee (B., W., or D.)	B
Occupation	Tool & Die Maker
Religious denomination of bridegroom	Lutheran
Names of parents	Willie Arthur Prager Erna Maria Hartmann

BRIDE

Her Name	Marie Louise Gilkes
Age	27
Residence when married	Newmarket, 61 Timothy St. W.
Place of birth	Ontario
Spinster, widow, or divorcee (S., W., or D.)	S.
Religious denomination of bride	Friends
Names of parents	Crestor Eugene Gilkes Marie Lloyd

Whether married by license or banns (L. or B.)	L. R7558
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Signatures:

Of bridegroom	Lothar Manfred Prager.
Of bride	Marie Louise Prager
Of witnesses	Name Irene Lloyd Gilkes
	Residence
	Name [Austin] Lloyd Gilkes
	Residence

I Certify the above-named parties were married by me at the Friends Meeting house of Newmarket in the ~~county~~ town of Newmarket in the County of York in the Province of Ontario, this 27 day of July A.D. one thousand nine hundred and 22

(Signature)	Burton [J W] [Hill]
	Minister of Society of Friends

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

BRIDEGROOM

His Name	Raymond Joseph Jesson	
Age	24	12/9/35
Residence when married	RR # 1 Cedar Valley, Ont	
Place of birth	Ontario	
Bachelor, widower, or divorcee (B., W., or D.)	B	
Occupation	Market gardener	
Religious denomination of bridegroom	Anglican	
Names of parents	Joseph Eli <del>Pearce</del> Jesson Alma Marie Pearce	

BRIDE

Her Name	Mavis Joy Keffer	
Age	22	30/9/37
Residence when married	391 Timothy St. Newmarket	
Place of birth	Newmarket Ontario	
Spinster, widow, or divorcee (S., W., or D.)	S	
Religious denomination of bride	Society of Friends	
Names of parents	Thomas Milton Keffer Marjorie Helen Moore	

Whether married by license or  
banns (L. or B.) L. - S46108

Signatures:

Of bridegroom	Raymond Joseph Jesson
Of bride	Mavis Joy Keffer Jesson
Of witnesses	Name [Annete] M. L. [Ries]
	Residence 11 Linden St. Toronto, Ont.
	Name L. W. Keffer
	Residence 391 Timothy St., Newmarket, Ont.

I Certify the above-named parties were married by me at the Meeting House of The Society of Friends in the Town of Newmarket in the County of York in the Province of Ontario, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. one thousand nine hundred and fifty nine

(Signature) Burton [Hill]  
Minister of The Society of Friends

