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TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY



TOTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

TOTTENHAM'S CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1984.

1984 was our Centennial Year and also Ontario's Bicentennial Year and it proved to be very busy but enjoyable for the citizens of Tottenham.

The bells of the United Church rang in the New Year and Tottenham folks celebrated at the New Year Ball at the Community Centre dressed in costumes of the 1884 era.

Our March Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Tutt on Wilson Street, being one of the oldest and most interesting homes in the village. Members dressed in costumes of 1884 period. The Roll Call "I craft my Mother taught me" was answered by all members and guests and showed a great variety of crafts, confirming how important it is to pass to each generation these crafts and to keep them alive. Our Town Crier, Mr. Ralph Wilding, resplendant in his Town Crier's Centennial costume, told members of the coming events during the Year.

PICTURE BEING OBTAINED

The new separate school Father F.X. O'Reilly, was officially opened in March, 1984 by Cardinal Emmett Carter and George McCague M.P.P. The school cost over one million dollars to build and was opened to pupils in the Fall of 1983.

The Annual General Meeting of the Women's Institute was held in April. Ann Manning was appointed as President, Mary Whitson 1st Vice President, Dorothy Chirrey as 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer Hilda McKenna. Public Relations, Rhoda Montgomery and Tweedsmuir Curator, Dorothy Arthur.

Tottenham Women's Institute held a Bicentennial and Centennial Town and Country Fair on June 15th, 16th and 17th, in the Tottenham Community Centre. The Convenor of the Fair was Mary Whitson assisted by Ann Manning, Dorothy Chirrey and Hilda McKenna.

There were 8 Sections in all: Antiques, Amateur Art, Crafts and Hobbies, Domestic Science, Floral, Needlework, Photography and Parade of Centennial Doll Carriages. Attendance was very good and it was judged to be a great success thanks to many hours of hard work by members and their families.



ANTIQUES SECTION.



FLORAL DESIGN.



NEEDLEWORK
SHOWCASE



CHAFFN AND JOHNNIES

TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR - Cont'd.



DOMESTIC SCIENCE.



FRASER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BAKE STALL

Tottenham Presbyterian Church celebrated it's 150th Anniversary on June 17th, 1984, with a special service. The guest speaker was the Reverend Donald McDonald and the Celebration Singers sang under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Jones.

Centennial Parades.

Tottenham Women's Institute entered floats in the Birthday Parade on June 18th, The Community Week Parade on July 18th and the Orange Lodge Parade on July 14th.



T.W.I. FLOAT - HOMECOMING PARADE 8th JULY.

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HOMECOMING WEEK-END - JULY 7th - 8th.

Many old friends met and enjoyed the reception held on the afternoon of July 7th at Father X. O'Reilly School and stayed to enjoy the Buffet and Dance held in the Community Centre that evening. A Homecoming Parade was held on Sunday 8th July.

TOTTENHAM UNITED CHURCH.

A service of dedication was held on Sunday evening, July 8th for the restoration of the historic organ, a recital was given by John Scoulas, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Toronto.

THOMAS MACAULEY HISTORY

My first time in Tottenham was in the year 1891 when I was a baby. My parents lived in Toronto. Four out of five of our family passed away in one week from Black Diphtheria, so mother would not stay in Toronto any longer.

Uncle William and Aunt Margaret Brown owned a farm below the Black Horse (now known as Daniskillen). There was an old house on this farm which needed some repairing. While doing this, my aunt and uncle brought us to Tottenham to a house which was next to the garage at that time, Queen St. South, where we lived until the farm house was repaired. We moved into this house and about seven years later I started school at Mount Wolfe School, not far from us.

Uncle William and Aunt Margaret Brown went to the Methodist Church (now Tottenham United) in the 1890's. Their daughter, Selma, married Jas. McKnight, and they had two boys, Roy and Wesley. I can just recall Dad and Mother talking. "Tottenham Church is burning down". I do not remember the date.

Charlie MacLoughlin's Garage, where his son Ed. now owns, was built from the brick from the old church at "The Black Horse".

In 1932, when Lena Brown and I were married, we came to Tottenham and rented Harold McFarley's house on Queen St. Charlie Weaver talked us into tearing down the old sheds from the hotel which he owned on the south west corner of Queen and Mill streets, and put in a service station. This I did. Lena and I bought a lot from Mr. Weaver and built a house on it - where Mary Pace now resides. The lot cost us \$100. Lena and I had two happy years together when she passed away quite suddenly. We belonged to the United Church and Rev. Dr. Butt was minister then.

A few years after Lena passed away, I married Ida Pace, widow of Arthur Pace Sr. We lived beside the United Church where Mrs. Galbraith now resides. I was on the Official Board at that time. I serviced the organ then. Marguerite Stevenson was organist. She reported to me one Saturday night, "The organ is not working". (I was a garage man) "The organ is not working". So, after my day's work, at nine o'clock that night, I went into the church and started to work. I removed a board six or seven feet long, cleaned it off, removed about three dozen screws, a lot of old cement, put on two cans of new cement, assembled it back together again and had it ready for service Sunday morning, to be in time for choir. I did a lot of carpentering at the church. I would get up Sunday morning and get the fire going (I always got the wood in Saturday night), see if the motor on the organ was still working as we always had trouble with someone putting oil on the motor. I would have to shut off the power, clean out the oil, and let it run itself dry to get it working. There were a lot of activities going on in the church in those years - and at that time there was no water on tap. We, living beside the church, would raise a window, put the lawn hose in to supply the need, filling tubs and cans. I recall one night when this was going on an old tramp tried to crawl in the window to spend the night June - he didn't succeed. While I was in Tottenham there were eight services in the church. The congregations were small at night. Vi Pettit, then organist for the junior choir, and I were the only ones in the choir this particular service, so we sang "Breath on the Breath of God". I suppose it sounded good in an empty church. Our junior choir sang the last Sunday of each month. People came from other churches to listen to them sing. I can recall Lloyd Key sing "The Holy City". They were also invited to sing in other churches.

Vi Pettit married Elmer Pace, was passed away at the age of forty-four years. They had two boys, Paul and Rogers, now both doctors - a credit to any community.

My wife - the former Ida Pace - was at one time President of the Women's Institute. It comes to mind an elderly Mr. Campbell coming many times to Ida asking her to gather up some baby clothes. He had brought another baby into the world and no clothes to put on it. Ida would set to work canvassing the Women's Institute ladies and supply the needs. After a number of years in Tottenham, Ida and I moved to Toronto, where we took up residence. Ida passed away after many years of happiness together. I married again - Marion and I now reside on Lawrence Ave. West in Toronto.

- submitted by Theo. MacAuley, 1977.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

March 11/1940

I am desired by Her Excellency
The Lady Tweedsmuir to thank you
for your expressions of sympathy,
which she deeply appreciates and
gratefully acknowledges.

Joan Sape
Lady in Waiting.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA



Mr. - 2.
Secretary Women's Institute
Ottawa Ont.

MASLOUGHLEN FAMILY HISTORY

John Masloughlen emigrated to Canada from Ireland and started farming in Albion Twp. At the age of 36, he married 19 yr. old Margarette Aitchison on March 19, 1861. They had eight children: William John born June 7, 1862; Robert James born May 6, 1864; Sarah Ann (Mrs. Williams) born Aug. 24, 1866; Jonathan Wilson born May 2, 1869; Thomas George born July 12, 1871; Susan (Mrs. Cowan) born Dec. 10, 1875; Mary Jane (Mrs. Moore) born Sept. 4, 1879 and David Edward born Nov. 17, 1881. John died at the age of 82 on Nov. 14, 1908 and was buried in a small cemetery opposite the 10th line of Albion Twp. on the north side of Highway #9.

William John Masloughlen, eldest son of John and Margarette, married Margarette Rebecca Bryon and started farming in Ains Twp. until around 1901 when he moved to Lot 5, Con. 5, Tecumseh Twp. At the time he moved to Lot 5, it is believed James Mullin lived in a frame house on Lot 5, Con. 6, which was later owned by William John, giving him two hundred acres back to back. At the time of his moving onto this land the buildings on the home hundred acres were situated on the east side of the Grand National Railway tracks (now CNR) and were moved to their present location on the west side of the tracks approximately 1910 and 11. He farmed on this land until retiring in 1928 and moved into Tottenham. William John and Rebecca had five children: Robert J., William Harvey, Charles James, Earlby Roy and Elsie (Mrs. James Goodfellow, Bolton). NOTE: Robert, Harvey and Charles were born in Ains Twp. prior to moving to Tecumseh Twp. William John died in Dec. 1930. Rebecca died Dec. 1946. Both are buried in Mt. Tegar Cemetery.

Robert J. (Bob), eldest son of William and Rebecca, stayed on the farm until enrolling in the Simcoe Foresters from 1914-19 and served in France. After the war he returned home and remained on the farm until his parents retired from the farm in 1928. He moved into Tottenham with his parents and owned and operated the grain elevator on Mill Street until around 1948 when he leased the mill to an employee, Ray Collins. Robert didn't marry until late in life and married Charlotte Brasley. Robert and Charlotte had no children. Robert died in 1964 and is buried in Mt. Tegar Cemetery. His wife Charlotte now resides in Shelph.

William Harvey, second son of William and Rebecca, farmed with his parents until he married Emma McAdam in 1914 and started farming on his own on Lot 11, Con. 5, Tecumseh Twp. When his father retired in 1928, he moved back on the home farm, Lot 5, Con. 5, Tecumseh, and remained on this farm until his death in March 1954. The house on the north hundred acres was torn down approximately 1938 and the barn was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in the summer of 1953. Emma moved into Tottenham a year later, after James Cooney purchased the farm. She died in Aug. 1968. Both are buried in Mt. Tegar Cemetery. Harvey and Emma had six children: Robert; Frederick; Eileen (Mrs. Dave Matson); Schomberg; Stuart; Lorne and Louise (Mrs. Gavin Sellers), Guelph.

Charles James, third son of William and Rebecca, remained on the farm until he married Alice Barry and moved into Tottenham and started operating a garage on Queen Street, later an implement dealer and remained in this business until his death in 1962. Alice died in 19 . Both are buried in Mt. Tegar Cemetery. Charles and Alice had four children: Laura (Mrs. Leslie Jones), Elva, William and Roland.

Earlby Roy, fourth son of William and Rebecca, farmed with his parents until he served a short stint in the Army in 1912. Roy married Anne Mickey from Stayner and moved to Georgetown where he started a barbershop and remained in this business until his death in 1967. Roy organized and directed one of the first all-girls pipe bands in North America and won many awards for their talents in Canada and U.S.A. Anne moved to Stayner after Roy's death and died in March 1976. Both are buried in Stayner Cemetery.

Robert Emerson (Bert), the eldest son of Harvey and Emma. After finishing high school in Alliston, he took a barbers course in London and then opened a barber shop in Carlton Place for a short period, then quit this profession and worked at various jobs as a carpenter until joining Carrol Construction Co. of Toronto. Here he worked himself up to superintendent and remained with this firm until the business was sold. Bert was the superintendent responsible for the first new addition to Simcoe Manor in Beatty in 1952. At present he is the Building Inspector for Bradford and the Township of West Gwillimbury. Bert married Rosie Bachelor of Bradford and they have three children: Bonnie, Robert (Bob) and Ian Ann.

William Frederick (Fred), second son of Harvey and Emma. Fred stayed at home on the farm until 1938, when he started farming on his own on Lot 7, Con. 6 of Tecumseh, until joining the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1941. He served in North West Europe until returning to Canada in November 1945. Fred worked at various jobs until joining Carrol Construction Co. and remained with them until the company was sold. In 1966 he became

MAGLOUGHLEN FAMILY HISTORY

the Safety Inspector for the County of Simcoe and still holds this position. Fred now resides in Midland. Fred married Lillian Leighton of Cookstown and they have four children: Catherine, Karen, Leighton and Rick.

Bourlas Stuart, third son of Harvey and Emma. Stuart stayed at the home farm until joining the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1941. He served in North West Europe until returning home to Canada in November 1945. Stuart returned to the farm until joining Cooper/Zeeks Sports Equipment when it opened in Beeton (now in Toronto) and is still with this company. Stuart is Past Master of South Simcoe LOM. Stuart married Marion Brown of Beeton and they have three children: Bruce, Betty and Linda.

Earl Lorne, fourth son of Harvey and Emma. Lorne married Marie Spindlee of Cookstown and they have one child, Sharon. Lorne (Capt. E.L. Magloughlen, CD) was the first to enroll in the Canadian Armed Forces from Tottenham on September 5, 1939, with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) where he took his military training. After

in April 1953 he returned to Canada and posted back to E Company RCASC (later re-designated 15 Company RCASC). In September 1953 he passed the Administrative course and was remustered from a vehicle mechanic to an administrative clerk and promoted to the rank of Corporal. In May 1957 he was posted to the Records Office at Headquarters Central Command in Oakville, Ont. In September 1959 he was posted to the Personnel Branch at U.S. Headquarters in Giza, Egypt; while there he was appointed Lance Sergeant. In May 1960 he returned to the Records Office in Oakville. August 1961 saw him promoted Sergeant and posted to the Directorate of Records at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

After integration of the Armed Forces in 1964 he was in charge of one of the many typing pools in Ottawa. In October 1965 he was posted to the Canadian Armed Forces Training Team in Ghana as the team's Administrative Sergeant stationed near Accra. In October 1967 he returned to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa and employed as a senior clerk with the Directorate of Land Reserves. March 1969 he was posted to Base Horden with the Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics (CFSAL) and was employed as an instructor in administration.

Upon reaching compulsory release age, he was released from the Canadian Armed Forces March 17, 1972, with a total service of 30 years 246 days.

- submitted by E.L. Magloughlen, 1977.



Photo:- Lorne Magloughlen
September, 1963.

THE ROBERT MARTIN FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin came to the farm on the north-east corner of Lot 9, Con. 6, in the year 1900. They raised a large family and farming was the family interest. They were members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beeton. The stone in the foundation of St. Andrews was given by the Martins for building of the church.

Mrs. Martin, before her marriage, was Sarah Elizabeth Anderson. She was born September 12, 1857 and died November 26, 1947. Mr. Martin was born in 1849 and died April 25, 1916. They had ten of a family:-

Their first son, William James, was born April 19, and died March 3, 1897. He died while cutting wood on the old Mullen farm. It was an accident.

Edward M. was born September 12, 1877 and died September 1, 1943. He farmed for many years and did horse trading. He married Jessie Ebinaw just before the First World War. They went to Stonia and La-Porte district, where they farmed. They had a family of two boys (Bob and William) and two girls (Muriel and Marjorie).

Their third son, Samuel Alexander, was born March 27, 1879.

A daughter, Margaret Jane, was born January 19, 1881, and died in the spring of 1974. She married Charlie West and they had two children: Jim West, now of Schomberg; and Irens (Mrs. Eric Slater of Leamington).

Sarah Ann was born August 9, 1882 and died October 12, 1948. She married George Garret and they lived at 59 Pauline Ave. in Toronto. They had two sons: Hilary, now of Detroit; and Keith, now of Vancouver.

Elizabeth Lucinda was born April 12, 1886 and died August 2, 1898.

Mary Roberts was born July 9, 1889 and died Sept. 4, 1965. She was known in this part of the country as Ruby. She married Wilfred Mitchell and they farmed on the sixth Line all their lives. Wilf died June 1947 from a car accident. Ruby spent the remaining years of her life with her brother, Nicol, on the 7th Line.



Arthur Aiken was born August 27, and died December 6, 1944. He spent his early years on the farm. He married Florence Andrews. They had three boys: Bob, now of Detroit; Edward, now of Gaylord, Michigan; and Carl of Detroit.

Burton was born August 15, 1896 and died March 3, 1897.

Albert Nicol was born September 24, 1903. He spent the early part of his life on the home farm. On leaving school, he went into the Royal Bank of Canada in Beeton. He was moved to the village of Hastings. He met and married Emma Mary Hubbs December 25, 1929. They came to the farm on 7th Line in the fall of 1936. They had three sons: Alan Nicol, Frederick Robert Anderson and Frank Richard Wilfred Edward.

Photo at left:-

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin with youngest son, Nicol.

THE ROBERT MARTIN FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Alan Nicol Martin was born July 3, 1930. He married Dorothy Adams of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, October 18, 1954. They have three children: Irvin, Vera and Timothy and they all live at Orleans, Ontario.

Frederick Robert Anderson Martin was born July 31, 1933. Fred married Joyce Hammer of Wildmay on December 24, 1960. They have four boys: Stephen, Robert, David and Bryan. They all live at present at St. Jacobs, Ont.

Frank Richard Wilfred Edward was born June 12, 1937. He married Barbara Ann Seal on July 19, 1958. They have four children: Laurie, Paul, Mary and Andrew. They live at present (1975) at Grills, Ontario.

Nicol still resides on the home farm.

HAROLD A. STRANGWAYS HISTORY

Harold Strangways was a son of Elwood T. Strangways and Jennie Williamson. His grandfather, Frederick Thomas Strangways, was one of seven sons and one daughter of William Thomas Homer Strangways and Mary A.I. Tyrell. Frederick was born February 16, 1822 at Stockbridge, Hampshire, England. He came to Ontario in 1840. In 1842, he married Elizabeth Hill, sister of William Hill of Lot 20, Con. 5. They lived on Lot 17, Con. 5 across from St. John's Church. Frederick died in 1897 at the age of 75 years. His wife lived until 1907. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Frederick and Elizabeth had five daughters and six sons and Harold's father, Elwood T., was the eldest son, born in 1849. His family were:- Dr. Herbert and Dr. Tyrell, both of Cleveland, Ohio; Harold of Tottenham; Eva died in Beeton, 1924; and Aubrey who married Gladys Wright of Beeton, lived in Toronto, and had two children (June and William).

Some of Harold's uncles and aunts were: Dr. William Franklin; Florence, who married Dr. A.S. Gaviller (her son is Dr. Charles of Owen Sound); and Claudia, who is Mrs. (Dr.) Wilford of Toronto. Next was Rev. Britton R., B.A., B.D.; then Dr. Walter of Erie, Pa.; the last daughter was Ida E., who married Dr. W. E. Philip of the U.S. and Toronto (they had two sons, Fred and Dr. Wesley). The youngest son was Wesley P., born 1869; he farmed the homestead, then a farm on the 9th line at Beeton. His wife was Mary. E. Philip.

Frederick T. married Estelle Hollingshead from east of Tottenham, and they had a daughter, Myrtle, a teacher at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. They farmed the next farm east of his father's. After his wife's death in 1893, he moved to Tottenham where he was Reeve of the village. Some years later he married Ola Thomas. They had one son, Kenneth. Frederick T.'s death came in 1932.

Harold carried on his father's business in Beeton as a drover, for a time. After he married Charlotte L. Bynaman (a milliner in one of the general stores in Beeton), they moved to Tottenham, where he was a butcher until his death in 1949. (His shop was where Albert Drury is presently established). They were members of Tottenham United Church. His wife then moved to Toronto and died soon after. They had no family.

- submitted by Alice Green, 1973.

HISTORY OF THE MELVILLE MARTIN FAMILY

Melville was born in Walscarr, Ontario, in the year 1887, the son of Richard and Sarah Jane Martin. He had one brother, William Robert, who died March 6, 1886, aged two years, and one sister, Lottie Violet, born June 2, 1889. His mother died Nov. 1892 and his father in November 1905.

In 1915, Melville enlisted in the Armed Forces. He went overseas with the 75th Battalion in 1918 and was wounded in Lens, France, in 1917. After honourable discharge on June 25, 1918, he returned to the home of John and Susan Blaine, Lot 7, Conc. 5 Tecumseth, where he had worked before entering the army. He made his home there until March 15, 1922, when he married Bertha Maude Austin, elder daughter of James and Sarah Austin of the 5th concession Tecumseth.

Until the time of her marriage, Maude worked as teller in the Royal Bank, Tottenham, which was then situated in the Williams building on the south side of Mill Street. Melville and Maude then purchased a farm of 100 acres on the south half of Lot 11, Conc. 3 Tecumseth where they farmed until 1946. At that time Melville was seriously injured in a farm accident which hastened his retirement from farming. Their farm was sold to Fred and Charlotte Bishop. Melville and Maude then bought and retired to the former Mettinger home on Lot 10, Conc. 1 Tecumseth. Here they enjoyed the remainder of their healthy years pursuing their hobby of gardening and socializing with family and friends.

Melville was a chartered member of Tottenham Legion and an elder of Rich Hill United Church. He served on the school board of S.S. #2 Tecumseth for many years. Maude took a great interest in patriotic work during both first and second Great Wars and she sponsored many suckers in aid of the British War Victims Fund. She was a member of Rich Hill U.C.W.

Melville and Maude devoted their lives to family and home. They had two daughters; Betty, who married Patrick Ryan, and Mariel, who married Harold Pindley. Betty and Pat have six children: Jim (married Jenny Nicokura), Marie (married Lawrence DeFenter), Joanne (married Otis Campbell), David (married Judy Kammerie), and Andy and Teresa still at home. Mariel and Harold have six sons.

Melville passed away on February 5, 1959, and Maude on November 5, 1970.

