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## INTRODUCTION

This cemetery has always been known as the Felker Family Cemetery.

The earliest interment as recorded on a monument is:

Eleanor, dau. of Frederick & Mary FELKER, died July 17, 1825, age 2 months & 13 days.

The cemetery is municipally maintained and is no longer a family cemetery.

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## The Origin of the Felker Cemetery

Fifteen year old Johann Friedrick Voelkel left Erndtebruck, Germany bound for America in 1773.

The following is translated from the original German: "This bible is presented to you as a teaching of Christ, and instruction for the welfare of your soul. God, grant that you may use it frequently on your journey to America."

Erndtebruc, May 18, 1773

John landed at the Port of Philadelphia and went to the area of Sussex, New Jersey, where he worked for John Mingle, later marrying John's daughter, Mary. Johann served the British for a period of time during the American Revolution. He wished to remain under the British flag, so in 1794 he and Mary with their baby son, John Frederick came to Newark. Here he petitioned for land and was granted 200 acres in Gainsborough Township, Lincoln County as a United Empire Loyalist.

In 1820, John acquired 200 acres in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County. This land was comprised of Lot 30, Con. 6 and Lot 27, Con. 7.

First the Crown Patent went to Robert Isaac Gray, dated 10 Aug. 1801, secondly, from John Gray to James Henry in 1811, thirdly, from James Henry to John Felker and finally from John F. Felker to John Frederick Felker in 1823. It remained in the Felker Family until the 1960's. John and Mary's eldest son, known as Frederick, married Mary Bentley of Grimsby and they lived on Lot 27 for the rest of their lives.

Their oldest child, Eleanor, was born in May 1825 and died in July 1825. Hers may have been the first burial and perhaps the reason for the setting up of the Felker Cemetery. Johann Friederick Voelkel whose name underwent many changes: Folker, Falker, Fulker, and his wife Mary, were laid to rest in the cemetery that bears the Felker name, he in 1838 and Mary in 1841. Today there are five generations of Felkers in this cemetery.

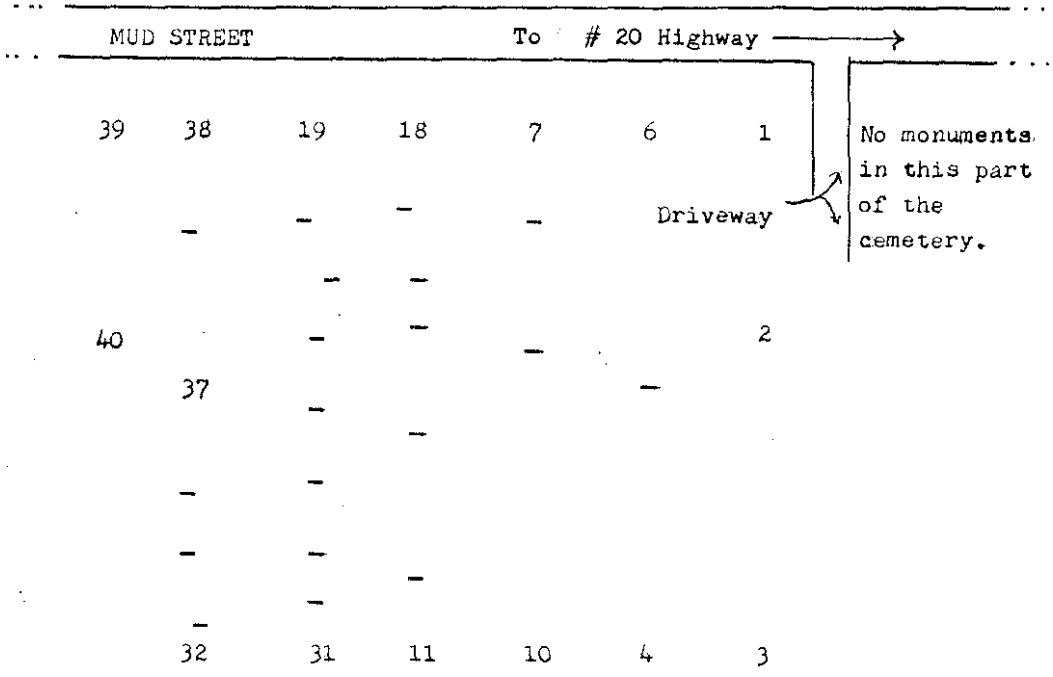
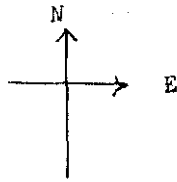
In the early 1970's, with the advent of Satellite City (now Heritage Green), the Provincial Government suggested closing several small cemeteries in the area and moving the bodies and monuments to another location. Descendants of the early settlers who are buried in these cemeteries objected strongly and the plan was dropped.

