

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOUISE KIRKLAND (NÉE MARLER)

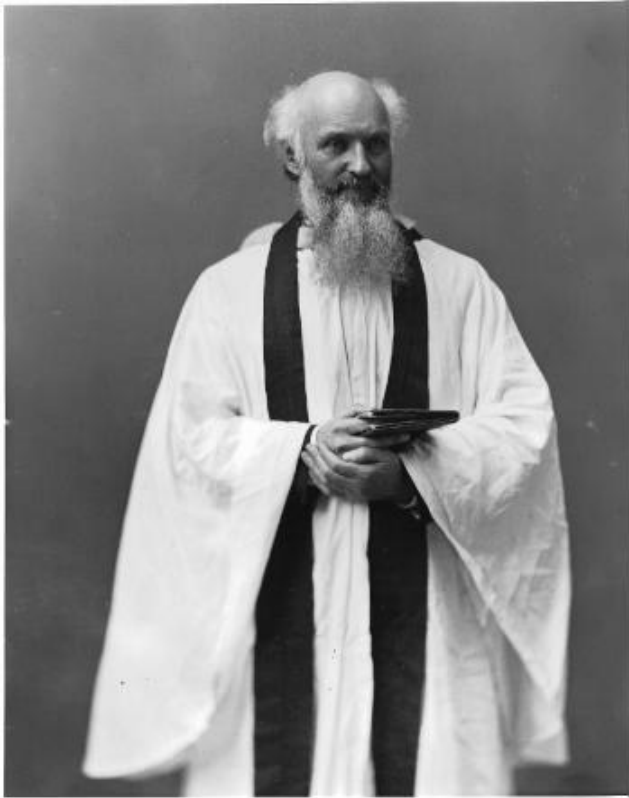


THE CONTRIBUTION OF ST. JAX CHURCH (formerly ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE) to the LIFE of the MARLER FAMILY from 1864 to 2022 by Jonathan Marler

The early history of St. James the Apostle is eloquently told by its second rector, The Rev. Canon Allan Pearson Shatford, in *The Year of Jubilee – A Brief Sketch of Fifty Years' Work in the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, 1864-1914*¹. This even briefer sketch is designed to focus on the impact of this extraordinary parish from its official opening on May 1, 1864, over the course of the succeeding 158 years. It begins with the first rector, The Rev. Canon Jacob Ellegood, and his parishioners, George Leonard Marler (1813-1884), Mary Ann Collins Woodward (1809-1900) and her

¹ *The Year of Jubilee – A Brief Sketch of Fifty Years' Work in the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, 1864-1914*, Alan Pearson Shatford, John Lovell & Son, Limited, Montreal: 1914

brother, Samuel Waterford Woodward (1805-1869), all of whom had recently moved to Montreal, to take advantage of career opportunities, and continues without interruption to the interment of ashes and the celebration of life of George's great-granddaughter, Audrey "Louise" (Marler) Kirkland, on July 23, 2022, under the direction of the parish's assistant pastor, The Rev. Curtis Matoga.



Canon Ellegood, 1878
(Notman & Sandham / McCord Museum)



Rev Graham Singh, 2022
(St. Jax Website – Leadership)

The contrasting attire of Canon Ellegood and Rev Singh reflect the changed dynamics of this exceptional church, over the course of the past 158 years.

In 1864, St. James the Apostle served the needs of the expanding Anglo-Saxon mercantile population of downtown Montreal. Today, it serves the needs of an extremely diverse urban population, while continuing to remember its roots in a very different community.

Images of the church buildings are a further reflection of the work of the church, which, despite their enormous maintenance costs, are essential, if the church is to remain relevant to community needs.



St. James the Apostle, 1864, Rectory added 1868



St. Jax Garden

where the Celebration of Life of Louise Kirkland will take place on Saturday, July 23, 2022

In 1864, **George Leonard Marler** was chief accountant and business manager of La Séminaire de Saint-Sulpice², responsible for the development of the seminary's land holdings, including the Mountain Domain, where St. James the Apostle would be located³.