THE BERGIN FAMILY HISTORY

The Bergin family, too, can trace its roots to Ireland, where in 1803, was born James Bergin, who was later to marry Mary O'Leary, twenty years younger than himself. The descendants of one of their sons are the Bergins who have lived or are living in Tecumseth today. Obviously, James and Mary migrated to Canada at an early age, as did so many others, in search of peace and prosperity in this new country. They had four sons and two daughters. John, born in 1855, married Ellen Noonan, and for many years ran the grain mill in Alliston, until he was afflicted with total blindness. Rudolphus, born in 1858, married Catherine McNamara in 1880, and settled on a farm on the seventh Concession of Adjala. Rudolphus not only farmed but he was also a butcher in Ballycorry and worked also in a hotel in Cadarville to provide for his wife and his first five children who were born on this farm.

It was probably the year 1890 when Rudolphus and his family moved to Conc. 4 in Adjala (Achil). On this farm five more children were born. The family included: Mirnie (Mrs. Peter Keogh), Jay, Charlie, Frank, Vincent, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Keenan), Kathleen (Mrs. Wilfred Marer), Tina and Leo. The tenth member of the family was a son who died when he was five years old. Mrs. Wilfred Marer lives today in Beeton Manor and Leo lives in Alliston. They are the only surviving members of their generation of the family.

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THE BERGIN FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

While nearly all of the family lived out most of their lives in Adjala, it was Jay who had the greatest connection with Tottenham and Tecumseth township. Born in 1883,



the eldest son of Rudolphus and Catherine, he farmed in Adjala and at the same time was very active in sports. Until his death he proudly displayed his pictures and trophies won at garden parties in those early days. In 1914, he married Annie Heenan and farmed on the third line of Adjala for four years. In 1918 Daniel Heenan was ready to sell his farm on the sixth line of Tecumseth and Jay bought this farm - the farm from which Annie had been married four years earlier. This was to be the home of the Bergin family for 55 years. Except for the two eldest, Gerald and Mary, all their children were born on this farm. As well as Gerald (who resides in Alliston) and Mary (who is a Sister in the Loretto Community in Toronto), the family includes: Carmel (Mrs. Pat Duggan) of Schomberg; Ambrose of Newmarket; Camilla of Mississauga; John of Alliston; Monica (Mrs. Al Lynch) of Tottenham; Helen (Mrs. Ted Lynch) of Alliston and Regina of Toronto. Another daughter, Mrs. Frances Kelly, died in 1957.

Mrs. Bergin (Annie) died in 1946 at the age of 59. Jay died in 1963 at the age of 80. In 1973 the farm was sold to Mr. John Olivella.

Photo:- Jay Bergin and his wife Annie Heenan.

THE ALTON J. ANDERSON FAMILY HISTORY

Alton Anderson and his wife Doris came to Tottenham from Toronto in 1945. They purchased the furniture and funeral business owned by William McLean.

Alton and Doris took an active part in community life. Alton belonged to the Tottenham Business Men's Association, later the Tottenham and District Progress Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He joined the Lions Club of Schomberg in 1948, when there was no Lions Club in Tottenham. He was on the Tottenham Council for 15 years and was appointed to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority when it was formed.

Alton and Doris have always been ardent bowlers. Doris at one time was president of the Provincial organization, and three times she and Margaret Claridge won the Provincial Doubles Championship. While Doris bowled and bowled, Alton took time out to take care of the greens, and, in fact, he still does. Alton is an enthusiastic fisherman and many a morning he has been out on the pond fishing at 4 a.m. Alton and Doris are members of the Tottenham United Church, where Alton has been on the Board of Stewards for many years.

Alton sold his funeral business in 1973 to Rod Abrams and he and Doris built a house on Rodcliff Road where they now reside.

- submitted 1979.

THE BURTON L. MAYBEE FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. Burton L. Maybee moved to Tottenham from Trenton about 1909 and took over the furniture and undertaking business from the estate of Mr. W.J. Verney.

*Link to B. Little
July 20*

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Mr. Burton L. Maybee - 1918

The Maybee home on Wilson Street

His family consisted of his wife, Mary Knapp, and three children: Honora, Helen and Howard. Another son, Maxwell, was born in Tottenham. They lived for a year on Mill Street and then bought a home on Wilson Street.

At that time there were no automobiles and very few telephones. All traffic was by horse, and whenever a death occurred, someone had to drive to the undertaker's and then he was driven to the home. Funerals ~~were~~ held from the home, as there was no funeral parlor. Automobiles appeared later. Mr. Maybee had about the first one in town.

Mr. Maybee served on the town council for some time and he and his family were very active in the work of the Methodist Church.

The family of Mr. Maybee were of United Empire Loyalist descent and they have records of their beginning in France as early as 1518. From there, they went to Holland and then to New York. As they were loyalists, they came to Canada, after the revolution, in 1783.

Mr. Maybee's father, Wm. H. Maybee, lived on a farm near Trenton. His brother, Milton B. Maybee, was U.P. for Northumberland for a number of years. They are all buried, as are Mr. & Mrs. B.L. Maybee, in the country cemetery of Carrigan Church near Brighton.

Mr. Maybee carried on the business until 1917, when he became ill at the age of 49. His widow ran the business for a couple of years, when she sold it and moved her family to Toronto.

In 1971, the daughter of Honora (Mrs. Percy Stanley) moved with her family to Tottenham. They are Eileen and Thomas Little and their sons, Blake and Curtis; they live at 29 Alphonsus Court.

THE MCCABE FAMILY HISTORY

The original John McCabe came to this country in the early 1800's, leaving their son to finish his education in County Cork, Ireland. He followed then at the end of the school year, coming over by boat. He and his fellow passengers were shipwrecked off the coast of New York State near the Island of Montauket. They were there six weeks before they were discovered but as far as the family knew, all were drowned. After about a year, the son eventually made his way to Ruddy York (as Toronto was then known) and found his way to his father's farm in the township of Albion (Lot 23, Con. 11), in the County of Peel. The son's name was Henry Fry McCabe and he eventually took over the family farm.

Henry Fry McCabe was born in 1837 and passed away in 1916 at the age of 79. Henry married a girl by the name of Elizabeth Wolfe who lived in the district. She died leaving three young children: John, Rebecca and Elizabeth. Henry remarried - Elizabeth Stewart of the Thistleton area (born 1831; died 1916). He had a second family of four children: Anson, Margaret, Ralph and Ida.

In the year 1896, Henry Fry McCabe cut timber from his bush on the farm on Con. 11, Albion Township. The lumber was brought to Tottenham to build a house (located at 123 Queen Street South - now owned by James Stone).



The Henry Fry McCabe House - at
123 Queen Street South

drilled a flowing well and built a storage tank and put in water mains and a large water tank, which still stands at the south end of the village.

With the demand for lumber and finished products the McCabe's were forced to expand the business so John McCabe came to town and joined his brother Ralph. The business was then known as the "McCabe Brothers". John moved his sawmill and 40 H.P. boiler and steam engine to town and built them on to the cash and door factory. They then needed more men to help so all local men were hired. Some

The family - John, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Margaret, Ida, Ralph and Anson - grew up and started out for themselves.

John, the oldest son, took over a farm in Albion; he later bought more land and started a sawmill; he also threshed for a number of years. Anson took over the home farm, where he stayed until he passed away. Ralph took up telegraph work on the railroad for a number of years, and returned to Tottenham to build the house at 108A Queen Street South, living there for a number of years. He also purchased the cash and door factory of Levi Ketchum which was situated down near the dam and moved it up to the McCabes property (Now Urbanek's garage; the foundry there had been burnt in the big fire of 1895). This plant was operated by steam power with water pumped from a well on the property. About this time the town had



Ralph McCabe's Cash & Door Factory - Corner
(SW) of Queen & Albert Stn.

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of these men were: Henry Courtney, Charlie Ellison, Chas. MacLoughlin, Tom Bolton, Alf Seymore, Elmer McKenny, Hilt Reed, Walter Simmons, Wm. Stinson, Jas. Sloan, Jas. Stephens-son.



Ruins of the fire at the McCabe Brothers factory - Cor. Queen & Albert - Apr. 17, 1920.

During the night of April 17, 1920, fire broke out about 5 a.m. The town was awakened by the crew of a passing C.N.R. freight train, when Alf Seymore, plant fireman, rushed to sound the alarm (which was a dinner bell on two posts). He proceeded to the home of the town's stationary engineer, Wm. Linton. Mr. Linton went to the pumping station (he had just barked the fire down two hours before and still had 80 lbs. pressure so he had it working in short time). When the men at the fire scene got the hoses connected, they discovered the water mains and water tank were empty. They had no means of fighting the fire until the pumping station was able to pump water from the well. The south and door factory was destroyed by water arrived in time to save the lumber storage shed at the back, the house of Mrs. Clarence McCabe and the sawmill adjoining the factory.

Baltan, Ontario, paper, Friday April 23, 1920:-

The following article appeared in the

***\$30,000 Fire at Tottenham**

Tottenham suffered a severe loss when McCabe Bros. large planing mill was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning, April 17, at three o'clock in the morning. The alarm was given by two double header freight trains that pass at that point by their shrill whistle. The fire brigade did noble work but were unable to save the main building which was a two story brick structure on account of lack of water in the town tank. As the factory had been running to its full capacity for two weeks and was piled full of orders ready for shipment to Toronto, Alliston and Beeton it was impossible to remove any of the machinery. Thirty-two machines in all were destroyed, some of them melting to pads of metal. The dry kiln which had ten thousand feet of lumber in drying was also burned. Hard work of the fire brigade and citizens of the town with their big engine of 100,000 gallon capacity per hour saved the saw mill and lumber yard which contained the largest stock of lumber and logs seen in this district for many years. McCabe Bros. were in the lumber business in Albion for 25 years and about 1908 they purchased the old foundry in Tottenham and equipped it with the most modern machinery. It has been said that it was one of the best factories of its kind in the province. They had no insurance and the damage is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$35,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

John McCabe was born in 1850 and passed away in 1933. They farmed in Albion before moving to 47 Queen Street South in Tottenham (the present Manning house). John married Matilda Lowery and they had five children: Clarence (married Laura Agnes and had five children - Edna, Bob, Jack, etc.). They all lived in the area. Clarence could do anything working on the cars that were just coming in then). Alma (a school teacher in the district, she married Albert Smith of Galesburg and they had 9 children), Bert (a civil engineer in Ottawa), Adell (a nurse, she remained at home looking after her parents and never married), and Mildred (married Jim Winfield of Toronto and they had one son). Around 1920, John McCabe became town clerk - a position he held for several years. Earlier,

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the McCabe business was sold to Herman Thornton who sold the machinery and started a tinmith shop and later turned it into a garage. He sold the garage to Mr. Burnett who then sold it to Mr. V. Urbanski who now operates the garage.



The funeral of John McCabe - procession going north on Queen.
(1933)

Rebecca McCabe married William Courtney. Elizabeth McCabe married William Carter.

Margaret (Maggie) McCabe worked in the Courtney store and looked after her parents. She went west to join the Courtneys after they moved there. She met Robert McEair, a Scotse-man and they married. They came back to Tottenham, he working with his two brothers in law, and built the house at 102 Queen St.

Ida McCabe married Mr. Stinson, a railroad man, and they had six children. They lived in Fairgrave for a while and later moved to Smiths Falls.

Ralph McCabe married Lily Eium of Manover. She was a milliner who operated a shop over the Courtney general store (now a restaurant). They had three children: Lloyd (of Bolton), Edgar (married Marion Robinson; now in Toronto), and Margaret (Graydon, now in Toronto). When Ralph married Lily they built their home at 1084 Queen St. E. (later owned by Tex Imbertson). When Henry Fry McCabe passed away in 1918, Ralph moved to 177 Queen St. South. The home at 1084 Queen St. E. was then sold to a Mr. Palmer. Ralph, being a carpenter, built several houses, including 102 Queen St. South, now owned by Oliver Pettit.

Anson McCabe was born in 1872 and passed away in 1941 at the age of 69. Anson married Annle Hastings who was born in 1872 and passed away in 1947 at the age of 75. They had five children: Bessie, Harry, Murray, Stewart and Malvin.

Bessie married Arnold Adair and had one son, Clarence of British Columbia. She died in 1929.

Harry married Gora Brown of Albion and they have two children: Raymond (married Sileen Hastings and have four children, Bruce, Gary, Brian and Sandra), and Edwin (not married; farms on the 10th line of Albion).

Murray was born in 1906. Married Stella Lipsitt of Albion and have two children: Bessie (married Douglas Bell of Port Elgin; they have three children, Tim, Yvonne and David), and Merwin (married Mary Young of Orangeville and have three children, Sandra, Stephen and Kudger).

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Stewart was born in 1906 and married Mary Brown in 1931. They have five children: Evelyn, John, Irene, Anson and Pauline. Stewart, grandson of Henry Fry McCabe, with his wife Mary retired in 1963 and moved to Tottenham where they built a new home at 140 Queen Street South. Their children: Evelyn (married Stanley McTaggart of Stouffville and have three children, Mary, Anne-Marie and Lisa), John (married Karen Davidson of Stouffville and they have three children, Samantha, Barry and Scott), Irene (married Ross Bell of Union and they have three children, Leonard, Barry and Glenn), Anson (married Eileen Finerty and they live at Eton Station. They have three children, James, David and Murray), and Pauline (who died at birth).

John married Pearl Smith of Toronto (both are now deceased). They had two children: Devin (married Miss Foster and reside in Aurora) and Allen of Toronto.

There are two descendants of the original settlers remaining in the Tottenham area: Stewart McCabe, who kept the family farm in the McCabe name until 1966. Murray McCabe, R.R. #4 Tottenham, who threshed and sawed lumber throughout the area and still owns a large collection of antique threshing machinery.

- submitted 1977 by Murray McCabe
and
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart
McCabe

THE BERT GERRARD FAMILY HISTORY

Bert Gerrard was born in a little village of Burton Wirral, Cheshire, England, in 1907. He emigrated to Canada when 21 years of age and lived for several years with the Gavin family in Kelowna.

When World War II broke out he enlisted in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and went overseas to Britain in 1940. On returning to England, he met his high school girlfriend and married in 1941. Their only daughter, Helen, was born in 1944. Bert was wounded twice and returned to Canada in 1945.

Upon discharge, Bert purchased a 50-acre farm on the 10th side road of Teesmeseth Township, between the 4th and 5th concessions. Their daughter attended Mount Pleasant 1-room school, then she went on to Dunt's Memorial High School in Alliston. On completion of high school she entered Toronto General to train for a nurse. She then joined the nursing service of the Canadian Armed Forces and has seen most of Canada and bases in Germany. She obtained her degree at Edmonton University and is presently based in Kelowna with the rank of Captain.

Bert Gerrard passed away suddenly in 1964. His wife, Ethel, still continues to live in the farmhouse, which was built in 1963.

- submitted by Mrs. Ethel Gerrard,
1979.

THE HERBERT McCLAIN FAMILY HISTORY

James McClain married Mary McMinn and lived on the seventh line of Tecumseth and at Penville. They had three boys and two girls, Annie, Albert, Fredrick, Herbert and Mae.



Mr. & Mrs. Herbert McClain

Herbert McClain married Levina Robinson of Ebenaker Toronto Gore. They had four children Edgar, Jean, Ross and Oral. They lived on Lot Nine (9) on the Third Line and went to Rich Hill School. In the year 1931 their mother died. Later Herb married another sister Bertha Robinson Bland. Jean married Edward Edden and farmed at Schomberg until they retired and went to live at Wasaga Beach. When Edgar married Florence Maw in 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Herb McClain and his two sons Ross and Oral, bought and moved up to the farm south of the Town of Tottenham, which was owned by Mrs. Walter Potter.

Edgar and Florence farmed on the third line until they sold that farm to David Wilson and moved south of Tottenham. They had three girls Ruth, Betty and Myrna. Ruth married Harold Dermott and they own the Dermott Pro Hardware Store in Tottenham. Ruth and Harold have two children, Debbie and Jimmy. Betty married Murray Gordon and lives at Schomberg. Myrna married Wayne Kerr of Sephyr and they have one son, named Ross.

Ross McClain married Olive Abernethy in 1939. They farmed on the Third Line, on Lot Eleven (11) until 1968, when they sold the farm, all but one acre to build a new house on. They live there and Ross drives a school bus. They had two children, Phyllis and William Weldon. Phyllis married Doug Brown of Schomberg and they have four children, Ross, Larry, Jimmy and Helen. Bill married Sheila Woolner and they are living in Owen Sound. Bill works for the Royal Bank of Canada. They have two children Kimberley and Clifford.

Oral McClain married Betty Huse in 1945. He bought the elevator in Tottenham from Robert Magloughlin and ran the business until his death in April 1969. Their son John took over the business and married Susan Maynard of Schomberg. Shirley married Jim Kant and managed Cashway Lumber Co. at Orangeville. They have one girl, Kimberley. Janette still lives with her mother in Tottenham.

Herbert McClain died in February 1956.

Canadian National Railway Station looking north. John McClain's Elevator in the foreground.

THE MCCULLOUGH FAMILY HISTORY

Henry, the first of the McCullough clan, arrived here in Canada from Ireland in 1828 and started to homestead on 100 acres on Lot 11, Conc. 7 of Adajala township at Little Rock Corner. He became district councillor for Adajala 1842-43. He died at the age of 80. He has two sons - Henry and James. Henry was born in 1833.

James was born in 1835 and lived on Lot 11, Conc. 7 in Adajala, but later moved to the East 1/2 Lot 10, Conc. 5 in Adajala (Piper's Hill). He had about two acres of land and he built a log house near that pond under what is now #50 highway. James had six children: Bolton, Henry, Mary Anne, Willie, Estie and Elizabeth.

Bolton, born 1857, married Martha Bracken. Henry died very young. Mary Anne married Thomas Hodgson, but died young. Nellie married James Keating, and died in 1908. Elizabeth born 1867, married Billy McCoy of Beeton and was known around as Lizzie Beaton. She died in 1981 at the age of 94.

Bolton married a girl from Mono township near Orangeville, who was then working in the woolen mills at Owen Sound. They took up farming on Lot 10, Conc. 7 at Little Rock Corner but then sold the farm and built a house and barn in 1908 in the Hollow at Piper's Hill. (Adajala's No. 10 sideroad goes right over the location now). This house was eventually moved to the adjoining farm and used as a grainery. They lived there near Bolton's father, James, from 1908 to 1914. In 1919, Bolton bought a 200 acre farm from Emerson Sloan, West 1/2 Lot 9, Conc. 5, Adajala. He farmed this land until 1923 when he sold it to Frank Oster. He moved back to Little Rock Corner, Lot 10, Conc. 7, Adajala, to a log house where he died in 1927. Martha, his wife, died in 1942.

Bolton and Martha had five children, three girls and two boys: Nellie (who married Russa Connor), Annie (who married Joseph Young); Henry (stayed a bachelor); Virnie (who married Bill Fraser) and John (who married Irene Doyle).

John McCullough, the second youngest, carried on the family name. John was born 1898 at Piper's Hill and met Irene Doyle, daughter of Herbie Doyle, at that time a well-known character from Alliston. John farmed on Lot 9, Conc. 5, Adajala, with his father, where James, the first of 15 children, was born. They sold this farm in Feb. 1923 and moved to the white house at Little Rock Corner and started into carpentry work and building in 1924. John soon moved to Toronto and worked at Toronto Iron Works and was sent out to Hamilton at steelsjacking on smoke stacks. From there, he went to Galtburg to work for the Pedlar People for 1 1/2 years, then back in Toronto and worked as a carpenter for the school board from 1930 to 1932. Joseph and Leah Kidd needed a man for their farm and times being hard, he moved back to Adajala to the old "Brick" house - as it was known in those days - and worked for \$32.00 a month plus milk, so at least the family ate. The family was growing and finally stopped at 15 children. The children were:-

James - married Bertha Greasy. Their children were: Alfred, Randolph, Juanita, Catherine and Joanna.

Anna - died in 1928.

Joseph - married John Brownfoot. Had one daughter, Jacqueline.

John - married Violetta Sumner. Their children: William, Bonnie, Barbara, Charles.

Kenneth - married Rita Stewart. Their children: Karen (has a child, Julie), Robert, Paul and Leanne.

Paul - married Bert Leough. Their children: Frances, James and Thomas.

Helen - married Herbert Falkner. Their children: Blaine, Brenda, Marie and Alberta.

Francis - married Ralph Matton. Their sons: Thomas (has a child, Nicole) and Ralph.

Margaret - married William Hudson. Had a son, Leonard.

Joseph - married Lois Letts. Their children: Bradley, David and Debora.

Thomas - married Linda Goughlin. Their children: Kimberley, Anna and Warren.

Frederick - married Arlene Rhodes. Had one son, Richard.

Virginia - married Michael Plets. Their children: Joseph, Sandra, Regina, Angela and Nicola.

Bertie - married Leo Herson. Their children: Esther, Duja and Larry.

Linda - married Raymond Verchaisse. Their children: Bonnie and Scott.

John left dad's farm in Adajala and moved to Maple hotel in Adajala and began a construction career and has been at construction ever since. Some of the buildings built and well-known are: Lovette Hotel in 1936, which the old hotel was destroyed by fire (John and Peter McCabe worked for 10¢ per hour at this time); Achil School built in 1942; Alliston school in 1944; Colgan school in 1944; Art Pease's garage, 1946; Harold Bryce's garage; Tom Bennett's garage 1951; church in Adajala in 1937; Vince Feehally's garage in Beeton; Joseph McLennan's, Arthur Dunn's and Basil Hurren's houses in Colgan; the post office in King City; Jay McKenna's house on the 5th line of Tecumseh. Other houses were: Judge Gossard near Newton Robinson; Oliver Pettit's on 4th line; Ben Doyle's, Colgan; a house for Jack Reilly; 2 houses for Mr. Sunde at Piper Hill; Mel Sedgwick, Beeton; S. Jackson; Mr.