Even though the Felker Cemetery was turned over to the local government and is no longer a family plot, it remains a tribute to a pioneer family.

-Submitted by Mrs. Elsie Felker.

# Layout of the Cemetery

NOT TO SCALE



Numerical list of the monument numbers with all the information on the monument.

1. **FELKER** / Roy Austin / Dec. 21 1909 / Mar. 12 1978 / Clarcie / Lovena / Dec. 9 1912 / Oct. 1 1977.
2. **MULEC** / Anton / Dec. 22 1900 / July 9 1979 / Josephine / Mar. 8 1904 / blank.
3. **ELLIS** / Ronald G. / 1938 – 1980 / husband of / Sheila M.
4. Catherine **RITTENBURG** / wife of / Daniel **SPRINGSTEEN** / died / Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899 / aged 54 yrs 8 mo's / & 20 days.
5. **FELKER** / David H. / 1906 – 1982 / Iris E. / 1912 - .
6. **FELKER** / Ronald Harvey / Nov. 25 1896 – Nov. 2 1974.
7. **FELKER** / Harry A. / Sept. 7 1922 / Mar. 8 1982 / June M. / Dec. 27 1925 - .
8. **FELKER** / Joseph Benjamin **FELKER** / 1880 – 1956 / his wife / Lillie May **LANG** / 1882 – 1951.
9. Infant son / 1946 / infant daughter 1947 / infant son / 1948 / children of / David & Iris **FELKER**.
10. John **YEAGER** Sen. / died Jan. 31 1928 /aged 70 y's 1 mon & 5 d's.
11. Eleanor / dau. of / Frederick & Mary / **FELKER** / died July 17 1825 / ae 2 ms & 13 ds.
12. David **DEAN** / died / Sept. 14 1831 / aged / 21 ys & 3 mo.
13. James B. / son of / Hiram A. & Mary **FELKER** / 1876 – 1987.
14. Albert / son of Wm. H. & F. / **FELKER** / 1900 – 1901.
15. Mary E. / dau. of / Hiram A. & Mary / **FELKER** / 1879 – 1908.
16. Hiram A. **FELKER** / 1844 – 1911 / his wife / Mary **COWAN** / 1843 – 1915 / **FELKER**.
17. **FELKER** / William H. **FELKER** / 1869 – 1944 / husband of / Frances H. / **WILLIAMS** / their son / William Albert / 1900 – 1901.
18. **FELKER** / Irwin / 1898 – 1973 / Warden of Wentworth County 1955 / husband of / Alma.
19. **FELKER** / Orland A. / Dec. 24 1879 / Aug. 30 1963 / Ethel L. / Dec. 30 1883 / June 10 1970.
20. **FELKER** / Delia Ann / 1865 – 1928 / Sarah Elizabeth / 1869 – 1936.
21. David B. **FELKER** / 1833 – 1912 / Angeline **RITTENBURG** / his wife / 1837 – 1912 / William C. **FELKER** / 1867 – 1907 / **FELKER**.