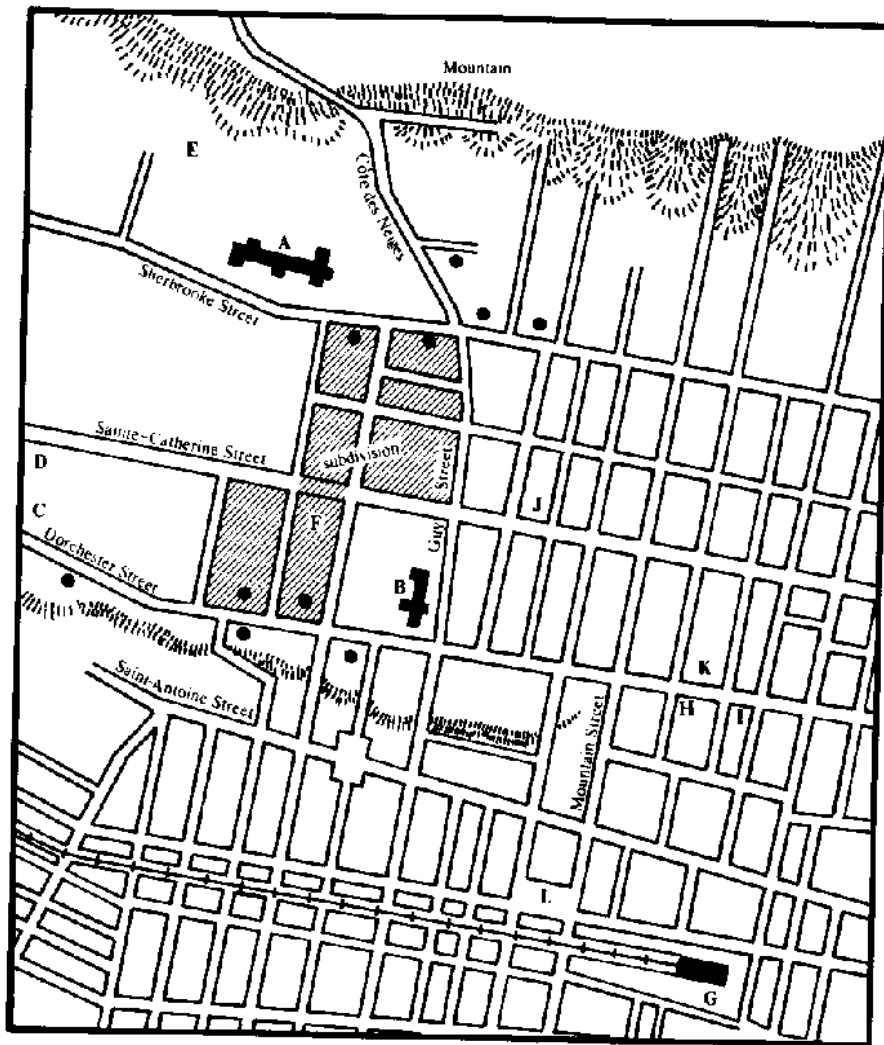


FIGURE 14
Subdivision of Mountain Domain, 1880

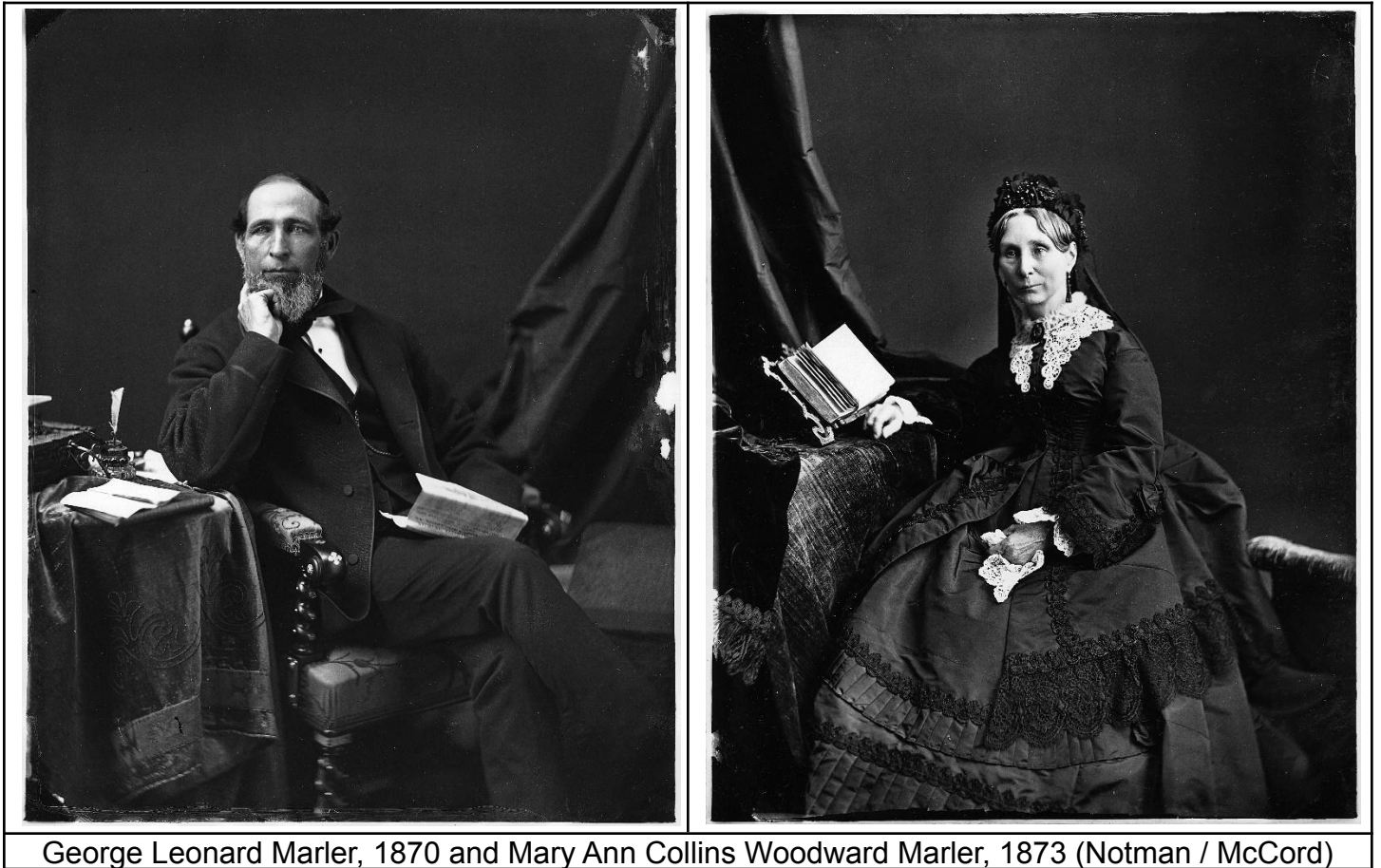
Legend

- estates
- ↔ Grand Trunk Railway line
- A Collège de Montréal and Grand Séminaire
- B Grey Nuns convent and orphanage
- C Western Hospital
- D public square
- E domain farm
- F 14 rental houses built by seminary
- G Grand Trunk Railway station
- H American Presbyterian Church
- I Wesleyan Methodist Church
- J Church of St James the Apostle
- K Victoria Skating Rink
- L Saint-Antoine market

² In Its Corporate Capacity – The Seminary of Montreal as a Business Institution, 1816-1876. Brian Young, McGill-Queen's University Press, Kingston and Montreal: 1986 at page 32

³ Young, op/cit., at page 144

The Gazette of May 11, 2017, tells us: “St. James the Apostle first opened its doors for worship on May 1, 1864. Its founder and first rector was Canon Jacob Ellegood. He had been serving in Griffintown since 1848 but foresaw that Montreal would soon be expanding into the open fields on the slopes of Mount Royal to the north and west. He was determined that a church would be ready to serve that growing population. Ellegood won the support of several prominent Anglicans, chief among them Charles Phillips, a well-to-do merchant, and his wife. They contributed \$4,000 to the project, as well as the necessary plot of land.”⁴