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THE MCCULLOUGH FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Lennox; Don Fleck; Mrs. J. Daigh; Mrs. Isla Campbell; Jim Thompson, Beeton; Russell Gowan; Joe Blackie; Mrs. Colan; Glen Brown and many others. McCulloughs also built many barns - Claude Hall's, Eric Holmes, Bill Arlow, John Anderson, machine storage buildings in Grillin, Charlie Carmichael, Vince Ryan, Joe Milligan, Hutchinson's Potato Storage in Alliston, Tom Walsh, Jim Gould of Fenville, two storage sheds for Beeton Lumber Co., dairy barn for Les Drury, Carl Stewart, pig barns for John Ritten, John McKenna, John Small and many others.

Jim, the oldest son, was driving a transport truck for Finch Transport, Toronto, when Second World War broke out. He joined the Queen's Own Rifles, a rifle regiment and became a corporal in the Sniper Platoon, and was in the D-Day invasion at Dieppe, France, in 1944, and was fortunate to be able to continue 'till Germany surrendered. Joe was in the services, too. He was an engineer, but didn't go overseas.

The McCulloughs are still in this area, except for Ginny, who moved to Prince Edward Island to a tobacco farm.

John and Irene celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1973, and all the clan attended, except Anna, who died in 1928 from diphtheria, and Jim's daughter, Roseanne, who died in 1971, aged 11, from a car/bicycle accident.

John and Irene live in Beeton, in the house he built. John still organizes and helps run the business, even though it is taken over by son Jack - so the name lives on.



John & Irene McCullough - 1973
50th Wedding Anniversary

"IT'S FIFTY YEARS TODAY"

To Irene and John McCullough
Married FIFTY YEARS today
Best Wishes
Gerry Egan

It was a dark and stormy night
In eighteen ninety-eight
The wind was blowing fiercely
And the hour was very late.
A violent knock came at the door
And Bittie shook his head
Who could it be at such an hour
With us asleep in bed.
The stork was standing on the step
He looked quite cold and wet
I have a package for you sir
It's one you won't forget.
It was a curly-headed boy
The stork left there that night
Bittie sang a lullaby
While Martha held him tight.
Now the great McCullough name
Will always carry on
He looks like an apostle
I think we'll call him John.
Little John grew quickly
He was a sturdy lad
When he wasn't chasing girls
He used to help his dad.
In summer when he had the time
He liked to fish and swim
Later on he tore around
With buddies. Roy and Jim.
Sometimes things went smoothly
And sometimes not so well
One night he wrecked the buggy
At Boston's big hotel.
Things changed in a hurry
The day he met Irene
He said to poppa Doyle, "she's mine"
"The nicest one I've seen."
Irene played the piano
She was a Christmas caroler,
And John would sing his favourite
When father papered the parlour.
One night John said "I love you"
She said, "I guess you'll do"
So Johnny said, "Let's get married"
And raise a child or two.

The knot was tied in Alliston
It was a happy day,
We soon knew, McCullough's name
Was really here to stay.
Number one was Jimmy
He always was a flit,
He used to wrestle with the boys
And later switch to Bert.
He was a dashing figure
In his new 'Model A'
The girls all waited in a line
In case he'd look their way.
Now they thought they'd like a girl
But in a year or so,
Somewhere a slight mistake was made
Instead they landed Joe.

Joe was quite a worker
And quite a lover too,
Till Joanie came along and said
Your rambling days are through.
Joe used to work for papa
And always kept things humming,
But later moved to Boston
To keep the water running.
After Joe came trouble
A little lad called Jack
Don't let him have your old T.V.
You'll never get it back.
Johnny kept them busy
They all had little jobs
Once again the stork came round
And brought them "Dicky Dobbs."
We need some girls said Johnny
I hope they're not contrary.
The first one was a dandy
They called her "Giggling Mary."
Soon little Helen came along
She was a noisy dame
In fact she's still a noisy one
At any hockey game.
Francis was a quiet child
The kind you don't believe
She thought she'd start at the top
And got herself a reeve.
Margie was the next one
She liked to raise the dickens
Till Bill the farmer came around
And now she's raising chickens.
Irene said these girls of ours
Can make an awful noise
Why not give ourselves a rest
And raise a few more boys.
Number nine was Russel
Ike is the name you'll know
But they forgot to feed poor Ike
And he forgot to grow.
At catching balls or stopping pucks
Young Tommy was the best
Somehow he always found the time
For teasing Pat and Wes.
Teddy was a swinging lad
At times he was a sight
By day he'd swing the hammer
And swing his fists at night
One night the stork brought Ginny
And John said with a sigh
We've covered half Ontario
She'll do for P.E.I.

Irene said to Johnny
These kids have got me dizzy
I wonder should we count them up
But Johnny was too busy.
In another year or so
One bright and sunny day
Little Bert knocked at the door
And said she'd like to stay.

At the end came Linda
She really gave them fits
Johnny said, "they're getting worse
We better call it quits
Linda is a pretty blond
But she is hard to figure
Cause she just put her husband through
A big potatoe digger.

Now you have the story of the great
McCullough clan
They are a great collection
So match them if you can.

They always seem to have the time
To greet you with a smile
And after all it's things like this
That make our life worthwhile.
Through the years Irene and John
Have seen things good and bad
They always gave their very best
And worked for what they had.
You're children and grandchildren
And you're friends from near and far
Thank God that you are with us
Please remain just as you are.
Our sincere congratulations
And Good Luck along the way
To Irene and John McCullough
Married FIFTY YEARS today.

- from The Tottenham News, 20 Dec,

MCGOEY FAMILY HISTORY

Michael and Thomas McGoe, two brothers who were orphans in Ireland, were brought to Canada by their Uncle, a priest. They were fourteen and sixteen years of age. Thomas later settled on the N² of Lot 2, Conc. 2, and Michael settled on the NW² of Lot 7, Conc. 1.

Patrick McGoe came from Ireland and married Margaret Quinlan, who had also immigrated to Canada. They settled in the same area. They had two sons and four daughters: Thomas Quinlan (1844), Mary (1847 - married Thomas Dwyer 1869), Annie (1855 - married Daniel O'Leary 1876), Patrick (1858 - married Alice Doyle), Catherine (1861) and Elizabeth (1863). Patrick had a daughter and a son (Thomas, 1884 and Mary Helena 1882).

Thomas Quinlan McGoe married Ellen McCabe in 1871. He had 200 acres on N² Lot 2, Conc. 1, Tecumseth. They had a family of seven children: Margaret (born 1872 - married Joseph Finn), Mary Ellen (1874 - married Charles Wallace), Peter Ambrose (1877 - married Mary Florence O'Leary in 1917), Joseph (1878), Genevieve (1881), Martina (1883), Patrick D. (1884 - married Kathleen Kidd of Athlone).

T.Q. - as he was known - was a farmer, and one of the early dedicated teachers in the area. He established an insurance agency in 1900. T.Q.'s son, Peter A., took over his father's insurance agency and ran a successful business. Peter and Florence had five of a family:

Mary married Joe McKenna. They operated a grocery store and meat market from 1949-1971 at 11 Queen Street South, Tottenham. They live in Colgan, and have four children: Joan, Florence, Colleen and Paul. Bernadette married Luke McKenna, a brother of Joe. Bernadette has been employed at the Royal Bank of Tottenham twenty-four years. Their children are Peter and Betty. Tom is married to Marjorie Porter of Beeton. They have a family of five children: Edward (Tod), Mary Jane, Lorraine, Rosanne and Jacqueline, all living at home. Martina lives on Mill Street where the

insurance office is located and has been the family home for over fifty years. Martina is a member of the local Women's Institute. Bernard married Marian Wilson of Loretto. They have four children: Peter, Joan, Michael and William.

Thomas joined his father in the insurance business, and later Bernard joined. The company name was changed to P.A. McGoe & Sons. After Peter's retirement, the company became McGoe Bros. Insurance Agency Ltd. The business is still located at 10 Mill Street East, where Peter took over from his father, T.Q. McGoe, about 1920.



Thomas Quinlan McGoe and Mary Ellen McCabe McGoe.

in school, owing I presume from appearances to weakly constitutions. I knew not what ill health was until the first ten years were spent in school afterwards pain came apace.

My father endeavored to persuade me from teaching, saying "nothing grew for a teacher but his pocket-knife" and that dull pointing at the same time the standing of the teachers of his day - not an enviable one I can assure you.

Success was marked high in my banner, and I determined to reach it by being a teacher not only in school but also out of it. That every movement of mine would be exemplary not thinking of my health.

Badly ventilated, over-crowded schools cause many premature deaths. When I look around for those who started in the teaching profession with me, I find all of my class gone with the great majority twenty years being the limit of any in the calling, I alone surviving that period.

Most respectfully yours
J. S. McHenry

THE ANGUS MCKAY FAMILY HISTORY

Angus McKay was born in West Gwillimbury around 1850. He married Eliza Martin in April, 1879 (her mother was Mary Ann Davis, daughter of Richard Davis and Eliza Brawley of Tottenham). After their marriage, they moved to the Scotch Settlement, where they farmed for twenty years. They lived in Tecumseth for a while, then moved to the Tottenham district around 1920.



Edward & Eleanor McKay - Aug. 1932

They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1929, and four months later - on Aug. 21, 1929 - Eliza McKay passed away. Mr. McKay died March 10, 1935, in his 85th year.

The McKays had three children: Edward Angus, W. Robert and Annie.

Edward was born in October 1880. In 1914, he married Eleanor M. Tegart, daughter of James M. Tegart and Mary Jane Milligan. (Eleanor was born in 1873 on Lot 9, Co. 4, Tecumseth. She taught in her home school and also in Keenaville and in Hillcrest school, Toronto). Ed and Eleanor had a farm on 3rd line of Tecumseth. They eventually moved to Port Credit, where Eleanor passed away in June, 1940. After her death, Ed married Kathleen McKendry. He died in August, 1964, and interment was at Mt. Tegart, Tottenham.

Robert (Robbie) was born in 1891. During World War I, he belonged to the 197th battalion and was killed in action at Vimy Ridge in 1917, in his 27th year.

Annie remained single and died in her 65th year.

Mrs. Alfred Raverson (nee Lottie Martin) was raised from infancy by Mr. & Mrs. McKay.

The McKay family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

THE DAVID A. WILSON FAMILY HISTORY

David is the eldest son of Hudson and the late Zella (Robinson) Wilson. He was born in Albion township in the County of Peel, north of Bolton, and is of Irish ancestry. In 1954, he married Evelyn Bowman of Etobicoke, and they rented a farm north of Bolton on #50 highway. While here, Evelyn taught school at the one-room rural school at Coventry. In 1957 they purchased the Edgar McClain farm on Con. 3 of Tecumseth - North Part of Lots 8 & 9, Con. 2 - consisting of 144 acres.

To this household, nestled in the valley, five children were born: Ruth, Murray, Keith, R.J. and Janet. Ruth and Murray are students at Banting Memorial High School. Ruth is interested in the 4-H Homemakers Projects; she also is one of the girls who plays the organ at Tottenham United Church. Murray has followed with interest the work of the Scouts and now the Venturers. He is also interested in the Agricultural 4-H Projects, being a member of the dairy, swine and veterinarian clubs. Keith, R.J. and Janet are members of Tecumseth South Central School. Keith has joined the Dairy 4-H Club. R.J. & Janet, in addition to their school work, find time for their summer gardens sponsored by Schonberg Junior Horticulture.

The Wilsons are members of Tottenham United Church.

- submitted by Evelyn Wilson, 1976.

THE McKENNA FAMILY HISTORY

The story of the McKenna family in Tecumseh Township began with the arrival of James McKenna and his wife, Anne Ellen Keenan, who came from Tyrone, Ireland, sometime around 1828 to settle in what was then Upper Canada. From this early pioneer couple has grown a large and far-flung family, and many descendants still bear the name of McKenna. Others on the distaff side have acquired other names but all trace our history back to the pioneer couple James and Anne Ellen.

From various records of the time we know they came to Adjala before 1837 and settled in the south western corner. James was one of the first to buy land in that area from the Crown; he bought the east half of Lot 7, Conc. 3 Adjala, undivided and in the wilderness.



James McKenna

James was born in Tyrone, Ireland in 1796. We can only conjecture that he left Ireland for a new home in a new land because life in Ireland was hard, with few opportunities for its people, and often as not, without sufficient food to feed them. He was accompanied, it is said, by a brother who was also turning his back on his native land. We can well imagine the hardships and dangers of the voyage and yet it must have brought happiness to James because, according to family legend, he met and married his bride, Anne Ellen Keenan, aboard the small boat. The young couple would have decided to settle among her kinsfolk, the Keenans, who were also early settlers in this area. At boatside, James bade farewell to his brother, who was moving on to some unknown place, and so the brothers were never to meet again.

We marvel at the courage shown by these early pioneers in undertaking the back-breaking tasks of clearing land in order to build a rude log cabin for themselves and a shelter for their animals. In later years, James was known to tell of throwing out blazing logs at night into the clearing to keep the wolves at bay and prevent them from trying to get at the animals in the stable. Despite the many hardships, by dint of hard work, more and more trees were felled, the land cleared and crops planted. A farm was won and a pioneer home established. Here a family of three sons and five daughters was born to James and Anne Ellen. Their first child was John, baptism recorded at St. James, Colgan 1831. A second son, James, born 1833, died at an early age. Robert, born in 1835, married Bridget Doyle. The daughters were Mary, Margaret, Sarah, Ann and Elizabeth Ellen.

Despite the hardships, the family prospered until James was able to buy another 100 acres from his brother-in-law, John Keenan, in 1850. This was more central, being the west half of Lot 17, Conc. 3 Adjala. The task of clearing and establishing a farm began all over again. James, however, did not sell the original farm until 1865.

Gradually over the years, this first farm was built up - first by James, then by his son John, followed by grandson Robert (Robin) and today it is owned by a great-grandson Maurice. It is a century farm; the log house gave way to a large brick building that is over 90 years old. From this house, James' daughters married sons of other pioneers:- Mary, the eldest, married James Hanrahan; Margaret (b.1835) married James Burke; Sarah (b.1836) married Bartley Keogh; Ann (b.1842) married Hugh Duggan; Elizabeth Ellen married Henry Cosgrove. The elder son, John, bought the farm from James in April 1871. His father continued to make his home with him until his death May 12, 1865, at the age of 69; his wife, Anne, predeceased him in 1860 at the age of 60 years.

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John and Catherine Doyle McKenna

John married Catherine Doyle of King, daughter of James Doyle and Mary McGuey. He was keenly interested in planting orchards and trees - Frank McKenna, his youngest child (who will be 91 years old on Sept. 25, 1978) has spoken of seeing his mother preserve peaches picked from the home orchard (his mother died when he was just nearing his tenth birthday). John had also planted pear, apple and plum trees and blackcurrant and raspberry bushes.

John also served the public as tax collector, some time around 1865. The copy shown below of a receipt given for taxes paid, was reprinted in the Tottenham Sentinel some time in the 1940's. John also served on the Adjala Council 1886-1888.

John and Catherine raised a large family: Their oldest son was James Doyle (1866-1944), better known as "J.D.". He married Annie Roman. Sarah Ann married William Lawlor and they had seven children. Thomas (1876-1967) never married. Robert Joseph (Robin) (1878-1964); Katherine (1885-1970) married Nicholas Egan; Frank (1887-) married Agnes Lawlor and had a family of three.

James (first generation) had not neglected his second son, Robert. He had acquired another 100 acres of adjoining land, on the south half of Lot 18, Conco. 5, Adjala.

Robert married Bridget Doyle, a cousin of Catherine's, and they had a family of six: James who married Verda McGuey; Bernard and Robert who didn't marry; John Joseph who married Ellen Lawlor; Annie, wife of Thomas Honan; and Charles, who was married to Anne Keogh.

Taxes Were Slightly Lower in 1865

Mr. Campbell
Con. 4 Lot 3.....
Taxes for 1865
Observed at Keenanville.

ADJALA Dec 22 1865

RECEIVED of George Campbell the Sum of \$36.22 being in full for Taxes on 6 1/2 - Lot 3 in the 1st 100 acres - for the year 1865

John McKenna Collector.

The above is a copy of a tax receipt issued in Adjala Township in 1865. This 100-acre farm located about one mile west of Ballycrooy was then owned by George Campbell and the total taxes for the year were \$6.32. It is also worth noting that the tax receipt form was printed in Keenanville.

A tax receipt of 1865, signed by John McKenna.

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Robert Joseph McKenna and
Catherine O'Hara, his wife
on November 15, 1905

Robert Joseph (Robin) of the third generation, son of John and Catherine McKenna, married Catherine O'Hara of Brampton on November 15, 1905. She came to Loretto as a young teacher. They had three sons and six daughters:-

Mary, a Sister in St. Joseph's community has engaged in teaching at all levels, specializing in languages and talented in art.

Margaret married John O'Neill of Nobleton and their children were: John, Mary and Ruth Anne. Margaret teaches school, specializing in remedial reading and library science.

Eileen married Terrance Lynch of Alliston. Their sons are John, Michael, David, Joseph and Gene and they have two daughters, Mary and Sheila. Eileen is also in the teaching profession.

Edith married Pinton Lawler. They farmed on the Lawler homestead and now reside in Alliston.

Eoline taught school in Barrie, where she met and married Dr. W.P. O'Connor. They have six children - Mary Helen, Anna, Patricia, Theresa, John and Joan. They live in Kitchener.

Alice, a secretary, married Vincent O'Neill, and they farm at Nobleton. Their children are Francis, Joseph, Sheila and Eileen.

Maurice, the youngest son, resides on the century farm. He married Karen Scherby and their children are: Jayne, Wesley and Nicholas.

Bob married Frances Seager, Nobleton. They farm on Lot 1 S.E., Conc. 7 Tecumseh. They have five sons:- Father Terrence, Bernard, Paul, Greg and Frank; also two daughters, Rosemary and Cathy.

Francis married Hilda Heenan in 1938, and they started farming on the east half of Lot 20, Conc. 5 Adjala. Here a family of seven were born:- Mary,

James, Gerard, Theresa, Michael, and two babies who died at birth.

Francis and Hilda sold their farm September 1952 to Frank Maenar of Alliston, at the same time buying the farm on the south ½ Lot 3 Conc 4 Tecumseh. The boys continued school, and with the shortage of help and increasing cost of machinery and labour, Francis sold the farm in February 1969, keeping a lot on which they built their present home, and to which they moved in October of the same year.

Their family grew:

Mary (deceased) attended Colgan school and St. Joseph's College School in Toronto. She worked as a medical secretary for over fifteen years.

James lives in Paris. He attended St. James School and St. Michael's College before going to France.

Gerard received his education at St. James, Colgan, and Banting High School in Alliston. He received his Bachelor of Applied Science degree from University of Waterloo. He married Anne Morris of Toronto and they have two girls, Colleen and Jeanette. Gerard is employed by the Ministry of the Environment and they live in Cornwall.

Theresa attended Colgan and Banting High School, and then the University of Waterloo and Stratford Teacher's College. She married Dave Schnarr of St. Clements, and they have a daughter Kerri and a son Ryan.

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Michael, after attending Colgan and Banting, went on to Wilfred Laurier University and Stratford Teacher's College. He married Carol Sawyer of Alliston and they live in Kitchener. Mike teaches at St. John's School in Kitchener, and Carol is presently teaching part-time.



Mr. & Mrs. Francis McKenna and family - on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, 1978.

Back row, 1 to r:- Theresa & Dave Schnarr, Anne & Gerard, Carol & Michael McKenna

Middle row, 1 to r:- Colleen, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McKenna, Jeanette

Front row: Kerri and Ryan Schnarr.

There are four families of McKennas now living in Tecumseh - Bob, Francis, Mike (4th generation), and Bernard. of R.R. Section.

Robert, who was always known as "Robin", died December 26, 1964, age 86. Catherine, his wife, lived to be 92; she died Dec. 24, 1972.

THE MURDOCH FAMILY HISTORY

Walter and Jane Murdoch were of Scottish descent, their grandparents having come from Scotland. Jane was the former Jane Graham of Caledon. They were born on the fifth line, East Caledon, and attended the same school. Walter and Jane were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 4th Line, East Caledon.

They were married on December 31, 1912. After their marriage they lived in Caledon, Albion, and in 1929 moved to Tottenham. They purchased the house at Queen and Wilson Streets from Albert Foucar.

They had two daughters, Kathleen and Sadie.



The Murdoch Home - 25 Queen Street North

Walter had the contract for carrying the mail to and from the post office and C.N.E. station. He also carried the mail on R.R. #3 to Tottenham. He first delivered it by horse and later by car. He could tell many tales of going through farmer's fields and over snowbanks to get the mail through. He carried R.R. #3 from 1929 until his death in 1947. After his death it was carried on by his son-in-law, Robert Watson, until his death in 1964. After Robert's death, Kathleen carried on with the help of her son, Douglas and later, her daughter Kay. It was in the family for 48 years (1929 until 1977).

The Murdochs were members of Tottenham Presbyterian and later United Church. Walter held the office of Elder in the United Church. He was chairman of Tottenham Public School Board.