22. Mary **BENTLEY** / wife of / John F. **FELKER** / died Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882 / aged 77 yrs 6 mo's & 13 days.
23. John Frederick **FELKER** / died / Feb. 28 1880 / aged / 85 yrs 9 mo. & 5 days.
24. Mary / wife of / John **FELKER** / died Nov. 30 1841 / aged 72 yrs & 18 days.
25. John **FELKER** / died / Nov. 30 1838 / aged / 80 years.
26. Two infant son / Laviness & Abigail / **COWELL** / one died Aug. 5 / & the other / 30 of March 1835.
27. An infant / dau. of / Matthew & Sarah / **THOMPSON** / died / Aug. 19 1874.
28. Harriet M. / dau. of / Solomon & Mary / **COWELL** / died / Aug. 1 1885 / ae 1 yr 11 mos 27 d's.
29. Catharine / dau. of / Matthew & Sarah / **THOMPSON** / died / Oct. 11 1845 / ae 2 ms 18 days.
30. Sarah / wife of / Matthew **THOMPSON** / and daugh. of / John & Mary **FELKER** / died / Jan. 19 1856 / aged 47 years / 10 mo. 11 ds.
31. Matthew S. / **THOMPSON** / died 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1881 / aged 72 yrs.
32. Lydia A. / dau. of / Solomon & Mary / **COWELL** / died May 20 1876 / aged 22 yrs / & 8 m's.
33. Mary A. / dau. of / John & Bethany I. / **WILBEE** / died Jan. 6 1864 / ae 1 yr 2 m 17 d.
34. Children of / Laviness & Abigail / **COWELL** / Huldah / died March 13 1839 / ae 9 mo 9 d's / Candes / died Aug. 17 1850 / ae 3 y's 4 mo & 16 ds.
35. Mary / dau. of / Leviness & / Abigail **COWELL** / died Apr. 25 1841 / aged / (stone broken).
36. Laviness **COWELL** / died / Nov. 29 1877 / aged / (stone broken).
- 36a. (bottom of stone only) Laviness **COWELL** / died / Nov. 26 1863 / aged 57 yrs.
37. Carl A. / son of / A. & N. **FELKER** / 1902 – 1930.
38. **FELKER** / Nettie A. **MARSHALL** / wife of / D. Albert **FELKER** / Feb. 5 1880 – Sept. 10 1939 / D. Albert **FELKER** / June 11 1874 – Nov. 19 1961.
39. Hezekiah / **COWELL** / died May 28 1883 / aged 39 yrs / Hannah / **COWELL** / 1842 – 1921 / Milton H. / son of / Hezekiah & / Hannah / **COWELL** / died May 19 1904 / aged 24 yrs / 5 mos 16 days / **COWELL**.
40. Lucy / dau. of / Solomon & Mary / **COWELL** / died Nov. 12 1877 / aged 18 yrs.
41. Sister and brother / Cora Beatrice / 1900 – 1986 / and Carl Albert / 1902 – 1930 / **FELKER**.

### Additonal Information Not Found on Monuments

- 1\* Roy Austin FELKER, son of Orland A. FELKER & Ethel Lillian TAYLOR. Clarcie SMITH, daughter of Austin O. SMITH & A.L. (Maud) HILDRETH.
- 5\* David H. son of J. Benjamin FELKER & Lillie May LANG. Iris Eileen TOPP, daughter of Albert Wellington TOPP & Margaret GOWLING.
- 6\* Ronald Harvey FELKER, son of Robert H. FELKER & Minnie E. AIKEN.
- 7\* Harry Arthur FELKER, son of J. Benjamin FELKER & Lillie May LANG. June M. BROWN, daughter of Wm. S. BROWN & Luella M. DOAN.
- 8\* Joseph Benjamin FELKER son of Hiram Albert FELKER & Mary Jane COWAN. Lillie May LANG, daughter of George LANG & Louisa BODEN.
- 9\* John YEAGER Sr., father-in-law of Mary GREEN, sister of "Billy GREEN".
- 12\* Dean farm was on Quigley Rd. below the mountain, Garret DEAN was his g.g. grandfather.
- 16\* Hiram A. FELKER, son of John Frederick FELKER & Mary BENTLEY, born in Pa. Mary Jane COWAN, daughter of Henry COWAN & Mary PORTEOUS from Scotland.  
Hiram FELKER died July 22, 1911 aged 67 years  
Mary FELKER died Nov. 13, 1915 aged 72 years
- 17\* Wm. Henry FELKER, son of Hiram A. FELKER & Mary Jane COWAN. Frances Harriett WILLIAMS, daughter of Gilbert WILLIAMS & Harriett CLARK.
- 18\* Gilbert Irwin FELKER, son of Wm. Henry FELKER & Frances H. WILLIAMS. Alma Irene RALSTON FELKER, widow of Wm. Hiram FELKER and daughter of William RALSTON & Mabel ALMAS.
- 19\* Orland A. FELKER, son of David Bentley FELKER & Angeline RITTENBURGH. Ethel Lillian TAYLOR, daughter of James Laughlin TAYLOR & Esther SMITH. Esther was the daughter of George & Elizabeth SWIFT.
- 20\* Adelia Ann & Sarah Elizabeth, daughters of David Bentley FELKER & Angeline RITTENBURGH, daughter of John & Catherine RITTENBURGH.  
Sarah Elizabeth, died Mar. 3, 1936 aged 65 years born in Saltfleet Twp. Nov. 8, 1870, lived in Elfrida, unmarried.  
Delia Ann died July 26, 1928, aged 62 years born in Elfrida
- 21\* David Bentley FELKER, son of John Frederick FELKER & Mary BENTLEY of Pa. Angeline RITTENBURGH daughter of John & Catherine RITTENBURGH. William Curtiss FELKER was their son.  
Wm. C. FELKER died June 12, 1907, aged 40 years born in Saltfleet Twp.  
Angelina died June 13, 1912 aged 76 years born in Saltfleet Twp.
- 23\* John Frederick FELKER, son of John Frederick FELKER who came from Erndtebruck, Prussia in 1773 to New Jersey where he worked for John Mingle whose daughter he later married.
- 24\* Mary MINGLE wife of John Fredrick FELKER
- 26\* The COWELLS buried here are descendants from Catherine FELKER, daughter of John Frederick FELKER & Mary MINGLE, she married a COWELL.