George Leonard Marler, 1870 and Mary Ann Collins Woodward Marler, 1873 (Notman / McCord)

Waterford Woodward’s involvement in the life of the parish is memorialized in a beautiful stained-glass window in the church. Shatford observes: “The Church of St. James the Apostle is rich in memorials. Let us walk around the building and consider the windows.” And “THE WINDOW NEXT TO INNER DOOR on Bishop Street has two panels, one representing the Good Samaritan, the other Christ’s Resurrection. In memory of S. Waterford Woodward, born May 21st, 1805; died February 21st, 1869.”⁵ And his role as a lay delegate to the Synod of 1865-66 is displayed on a plaque on the church walls:

⁴ [From the archives: Broken windows and good deeds | Montreal Gazette](#)

⁵ Shatford, op.cit, at pages 28 and 31.

LAY DELEGATES

1864 } J.H. WINN

1869-72 }

1864 G.M. MILLAR

1865-66 S.W. WOODWARD



IN SACRED MEMORY OF
BORN 29th MAY 1805
Christ's Resurrection

He that believeth in me shall never thirst

S^r WATERFORD WOODWARD.
DIED 21st FEBRY 1869.
The Good Samaritan

He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord

The name of Samuel Waterford Woodward has played a significant role in subsequent generations of the Marler family⁶. George's oldest son was named Waterford, and his second son, **John Leonard May Marler**, named one of his sons Woodward and another Waterford Leslie.