Kathleen and Sadie graduated from Tottenham Continuation School. After graduation, Kathleen purchased the grocery business from Mrs. William Nolan in 1933, later moving to a larger store two doors south in the Royal Bank building, where she had groceries and an Ice Cream Parlour. All of the family helped in the store. One of the big events was the Christmas Market when the farmers brought their fowl to market and the merchants gave prizes. Saturday night people came to town to shop and visit their friends. Kathleen sold the business to Mr. & Mrs. F. Hutchinson in 1941.

Kathleen was married in 1938 to Robert Watson, of Colgan, Ontario. They had two children: Douglas and Kay. (Douglas is now living in Barrie and has two children, Leonard and Barbara; Kay is living at Iron Bridge, Ont., and has three children, Robert, Dale and Sean.)

Sadie held a position in Campbell's Drug Store, Tottenham, and later at the T. Eaton Co., Toronto. She has held a clerical position at Peckover's Ltd., Toronto, for the past 21 years.

Jane and Sadie continued to live in the family home until Jane's death in 1961. Sadie lived there until the house was sold in 1964. Sadie is now living in Palgrave.

After Kathleen retired in 1977, she moved to Iron Bridge, Ontario.



The Murdoch Store (second from left) - now part of the Queen North Supermarket run by H. Snedden (1978)

- Submitted 1978.

THE O'LEARY FAMILY HISTORY

(From a taped conversation with Gerald and Paul O'Leary).

The original O'Leary family came from Ireland, from the County of Cork; there is a plaque in a place called Ballyleary, commemorating the O'Leary name. My great-grand-father, Patrick, along with two of his brothers, emigrated between the years 1845-1847 to Montreal and they practically walked all the way out to the area, which is in the Ballyleary area (in the southern part of Adjala, just west of what is now Highway 50). Patrick's two brothers were Michael and Joseph. Patrick had a son, who was always referred to as "Big Dan" - Daniel P., who was born in 1850, in North Adjala near Alliston, where the Smalls have settled now. Daniel P. O'Leary married Mary Small and they farmed on the 7th Concession north of Tottenham (Tottenham Township) - at the top of the hill, South 1 of Lot 3. Mary Small was a farmer's daughter, who was born and raised in North Adjala. Grandfather bought the farm just west of the site of the present-day Tottenham and District Community Centre - in fact he owned the land of the actual site. The buildings on the west side of the farm are owned by developers today.

Dan and Mary O'Leary had seven children; five of them lived, and two died of scarlet fever just around the turn of the century. The oldest were Leo and Florence, twins. Florence married a McGeary and the McGeary's in Tottenham today are her sons and daughters. Uncle Leo had a farm west of Tottenham - the next farm up from the Mill farm, on the 4th Concession, on the south side of the road. Uncle Anthony, the next brother, went to California and lived and worked there all his life, and came back to Canada twice to visit. My father, Alphonse, farmed on the east side of the village from about 1920 to about 1963, when he passed away. The other child was a boy, Charlie, who farmed at the northwest end of Tottenham and he is still living to this day.

When grandfather Dan O'Leary retired from active farming, he had set up my own father, Phonsie and Uncle Charlie and Uncle Leo each on their own 150-acre farm, and each farm was on the side and connected to the village of Tottenham. Uncle Charlie's farm is now owned by developers and I, personally, farm the land until it is used for development. Uncle Leo's farm on the 1st side of the village of Tottenham, which borders along the Conservation Area, is now partly owned by Vincent Kagan, a local farmer, and the front part is owned by a developer. My own father's farm (Phonsie) was partly inside the Tottenham village limits, and is mostly developed for housing at the present time. I, as the youngest member of Phonsie O'Leary's family, still retain ownership of the north half of my father's original farm. Each farm of 150 acres was considered, in those days, to be quite a sizeable parcel to be farming. Shortly after Uncle Charlie took over his farm from grandfather Dan O'Leary, he was actively involved not only as a dairy farmer but also as a drover. He had the stockyards which were located at the C.P.R. station at the eastern edge of Tottenham, where he worked from about 1922 to 1945. These were the days when so farmers had trucks to transport their livestock to Toronto and all the pigs and cattle that were shipped from this area went through my Uncle Charlie's stockyards. There were times when he shipped as many as two, three, or four carloads of livestock on Monday morning via C.P.R. railroad to Toronto. The railroad is still active, although the stockyards have gone out of existence because of the many changes that have come about in agriculture in the last 25-30 years. On the C.P.R. right-of-way, these stockyards were bigger than anything you would see outside of the city and I have seen as many as seven carloads of stock shipped from there on a Saturday. There I worked many times from early morning to late at night for 50¢, which I thought was a lot of money in those days, and which I appreciated earning as a bit of spending money. They could load two cars at a time, on two different levels (they were double-decker cars). All this stock was purchased by Uncle Charlie during the week - he travelled all the area west to Bramford, Beeton, Mansfield, Keswauk, south to Balgarey, Schomberg. He had three or four men in the area who had their own trucks - and they were the only trucks in the area - (back all the stock in on Saturday and Uncle Charlie had the weighed as they were brought in and he paid cash right then and there; there was no waiting for your money. Uncle Charlie then took the windings or the losses on Monday morning at the stockyards in Toronto.

(Charlie O'Leary was a staunch Liberal when it came to politics). I must tell you a good joke about my Uncle Charlie. He thought there was no one like Karl Marx. For years and years my own father and Uncle Charlie got into arguments over this. Karl Marx was an excellent horseman and to Uncle Charlie, horses came ahead of politics. Uncle Charlie was a Liberal because he was raised as a Liberal, and not wanting to change his mind (in Irish style), he stayed that way. His father and his grandfather voted Liberal, so he would vote Liberal! was his attitude. But I think today their offspring, including ourselves, would make our judgement at each election, rather than because of the fact we were raised Irish Catholic farmers.

Charlie O'Leary was a quick-tempered man - as a lot of Irish are - but he was always a good-hearted man. He did a lot of good work around this area during the Depression years that nobody knows about, and that came from buying a side of beef to buying a bag of

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again to lending somebody \$20.00 when they couldn't get it at the bank. He always seemed to have those things at his fingertips, whenever he needed them. Uncle Charlie had a few nicknames. Being as he was a drover, he was always in his car, driving around the roads. He never drove past a farm that he didn't look at and he always drove slowly, driving from one side to the other. They always called him the "weaver", because he was all over the road, and half the time down the wrong side of the road, and the only reason he was never in a bad accident was because he always drove slowly. I remember one story that had to do with the young fellows playing cards and rustlers at the stockyards on a Sunday afternoon. We had terrific imaginations in those days and there was a note left in the house, threatening O'Leary, the drover. I don't remember who signed it, but we forgot about it and left it in the house, and for years and years I didn't want to tell Uncle Charlie that it was us who did it, but he blamed another couple of men in the neighbourhood who didn't think too much of him with threatening his life. All it was was a childish prank, but we didn't have the heart to tell him.

Getting back to the farms and the barn buildings, our own barns that stood beside Tottenham consisted of a large barn with a double thresh floor and double feeders that was one of the biggest barns in Simcoe County. That barn was moved off a C.P.R. right-of-way in 1905 and rebuilt where I know it as a child, on the present day site of Eastern and Greenwood Aves. On the north side of Tottenham, where my Uncle Charlie homesteaded, my grandfather Dan had actually farmed for a while after moving from the 5th Concession of Tecumseh, before Uncle Charlie took the farm over. Grandfather Dan was responsible for the building of the barns on this farm where he lived until he died. Many barns throughout the country today are falling into ruin because of the changes that have come about in agriculture in the last 30 years. When my father, Phoebe, and my Uncles Leo and Charlie were farming, 130 acres was a lot of land to farm, and the countryside simply was made up of one active farm right beside the other, right up and down every concession road - not like it is today.

With all the driving he had to do, Uncle Charlie always kept a new car. It was always a big joke with us kids to see him come into our place on a Saturday morning with his new car. It didn't matter to what farm he wanted to go - he never walked; he always took the car, and I have seen him go through ditches that a tractor could hardly go through. If something happened to his car, he would certainly blame the manufacturer, and not his driving.

I didn't think my father, Phoebe, loved farming the way the other farmers did. He had gone into the undertaking business with Ross Craig, (as they are known today in Toronto), and he went from there to being a policeman, and then he was in the army and he travelled quite a bit. When he came back to Tottenham and married, around 1921 - he took over farming from my grandfather. My grandfather had owned that farm since 1915, when he purchased it from the Greenways. It was my feeling that my father didn't have his heart in farming the way other men did. He was altogether a different type of man from Uncle Charlie. They didn't see eye-to-eye on many subjects, and being Irish and quick-tempered, they both let everyone know they didn't agree. I think my father farmed more to please my grandfather than he did to please himself because I always heard the story that when Big Dan O'Leary - our grandfather - started farming, he started with an old cultivator and a team of horses and nothing else and when he finished farming he had literally set three of his sons up in farming, on good farms. So Dan was really the farmer and I think my father and my Uncle Leo both would have been happier at something other than farming.

I remember my grandfather, Dan, driving a buggy. I was only 3 1/2 years of age, but I vaguely remember him in the buggy with some other children in with him.

Uncle Leo O'Leary married Muriel Campbell. The Campbells were railroaders from Palgrave, a Scottish family. Leo and Muriel had five of a family: Ann, Peggy, Campbell, Leona and Mary. Of this family, only Campbell and Leona (King) live in the area today.

Uncle Charlie O'Leary married Rita Keogh. Aunt Rita came from a large family of Keoghs who lived in Adajala, and had been out here from Ireland for as long as the O'Learys, if not longer. They were married in June 1917 and they had two daughters and two sons. The eldest daughter is Gertrude Baker; the other, Laura Deager. Their two sons are George and Greg. The only one who lives at Tottenham today is Greg O'Leary.

My father, Phoebe, married Mary Irene Vondle, from Toronto, and they had ten children in a span from 1922 to 1940: Daniel, Genevieve, Gerald (myself), Maureen, Kenneth, John, Florence, Rita, Alice and Paul. Today the two youngest, Paul and Alice, still live in Tottenham. My other brothers and sisters are scattered from British Columbia to Ottawa, all married except for one boy. My sister Alice, who lives in Tottenham, married Patrick Forestall from Sudbury, and they have three children, Mary, Nancy and Jerry. Alice is well-known in the area as an artist and art teacher.

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Bergie:

I married Laurence Manning from Colchester, and we have a son and a daughter. We now reside in Toronto. My wife has been in real estate for 25 years in Toronto and I have just completed my 55th year as a conductor for the C.N.R. My children's names are Daniel and Patsy. The village of Tottenham has always been of great interest to me because my heart is still here and I have visited many hundreds of times over the years. Since the new arena opened I have got back to enjoying myself with one of my favourite sports. (I always loved having a hockey stick in my hand). Even though I am getting up into the 50's, I still love to get on skates and play at every opportunity. This great new complex in town - which certainly is a credit to the community - gives us all an opportunity to relive our youth, for in the days when I was growing up, we spent most of our time shovelling snow and trying to keep an open spot so we could play, and we never in our wildest dreams thought we would ever have anything like we have today in the village. The young people today are very fortunate to live in a nice community like Tottenham and I still say all my travels, it is still a wonderful spot to come back to and I hope maybe some day to settle here, when I retire. I currently play hockey for the Tottenham Oldtimers and I guess I'm the oldest 'timer' on it; my brother, Paul, is one of the younger ones. I never thought that I'd get this opportunity to play on the same team, because I am - well - the days when I looked after Paul as an infant. There are only a few of the old family names that are playing on the Oldtimers' team - Bert Roman from the Romano in Colgan, John Pendergast (known as 'Poppy') from an old Irish family of original settlers around here; the rest of the men are a fine bunch, but have all come to Tottenham recently in the last ten to twelve years.

Paul:

I married a girl from the city of Quebec, by the name of Rita Ambrose, and we have a family of four: Suzanne, Pauline, Michelle and Jean Christopher. Being the youngest of a family of ten, I was the one who had the privilege of living with my father in his last years. We were bachelors from the time I was fifteen - when my sister, Alice got married - until the time I was 22, which brought me up to 1963 when my father passed away. At that time I took over my father's farm, where I was born and raised, along with all my brothers and sisters. I farmed there until 1967 when I sold the front of the farm to a developer and I moved a half-mile north to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, to a farm which was known as the old Hilt Davis farm. Hilt Davis was the uncle of Richard Davis who farms beside us to this day, and was one of the original settlers in this country. We moved to this present farm (S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7, Conc. 5 Durham) in February of 1968. I retained ownership of 60 acres of land which comprised the back end of my father's original farm and I'm very proud of the fact that I have the original deed to my father's farm. When we moved here in 1968 I held down a job in the city of Brampton as well as farming 150 acres and in the Spring of '68 I decided to farm full-time, at which time I rented additional land, and I also purchased another farm, on the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, right behind the farm I live on today. I own 220 acres and I rent 800 acres of land. Now, 25 years ago this would have been impossible to do because every farmer in effect farmed approximately 150 acres of land. But the many farmers who left never were really replaced one for one. When I think of my father farming I can truthfully say that I have replaced ten of the farmers that I knew who farmed in this area and most of whom are dead and gone now. A lot of the land is owned by non-resident landowners and the farmers like myself who farm today usually lease a lot of this land for farming purposes. At the present time I am working approximately 1200 acres of land by myself. I have a hired man for seven months of the year. The house we live in is a two-storey solid brick house which, I am told by a man who has since died (Mr. Jim Wilson, a barber in Tottenham for years), that part of my house was moved across the field years ago and attached on to the main part here. This house is very similar to two others in the immediate area because they were built and erected by the same bricklayers. Hilt Davis, who built the barn on my farm in 1878. The house was here many years before that, but I can't say exactly how long. The previous owner of my farm, Mr. Lee Morgan from Toronto, owned the farm for 5 years prior to my ownership, and he in turn moved north of Barrie and is farming full time. The owner before him was Gordon Brown; before him was Ashley Green and before him, was Wilson Davis, who was a bachelor and didn't have any children.

Paul:

I was still living on my father's farm the night of Hurricane Hazel. I can remember coming out on the Friday night - the night of the hurricane - and there were 30 feet of water in the gully that runs across the southwest corner of this farm. The water couldn't get under the J.P.R. tracks and was backing up and you couldn't get past; the rails are still lying up in the pasture field to this day. The creek that runs through my father's original farm on the south side of the 5th Conc., which I own, and consequently runs through my own farm on the north side of the 5th Conc., is one of the two tributaries that make up the Boston Creek. About half-mile north of my farm it joins the Mill pond creek that comes from the village of Tottenham and at that point becomes the Boston creek, or all official maps. Children in the village still fish in this creek to this day, but more or less for their own amusement because there is not very good fishing there. The best fishing in.

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this area is at Nicholson Dam near Alliston on 89 Highway, and in the village of Tottenham at the Conservation Area pond there is excellent fishing. The kids fishing in the creek catch the odd chub or catfish or small bass, but nothing to speak of. As I was growing up on my father's farm, we always played in the old stockyards that my uncle ran and played on the boxcars that were parked on the siding and I can never remember anyone of us ever getting hurt there until new people started to move into the village and one boy fell off a car one day and got badly injured. The C.N.R. was part of our life and we respected the trains and consequently never got into too much trouble with them, although with the influx of new people into the village (in a matter of three or four years the village of Tottenham grew from 700 people in 1967 to 2800) and a lot of the children didn't know anything about railroads and there was a lot of fuss and the railroad was under constant pressure to put signal lights in at two crossings - one one in the village of Tottenham and the one on the 5th line beside my farm. Unfortunately, before the lights got installed, my neighbour's daughter's husband, Barry Johnson, was killed in a very unfortunate accident by a train.

I was born in 1940 and the biggest change I have seen in the farming community in this area and in many rural townships that extend the metropolis of Toronto is that the present day farming community does not resemble the farming community of 35 years ago and it never will again. Now, there are some disadvantages to this but there are also some advantages. The farmers that are left today, as I have said before, normally farm a lot of land. In effect we replace eight to ten farmers of my father's day. The influx of people who have moved from other farms and from large centres into our area, because they simply want to enjoy rural life - they want to live here and are certainly welcome - has made a big change in the social fabric of the farm community.

Gerald:

My brother Paul has been talking about the changes in farming around here. I saw those changes when I left Tottenham in the Fall of 1942 to go on the railroad, I said to my Dad, 'When I leave these horses, I hope never to look a horse in the rear end again'. I was so upset over having to spend so much time feeding them, cleaning them out, cleaning them off, harnessing them - taking the harness off and on, even though I did like horses to a point. When I came home (I went on the railroad, in the army and back again), in the Fall of 1945, I remember standing out at the back of our barn talking to my Dad and I said, 'You know, it seems a shame, but there's a big change taken place! Do you remember the fun we had, not very long ago, when we were threshing and we used to trade - we'd go to Milt Davis' for two days, over to Uncle Charlie's for two days or we'd go over to Billane's or some other farm in the area that we traded with. All the fun we had - the big layouts of food, the little jokes we played on each other as we went along (like Milt Davis bringing us out the apples in the middle of the morning and the middle of the afternoon so we wouldn't eat too much at mealtimes. Not that Milt was tight with food, for he was one of the best and nicest layouts of food in the area, but this was the way he treated it). We are going to lose all this and it's going to happen in the next three or four years because you can hear tractors running at different farms - one on Charlie Bryan's farm, or Oliver Pettit's farm or over at my Uncle Charlie's farm.' You could see the horses were starting to go out and the machinery was coming in and I said, 'You know, it's a shame. We are not going to be a big group any more and we're going to lose the feeling of togetherness. This is all going out and yet there is a feeling of sadness, for the horses that we used to curse at, because we had to spend so much time at them; the tractors will be taking over and the fence will come down to make the fields bigger'. And it all came to pass.

Paul:

Another interesting point is that in our own family there are 25 years between myself, the youngest boy and Dad, my oldest brother, and my brother Barry who just said, he recognized the changes that were coming and he was sad about it, but it seems ironic that within our own family, as the youngest boy, I kind of welcomed horses going and machinery coming. The only horses that are kept on farms today are strictly for pleasure. It definitely was a quiet, very cold way of life years ago when there wasn't mechanical machinery and lots of manpower and horsepower.

Gerald:

The concession roads in and around the village of Tottenham when I was a boy during the Depression were awful. In the spring of the year, they looked like a cauldron of boiling water, with the mud bubbling up as the frost came out of the ground. The old vehicles would get stuck and it would take about two teams of horses to try and take them out. The sideroads, besides having huge ruts in them and all this upheaval, were bad. Even Highway 9 during the Thirties was atrocious; you were lucky to get across it in the snow in January or February for the snowdrifts were piled 25 feet high and there was no snow

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removal in those days. But the Spring of the year was always the worst time for all the roads - including the Simcoe on roads in and around Tottenham. Everyone was stuck, fence rails were taken off fences and shoved under the vehicles to try and get them out of the mud. Many a farmer blessed the guy who had his model A Ford or his truck (small stake truck in those days) - they could be stuck there for a week before you could get them out. This is something you don't see anymore today. We're very lucky; we have good roads.

Paul:

One of the biggest changes in general in our community here is that farming is highly mechanized today and as I've said before, one farmer farms many farms. We also have many good city people living in our township and I know, from having served on our local council for two years, that our township has had a population explosion in the past ten years which a lot of the other townships on the outer fringe of Toronto have not experienced and I think in part, with all due respect, this has been due to some bad planning.

Gerold:

I can recall in the days when land taxes were paid on Thomas O'Leary's farm. There were 70 acres incorporated into the town, and Dad used to say, 'Look at this, May (he was talking to my mother, of course), here I'm paying \$400.00 taxes for this 70 acres in the town and it's only paying me \$130.00 for the 60 acres outside the town. Would I ever like to live over there where Milt Davis lives?' I heard him say this as many times, and he would have to sell a couple of steers or some pigs or something to pay his taxes. In those days they paid you a rebate if you paid your taxes and didn't default on them. If you got them paid in a certain time you always got a rebate and all of the farmers would make sure they got that rebate. That was a big deal, getting the rebate!

Paul:

One of the big effects on our taxes today is all the newcomers that have occurred in our township, and consequently, all the good city people have moved into our area and built nice houses, and as farmers who had small parcels sold off our property. We have to share in the tax burden with these people, because when they came they bring their children and put pressure on roads that were not on the roads before. Even though my brother has mentioned that some of the old spirit of the farm community is gone, for economic reasons we are still in it together and I do know that to this day, even though the farms are highly mechanized, I could call on one of my farm neighbours if I was really stuck and I know that they would call on me. So the spirit still prevails, although it is a little different from when Gerry was young.

Gerold:

The only difference is that we knew the names of everybody that lived in the area - in Colgan, Aldino, - you know all the people that lived out to Highway 9 south of Tottenham. You saw all these people on Saturday nights; you rode on their sleighs when they were going to the Mill in the wintertime. Everybody knew everyone and there was a wonderful feeling of togetherness, a feeling of security. There wasn't much money around, but you didn't need money. They had this wonderful feeling of comradeship.

Paul:

Well, in my experience on local council - and I only served two years - ninety-nine per-cent of the new people that I met were great people and I certainly welcome them here and I think they add to our community (although they change it from what it was like thirty years ago).

The tax structure in our township today is still on what they call the 'old assessment'. The Ontario government are trying to change the whole tax base, to put it on the basis of market value, and there are some very strong feelings here from the farm community because farmland is very valuable on a market basis; at the same time many years you cannot realize high enough returns from your property if your property was based on a market value basis. I believe that on vacant land taxes have really not gone up too much over the last thirty years or so. You will find that land where your buildings are on - your barns and your houses - have taxes which seem to go up steadily. This past year in Tecumseh township - although it was an exception - the taxes went up almost 22 mills. Normally the council in Tecumseh had done a good job of keeping the taxes down, except the school tax, which, incidentally, local councils have very little control over; this year they had to rebuild some roads and they will have to continue to do this as the population of the township grows.