- 27\* Sarah FELKER THOMPSON, daughter of John Frederick FELKER & Mary MINGLE.
- 37\* Carl Albert FELKER born Sept. 2, 1902, son of David Albert FELKER and Nettie Almira MARSHALL, died Feb. 13, 1930
- 38\* Nettie Almira MARSHALL, daughter of Jonah MARSHALL & Magdalene TWEEDLE. David Albert FELKER, son of David Bentley FELKER & Angeline RITTENBURGH.
- 39\* Hannah COWELL, died Jan. 2, 1921, aged 79 years, born in Binbrook Twp. Feb. 5, 1842.
- 40\* Solomon, son of Laviness COWELL
- 41\* Cora Beatrice and Carl Albert, children of David Albert FELKER & Nettie Almira MARSHALL.
- 42\* Avery FELKER died June 20, 1931 & buried in Trinity Cemetery, Hannon, aged 25 years & 2 days.
- 43\* Ruth HOWCROFT died Oct. 8, 1950, stillborn

Further information on these people may be obtained from the publication entitled, "The Genealogy of John Frederick Felker & His Descendants" which can be found locally in the LDS Library, Hamilton Public Library or in the Archives of Ontario. – Submitted by Ida F. Crozier, U.E. Hamilton Branch.

## Alphabetical List of Surnames on the Monuments

Note: In this list where married women's maiden surnames are shown on the monument, they are listed twice, once under their maiden surname secondly under their married surname with their maiden surname in brackets.

Name	Monument #	Name	Monument #
AIKEN, Minnie E.	6*	FELKER, Angelina	21*
ALMAS, Mabel	18*	FELKER, Angeline (RITTENBURGH)	21, 19*, 20*, 38*
BENTLEY, Mary	16*, 22	FELKER, Avery	42*
BODEN, Louisa	8*	FELKER, Carl A.	37
BROWN, June M.	7*	FELKER, Carl Albert	37*, 41, 41*
BROWN, Wm. S.	7*	FELKER, Catherine (COWELL)	26*
BROWN, Luella M. (DOAN)	7*	FELKER, Clarcie Lovena	1
CLARK, Harriett	17*	FELKER, Cora Beatrice	41, 41*
COWAN, Henry	16*	FELKER, D. Albert	38
COWAN, Mary	16	FELKER, David Albert	37*, 38*, 41*
COWAN, Mary Jane	8*, 16*, 17*	FELKER, David B.	21, 21*
COWAN, Mary Jane (PORTEOUS)	16*	FELKER, David Bentley	19*, 20*, 21*, 38*
COWELL, Abigail	26, 34, 35, 36a	FELKER, David H.	5, 5*
COWELL, Candes	34	FELKER, Delia Ann	20, 20*
COWELL, Catherine	26*	FELKER, Eleanor	11
COWELL, Hannah	39, 39*	FELKER, Ethel Lillian (TAYLOR)	1*
COWELL, Harriet M.	28	FELKER, Ethel L.	19
COWELL, Hezekiah	39	FELKER, F.	14
COWELL, Huldah	34, 34*	FELKER, Frances H. (WILLIAMS)	17, 18*
COWELL, Laviness	26, 34, 36, 36a, 40	FELKER, Frederick	11
COWELL, Lucy	40	FELKER, Gilbert Irwin	18*
COWELL, Lydia A.	32	FELKER, Harry A.	7
COWELL, Mary	28, 32, 35, 40	FELKER, Harry Arthur	7*
COWELL, Milton H.	39	FELKER, Hiram	16*
COWELL, Solomon	28, 32, 40, 40*	FELKER, Hiram A.	13, 15, 16, 16*, 17*
DEAN, David	12	FELKER, Hiram Albert	8*
DEAN, Garrett	12*	FELKER, Iris	9
DOAN, Luella M.	7*	FELKER, Iris E.	5
ELLIS, Ronald G.	3	FELKER, Irwin	18
ELLIS, Sheila M.	3	FELKER, J. Benjamin	5*, 7*
FELKER, A.	37	FELKER, James B.	13
FELKER, Adelia Ann	20*	FELKER, John	24, 25, 30
FELKER, Albert	14	FELKER, John F.	22
FELKER, Alma	18	FELKER, John Frederick	16*, 21*, 23, 23*, 24*, 26*, 27*
FELKER, Alma Irene (RALSTON)	18*	FELKER, Joseph Benjamin	8, 8*
		FELKER, June M.	7
		FELKER, Lillie May (LANG)	5*, 7*, 8
		FELKER, Mary	11, 13, 15, 16* 24, 30