These notes will proceed in approximate chronological order, with George Leonard Marler representing the first generation, John Leonard Marler representing the second generation, Winnifred, Woodward and Leslie Marler representing the third generation and Woodward's three children (John, Peter and Elizabeth) and Leslie's three children (Gwen, Louise and Susan) the fourth generation, most of whom, with their spouses, are named on the monument at Grave G2-254A, Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal:



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| (1) John Leonard May Marler (1845-1915) | [front centre] ⁷ |
| (2) Mary Melita Wamsley (1857-1941) | [front centre] |
| (3) Winnifred May Marler (1880-1978) | [front right] |
| (4) Leonard Woodward Marler (1882-1955) | [front left] |
| (5) Isobelle Adelaide Buntin. Hart (1892-1970) | [front left] |
| (6) George Lake Marler [1885-1889] | [side right] |
| (7) Harry Alexander Marler (1887-1902) | [side right] |
| (8) Waterford Leslie Marler (1891-1986) | [front right] |

⁶ To this day, the names Waterford and Woodward are still employed in the naming of Marler children, as in Nicholas Waterford Lake Marler (born 1986) and Bruce Woodward Marler (born 1956)

⁷ Full names have been listed, even though some have been abbreviated on the monument. Audrey Louise Marler Kirkland (1928-2022) will perhaps have been added by July 23, 2022

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| (9) | Audrey Eileen Hampson (1901-1969) | [side left] |
| (10) | John Woodward Marler (1922-2008) | [side left] |
| (11) | Peter de Montmollin. Marler (1924-2014) | [top left] |
| (12) | Gilian Weddell Scott (1919-1996) | [top right] |
| (13) | Bruce Woodward Marler (1956-) | [top left and right] |
| (14) | Anne Cathryn Marler (1959 -) | [top left and right] |

John Leonard May Marler is best remembered as the founder of the stockbroking firm of J. L. Marler & Co. in 1875, in which he was later joined by Woodward and Leslie. He died on January 8, 1915, and a private funeral for him was held at St. James the Apostle, three days later⁸.

⁸ Montreal Gazette, Saturday, January 9, 1945 at page 2.

DEATH OF MR. J. L. MARLER

One of the Oldest Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

One of the oldest members of the Montreal Stock Exchange passed away last night in the person of Mr. John Leonard Marler at his residence, 24 Ontario avenue, after a long illness.

Mr. Marler was born at Drummondville, Que., seventy years ago and came to Montreal as a young man, and entered into partnership with John Nichols, the firm being known as Nichols & Marler. This partnership was dissolved some few years ago, when he formed the firm of J. L. Marler & Co., being associated with his two sons, Mr. Woodward Marler and Mr. Leslie Marler.

He married Miss Walmsley, of St. Johns, Que., who survives, together with two sons and one daughter, Mr. Woodward Marler and Mr. Leslie Marler and Miss Marler. Two brothers and one sister also survive, Mr. W. deM. Marler and Mr. George R. Marler.

Mr. Marler, who was interested in the Masonic craft, was a past master of St. Paul's Lodge.

The funeral, which will be private, will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 to the Church of St. James the Apostle.

Winnifred May Marler (1880-1978) lived to the age of 98, without a husband or children. Many living members of the family no doubt have recollections of her, which will be recorded in these notes in due course. In the meantime, the only record of Winifred Marler at the McCord Museum is that of her skirt suit, made by William St. Pierre of Montreal, circa 1900



Leonard Woodward Marler (“Woodward”) was born at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, July 13, 1882. On June 4, 1919, Woodward married Isobelle Adelaide Buntin Hart (1892-1970) at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal⁹.

⁹ Montreal Star, June 7, 2022, at page 39

Woodward and Isobelle raised three children, John Woodward Marler (1922-1978), Peter de Montmollin Marler (1924-2014) and Elizabeth Ann Marler (born 1927) and believed to be alive and well and living in Massachusetts.

Woodward joined his father in J. L. Marler & Co., where he had a distinguished career. He was elected to the Board of the Montreal Stock Exchange in 1937, served as governor of the exchange and died on January 19, 1955, at Montreal General Hospital, while still an active floor member.