Today, in 1978, in our township, if you were to buy one acre of land, which would be classified as a covered lot, say 200 ft. square, fronting on an improved road, you would have to pay somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$25,000-\$30,000. or more. You would then have to turn around and drill your own well, put your own road in and build your own house.

Gerold: . . .

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A ten-acre parcel today sells for approximately \$30,000.-\$40,000., and it should be remembered that this, too, only fronts on a road; it has no other amenities. A hundred-acre farm, on the other hand, (there have been acres or four sold in the past fifteen months), with an ordinary house and a set of barns or it would sell for about \$1,200.-\$1,500. and more. This is quite a fluctuation in the purchase cost of land, but like all things, when you package something in a small package, it becomes more expensive.

With regard to the future of farming in the Tottenham area, in the immediate area there are about half a dozen farmers somewhat like myself; there are three or four dairy farms which are small, acreage-wise, but the farmers milk approximately 40 to 50 cows, which is a good medium-sized dairy operation and can support a family, quite nicely. My own operation is beef and corn, and when you are growing corn or when you are growing grains, you usually farm a lot of land. The future of farming in this area is much the same as all over the Dominion of Canada. It is tied in with how good the markets are going to be; also, does the younger generation want to tackle this business of farming, because the great changes that have taken place in the past 20 to 25 years mean that a young farmer today faces the enormous task of having to handle a large volume of money, and a lot of it may not be his own - it may be the bank's. So the farmer of today who is going to be successful not only has to be a hard worker, but he has to be prepared to take a very high financial risk. The farmland around the village of Tottenham probably is the best you'll get anywhere; it is excellent for a mixed farming operation. Approximately six to seven miles north of Tottenham we have a very highly specialized area which grows potatoes and such, but in the Tottenham area is a good example of an area that is well-suited to mixed farming. It is a medium to heavy clay loam in most places but there are some spots that are sandy - I believe it is called the Schomberg silt loam on the soils map.

With regard to the relationship between the country and the town, I think originally small villages like Tottenham came into being to serve the agricultural community that surrounded it. The relationship was one of necessity, because years ago my father, my grandfather (and even my brothers and sisters when they were young) probably did all of their shopping in the village of Tottenham, because the society town wasn't as viable as it is today. This is the big difference in the connection between the people in rural Tecumseh and the people in the village of Tottenham. We all can drive in our cars to Newmarket and Toronto in a short length of time today to shop. The biggest boost in the Tottenham area in the past few years, or since I was a young boy, that I can see between keeping the people in rural Tecumseh and Tottenham working together in a community is our new Community Centre, where we all had to contribute money and effort and a great deal of hope in building this, and it is definitely the focal point.

I am in a unique position of seeing life from two sides - the completely rural life of the township as opposed to having been born and raised in the village of Tottenham. I have never thought that I wasn't a part of Tottenham or that it wasn't my hometown. I spent the first 20 years of my life right inside the village of Tottenham, or a farm, which today is practically an impossibility to do, and when I sold my land in the village, I found myself physically out in the township. I feel I am a resident of the township of Tecumseh and a farmer and at the same time, I regard Tottenham as my hometown and I have only to drive about 1/4 mile to get there, whereas my brother Percy has to drive forty miles. There are advantages and disadvantages to living in a rural area or living in a rural town. The people on the ten-acre lots in the country, are no better or no worse than the people living in a subdivision in town. There is one factor that makes us all alike and that is the fact that we are all human beings no matter where we live or what we are doing. I do know, though, that there was quite a shake-up as farmers left the land or literally shut their doors down and went and got a city job, even though they stayed on the farm to live and rented out their lands to someone like me. The one thing that did draw the rural people in with the town was the community centre. It can never be the same as it was before and maybe that is sad. But maybe through necessity we will see the complete circle in our lifetime where we will go back to 100-acre farms, possibly because of the energy crisis - who knows? With regard to the relationship between farmers and newsmen, I have met a lot of city people (I do not use the term disrespectfully, for I have the greatest deal of respect for them) when on the local council, and I know a lot of them (not for as even though they know I was a farmer. I run into these people two or three times a week when I take my children to figure skating at the local community centre. I stand there with them and talk to them; they know I'm a farmer and I know who they are. I find that once you make contact with them they are very friendly and are very interested in what I do. I think a lot of the older farmers - some of whom are semi-retired - are up-tight over the fears that maybe the city people will take over but they've got to realize that it was we farmers who asked for the sovereignty on our properties in the first place and consequently sold small parcels of land to the city people to build their homes on. As a full-time farmer

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I personally welcome these people here because I think they give something - they can't help but generate business in the towns or wherever they shop in the area. You cannot stand still. If you stand still you go behind. I think it's a fact that in the past there has been poor planning in the rural townships, particularly Tecumseh and it is very important that in the future there be good planning. As an example, West Swillburg township just to the east of us on No. 27 Highway, didn't allow anyone to build in their township on ten-acre lots and they don't do this day. If you flew over West Swillburg in a small airplane you would see that the township is extremely rural to this day, whereas if you flew across the south end of Tecumseh township here you would see something much different. I have noticed that in our township doctors, lawyers, druggists, electricians, and even ditch diggers, garbage men, school janitors all want to own their own piece of land, which is good, and they live side by side, whether they get to know each other or not. They have two things in common: they are human and they both want to live in rural Ontario. What seems to bring the people together is church on Sunday mornings, or at the community centre when they all bring their kids there, and they intermingle. I think sports and recreation will probably, with all due respect to the churches, play a bigger role in getting all these different people from all different walks of life and levels of education to mingle one with the other.

Gerald:

The men who maintained the railroad were called main-trunkway employees. Today the railroads are turning a lot of this work out to private contractors, such to the chagrin of the union men who had a lot more employees or line payers a few years ago. As you all have experienced some of the road crossings in rural areas, did you ever go over one that was smooth? I never have, but don't blame the railroad too much for that, because the railroad was there for a specific reason - to carry very heavy traffic. The road traffic is only minute along side of what passes the other way on the rails. It is almost an impossibility to have a perfectly level crossing because with our weather we have actually extreme temperatures and it is the temperature changes that make all these crossings so rough. It's not the poor workmanship but also the heating and heating goes on. It's the same as the main highways where you get heavy traffic. It breaks up underneath and shows up on the surface in time. The railroads themselves outside of the crossings have trouble keeping it nice, even rounded because of the weather conditions.

Paul:

I remember when I was living on Dad's farm when I was a young boy and Perry was away in Toronto working, the big work gangs that would come in for a month with their housing cars. One of the cooks - a Scotian - named Morris always used to give me cake and pie; he was a great old Irishman and had many visits with my father. That's all gone now today - once again, because of economics. One of the fondest memories I have of my boyhood was waiting in the summer time (it was usually in July or August that a work crew would come to Tottenham to do the extra heavy work that a normal crew wouldn't do) so we could visit the boarding car and eat cake and pie until it was coming out our ears. (All free!)

Gerald:

Nowadays the section gangs never possibly a distance of anywhere from 15-20 miles and instead of travelling by the old handcar, they have gotten completely away from the rail and travel by highway in small buses, or trucks for the light work. Anything heavier and you are into heavy machinery; one machine will do the work of 50 men. A machine goes along, plops the rails up, and the trowel works the gravel all in. Another machine comes along behind and levels everything. This has done away with hundreds and hundreds of employees.

I believe that we have something unique here in Tottenham. Our farm being on the east side of the village along the O.P.S. tracks, as children we watched southbound freight trains stall, come to a sliding halt in front of our place, fill the air with steam and black smoke trying to lift their trains, and having to cut their train in half to save half up the hill - or grade as it is called. This is one of the worst grades in Ontario for a main line; it starts back at Baxter, comes through the town of Alliston and when it comes through Baxter and over the St. Catharines it really starts to work. When it comes to the 5th line north of Tottenham, it is getting really heavy, but the worst part of the grade is when they are making the turn south of the 3rd line and crosses County Road 1 (the Tottenham Road) and the doubling siding is up above Black Horse, between Tottenham and Fairgrave (that's where you put the top half of your train while you went back for the second half of your train, brought the two halves together, and continue on south). This went on for years and we thought that when the diesels came out it would make a difference, and it has, but you'll notice today the trains still slow down coming up the grade - even ones that don't look too big. If you stop on this grade today with a heavy train drawn by diesels, which have a fantastic

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tractor effort and well nigh thousands of tons more than the steam engines could, they still can't lift a train. They often have to back down into the slack, back up, get permission to go back (which you have to do in signal territory) and make a run for it to get up that hill. This grade is a one or two per cent grade - I'm not sure exactly. Here in Tottenham we had the main line, two long sidings and we had what is known as a 'passing track', which is an extra track on which one could load the cars. The stockpiles were taken out at the end of the 1950's, the freight shed disappeared the first part of the 1960's (freight was now being taken on trucks), and they then did away with the 'passing track'.

Paul:

After my father died in 1963 I had the occasion to go through some of his papers. I wasn't aware that he had in his possession the original deed to the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 3, Concession 4, Township 4 township (which is entirely inside the village of Tottenham). This is now the subdivision in the north-east corner of Tottenham, but it did at one time comprise the front half of Thomas O'Leary's farm, where we were all born and raised. This land abutted the north side of Mill Street East in the village and went half a mile north. It also went from where the Orange Lodge is over to lot 7, which is the easterly limits of the village of Tottenham at the present time. This land came from the land of George IV and it was deeded to a man by the name of William Greer who was the first owner of the property - the first settler, the one who cleared the land. He came from Ireland. The deed was for 30 acres of land and it is dated 1822. This area at the time was called Upper Canada and the deed is headed by the title, "Province of Upper Canada", "George IV, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Ireland, King," and goes on to describe the property. It is on genuine parchment paper, and I'm certain it is one of the rarest documents of its kind with as early a date as it has, and I have it framed and hanging on my living room wall. I don't know anything about this Mr. Greer who was the first owner of our land, but Gerry knows some of the other names of the land.

Gerald:

Francis Shields cleared the North 50 acres and took the farm from Mr. Brown and he farmed it until the Bresnaways took over in the late 1860's. My grandfather, Daniel P. O'Leary, bought it from the Bresnaways (part of the farm) in 1913 and my father took it over in 1920, and farmed it until his death in 1959. My youngest brother, Paul took it over from there. That is the complete history of this parcel of land.

Paul:

When I was a boy growing up in Tottenham, I can remember the first time I skated on the pond when I was nine years old (that was the first pair of skates I ever owned). I can remember when the sewers were put in the village and we used to follow the big machines around (in the early '50's, I believe), and I can honestly say that I look back at Tottenham with many fond memories. But Tottenham, like our township, can never be the same as it was. We can do nothing about this; what we can do is take our place in the community and make it as good as we can. I can't really say whether I would want the town bigger. It shouldn't affect me that much if it doesn't get larger; if it does, it would affect me as I have land abutting the village that would probably be annexed. I have enjoyed the village all along and I don't think size would make any difference although I wouldn't like to see it get too large (i.e. over 6,000 or 7,000 pop.).

As boys, we played the usual pranks. For instance, one game was filling a potato bag with sand and placing it in the middle of the road. When a car came by, it would stop (thinking a bag of potatoes was in its way); we would yank the bag back into the bushes with the rope that was tied to it, and when the driver got to look at the 'bag' it had disappeared! I remember old Tom Barker who used to own the restaurant across from the hotel. Tom was rather excitable. Friday nights he would take his daughter to the show in Alliston and every time coming home (with Tom running a restaurant, he was rather tight-fisted) he would never want to pass up a bag of potatoes on the road. We would get him every time! He was a roly-poly character and couldn't run to save his life. One night we got a broken bicycle and spread a lot of ketchup around (we got more daring) and one of us laid out beside the bicycle on the side of the road and scared the wits out of some people when they came upon the scene. We didn't try that again because we heard talk that the police were going to pay us a visit.

Gerald:

This game you called 'bags' - we used to do the same trick with boxes. One night we got a pair of overalls and a coat and filled them with stuffing from an old mattress, put boots on this figure and laid it on the side of the road. We pulled the same stunt as Paul's but we didn't put the figure into the ditch - we left it lying there, face down. One fellow got out of his car, took one look, said 'Oh, my God!', and got back into his car. We stayed in the ditch, trying to keep from laughing too loud. At about fifteen minutes, along came two provincial police from Alliston, and we took off running in the opposite direction. Needless to say, we did not stay that game again for we were afraid of the police.

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We used to go to the Tottenham Pond in the evening, after work, take a dip or soap to wash and then have a good swim. The pond had a real personality years ago, before Hurricane Hazel. After Hazel, we lost all the logs we had named: we had First Log, Second Log, Sinker, Five Sisters, Blondie & Dagwood, and Lifesbuoy. These played in the same place each year, until they were lost in the hurricane. 'Lifesbuoy' was a real challenge because it was close to the west side, close to the present day swimming area. In those days the swimming area was on the east side, and if you could swim across to Lifesbuoy you were considered a good swimmer. 'Sinker' was just past 'Second Log' and when you got on that log, it used to sink - it wouldn't hold you up. 'Five Sisters' and 'Blondie & Dagwood' were quite a ways away, for they were down near the bar. Lifesbuoy was about 50 feet from the west shore, in very deep water. If you saw the pond empty, the beach came right under it, making it very deep. The pond had a real fascination for all of us in those days because it was something very personal. Unfortunately, we lost it through a storm and we can never get back the personality that it had. The children today wouldn't realize it. The Conservation Authority purchased the east side of the pond after the hurricane; the conservation authority was set up to regulate the water flow after the bad floodings that accompanied Hurricane Hazel. This is a case of a government agency stepping in and taking over 'the old swimming hole'. Thus Hazel took away something 'personal' that we had and gave us something we have to live with today - the Conservation authority - it really changed our lives!

Gerald: I remember back in the spring of 1948 when I got laid off the railroad. I was 21 years of age and a bachelor and I played ball for the Legion that spring. I went to work here in Tottenham for Wallace Tipping. I didn't paint fast enough for him. He said, "Here, let me see that wheel!" He cracked the brush and said, "Put it on like this. You don't have to put on as much paint as you are putting on". I was trying to do a good job and he said, "That's not the way you do things when you're on an assembly line". I also remember Hilky Keogh, and my Uncle Leo and another couple of men around town were working for Wallace, doing carpentry work. They were getting a big kick out of Wallace talking as how fast I should work, for he was paying me \$5.00 a day, which I thought was a lot of money. "Here", said Wallace, "I've got a job for you. The two men who were hauling lumber for me yesterday from the townline for the sawmill quit - the job was too heavy. I'd like you to take this truck to Murray McCabe's portable sawmill at the townline and haul them oak timbers in for me". So, it took me possibly the best part of a day to get this load on. These timbers were 2x8 by 16 feet long and they were green. I could lift one end up and by the time I got that load on! . . . and I thought myself pretty strong! Getting back to the truck, I didn't know how to reverse it; I couldn't let Wallace know I didn't have a driver's license, so I asked Hilky Keogh how to reverse the thing and he said, "See that clutch there with the little handle? Pull it back in reverse and . . . it'll go". That's how I learned to drive. I remember going back on county road 10 back into Tottenham with this lumber - the truck was leaving the road a couple of times, it was so heavily loaded - and Wallace gave me hell because it took so long to put the load on. The guys in the shop were all laughing because they knew that Ed O'Brien had quit the day before because the job was too heavy for him, and I didn't know this - I was doing it all by myself! Wallace was a very thrifty man!

Paul: Wallace is also an excellent craftsman; he could make something good out of an old willow branch, given the time to do it. He still works to this day in his truck body shop. He has a awlbar that is bent and he uses it to prop the main door in his shop open - and has since the day he started there. (over thirty years - in fact since about 1925 he has used the same bent awlbar).

Gerald: Wallace was an excellent blacksmith. I used to love to go and watch him with the hams burned down. He would burn out the wheels and rise, and his father would work there with him. When someone came in from Colgan for a truck body, he'd say, "Well I suppose you want this in Colgan green". Right at the present time, Wallace has a light green car, and he calls it 'Colgan green'. He gets a big charge out of something like that, with his dry wit.

Paul: I can remember Charlie Magloughlin well. On Sunday mornings coming from church he'd drop into his shop - a garage cum grocery store (the 'Becker's' of the '30's). All he did in the mornings to open up business was to open the front door, and when you walked in he'd leave you standing for a couple of minutes before he'd come out and serve you. There was hardly any room in there to turn around, but Charlie was a very big man, but very strong. He sold everything there, besides running the garage. He had old washing machines and junk piled along the back fence - he should have had a genuine junkyard out in the country because he used to collect things and pile them ten feet deep in his backyard. But he was a character! He had a lot of trouble with the young kids in town.

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she would tease him, and he had signs up all over the place that they couldn't play on his premises, which simply meant that they would try harder, to play there.

There was another character in Tottenham we used to have a lot of fun with - I.V. Noble. He had a residence in his artist's gallery situated right where the firehall is today. One day we were teasing him - he had the best cherries in town, next to Joe Dorman's, - which was at the end of our lane way. Joe Dorman always had the bad habit of leaving his back door open a quarter of the way, so we wouldn't bother him. On Sundays he took his wife, Viola, and daughter, Margaret, for a drive, and he always closed that door, and that was the signal for us to go and steal his cherries without being bothered by him! During the week, when he was at home, we simply went across our street to the other side and stole I.V. Noble's cherries! One day, Mickey Lough, Kevin Lough and were teasing I.V. Noble and he chased us from where the firehall is up to the other side of the present hall diamond with an axe, but he never did catch us because he ran out of wind. I.V. (tease) Noble was a real character - he was teased by three or four generations of children.

Gerard: I remember men in their 60th years who used to hang around the pool room when I was a kid. They would tell me about teasing I.V. Noble! He lived to be about 96 years of age and always added colour in Tottenham. Nobody knew how he made a living, but he did do a bit of sign painting. One time he was doing a poster to put on the side of a shop which was old and star out for the Royal Mail. Instead of spelling 'Royal Mail' like he was supposed to, they told him to spell it 'Mails', and that is the way he had it on there! I.V. Noble was a tall, slim fellow with white hair - starting balding - and spoken very faint. He had a habit of sticking his tongue between his teeth, going from one side to the other. The reason for this was that he was quite a singer of hymns, but when he sang, his top teeth would fall down and we would laugh at him. We had a lot of fun with his knowledge if he was mad at you, he would abuse you. I have seen him, at 74 years of age, chase us up town. He would tease him in the following manner: We would go to his door, and he would ask us to come in (he liked the young fellows coming in). Two or three of us would go in and keep him busy singing a song or some other music thing, and others would go (while we were singing around the old pump organ) to another part of the building and maybe tie up the teleheats, or his chandeliers - anything to get chased. Or we would hang on his windows when he went to bed. One night someone barged in the front door and he threw a pail of water over his head!

THE CHARLES O'LEARY FAMILY HISTORY

Paddy O'Leary farmed in Adjala near Ballyeroy. He sold that farm and bought another two hundred acre farm in the same area.

Paddy O'Leary bought his oldest son Pat, a one hundred acre farm at Loretto for seventy-five hundred dollars. The following year he bought a farm for his second son Dan P. O'Leary which was located on the south half of lot three Concession Seven. There was one other boy Joe who married Jane Gibbons.

Leo O'Leary and his twin sister Mrs. Florence McGoeey were born December 25, 1885. Leo O'Leary purchased the farm on the north half of lot four, Concession Three west of Tottenham from Joe McGloughlin just west of the Conservation Area.

Alphonse O'Leary bought a one hundred and seventy five acre farm on the north east corner of Tottenham for thirteen thousand from Wilbert Greenaway, now named Alphonse Drive.

Another son Ambrose O'Leary moved to California and remained there. A daughter Laura O'Leary died at nine years of age from Scarlet Fever.

Florence married P. A. McGoeey in the fall of 1917.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles O'Leary
June 6, 1967.

Charlie O'Leary married Zita Keogh, daughter of George Keogh and Mary Ann Quinlan on June 6th, 1917. They celebrated their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 6th, 1967, at the Knights of Columbus Hall with a family dinner and reception with over five hundred attending.

Charles O'Leary was born in 1889. He lived with his father and in the year 1900, purchased the Train farm north of Tottenham for four thousand dollars. It is better known as the "O'Leary Lands" and has now been sold for further development. Charlie O'Leary sold forty acres south of his land to Sam Hastings who made it into one of the best half mile track north of Toronto.

Mrs. Charles O'Leary was organist at St. Francis Church, Tottenham for nearly fifty years.

Charlie's health failed, so he went into stock buying and shipping as well as farming. Times were very hard and prices were very low. The lowest price for hogs was three dollars and twenty-five cents a hundred weight and cattle three cents a pound, so that was hard times. Charlie shipped stock to the Stock Yards for thirty-five years. One week he shipped seven carloads of stock.

THE CHARLES O'LEARY FAMILY HISTORY...continued...



The O'Leary Farm
North of Tottenham

Charlie and Zita have four children; Gertrude, George, Laura and Greg. Gertrude married Joseph Maher, September 1940. Gertrude now lives in Don Mills, Ontario. Her husband died nineteen years ago. George married Frances Burke, October 1947 and are now living in Aurora. Laura married June 4, 1947, to Harold Seager of Nobleton and they are living on the family farm. Greg married Sheila Caddell in July 1960 and built a new home north of Tottenham.