Name	Monument #	Name	Monument #
FELKER, Mary E.	15	RITTENBURGH, Angeline	19*, 20*, 21*, 38*
FELKER, Mary (BENTLEY)	16, *, 21*, 22	RITTENBURGH, Catherine	20*, 21*
FELKER, Mary (COWAN)	16	RITTENBURGH, John	20*, 21*
FELKER, Mary (MINGLE)	23*, 24*, 26*, 27*		
FELKER, Mary Jane (COWAN)	8*, 17*	SMITH, Austin O.	1*
FELKER, N.	37	SMITH, A.L. (HILDRETH)	1*
FELKER, Nettie A. (MARSHALL)	38	SMITH, Clarcie	1*
FELKER, Nettie Almira (MARSHALL)	37*, 41*	SMITH, Esther	19*
FELKER, Orland A.	1*, 19, 19*	SPRINGSTEEN, Catharine (RITTENBURGH)	4
		SPRINGSTEEN, Daniel	4
FELKER, Robert H.	6*	SWIFT, Elizabeth	19*
FELKER, Ronald Harvey	6, 6*	SWIFT, George	19*
FELKER, Roy Austin	1, 1*		
FELKER, Sarah	27*, 30	TAYLOR, Esther (SMITH)	19*
FELKER, Sarah Elizabeth	20, 20*	TAYLOR, Ethel Lillian	1*, 19*
FELKER, William Albert	17	TAYLOR, James Laughlin	19*
FELKER, William C.	21	THOMPSON, Catharine	29
FELKER, William Curtiss	21*	THOMPSON, Matthew	27, 29, 30
FELKER, William H.	17	THOMPSON, Matthew S.	31
FELKER, Wm. C.	21*	THOMPSON, Sarah	27, 29
FELKER, Wm. H.	14	THOMPSON, Sarah (FELKER)	27*, 30
FELKER, Wm. Henry	17*, 18*	TOPP, Iris Eileen	5*
FELKER, Wm. Hiram	18*	TOPP, Margaret (GOWLING)	5*
		TWEEDLE, Magdalene	38*
GOWLING, Margaret	5*		
GREEN, Billy	9*	WILBEE, Bethany I.	33
GREEN, Mary	9*	WILBEE, John	33
		WILBEE, Mary A.	33
HILDRETH, A.L. (Maud)	1*	WILLIAMS, Frances H.	17, 18*
HOWCROFT, Ruth	43*	WILLIAMS, Frances Harriet	17*
		WILLIAMS, Gilbert	17*
LANG, George	8*	WILLIAMS, Harriett (CLARK)	17*
LANG, Lillie May	5*, 7*, 8, 8*		
		YEAGER, John	9, 10
MARSHALL, Jonah	38*	YEAGER, Mary (GREEN)	9*
MARSHALL, Magdalene (TWEEDLE)	38*		
MARSHALL, Nettie A.	38		
MARSHALL, Nettie Almira	37*, 38*, 41*		
MINGLE, John	23*		
MINGLE, Mary	23*, 34*, 26*, 27*		
MULEC, Anton	2		
MULEC, Josephine	2		
PORTEOUS, Mary	16*		
RALSTON, Alma Irene	18*		
RALSTON, Mabel (ALMAS)	18*		
RALSTON, William	18*		