His funeral was held at St. James the Apostle on Saturday, January 22, 1955, at 11:00 a.m.



L. Woodward Marler, 1928 (Notman / McCord)

Woodward Marler, Stock Exchange's Oldest, 72, Dies

Woodward Marler, oldest member of the Montreal Stock Exchange, died Wednesday night after a brief illness in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He was 72.

The son of the late John Leonard Marler and Mary Melita Walmsley, Mr. Marler was educated at Abingdon school and at McGill University.

He entered business at an early age, joining the brokerage firm of J. L. Marler and Company. He served as governor of the Montreal Stock Exchange and at the time of his death was senior floor member.

He is survived by his wife, the former Isobelle Adelaide Buntin Hart; two sons, John Woodward and Peter de Montmollin, of Montreal; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann; a brother, Leslie; and a sister, Winifred.

Funeral will be held in St. James the Apostle Church, Saturday at 11 a.m.

Gazette, January 21, 1955, page 31

Waterford Leslie Marler (1891-1986) is revered for many reasons: he was awarded the M.C. for gallantry in the First World War¹⁰ and later worked as a stockbroker until the age of 92 being awarded

¹⁰ The Military Cross is awarded to Commissioned Officers of the substantive rank of Captain or below (therefore acting and temporary Majors are eligible) or Warrant Officers for distinguished and commendable

the Military Cross for gallantry in 1918. The award of the Military Cross to Lt. Waterford Leslie Marler was reported in the London Gazette on March 7, 1918, as follows:

“Lt. Waterford Leslie Marler, Fld. Arty. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When forward observing officer he afforded most valuable assistance to our front line during hostile counterattacks, by his information enabling his brigade to effectively deal with each attack within thirty minutes. In each case he exposed himself to great personal danger in order to get reliable information from the infantry, and on two occasions, having observed enemy troops assembling, he was able to turn all available guns upon them and break up their concentration.”



His contribution to the war effort is also memorialized on the walls of St. James the Apostle:



Leslie died on December 12, 1986, at age 96¹¹. His funeral was held at St. James the Apostle¹²

services in battle. It comprises a plain silver cross, 1.75 inches in width, with a watered white ribbon, 1.375 inches in width, with a central purple stripe. For mounting, the ring welded to the top of the cross is joined to the plain straight suspender ring by a small ring. On the obverse, each arm of the cross is an Imperial Crown and in the centre of the cross is the Imperial and Royal Cypher of the reigning sovereign (GV, GVI, or EIIR). The reverse is plain with the year of the award engraved on the lower arm. The Military Cross (MC) was established on 28 December 1914. In 1920, the terms were altered to clearly state the award was for gallant and distinguished services in action and that naval and air force officers could be awarded the cross for gallant and distinguished services on the ground. A total of 3,727 MCs have been awarded to Canadians, with 324 first bars and 18 second bars.

¹¹ Gazette, December 13, 1986, at page 13

¹² Ibid.

John Woodward Marler (1952-2008) died on July 8, 2008¹³

MARLER, John Woodward. Died peacefully in his eighty-seventh year in Montreal on July 8, 2008. He is survived by his brother Peter and sister Elizabeth Anne and nephew Bruce and niece Anne. Contributions to the St. Margaret's Home would be appreciated, 50 Hillside Ave, Westmount, Qc, H3Z 1V9.

Not much, if anything, has been written about John Woodward Marler. I vaguely recall seeing a small sign on an office door in downtown Montreal in the 1960s, when I was a student at Bishop's University with the name John Woodward Marler and thinking that I should knock on the door and introduce myself, but I put that off for another day, which never arrived.

Elizabeth Ann Marler (born 1927) and believed to be alive and well and living in Massachusetts, like her brother John Woodward appears to have flown under the radar, at least since the time of her "coming out" in 1947¹⁴, when she made a most impressive appearance:



Peter de Montmollin Marler (1924-2014) led a more public life than his brother and sister.

¹³ Gazette, July 19, 2008, at page 33

¹⁴ Montreal Star, November 23, 1946, at page 19

Peter's service in the Second World War is memorialized at St James the Apostle:



And, as with most religious ceremonies in this branch of the Marler family, his wedding to Gillian Scott, the mother of his two children, Bruce and Anne, took place at St. James the Apostle on Saturday, October 11, 1952.



MR. and MRS. PETER DE M. MARLER, photographed on Saturday afternoon, following their wedding in the Church of St. James the Apostle. Mrs. Marler was formerly Miss Gillian Scott, daughter of the late George Spencer Scott and of Mrs. Scott, formerly of Victoria, B.C., and Shanghai, China, and Mr. Marler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Marler. (Gazette Photo, Copyright Reserved.)