MEMORIES OF TOTTENHAM IN THE 1920'S, by ELIZABETH PORTER

My name is A. Elizabeth Porter. I was born on 12th concession of King Twp., York Co., October 31, 1907, to parents Charles E. & Mrs. Porter. After completing school at Tottenham in June 1927, I went to Ontario Hospital Nursing School at Whitby, graduating in June 1930, and got registration in 1931. I moved to Cobourg in 1931 and then to Ontario Hospital, Penetanguishene, in Aug. 1951 as Director of Nursing there and continued in that position until retiring in Oct. 1972. My brother, Douglas, resides in R.R.#4, Tottenham.

Having passed my High School entrance in June 1921, I attended the Continuation School situated at the north end of the town. I believe the building is still there. I started in September 1921 and graduated June 1927, having skipped the year 1925-6. I boarded at the south end with Mrs. James Stephenson. She and her husband had two children, a son, William, who barbered for many years in Tottenham, and Marguerite, who was quite musical and who later moved to Toronto. The Stephensons lived at the south end, across from a large house owned by the McCabe family, who run a saw mill or planing mill, I believe. Across the short street Stephensons lived on was Monte Graham, his wife and family. They later removed to a small farm south of town where one son, Murray, perhaps still lives.

Due, I believe, to a new regulation of the provincial department of education, there was a considerable influx of students into the Continuation & High Schools that year, 1921. There was a C.N.R. train from the South Hamilton-Meaford Line that arrived at Tottenham Station about 9:15 a.m. and schedule of classes had to be organized as these students missed the first half hour by the time they walked from the station below the hill on Mill Street.

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MEMORIES OF TOTTENHAM, by ELIZABETH PORTER - Cont'd.

This train picked up students from Ingiewood or Cheltenham, whichever was farthest south, and on up the line past Caledon East, Cedar Mills and Palgrave; also students came from surrounding Tottenham area, Colgan, Rich Hill and Connor, etc. English, French and Latin were a compulsory in the first grades. One could get their junior matriculation in four years at Tottenham, and anyone who wished fifth form had to go to Alliston. Weldon Abernethy, a student in my time, eventually became a School Inspector. I remember see McKnight, whose long legs stuck out from under a front seat to trip the trolley when they had to go to the front of the classroom. He went into radio work and spent his life in that line. I can only remember two of the teachers I had at Continuation School - a Mr. Campbell and a Miss Coumans.

In the years I am writing about, the C.N.R. station was serviced by a Mr. Williamson and the C.P.R., by a Mr. Freeman. Mr. Freeman's widow still lives in town, I believe. I remember when Harvey Simpson's father took over the grocery store, and some of the family went to school. This was about 1924-25. The corner across from the Tottenham Inn, that has recently be rebuilt and made into a truly modern corner, lay idle for many years. A druggist C.A. Weaver ran a drugstore there for many years and for a time also had one in Schomberg. The Weavers had four daughters, two of whom I recall became druggists. Mr. Katz ran a drygoods store where Becker's Milk is now and on that same side was Campbell's Drug Store, run originally by Dr. Campbell, and in more recent times by his son, William. William MacLean, undertaker, was in approximately the same site as Red Abrams has the undertaking parlour now. In fact, that undertaking parlour has only had three owners to the best of my knowledge - Mr. Will MacLean, Alton Anderson and now Red Abrams. Mr. MacLean also had an office in Schomberg where one needing him could get in touch. MacLean also ran a furniture store, as did Alton Anderson.

During 1921-27 there was a drygoods store near the centre of town, on farther north, that Wilmer Palmer ran for some years. Later, Wilmer became Postmaster. For a good many years, across on the opposite side, R.J. Walker ran a hardware store. Dr. Wright was the second doctor in town at that time. Later, Dr. Staridge came, and Dr. Kula. The Post Office, as in all small places, seemed to move every few years until it has finally settled in its present location. There was an older man, a lawyer - James Fraser - in the law office on Mill St. W., and he had two or three daughters. Then Donald Rose, who died very early, practised there, and later came Gordon Mallion, who was there for a good while. Dr. Russell Wood was dentist for many years and had an office in my school time near the four corners.

James King, who for many years did the mail on R.R.#4 south of town, his wife and daughter Marie, lived in the corner house between Stephenson's and the main street. Marie was in my class and her mother took such care of her, coming with the umbrella and rubbers away up to the school if it rained during school hours. I am sad to relate that Marie died at a very young age. Orma Wray was another student in my day - she later went to Venezuela.

Until not so many years ago the Tottenham Creamery stood at the south end of town. This, in the 20's and 30's was quite a thriving business. Collecting cream from the farming people over a good area, approx. 20 miles distant from town.

THE OLIVER PETTIT, . . . FAMILY HISTORY

Henry Pettit of Adjala Township married Jane Caldwell of Bolton. They settled on Lot 2, Con. 6 of Adjala. They had three sons and one daughter: John J., Eli, Oliver and Bertha. Oliver was their youngest son, and was born on June 19, 1894. He had public school education in S.S. No. 10 Adjala, known as Bandon School. In the year 1912, Oliver purchased the property next to where he was born - Lot 3, Con. 6, Adjala.



Oliver and Alma Pettit - March 19, 1919.

On March 19th, 1919, Oliver married Alma Younge, a daughter of Richard Younge and Catherine Stewart, who were formerly of Mono Township. They came to Adjala and purchased the property Lots 5 & 6, Con. 4, Adjala, known as the 'Sloan property'. Oliver and Alma had two daughters, Alvira and Aileen. After farming this farm for seven years after their marriage, they sold it and moved to Tottenham, where they resided for nineteen years. As well as farming, Oliver was a clover thresher and carried on with this business for twenty-five years, while living in Tottenham. Oliver was elected to the School Board here, where he served for a number of years. He resigned from this and was elected to Council, on which he also served for some years.

In the year 1937 they purchased the farm east of Tottenham - North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, Con. 3, known as the 'Williams

property'. From the soil of this farm a brickyard produced the brick from which a number of the older homes in the village of Tottenham were built. When farming here, Oliver was elected to Tecumseh School Board. There were then sixteen schools in Tecumseh Township. He saw the need for a lot of work to be done on these schools so he resigned from the School Board and took over the maintenance with which he continued until the New Central Schools were built in the year 1960. He also was Custodian of the South Central School. His wife, Alma, was employed with Penn's Clothing Store in Tottenham for a number of years. She is a life member of the Tottenham Women's Institute, and also a life member of the United Church Women of the United Church of Canada. The Pettits had been staunch members of the Methodist Church and since Church Union in 1925 have been United Church members. After farming this farm for several years, they sold it to their son-in-law and daughter Aileen.

Aileen married Jack Culgin of Beeton. Jack was a son of Alex Culgin and Elisabeth White. Mr. Culgin was a veteran of the First World War, in which he was decorated. Jack and Aileen have two sons, David and Edward (Ted), and a daughter, Mary Jane. David and Ted were both graduates of Banting Memorial High School in Alliston and are now both funeral directors. David apprenticed with the Dermody Murkey Funeral Home in Hamilton after graduating from Humber College in 1972. He still serves with the same funeral home. David married Betty Adam of Hamilton and they have one daughter, Shari Lorrains. Ted also graduated from Humber College, in 1973, and apprenticed with the Thompson Funeral Home in Aurora. He is now employed with the Stephen Alexander Funeral Home in Chatham. Ted married Barbara Heidt of Leamington. Daughter Mary Jane is a grade 11 student in Banting Memorial High School in Alliston. Aileen was an employee with Clifford W. Rogers Ltd., Real Estate firm in Tottenham for some years. She is now employed with Rene's Beauty Salon in Tottenham. As well as farming, Jack is employed with The Liquor Control Board in Tottenham.

Alvira married Elmer Pace, a son of Arthur and Ida Pace, who came to Tottenham from Toronto and resided here for some years. Mr. Pace owned and operated a garage and service station on Mill Street West until the time of his death. Elmer joined the Air Force in 1942. He graduated from Malton and later became a commissioned officer. He was stationed in Halifax before going overseas in 1943. He completed his thirty-fourth Official Flight over enemy territory and returned home to Tottenham on V.E. Day. Elmer and

THE OLIVER PETTIT, JR., FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Alvira were married in May of that year. (Alvira was a graduate nurse of East General Hospital, Toronto). Elmer attended the Ontario College of Education after which he taught in Bramalea Secondary School. Elmer and Alvira had two sons, Paul and Rodger. Paul graduated in 1974 from Windsor University. He received his Ph.D. in Atomic Physics and is presently employed in Defence Research with the Federal Government in Val Cartier, Quebec. He married Helen Kinney of Markdale, who is presently employed in a Quebec hospital as Teacher of Nursing. Rodger graduated in May, 1974, from the University of Waterloo as doctor of Optometry and is presently practising in Hamilton, Ontario. He is also involved in research with the University of Waterloo. Elmer passed away in 1965 at the early age of 44 years. Alvira is living in Georgetown, where she is Director of Nursing at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.



The Pettits retired to Tottenham in 1969, when they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and they now reside at 102 Queen Street South.

PHOTO at left:-

Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Pettit and daughters Aileen (left) and Alvira (right).
On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary - March 19, 1969.

HISTORY OF THE PINKERTON'S

"Long ago memories of Tottenham", by Grant W. Soules

My first recollection of the quiet little village of Tottenham was in 1928 - just about at the end of an era. It was in August of that year that my parents brought me to Tottenham, to spend a few days with mother's brother, Ed Pinkerton, and his wife Lulu (nee Gray). I particularly remember the year because my uncle and aunt met us at the C.F.R. station driving Ed's shiny, new, squareback 1928 Chevrolet - and was he proud of it! My brother, Frank Soules, who had been raised since infancy by Ed and Lulu, was with them. He would have been six years of age, and I, eleven that year. Uncle Ed died that same year - 1928.

I recollect subsequent visits to Aunt Lulu's, both in summer and winter, during the next four or five years. Aunt Lulu, and for all the rest of her days (she passed on in 1967), she lived in the same rambling red brick house, on Queen Street, right across the road from the Gray family home, at the north end of town. It was a lovely, quiet house - cool in the heat of summer, warm and cosy in winter, and kept spotlessly clean by Aunt Lulu, a born housekeeper and, incidentally, a wonderful cook - something a young, healthy boy would remember with delight. The United Church manse was located directly across the street, occupied at the time by the Reverend Mr. Beveridge and family.

In those almost pre-automobile days, there was a wide gulf between 'city' and 'country' boys. I found it necessary to fight my way back into reluctant acceptance by the "gang" on every return visit. I'm sure that some of those boys, who are still living in Tottenham, would remember those times well - people like "Judy" Bradley and "conductor" Horrod.

I was essentially a 'loner' then, as I have been most of my life, and spent many a solitary afternoon walking the concession roads around Tottenham; many a quiet summer evening idly watching the saw bowlers in the park down by the C.F.R. tracks. Also, like the other kids, I swam in the Mill pond; skated in winter out at the Green's farm, near Boston, or at the rink that was once in behind the stores opposite the present Post Office.

Saturday evening in town was always an interesting and exciting time - at least for me it was. Groups of visiting farmers and townfolk, and their families, would promenade the streets of the downtown area, particularly Queen Street, and stop, in groups, to socialize with friends. Business would be in full swing in the retail stores, as the farmers, in town for the day, bartered their eggs etc. with the storekeepers, shopped for "store-bought" items, and generally visited. I remember that Berry Rink's was the busiest of the five grocery stores, Simpson's Grocery did well, as did Harry Strangways, the butcher, and Wilson's Bakery; yes, and old Bart Carroll, still selling groceries and handing out candy to the kids.

I recall vividly the town "amateur" - like old Johnny Christie, who lived next door to Aunt Lulu Pinkerton. We kids loved to get old Johnny chasing us, his over-protective cane snapping at the air, as he tried to protect his apple orchard (it was where the present senior citizens' apartments are now located) against our raids. . . . And I.B. Noble, whose home - the owner of one of the first psychodrama homes in existence. He did odd jobs around town, and painted houses, using the left-over paint (the colour didn't matter) to add to the wild colour scheme of his own little place, which was down near the park, by the C.F.R. tracks. I.B. Noble played a mean pump organ and we kids loved to crowd into I.B.'s and sing along as he played. I.B. was always happy.

I mustn't forget the racetrack home of Tottenham (every town has one). Ours belonged to Mac Huntings, who had built an impressive home, and half-mile trotting training track on his farm, which was at the northern limits of the village, beyond the Catholic Church. The race track is gone and a modern housing sub-division now occupies the space.

On Sunday mornings, in the heat of the summer, it wasn't my idea of a heavenly person (small boys think that way) to attend services at the United Church, and many of the men who attended seemed to be of like mind. I remember seeing them sneak out, very quietly, one by one, halfway through the service, and I know they were headed for the driving shed in back of the church for a chin wag and a "chew or a smoke". And I envied them. . . . I notice that the old driving shed has now disappeared and so have, I suspect, most of the old timers who gathered there. In those seemingly far-off days, the menfolk pretty well left religion in the capable hands of the ladies, just as they do today.

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HISTORY OF THE PINKERTONS - cont'd.

There were other Pinkertons in Tottenham, besides Ed and Lila, when I was a boy. Eliza Ann Pinkerton, widow of James Peavoy, who died the year I was born, lived with her son, Harry, the cattle buyer, and an unmarried sister, Margaret E. Pinkerton, in a lovely old home a stone's throw from where the U.N.C. station was in those days. When I was a lad I loved to eat and the two old ladies equally loved to cook. So - whenever I came to town on a vacation, they cooked and I ate, and all concerned were very happy with the arrangement. These two sisters were daughters of Samuel and Catherine Pinkerton, pioneer settlers in King township, just to the south of Tottenham. Pinkertons had settled there first in the late 1700's, as attested by dates on old tombstones in the Lloydtons Pioneer Cemetery. My great-grandfather, John Pinkerton, and his son, William (my grandfather) farmed side by side on the 11th concession of King in the late 1800's. It is there that my mother, Mary Leta "Minnie" Pinkerton was born. In the early 1900's my grandfather moved to another farm at Rich Hill, just south and east of Tottenham. It was here my father, Roy C. Seales, born on a farm in West Gwillimbury Township, near the village of Queensville, met, wooed and married my mother.

William Pinkerton had several sons and daughters, most of whom died at an early age. My mother and her brother Ed survived. Ed eventually married Lila May of Tottenham, and they took over the family property at Rich Hill on the passing of my grandfather, which they farmed till the mid-1930's when they retired and moved to the village of Tottenham. And so the end of this story is exactly where it began, and a good place to say - "The End".

May I, for one, wish the Village of Tottenham, which holds so many wonderful memories for me, a bright and prosperous future.

- submitted by Grant M. Seales, 1977.

J.E. (TIM) WILSON MINISTRY

John Seale (Tim) Wilson was born in Allendale and came to Tottenham early in his life. He began a career in barbering at the age of 17 under the direction of the late Walter Gilman. He later started his own business and expanded into hairdressing, which he operated until his retirement in 1971.

During the thirties, Tim played the drum for his own orchestra in the vicinity, and when Tim's orchestra was playing, there was always a big turnout.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 529, since its charter Feb. 24, 1944. He served as Secretary-Treasurer from that date until his retirement in April 1973.

Tim helped initiate the idea of an area high school, which was later known as Banting Memorial (in Alliston). He served as a member of the board from 1948 to 1968. He was chairman for a number of years and was also chairman of the Transportation Committee.

He was a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church and instrumental in vesting Fraser Presbyterian Cemetery and having it become self-supporting.

Tim married Anna Small of Alliston. They had a son, Harry, of Toronto, and a daughter, Dorothy Anna (Mrs. R.A. Haywood), who lives in Bassard's Bay, U.S.A. There are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Tim died in December 1973 at the age of 74. Mrs. Wilson still lives in Tottenham.

- Submitted 1975

THE PROTHERO FAMILY HISTORY

In 1937 a very frail and sickly Fred Prothero, his wife Evelyn and two children, Frank and Jean, came to live at the south half of Lot 4, Conc. 1, Tecumseh township, in an area known to oldtimers as "The Black Horse". The reason for the move is interesting. Fred Prothero had a good trade and a well-paying job at the Canadian Industries Ltd. plant in Toronto as a paint and varnish maker. This was fortunate in those years, but unfortunately he also had what was called "pernicious anemia", brought on by paint and chemical fumes. He was given six months to live if he continued the job. So he quit the good-paying job to buy a farm from the late Sam Frest who resided at the north half of Lot 4, Conc. 2, Tecumseh. The "farm" was 85 acres of swamp and sand dunes, complete with a solid one-and-a-half storey log house. It was impossible to make a living on it then or now, as the new owners soon found out. However, Fred did regain his health and soon set about to make a living somehow. His son Frank recalls Fred buying potatoes from Sam Frest for 10¢ per bag, 100 lbs. at that time, and taking them to Toronto in their 1927 Chevrolet to sell for 30¢ a bag. Fred and Evelyn attempted to grow potatoes of their own, but the crop was disappointing in the gravel soil. They also raised chickens and eggs which were sold at the Schumberg market for 10¢ per pound and 12¢ a dozen respectively. Fred cut and sold cedar posts from the swamps (20¢ for a post with a six inch top) and \$1.00 for a single cord of wood delivered. Frank vividly recalls delivering wood in their 1927 Chevrolet truck which was equipped with solid rubber tires on the rear wheels. Both tires had big chunks of rubber missing and if large bumps came around at the same time the truck literally galloped down the road.

A frequent visitor to the farm was Fred Prothero Sr., a sturdy Welshman, who had been a British army career soldier and who told the most exciting tales of his duties in India, China and the Boer War. He was a survivor of the famous March across the desert in the Relief of Khartoum, and had been wounded some seven times during his years of duty.

The house on the farm was half-way back on the farm, and going to the road meant negotiating a very steep and long hill, so Fred built a new log house near the road. This house has since been demolished. The original house was solid and can be seen today just inside the entrance gated at Black Creek Pioneer Village, in its beautiful, original state.

Fred Prothero was active in many types of work, establishing an egg-grading station for the late Cecil Waynard at Schumberg and for Gar Hall of Beeton when Gar had his egg-grading station in Tottenham, along with the cold storage facilities on Queen St. W. A considerable gravel deposit was found on the farm in the late '30's and for several years the gravel was used on the roads of King township as well as Tecumseh township.

Fred and Evelyn moved to the Woodbridge area, where Fred retired. They moved back to Tecumseh for a short while and then to Bolton where Fred died in 1975. Evelyn now resides in Woodbridge near her daughter, Jean. Jean is widowed, her husband, Stanley Archibald having died in 1970.

A son, Frank, married to June Archibald, lives on part of the old Archibald farm with one son, Jens, and a daughter, Connie. Another son, Frank, lives nearby with his wife, Susan (Lloyd) of Lot 10, Conc. 2, Tecumseh, with their two sons, Jason and Jonathan. Frank Sr. has been very active in the area as a heating contractor, employing a number of people and has been for a number of years a Trustee on the Tecumseh Township Area School Board and an outspoken member and Chairman of the Simcoe County Board of Education. He has represented Tecumseh Township since 1965 in educational affairs.

Fred and Evelyn also had the privilege of raising another "son" when a neighbour, the mother of Donald Greer, died suddenly when Don was two years old. Don, generally known as "Joe", came to live at the Prothero home and was raised until manhood there. He married and has his own family in the Bolton area.

- submitted by Frank Prothero, 1979.

The Robb Family

In March 1923, my parents - Charles and Nettie Robb - their four daughters, Edith, Martha, Olive and Stella, also my grandmother Mrs. Robert Robb moved from Albion Township to a farm east of the village. Known at one time as the Alexander Totten farm, it was located directly behind the community park. Rev. John Totten, a retired Methodist Minister often talked with my father about his boyhood days on the farm.

My father - born in Albion Township - son of Robert Robb and Margaret Jane Peters, a pioneer family of Irish descent who bought their land from the Crown.
My mother - youngest child of John Bryan and Ann Gott - a family of Irish origin was born on Brown land in Tecumseth Township, southwest of Tottenham on the townline between Tecumseth and Peel. I recall a delightful visit I had in company with Miss Annie McKay to the home of Mrs. George Gordon. During our call, Mrs. Gordon reminisced about my mother's family - their visits to the Gordon General Store back before the turn of the century; and of my grandmother Bryan purchasing yard goods to make dresses, coats and suits for their five little children.

My grandmother Robb was born in Etobicoke township - near Mistletoe. She was a faithful member of Shiloh Methodist Church (near Bolton) - also a life member of the W.M.S. and on her removal to Tottenham, attended church there. She passed away at her home in December 1931.

My family were active members and supporters of Shiloh Methodist Church and of Tottenham Methodist and United Churches; also active in all its circles.

In 1924, my father started a milk business in the village - later selling to Mr. Duncan Sample. In the spring of 1932 he sold the farm to Mr. William Keogh and moved into the village. My mother passed away in March of 1933. In 1940 Mr. Samuel Abernethy bought our house in the village and for the next decade my father lived at Cedar Hills (near Bolton) - the familiar haunts of his boyhood. He passed away in January 1951.

My sisters and I attended Tottenham Public and Continuation schools. Olive furthered her education at Alliston High School - from which she graduated. My sister Edith attended Toronto Normal School and taught in Ontario schools. She is retired from the teaching profession and is living at Sparrow, Ont. Martha had a business position in Toronto - married Elmer B. Thompson in Nov. 1930 - a Pharmacist in Toronto. Living at Stony Creek - they have two daughters and two sons. Marilyn - a children's librarian - married to David Greenhow of Hamilton and they have four children - David Jr., Sheri-Lyn, Martha, and James. Diane - a secretary at St. Joseph's Hospital - married Robert Durand living at Beaverton with their family - Larry, Stephen and Amy. Charles - Plumber - married Diane Greenough of Stony Creek - living in Caledonia with their family Kevin and Jean. Thomas (Tom) a graduate of Mohawk College in Business Administration - married Judy Berry of Stony Creek - living in Toronto.

Olive attended Toronto Normal School and taught in Ontario schools. In June 1939, she married Walter C. Swanston - a native of Rockwood, Ont. They lived in Toronto where her husband was on the teaching staff of the Duke of York Public school. Olive passed away in April 1943 and was buried in the family plot at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton.

I attended Toronto Normal School - taught in Ontario public schools. In Oct. 1940, I married Percy A. Muir of Kincardine. We farmed in the area - later moving to a subdivision at Antler Mills. We have two daughters - Wanda, a graduate of Barrie North Collegiate and Huron Polytechnical Institute in Secretarial Science; married to Dr. William J. Bernival of Lindsay, where they live with their family - William J. Jr. and Paige Katherine. Susan - a graduate of Barrie North Collegiate has a position with Bell Canada. She is married to J. Stephen Coulter of Barrie - a Graduate of Seneca College in Radio and Television Arts and now with CBC-TV Kitchener.

I loved the years I lived in Tottenham; the warm friendships encountered through contact with its fine people. I have happy memories of attending school at public and continuation levels; associations with students from the village - and from the Golgan area.

-By Stella Robb Muir

DO YOU REMEMBER?

By
Stella Robb Muir

With my chin cupped in my hands, and my elbows resting on my school desk, I listened as our Entrance Class teacher unfolded the Story of Confederation. Not even the sounds of June through the open window, could disturb my interest.

With his back to the wall, and his deep blue eyes full of imagination, he portrayed that beautiful story. The picture of the Fathers of Confederation above the blackboard meant a lot to me. I felt as if I knew each one of them -- MacDonald -- Brown -- Tupper --. I could almost see the Canadian Pacific, as it was built bit by bit across the country. I could almost hear the clang of the hammer as Donald Smith drove the last spike into the steel rails -- uniting the Atlantic to the Pacific. Such were my thoughts in 1927.

How could I forget? The country was stirring with preparations for Canada's Diamond Jubilee. Over the radio, I listened to Frederick Mcleod give his prize-winning speech on Canada's Future. It was a big thing then, for this High School boy from Tavistock, Ont., to win for himself a trip to Europe.

Up in Ottawa, big things were happening. Canada's new Parliament Buildings were completed to commemorate sixty years of Confederation. His Royal Highness Edward, Prince of Wales officially opened them; the ceremony being carried by wireless across the Nation.

Even in Tottenham things were happening; and I was very much aware it was July 1st, 1927. Banners stretched high above the village streets; flags hung from the balconies; school children marched.

From the country, families came with their picnic baskets; some arriving at the Park before noon. The booth in the shade of the big maple, did a bumper business.

I was reluctant to divide my time between the ball game and Sam Hasting's race track at the other end of the village. There was so much to do; so much to see!

In the gathering dusk, I sat on the steps of our front veranda and watched the last of the crowds leave the Park. It had been a good day. And I thought -- they have done so much now -- what will they do in 1987? It seemed a long way off.

GRAIN ELEVATOR

The grain elevator located on the west end of Lorne St. was built at the turn of the century by Mr. Dick Brett. It was operated by Mr. Brett and Miller Hamilton for a few years and then sold to Mr. John McGloose.

In 1922, it was purchased by Jas. L. Walsh who developed it into a thriving business. Besides shipping many carloads of wheat and the other grains grown in the productive fields of Adjala and Tecumseh and the surrounding area he also handled flour and poultry feeds, as well as coal and building supplies.

In 1945, Mr. Walsh's health failed and in 1946 he passed on leaving his wife the former Agnes Walsh and four children, Bill, Mary, Gladys, and Helen.

In 1948, the business was purchased by Ted Morrow, who operated it for a few years. The elevator is no longer in operation.

PREST FAMILY HISTORY

Samuel Prest was born at the Black Horse, on No. 9 Highway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prest. Sarah Frances Carr, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Carr, was born in King Twp. She married Samuel Prest of Allandale, a brakeman on the C.N.R., and they later took up farming in the Tottenham area.

Samuel and Sarah had two sons and three daughters: William now resides in Woodbridge; Mary married Henry Rossel. They lived in the Weaver apartments and in the house which was Miss Victoria Milligan's in Tottenham, before moving to Bradford, where Henry operated a greenhouse until his health failed. They moved to Port Carling, where they still reside; Lila Larnaby lives in Toronto; Retn Road; Roy; and Velma Prest (now deceased).

RAYNARD FAMILY HISTORY

Harold Raynard came out from England as a young boy. He first settled around Vineland then came to the Black Horse on No. 9 Highway. He married Eleanor McCauley, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank McCauley of Palgrave. Harold worked on the railroad for a few years, then took up farming on No. 9 Highway. Later he moved to the Third Line.

Harold and Eleanor had three daughters and one son: Nellie Prest who now resides in Woodbridge; Georgina Tinker of Kleinburg, and Jessie, Ida and Harold (deceased).

- submitted by Mrs. Wm. Prest 1977

BOYCE FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Boyce came to Albion township to live from England. They had one daughter and two sons - Lydia, William C. and Robert John. Lydia married John Steel, William C. married Lucy Harris and Robert John married Flora Downey. Flora was the daughter of Margaret Alice Roadhouse and William Downey. They had eleven children - Macil, Mahie, Lula, Albert, Dewitt, Olive, William, Pearl, Hazel, Murray and Harold.

Harold married Irene Hastings and farmed on the 7th line of Albion, helping his mother after his father's death. A short time later he moved to Toronto and resumed his work as mechanic at Sunnyside Motors. This business was later sold and he started in business for himself on Ossington Ave., having a service station, garage and body shop for a period of fourteen years. Then he purchased the farm of the late John and Susan Dillane at Lot 8, Concession 4, Tecumseh township. This farm is presently owned by Gerald Wallace. He had two sons - Gary and John. After farming for a few years, the farm was sold and we moved into Tottenham and purchased the house at 121 Queen St. South and the vacant lot south of it. Shortly, Harold built a garage on the lot, known as Boyce Motors, and operated a service station, garage and body shop. Owing to ill health he sold the business and the house to Lionel Stone in July 1950, and we moved to our present residence on Brown Street. The garage and service station referred to is now operated by Larkin Bros., and Jim Stone operates the body shop.



Boyce Motors - Queen St. South

Gary and John were both very active in hockey and baseball while living in Tottenham. They both played hockey for Beeton teams until such times as Beeton did not have a team for their bracket. Gary played for three years with Newmarket Jr. "C", and John went from Beeton to play for Aurora Tigers, and it was while there he was picked up by a scout to play for North-Eastern University in Beeton. He spent five years in Beeton and graduated from the above University with a B. Sc. degree. Since returning to Canada to live, John has played and still is playing for Georgetown Raiders. Gary played hockey for Brampton Junior Farmers for a few years and since then has coached. Both boys played baseball while living in Tottenham. Gary coached a girls' softball team here, sponsored by the

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BOYCE FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Knights of Columbus, Tottenham, and won the Championship for a few years. He still coaches a girls' softball team, now called Caledon.

Gary married Leslie Suzanne Orr, and they have a son Steven, born Nov. 13, 1971. They live in Caledon East, and Gary is Deputy Clerk for the Town of Caledon. John married Betty Gates, and he has a position with Continental Can Co., as personnel manager ever since he graduated in Boston, Mass. John lives in Georgetown, Ont.

After Harold's health improved he purchased property from the late H. Keogh, and in 1957 he built a hall known as "Leisure Hour Recreation Centre". This hall was used as a roller skating rink, for dances, auction parties, and we catered to many weddings. Harold passed away Nov. 9, 1963 and three years later the hall and property surrounding it was sold to the Knights of Tottenham.

- submitted by Mrs. Harold Boyce

ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY

William Rogers came from England about 1822 and settled on Crown land on the North 1/2 of Lot 12, Con. 2, Peasebath Township. He married Mrs. Ann Delancey, a widow with two sons, William and Eli. These men operated a saw mill and later moved to Perchville in the London area.

William and Ann's children were: James, Thomas, Jane (Mrs. Robert Calhoun), Mary (Mrs. Henry Clarke), Rachel (Mrs. John Abernethy), Levi and a daughter Caroline, who died at age 19. William died in 1867 at age 67 and is buried in Monkton's Cemetery on the Third Line.

At one time there were five Rogers families on adjacent farms on the Third Line:- Levi on the huge place; James to the west (3/4 Lot 11, Con. 2); Levi's son, Edward to the east (N/2 Lot 13, Con. 2); and Thomas across the road (S/2 Lot 12, Con. 3). In 1885 Thomas' son James took over that farm and Thomas moved with his family to the S/2 Lot 14, Con. 3. In 1887 Thomas purchased S.W. 1/4 of Lot 13, from the James Sigsworth estate which he had rented and worked for a number of years.

This resume is of the Thomas Rogers descendants who lived in this community. Brief mention will be made of grandchildren who treasure their heritage and have spent many holidays here with relatives.

Thomas Rogers married Margaret Armstrong in 1861. Margaret was 23 and had come from England with an aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Henry Smith. Their children were William, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Gregory), James, Silas, Ella (Mrs. J.D. Poole), Joseph Henry, and the twins - Alberta (Mrs. W.J. MacLean) and Herbert Thomas who died in 1892, age 53 years and 6 months. Margaret Armstrong Rogers died in 1923 at age 66. Thomas lived only a few years after moving to S/2 of Lot 12. During those years, he and his sons James and Joseph did the landscaping and planted the maple trees along the front of the property and up the lane.

William, Elizabeth and Herbert brought up their families in Toronto; Silas in Toronto and Detroit. William married Margaret Carey. Elizabeth's husband was John Gregory. Ella (Mrs. J.D. Poole) and Alberta (Mrs. W.J. MacLean) lived on farms in the community and later in Tottenham. Some will remember J.D. Poole's General Store (the Gordon building) and MacLean's Furniture and Undertaking business. Herbert married Cecile Martin, daughter of Wm. R. Martin of the 3rd Concession. A daughter Muriel (Mrs. T. Ivory) has been a frequent visitor in the community over the years. Muriel's husband, Tom Ivory, is Senior Civil Design Engineer with Ontario Hydro. Their daughter Anne (Mrs. L. Masley) is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and a son, Ron, a graduate of the University of Toronto, is with the Metropolitan Police.

Elizabeth's grandson, Jack Gregory, spent many holidays at Joe's farm. He is with Shell Oil and at present lives in Halifax where he is in charge of all sales for the Maritime provinces. Jack and Jack Rogers, great grandchildren of James (son of Wm. and Ann) are very interested in their heritage and also spent many holidays at Joe's farm. Both are graduates of the University of Toronto. Jack taught at Port Credit Secondary School, University of Toronto and Albert College, Calgary, where he met and married Dr. Steve Sarakan. Jack taught in Metro Secondary schools and then moved to the Ministry of Education as a consultant.

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ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

James Rogers married Martha Dunham. He died in 1919 at age 53 and Martha died in 1933. Their son, Clarence, resides in Alliston. He and his wife Ruby Coon (deceased 1956) farmed Lot 12 and took an active part in community affairs. Clarence retired to Alliston in 1966. One daughter, Viola (Mrs. Douglas Cartwright) lives in Toronto. Viola is Customs Manager for a manufacturing firm and Douglas is with the Toronto Transportation Commission.

In 1906, Joseph married May Stewart, daughter of Andrew Stewart of Bolton. May was the teacher at Rich Hill School and Clarence was one of her students. They farmed 200 acres S½ of Lot 14, Con. 3., where the farm buildings are located, also S½ of Lot 13, Con. 3, having rented and later bought the remaining S½ Lot 13, Con. 2 from the Joseph Armstrong estate. May Stewart was of Irish and United Empire Loyalist descent. On her mother's side Pennsylvania Dutch, and connected with the Lundy's of Lundy's Lane (War of 1812-14) and on her father's side with the Stewarts and Rutherford's of Northern Ireland, County Donegal, many of whom settled in the Bolton area. An uncle, James Stewart, emigrated to Canada, at the time of the California Gold Rush. He never married and always lived in a hotel in Brampton. It was to him that Andrew and other members of the Stewart and Rutherford families came when first emigrating to Canada. May attended High School in Bolton and Model School in Brampton. Amongst the memorabilia is a card of congratulations in beautiful handwriting, signed "from your Uncle James" dated 1902. May was always interested in education and had a great influence on the lives of her own family and the many young people whose lives she touched, always encouraging them to get a good education and make the most of their capabilities.

Joe and May Rogers knew the meaning of hard work and over the years played a steady role in the responsibility of church, school and community affairs. It was Joe and men of his generation who built Rich Hill United Church and set up other community services still enjoyed by us. The barn on the farm is very large and U-shaped. After harvest, it would be full to the roof, and often extra stacks of grain outside. Threshing the grain would take four or five days and clover threshing, one or two days. An enormous stack of straw would fill the barnyard area, affording winter shelter for the animals and places for hens to hide their nests - a children's chore to find. This was a busy time for the women too. There were twelve to fourteen men for meals and a couple of threshers to stay overnight. There was always a full-time hired man plus extra help in the summer. In the winter the stable was full of horses, cattle, pigs and sheep. There were always hens, chickens, turkeys and geese, cared for mainly by the women. There was wood to cut in the winter; soap and maple syrup to make in the spring; a garden and orchard to look after; small fruit - plums, gooseberries, black currants and raspberries to pick and preserve.

As a young man Joe was interested in horses and showed at the local fairs. Still tacked upon the stable walls are awards from Orangeville and other fairs. The trim above the horse stalls show his skill and interest in carpentry. Joe Rogers died at the farm in 1960 in his 89th year and May Rogers died in 1969 at age 86. Joe came to the farm when age 16 and farmed actively until he was 54. During their last years they spent the winter in Toronto with their children but looked forward with great anticipation to their return in the spring. A daughter, Josephine, now owns the farm.

Their children were Dr. Stewart Rogers (deceased 1970), Josephine and Dorothy (Mrs. J. Turner). All attended high school in Tottenham. Stewart and Josephine took their grade 13 in Alliston and Dorothy went to Nelson Collegiate for grade 13 and special Commercial. Parents had to provide transportation for their children to get to school. It was by horse and buggy or cutter in the winter to Tottenham and the family car to Alliston. Roads were not kept open as they are today, so it was necessary to board in Alliston for the winter months. Dorothy, being considerably younger, had to drive herself. She was 11 years old when ready for high school, so the Henderson pony, a white broncho named "Lucy" was purchased for her. This pony, having driven the four eldest Henderson children to school, practically knew the way there. Being farthest along the line, Dorothy would pick up Vera Doyle, Ruth Henderson and Viola Rogers when she was ready for High School.

During Stewart's high school years he became interested in bees and spent any spare time he had at Mr. Albert Smith's bee yard. When he finished grade 13 his dad bought him 30 colonies of bees, which he increased to 50 colonies. With this apiary he was able to help finance his university education. Stewart graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto, interned at the Toronto General Hospital and practised in Tottenham for four years. In 1938 he went to England to do post graduate work. When war broke out he joined the Royal Air Force and in 1941 became a Squadron Leader. He was Senior Medical Officer of Bomber Command Unit and was stationed at Coventry, England, when it was bombed. He received the Defence Medal and was mentioned in dispatches in June 1943. After the war

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ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

he spent three years specializing in Dermatology in London, returning each summer to help on the farm. He then returned to Toronto and opened an office in the Medical Arts Building.

In 1960 he married Barbara Thompson, an honour graduate of University of Toronto and distiction at the head office of the Bank of Nova Scotia. At the time of his death in 1979, he was on the staff of the Toronto General Hospital and the Princess Margaret. He was head of the Skin Clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children and on the University Teaching Staff.



Dorothy graduated from the University of Toronto, then worked for Shell Oil and Alpha Shoe Company in accountancy. Later she attended the Faculty of Education at University of Toronto and now teaches Computer Science and business subjects at Royal York Collegiate in Etobicoke.

Josephine graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours degree in Home Economics and attended the Faculty of Education. She has taught at Weston Collegiate, Milar Collegiate, Ottawa, and Western Technical Commercial School, Toronto, where she was Head of the Home Economics Department, responsible for both day and evening school. She was also an Associate teacher for the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto. Her teaching included nine summers with the Department of Education Summer School Teacher Training in Ottawa and Toronto, and also two summers with the Federal Department of Agriculture, speaking and demonstrating to women's groups all over the province.

Squadron Leader Stewart Rogers, RCAF



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Rogers, with Josephine, Dorothy and Stewart - on the occasion of their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in 1956.

THE CLIFFORD WILLIAMS ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY



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CLIFFORD WILLIAMS ROGERS



Clifford Williams Rogers a man now over 80 years of age, looking over the past has happy memories of when he was a boy living on the farm, the farm known as the north half of Lot Thirteen, (13) Concession Two (2), Tecumseh Township. Clifford was born on the farm and lived there during his public school days. He tells stories of how he and his brother Joseph, in the springtime when the mud was deep, walked on the fences in certain places to get to school, and how they found Indian relics on the farm, and where they had a pool, where they washed the sheep each spring.

Edward his father leased the farm in 1906 and moved to Toronto. A few years later he sold it, and Forty-eight years later his son Clifford bought it, and planned to make it his home once more. He bought it without having seen it during those forty-eight years, other than from the road. With the Deed in his pocket he entered the property and at that time, 1952, there was no plumbing, electricity or furnace, and it was in a very poor state of disrepair. Slowly and with forethought and without too much change he made the house into "home" once more, and called it Edselcliff, "Ed" for Edward his father, "Sel" for Selena his mother, and "Cliff". Then the landscaping, he decided that the field where the "sheep pool" was, should become a park, and now it has three pools, one for fish, one for water lilies, and one a natural swimming pool with a sand bottom.

Twenty five years of Clifford's adult life were spent in the United States and most of his life has been spent in the business of Real Estate and Development. There were few honours in Real Estate that he did not achieve, both in Canada and the United States. He has an exceptional foresight and together with his knowledge of development he made plans for the future of Tottenham. It was not until he retired at age seventy, that he opened an office in Tottenham and gave it his undivided attention, at that time there was a population of about seven hundred and thirty residents.

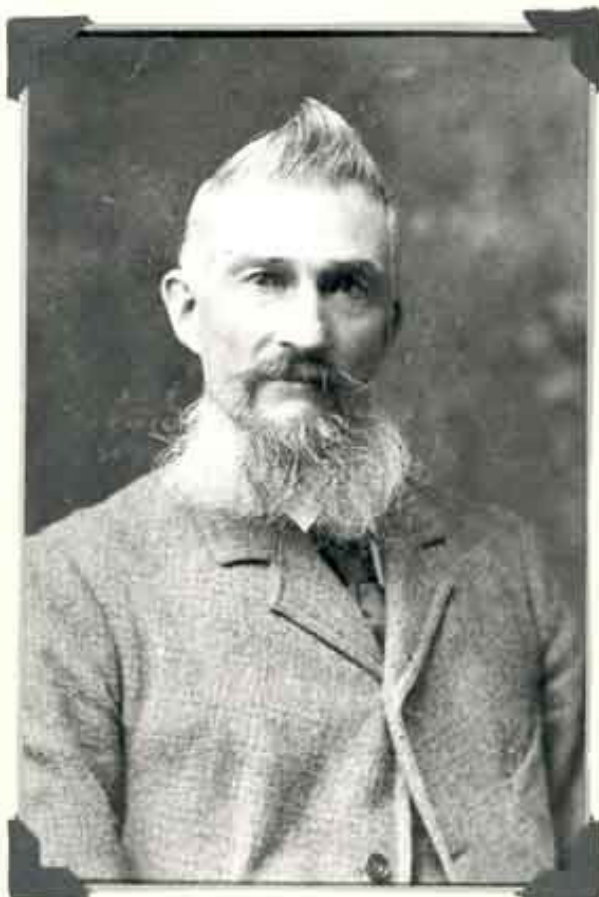
EDWARD ROGERS

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Clifford had two children, his son Clifford Jr. died when he was twenty, his daughter Lucille (Mrs. Cabell) lives in Michigan U. S. A., she has two sons.

Two brothers, Joseph who lived in Scarborough died in 1970 at age seventy four, and Walter who lived in Michigan U. S. A. died in 1969 at age sixty seven.

Clifford's wife, Adeline (Greenhow) whom he married since he purchased the farm immigrated from England in 1929.



LEVI ROGERS SENIOR

Edward, Clifford's father, was born on the farm adjoining, being the East half, Lot Twelve (12) Concession Two (2) Tecumseeth Township. When Edward married Selena Stephenson in 1890, his father Levi Sr. purchased the adjoining farm known as the North Half, Lot Thirteen (13) Concession Two (2), Tecumseeth Township. In 1902 this was Deeded to Edward, eight years later in 1910 Edward sold the farm, he died in Toronto at the age of Seventy Seven.