Peter's sister, Elizabeth Marler acted as one of the bridesmaids, but no mention is made of his brother, John.

The best man was Malcolm McDougall (not one of the MacDougall cousins).

One of his ushers was his cousin, Roger Hutchins (1925-2015), grandson of Peter's great-aunt Lucy Jane Marianne Marler (1854-1942)¹⁵

Marler—Scott

The marriage of Gillian, daughter of the late George Spencer Scott, and of Mrs. Scott, formerly of Victoria, B.C., and Shanghai, China, to Mr. Peter de M. Marler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Marler, took place on Saturday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the Church of St. James the Apostle, the Rev. Ralph Latimer officiating. Mr. J. E. F. Martin played the wedding music and white single chrysanthemums and pompoms were used to decorate.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Wing-Comdr. E. L. Wurtele, of Toronto, was in a gown of metallic lace over white satin, with a bodice having a bateau neckline and three-quarter length sleeves, and a full skirt. Her chapel-length veil was held by a matching headdress and she carried a semi-cascade bouquet of orange Delight roses.

Mrs. Terence C. Todd, as matron of honor, and Miss Elizabeth Marler, sister, of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid, were in frocks of aqua bengaline, with bodices having bateau necklines with wide collars. They wore matching caps with veils and carried semi-cascade bouquets of gold pompoms.

Mr. Malcolm McDougall acted as best man for Mr. Marler and the ushers were Mr. Bruce Scott, brother of the bride; Mr. Rob Adams and Mr. Roger Hutchins.

Mrs. Scott, the bride's mother, was gowned in grey silk and lace and wore a pale blue hat and a corsage bouquet of Sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Marler, mother of the bridegroom, wore a gown of Elizabeth blue crepe, with a grey hat, trimmed with ospreys, and a corsage bouquet of pink orchids.

The reception was held at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, 3778 Cote des Neiges road, where white and pink gladioli and chrysanthemums were used as decorations.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Marler left on their wedding trip, the bride travelling in a lavender suit and wearing a matching hat, navy blue accessories and a corsage bouquet of miniature Pinocchio roses.

Among the out-of-town guests were Wing Commander and Mrs. E. L. Wurtele, of Toronto, brother-in-law and sister of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Baptist, of Three Rivers, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom; General and Mrs. McCuaig, of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Buck, of Ottawa; Miss Kathleen Hare, of Windsor, Ont.

¹⁵ Montreal Star, October 15, 1952, at page 13

Peter had a distinguished career in business, being employed in senior positions with several well-known companies, including Molson Breweries¹⁶:



**PETER deM. MARLER, B.Sc.,
M.Sc.**

The appointment of Peter deM. Marler, B.Sc., M.Sc. as research director, corporate development of **Molson Breweries Limited** is announced by Morgan McCammon, vice-president, corporate development. Mr. Marler has broad knowledge of corporate diversification obtained from experience with leading industrial and financial companies. His responsibilities will cover the search for, investigation and analysis of projects relative to Molson's corporate development programme.*

¹⁶ The Gazette, January 30, 1968, at page 14

Mary Gwendolyn (“Gwen”) (Marler) Harris, oldest of the three daughters of Leslie Marler and Audrey Hampson, was born March 26, 1927, and is believed to be alive and well and living in a retirement residence in Montreal. Her husband and father of her three children, Rupert C. T. (“Yuppy”) Harris, Q.C. died January 8, 2020:

Rupert (Tuppy) Harris died peacefully on January 8, 2020 at Place Kensington in Westmount. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Gwen (nee Marler), children Julia (John MacLennan), George, and Victoria (Howard Mains). He will be greatly missed, especially by his four grand-children Thomas Mains (Emily Owen), Caroline MacLennan, Emily MacLennan and John Mains. Born on January 25, 1923 in Montreal, he is pre-deceased by his sister, Ruth (John Keys).

After graduating from Lakefield College, he attended McGill University until he “joined up” to serve as an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy in January of 1941. He returned to McGill, entering Law School in the fall of 1945 and graduated in May, 1949. He was called to the Quebec Bar in July, 1949 and had a long and enjoyable career practicing corporate law, retiring from Godin, Raymond, Harris, Thomas in 1996. He served the Anglican Church in Montreal as Chancellor and was an active volunteer and supporter of both St. Matthias Church, Westmount and Trinity Church, Ste. Agathe.

Tuppy loved skiing, playing tennis and chopping wood (doing each until his mid-eighties) and was a lover of music, an avid gardener and expert bridge player. He was happiest when at the family house on Lake Manitou among friends and family. A Memorial service will be held for him on Tuesday, January 14 at St. Matthias’ Church in Westmount at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to L’Abri en Ville: www.labrienville.org

Audrey “Louise” (Marler) Kirkland, Leslie’s and Audrey’s second child, was born August 9, 1928 and died April 23, 2022, having been predeceased by her husband and father of her two sons, Norman

KIRKLAND, Audrey "Louise" (née Marler)
1928 – 2022

Passed peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital on Saturday, 23 April 2022. Dear wife of the late Norman, loving mother of James (Jacquie), David (Denise), cherished grandmother of Anna.

Published on April 26, 2022

KIRKLAND, Norman George, F.C.I.A., F.I.A., A.S.A.

In Toronto on May 25, 1998, Norman Kirkland passed away unexpectedly, after a lengthy illness. Beloved husband of Louise (Marler). Loving father of Dr. James Kirkland and his wife Jacqui of Boston, MA, and David and his wife Denise of Kingston, Ont. Mr. Kirkland was born in the United Kingdom and educated at Dulwich College, London, England. During the second world war, Norman was a captain in the Royal Artillery and a Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force. He began his career as an actuary with the Prudential of England in London before being transferred to Canada in 1946. He held a number of senior positions in the insurance industry and was an advisor to the Canadian Federal Treasury Board, 1973-1975. He was a

long-time member of the R.C.Y.C. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Wilfrid's Anglican Church, 1315 Kipling Avenue (between Rathburn and Eglinton) on Thursday, May 28, 1998 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Research Institute of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Toronto, 550 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2A2.

Susan (Marler) McConnell, youngest daughter of Leslie Marler and Audrey Hampson, was born January 29, 1934 and died March 15, 2021 and her husband died less than six months later on September 3, 2021:

McConnell, Susan

January 29, 1934 - March 15, 2021

Susan McConnell (nee Marler) died peacefully at the Madison Care Home in Coquitlam on 15 March 2021. Susan was a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital School of Nursing in 1956. After graduation she came west to B.C., working first in Kelowna and then VGH. She is survived by her husband Brian (of almost 62 years), daughters Eileen, Sylvia (Casey), Rosemary (Ed), four grandchildren: Natasha, Alex, Simon and Angela, along with two sisters, Gwen Harris and Louis Kirkland.

Susan was a long-time resident of Coquitlam, spending over 60 years there. She and her husband Brian raised their three daughters there and watched the city grow and evolve all along the way. Besides being a loving mother and grandmother, Susan was a dedicated quilter and loved her days skiing and hiking with her family. Along with Brian she was able to travel and see many parts of the world. Susan lived a very full and happy life.

No service will be held due to COVID protocols.
Published on March 27, 2021

McConnell, Brian

October 14, 1932-September 3, 2021

We are indeed sad to announce that Brian McConnell passed away peacefully on Friday, September 3, after a brief illness. Predeceased by his wife Susan in March, 2021.

An energetic and vital person right up until the end, Brian lived a long and fulfilling life of nearly 89 years, and enjoyed raising a family: Eileen (Rupen), Sylvia (Casey) and Rosemary (Ed), and later on got to spend quality time with his 4 grandchildren (Natasha, Simon, Alex and Angela).

Brian was born in London, England during the Great Depression and came to Canada in 1955. With his wife Susan he built a house in Coquitlam in 1960 and remained there for the next 55 years, along the way happily raising a family and eventually becoming grandparents. He spend his remaining years at Parkwood Manor in Coquitlam.

He very much enjoyed his career in engineering, spending the bulk of his career working for Lenkurt Electric, and later, Microtel Pacific Research (MPR) on Burnaby Mountain. Brian was able to travel extensively throughout his life. He was an avid hiker, skier and photographer, even winning awards for his unique 3D images. Most of all he was a voracious reader with an

impeccable memory. It must be said that Brian possessed one of the most remarkable, intelligent minds that you would ever meet. He could be serious but also had a dry Irish wit that was a delight.

Brian was a life-long learner who completed dozens of university science and history courses online during his retirement. He also spent many wonderful years as a member of the Dogwood Seniors group in Coquitlam. Brian was one of the most interesting people you could ever wish to converse with, and was always cheerful. He was generous to hospitals, the environment and the arts. Brian was in every measure a complete gentleman who served as a role model of decency, humility and fairness to his family and friends. We shall miss him always.

Published on September 11, 2021

It is presumed that all of **Gwen, Audrey and Susan** were all baptized at St. James the Apostle.

Gwen and Tuppy were married at St. James the Apostle on March 16, 1950:



(Photo of Miss Marler by Notman)

MISS MARY GWENDOLEN MARLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Marler, and **MR. RUPERT C. T. HARRIS**, son of the late George H. Harris and of Mrs. Harris, whose marriage has been arranged to



(Photo of Mr. Harris by Van Dyck)

take place on Saturday, September 16, at the Church of St. James the Apostle. Both are graduates of McGill University, Miss Marler in Arts, class of '48 and Mr. Harris in Law, class of '49.

Louise and Norman were married on April 29, 1950, at St. James the Apostle:



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MR. and MRS. NORMAN GEORGE KIRKLAND photographed on Saturday afternoon, following their wedding in the Church of St. James the Apostle. Mrs. Kirkland was formerly Miss Audrey Louise Marler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Marler, of Montreal, and Mr. Kirkland is the son of Major James Kirkland, O.B.E., and of the late Mrs. Kirkland, of Port Rush, Northern Ireland.

Susan and Brian were married April 25, 1959, at St. James the Apostle:



(Ballard & Jarrett Photo)

MR. and MRS. BRIAN McCONNELL, photographed on Saturday following their wedding in the Church of St. James the Apostle. Mrs. McConnell was formerly Miss Susan Marler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Marler, and Mr. McConnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McConnell, of Bolton, Lancs., England.

No doubt there are many other connections between the Marler Family and St. James the Apostle / St. Jax, including the baptism of **Herbert Marler** (later the Honourable Sir Herbert Maler, K.C.M.G.) on July 2, 1876, by The Rev. Canon Ellegood¹⁷.

The Herbert Marler family is now more closely associated with Christ Church Cathedral than with St. James the Apostle, perhaps as a result of Herbert's marriage to Beatrice Allan on April 9, 1902.

Christ Church Cathedral appears to have embraced the traditional form of Anglican worship, whereas St. James the Apostle, under its new identity of "Centre St-Jax" has headed in a new and exciting direction.

Both churches continue to serve the needs of their congregants, including many members of the Marler family, and both need financial assistance, more than at any other time in the course of their long, attentive and devoted service.

I put the question to Paul Bode, Director of Operations for Centre St-Jax, and received the following response:

Our church's legal name is still St-James-the-Apostle and we rebranded ourselves as St-Jax six years ago. We also made some profound changes which went much deeper than a simple name change.

Our ministry was modernized and made more accessible to a broader audience. Although still formally Anglican, our congregation comes from numerous denominational backgrounds. They're diverse, young, and growing.

We've also transformed our property into a thriving community hub, the Centre St-Jax.

Our tenants include...

- *a non-profit circus company, le Monastère, who have installed trapezes into our high ceilings and produce spectacular performances featuring world renowned circus artists while also supporting younger local artists.*
- *Action Refugees, the leading legal support organizations for refugees in Québec.*
- *Innovation Assistance, our neighbourhood's only food bank*
- *Wolfpack Street Patrol, an Indigenous-led organization which patrols the neighbourhood at night to provide support and comfort to our homeless neighbours*
- *Medicine Bear Drum Circle, a support group for Indigenous men*
- *Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous Groups*

We also provide heavily discounted event spaces for dozens of groups that are doing good things for our neighbourhood and our world. A non-exhaustive list is attached.

¹⁷ Marler, Howard M., Marler, Four Generations of a Quebec Family, Price-Patterson Ltd., Montreal: 1987, at page 67

Every day, St-Jax is a beehive of activity and provides a rare space for community in a neighbourhood that is slowly losing these kinds of spaces.

In Samuel Woodward's day and still in Louise's day, St-James was a focal point of the community. St-Jax has regained that status.

Your family's window features an inscription from the book of Proverbs:

"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord"

And I think that summarizes the giving opportunity at St-Jax quite nicely.

Our operational budget is sound. Our challenge lies in the massive capital costs required to maintain this old heritage building, and to responsibly steward the stories and artifacts of everyone who has contributed to it over the past 160 years. Due to some emergency masonry repairs we currently have a \$100,000 hole in our budget that we are trying to fill, and any amount that your family could provide would go towards filling that hole.

Paul Bode

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