Edward's father Levi Sr. married Margaret Williams whose father Thomas Williams, immigrated from Ireland and settled in this vicinity about 1822. Levi and Margaret had six children, Edward, Levi Jr., Adaline, Levina, Laura and Effie, in that order.

Levi Jr. married Caroline Dale, Adaline married Jesse Roe, Levina married John Dale, Laura married James McDermot, and Effie married Percy Hitchman.

Levi Sr. was the son of William Rogers who immigrated from England about 1822, purchased two hundred acres of Crown Land, being Lot twelve (12) Concession Two, (2) of Tecumseeth Township. He cleared the land and built a dwelling place, he died in 1867 at the age of 67, and Leah (Delancy) his wife died at age 86. They had three sons and two daughters, all born on Lot twelve (12), Concession Two (2), Tecumseeth, Township. When the sons married they each farmed one hundred acres. James the eldest the West Half of Lot Twelve (12), Concession Two (2) Tecumseeth, Thomas across the road, being the South Half of Lot Twelve (12), Concession Three (3) Tecumseeth Township. Levi inherited the old homestead now being the East Half, Lot Twelve (12), Concession Two (2), Tecumseeth Township.

ANECDOTES OF RURAL LIFE IN TECUMSETH TOWNSHIP IN THE EARLY

1900's AS TOLD BY CLIFFORD ROGERS

Grandfather Levi Rogers was a Tax Collector, no easy job in those days, the tax bills had to be delivered in person.

In the old farm house, hanging from the kitchen ceiling over the stove, were huge hooks, where a rack was supported on which apples were dried for winter use.

Grandfather Rogers ran what was called a "Beef Ring", a certain number of people belonged to it, and in turn each week one would bring a young beef to be slaughtered, it would then be butchered by him, and each member would receive an allotted amount, these would be varied each week.

When his father would go to the market, in Toronto, the hogs would be slaughtered and dressed, then stacked on the sleigh like cordwood, it would freeze naturally and in that way keep fresh, as it was a two day journey. The first night he would stop at Pine Grove, the horses would be fed and bedded down for the night, very early in the morning he would continue on to market, sell the meat and return to Pine Grove, there stay overnight and return home the next day. When cattle and sheep were ready for market it was quite different. Drivers played a big part in transporting them.

Number Three Public School was located on the south west corner of the Second Concession and the Fifteenth Sideroad. Each day one of the boys was sent to get water at the nearest farm. The school had one room and one teacher who taught all grades.

On the Rogers farm were several varieties of poplar trees, but the one that stands out best in Clifford's memory is the "Balm of Gilliad". In the springtime his mother would collect salve from the buds, and it would be used medicinally.

Many farmers took in children from an orphanage, they called them "Home Boys" these boys would live with them until after they were through public school, then they would look for employment, often they would stay on the farm. A friend of mine when in Florida in 1972 met one of these "boys" who had worked for Rogers on the farm near Tottenham, he now has his own garage business in Florida.

Among the daily chores were cleaning the chimneys of the oil lamps, which was usually done by the womenfolk, and splitting of wood for the stoves which was done by the men and boys.



EDWARD & SELINA ROGERS

with children

CLIFFORD, JOSEPH & WALTER

THE ROBERT ROSE FAMILY HISTORY

Robert Rose, who, at the time of his death, was living with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ellison in Tottenham, was a direct descendant of Samuel Rose of Manchester. (See Manchester in Vermont History, by Carl M. Chapin).

The following is more or less taken from a document by the Manchester Historical Society, Manchester, Vermont. Copyright 1934:-

In the area which was then known as the New Hampshire Grants, but is now in Vermont, Samuel Rose, formerly of Amenia (Nine Partners) New York, built the first log house in 1764, in the south western corner of the Township of Bennington. In 1769, Rose also built the first framed house of the settlement. This was a very turbulent period as, at the time, this area was claimed by the two Royal Provinces - New Hampshire and New York. The Governor of New York declared all New Hampshire grants null and void and began re-granting the land to a ring of influential land-grabbers which included some of the officials of the province. New Hampshire declined to defend the titles it had granted. In 1767, the Bennington settlers sent an envoy to London. The King ordered a stay of proceedings until he could determine the rights of the matter. New York ignores the decree. The first rumblings of the storm to come was heard in October 1769, when officers from Albany attempted to survey new lines near North Bennington. There follows various events - confiscation of lands etc - leading to the formation of the "Green Mountain Boys" and the events leading to the American Revolution. A notable confiscation was that of the Rose family in the south western part of town. Samuel Rose had led the original group of settlers. Some of his sons turned Loyalist. According to local legend, Samuel Rose Jr. had organized the Tory party just before the Bennington Campaign (This was in Aug. 1777). His estate was confiscated in September 1777. Rose Jr. left Bennington in 1776.

Information from the Maidland Papers Public Archive, Ottawa, show us that Mrs. Rose and seven children were at Sorel, Quebec. Samuel Jr. came a little later and became Samuel Rose U.E.L. Among the children was Ezekiel (1771-1853), who was Robert Rose's great-grandfather. After some time in Quebec the family came to Upper Canada to Kawartha-Town and Montague (See Land Petitions of Sons and Daughters of Loyalists, Provincial Archives, Toronto). Among Ezekiel's children was Alvin Benson Rose (1815-1883). Alvin Benson received his O.E.L. in Council for land as a descendant of Samuel U.E.L. in 1837, Montague Township, Lanark.

According to the Ontario Medical Register, Dr. Alvin Benson Rose was a resident of Ross Head, Simcoe County in July 1869. Dr. Rose's medical practice was, for a great part, lecture tours. Amos (1846 - ?) and Benson (1858-1900), two of his sons, usually travelled two or three days ahead of their father, arranging office space, booking patients, etc.

Dr. Rose's Fever Tonic Salve

1 qt. wine vinegar
1 1/2 plugs black tobacco
1 lb. mutton tallow (fresh)
1 lb. farmer's lard (fresh)
1 lb. beeswax
1 lb. white resin
20 pure alcohol (grain)
12 drops Carbolic Acid

METHOD:

Put the tobacco fine and add to vinegar. Evaporate, but do not boil, until a little better than half a cup remains. Strain. Add next four ingredients. Leave on heat, but do not boil, stirring constantly until all is dissolved. Put in beeswax, add alcohol and acid. Stir with fork until cold.

Another son, Ezra (1844-1927) was Robert's father (see Boldin's Atlas of Simcoe Co. 1881). "Rose, E.A. (Ezra) own M^{rs} Lot 10, Con. 5 Tecumseh Township, 100 acres valued at \$5,000. Native of Canada. Born Montague Township of Greyville Co. 1844. Removed to Simcoe Co. 1872. P.O. address Neeton." It is not known if Robert came with his grandfather, Dr. A.B. Rose or his father Ezra. When Robert (1862-1943) and Ellen Mary Carley (1866-1912) were married in 1888, they lived on the 2nd concession of

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Decumseth (the Archibald place) and their children attended S.S.I. Their children were: Ruby (born 1889 - Mrs. Geo. Masbee), Beryl (1894-1961 - Mrs. Earl Masbee), Hazel (born and died 1896), and Grace (1897-1966 - Mrs. Charles Ellison). When Ellen Mary Barclay died, Robert married Jessie Menzies of Toronto and at that time they lived on E.D. Lot 10, Conc. 5 Decumseth; Jessie Menzies died in 1937. Robert retired from farming in 1940 and came to live with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ellison, in Tottenham. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Church (now United) and attended as long as he was able. Some of the older residents will remember "Mr. Rose and his beautiful black team and democrat" of which he was so proud, and which he drove until he left the farm in his 78th year. They would also remember his morning walk "up town" with his youngest grandchild Paul, 21 years old - both of them all "dressed up" and carrying canes.

-Submitted by Joyce Clausen, 1978.

THE HENRY ROY FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. Henry Roy was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in the year 1886. He married Marian Auld, also from Scotland, in Toronto. Mr. Roy was a C.E.R. Telegraph Operator and first settled in Milton, Ontario.

After he was employed at different railway stations, he joined up in the Services at Camp Borden in 1915 and went overseas in 1916. He was wounded in action and returned home in 1918. When he was able to return to work he was employed as telegraph operator again at Duntroon, Huntville and then in Tottenham in the year 1931 (from where he retired in 1951).



Mr. Henry H. Roy - December 1967

In 1925, Mr. Roy was one of the men chosen to go to Toronto with regard to the forming of the United Church of Canada. While in Tottenham, he was Superintendant of the United Church Sunday School. Also, he and Mr. Jas. McCurdy were leaders of the Junior Choir there. He served on the Tottenham School Board for a short time and was an ardent worker of The Red Cross during the Second World War.

The Roes had two sons and one daughter: Wallace, Lloyd and May.

May married R. Schaber of Ottawa and she has two sons and two daughters. Her husband passed away at a very early age.

Wallace and Lloyd both joined up in the Services in the Second World War. Lloyd returned home. He is married, living in Ottawa, and is teaching in Nepean High School there. He and his wife have three daughters.

Wallace gave his life for our country. At the time of his death, Mr. Roy was C.E.R. operator and took the message over the telegraph of his son's death.

When Mr. Roy was retired from Tottenham in 1951, he and Mrs. Roy lived in Duntroon where Mrs. Roy passed away. He then went to Ottawa and lived with his daughter, May, until his death in the year 1971.

JAMES STEPHENSON FAMILY HISTORY

James Stephenson was born near Ling City and when he was a small child, his parents moved to Tecumseth Township.

After his marriage to Margaret Ann Abernethy he moved to King Township and farmed for a number of years before moving to Tottenham in the late 1880's. He engaged in the cabinet making trade. In 1898, Mrs. Stephenson passed away and in 1899, he married the former Anna Kilgour of Essex Township. They had two children.

Daughter Marguerite was a sales clerk for many years in Tottenham and she later moved to Toronto, where she became a bookkeeper.

Son William barbered in Tottenham and later worked for the Ontario Dept. of Highways in Toronto.

Mrs. Stephenson was an active worker in the United Church Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Institute. At the time of her death, she was Treasurer of the Institute.

WILLIAM HAWLEY SANFORD

William Hawley Sanford was born in Brighton, Ontario, May 9th, 1836, and died January 25th, 1920. He married Orissa Towns, born March 14th, 1848, and died August 25th, 1925. She was born in New Town Robinson. After their marriage they settled in Tottenham, Ontario, and had four daughters, as follows:

Ardell Sanford, Adeline Sanford, Alberta Sanford and Mary Sanford.

Adeline married Harrison Powell, lived in Toronto and had five children - Four boys and one girl.
George Grant, their eldest child, married Florence Courtney - No children.

Percival - Died young

Ray Sanford Powell married Irene G. Marsh - one son Gordon B.M. Powell.

Harrison Clare married Grace Pitchener, had one child Mary Lina, who married Jerry Auzan.

Helen Kathleen married Percival P. Webb, had one son, Stuart who married Margaret Berfoot, four children live in Toronto.

Alberta married Dr. Herbert Hutton - no children. Live in Port Colborne.

Mary married John F. Tennant, lived in London, Ontario and had three children,
Ardell married Louis Hagey and had two boys and three girls. live in Brantford, Ontario.

William Hawley Tennant married Jean and had ten children, lived in London, Ont.

Margery married Kenneth Pennie and had two girls and one boy, live in London, Ontario.



Queen & Mill St.E. in 1887.
Showing a drug store on the
corner. L.F. Poucar's Hardware
store. Sanford's property was
where the funeral home is now.

William Hawley Sanford was a chemist and had a drug store in Tottenham all his married life. It was located on Mill St. E. in the area of the present Funeral Home. He practiced chemistry before there was a Pharmaceutical College, and when one was created in Toronto, the School of Pharmacy conferred on him a degree and gave him a diploma. He and his wife are buried in the United Church Cemetery in Tottenham.

The eldest daughter of William and Orissa Sanford, Ardell, was a nurse and when the C.P.R. railroad was being built during its construction there was an accident and volunteer nurses and doctors were requested. Ardell (she was known as Della) volunteered to go west to help, and she lived for the rest of her life in the west, returning to Tottenham for holidays only. She was a most successful pioneer nurse and when she retired the city of Moose Jaw held a testimonial dinner in her honour and was presented with a gold watch, in the back of which was a very appropriate inscription.

HUGH SEMPLE FAMILY HISTORY

One of the early settlers in the vicinity of Tottenham was Hugh Semple, who was born in East Kilbride, Ayrshire, Scotland in 1810, where he worked for a time in a china or pottery factory. He married Janet Mackie, born in 1811.



Hugh Semple - born 1810.



Janet Mackie Semple - born 1811.

They emigrated to Canada with their oldest son, Andrew, then three years of age. They settled on the farm east of the C.P.R. on Mill Street, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, Con. 4, in the year 1825. To the family circle was added five sons and three daughters. To each of the sons Hugh Semple gave a farm. Andrew settled on a farm near Fergus. James and Hugh settled in West Garafraxa. John settled on the farm west of Tottenham, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 4, Con. 4, in 1873. Robert settled on the south side of the 8th Line, N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 6, Con. 7. Alexander lived on the homestead, now owned by Bert Picovet.

Ann Semple married John Wilson, a contractor who built the house at the south end of the town, now owned by Edgar McClain, and the house in which they lived, 49 Queen Street North. Janet was given the house just south of this one; with her lived her sister Margaret and her mother after the death of Hugh Semple, in 1882.

John Semple married Ann Elizabeth Sutherland and to them were born six sons and six daughters: Hugh, William, Robert, Jennie, Margaret Anne, John, Mary, Duncan, Lilliss, Nina, Christens and David.

Hugh, the eldest, assisted with the farmwork while attending school in the village, where he graduated from public and continuation school, and then Model

HUGH SEMPLE FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

School in Orangeville. There he obtained a third class teacher's certificate. Since school teaching did not appeal to him, he returned and worked until he joined his brothers, William and Robert, in the North Country. During his life there, the three brothers cleared the land, owned and operated a sawmill where they did custom sawing. Hugh enlisted in the First World War and when he returned, he resided in Northern Ontario; he did some prospecting until he suffered a stroke and spent thirteen years in a wheel chair in Sunnybrook Hospital. He died on March 8, 1972.

William received his education in Tottenham and attended Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph for two years. He enlisted in the Boer War before completing his final year. He transferred from the Cavalry Corps to the Railway Corps of the British Army and gained experience as a fireman working in or out of Pretoria, South Africa. Following his return, he went to the Canadian West, where he worked as a fireman for the C.P. Railway in the round yard at Winnipeg and Medicine Hat. He left the C.P.R. and went to Chicago and worked on the Metropolitan Railway. In 1904, he returned and farmed for a short time on what was known as the Billigan farm on the 3rd line, south-east of Tottenham.

(When John Semple took a quarter section of land in Northern Ontario, he asked his sons, William and Robert, to homestead it. Later, they were joined by Hugh. Robert left and returned to Tottenham.)

In 1909, William married Esther Carleton, a Guelph nurse. They had two sons and five daughters. William and Hugh farmed and cut timber during the winter. In 1922, the great fire swept through the northern district - from Englehart to Halleybury - wiping out everything: homes, farm buildings and sawmill. The sawmill was rebuilt finally and custom sawing was done. The sawmill was sold and William returned to farming and stock raising on a full-time basis. His wife died in 1948. He retired, leaving the farm to his son Campbell. He then joined his youngest brother, David, who worked for Glendale Golf Course. William worked there for 12 years. In 1936, he married a second time - Mrs. Ethel Andrews - and they resided in Hamilton until her death in 1962. He gave up his home and moved to Toronto, where he lived with his daughters, until his death in 1966.

Jennie trained as a nurse in Riverdale Hospital and took post-graduate course in the U.S.A. She married Dr. C.F. Ross; they had two sons, James and John.

Margaret Anne attended Bradford Model School after graduating from Tottenham; she taught for two years in Shelburne. She married Wm. J. Lynn, a farmer near Owen Sound and they had three sons and two daughters.

John Swart spent some time on his father's farm. He married Mianie Stein and lived in Kitchener, where he worked as a carpenter.

Mary attended Bradford Model School and Stratford Normal School. She taught in Victoria School, Owen Sound. In 1949 she married Dr. S.G. Knight and they moved to Randall, U.S.A. After his death, she returned to Owen Sound where she still resides.

Duncan married Janet Pines. They lived on the fifth line, on N^o 4 Lot 4 Con. 4. They had two daughters, Ruth and Marjorie, who attended Tottenham and Alliston High School. Ruth worked in the Tottenham Creamery and then for Devon Ice Cream. She married Stanley Cree and they live on #89 highway, two miles west of Cookstown. Marjorie taught school for two years, then took a comptometers course. She worked several years for Page Hershey. She married Jim Flowers, a teacher in Scarborough.

HUGH SEMPLE FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Lillian married Wm. J. Cavell in 1919. She moved to Owen Sound where they farmed until they retired. They have one daughter, Mrs. Doris Hilsden.

Nina, also a teacher, attended Hamilton Normal School and taught until she married John King in 1933. They had two daughters. John died in 1971; Nina now lives in Owen Sound.

Christena attended Hamilton Normal School, taught in a rural school, then was principal of Sunnylea School for ten years. She retired from Lambton Kingsway School and lives in Tottenham in Rod Abrams' apartments.

David lived and worked at home and moved with his parents, John and Elizabeth Semple to Owen Sound. He worked at the Owen Sound Golf and Country Club; from there he moved to Glendale Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, where he still works.

Robert Semple (or Bob, as he was known by) returned from Northern Ontario and bought the Cardwell Sentinel from Mr. L.C. Hughes in 1910. He changed the name to the Tottenham Sentinel and published the paper for almost 41 years (He learned the printing business in Elmville). In 1917 he married Laura May Potter and they resided in the house on George Street.



Robert Semple - publisher of the
Tottenham Sentinel



Laura Potter Semple

HUGH SEMPLE FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



Bob Semple in the Sentinel Office -
Mill Street West

Bob was known for his public spirit; he was secretary of the Simcoe County and North York Press Association, and president for one year. When he was a young man, he was a star lacrosse player, on teams which on more than one occasion missed the district championship by a small margin. Bob Semple died November 14, 1953.

In 1921, the Semple farm was sold to Joseph Heenan and Mr. & Mrs. John Semple moved to Owen Sound. Mrs. Semple died April 1932 and John Semple died in April 1933.

- submitted by Christena Semple, 1974.

THE SIMMONDS FAMILY HISTORY



MR. WALTER SIMMONDS

Walter Simmonds was born in 1873 in Tottenham, London, England. He was orphaned at an early age, and subsequently was in the care of the Dr. Barnardo's Home For Boys for his welfare and education. Under their auspices he came to Canada at the age of sixteen to work as a farmer's helper, or hired man. His first place was in the Mount Wolfe District, for the Robinson family, and during the next few years he was with the Monkman's and the Ewart's. As part of the arrangement with the Dr. Barnardo's Home, time was allowed to attend church each Sabbath, and there at the Methodist Church at the Black Horse he met Gertrude Bolton, whom he married in July, 1904.

Gertrude was the eldest of the family of Lydia Sykes, daughter of Thomas Sykes, and Mary Osmond, who married Abraham Bolton, son of Abraham Bolton and his wife, Amelia Parker. Gertrude was born in 1887.

Walter and Gertrude lived at the Black Horse and there was born their first son William Osker, a 'Blue baby', who died at the age of sixteen years. During the next several years they were employed by the Watson family, and while living in the Palgrave area their daughter Lydia Margaret was born on her grandmother's birthday, and so was given the name of that grandmother. Their son, George Earl was born before they moved to the Village of Tottenham where Walter began to work for the Canadian Pacific Railway, a job which he continued until retirement.

They lived in the Sloan house which was later to be added to and incorporated into the present Rod Abrams Funeral Home. In the meantime a second daughter Hazel Evelyn had been added to the family, and they moved to their last home, the only original house now remaining on Brown Street, and there the third daughter, Stella May, was born.

Walter's greatest enjoyment was gardening, and his garden covered the lot now occupied by the Tottenham News, and from there his vegetables found their way to many tables in the village.

Of their family, four still remain. Margaret, married in 1932 to Arthur Brooks and lives at the location of the old Black Horse, on the old Bolton farm, in a house which was once occupied by the Alex Bolton's which was her great uncle. George married Velvyan McCutcheon, of Relessey, in 1943, now lives in Victoria, British Columbia, and has four sons. Two of his sons, Gerald and John are with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the third, Lawrence, is with the Ontario Provincial Police, and youngest, James, is serving with the Canadian Navy. Evelyn married in 1944, and lives with her husband Oliver (Bob) Roe, in Toronto and they have two daughters, Nancy and Jean. The youngest daughter, Stella married Clifford Abrams in 1942, and lives on Rodcliff Road, in Tottenham, almost across the way from where she was born. Their two children are both married and also live in Tottenham. They are Janet, now Mrs. Lowell Tipping, and Roderick who with his wife, the former Susan Graydon of Islington, now owns and operates the Rod Abrams Funeral Home. They have one son, Todd, the first of the third generation to be born in Tottenham.

Just have daughter Andrea is a son already

THE SIMPSON FAMILY HISTORY

James Simpson, grandfather of James Simpson of Tottenham, came to Canada about 1800, from the County of Cork, Ireland. He landed here with his wife, at Hornby, near Milton, and stayed with an old lady named Grannie Fogg, who at that time was in her fifties. From there, with a small child and fifty pounds of flour and their clothing, they walked and followed a trail through the woods to three miles north of Mono Mills. On their way they encountered a rain storm and took turns sitting on the flour to keep it dry. For about twenty-four years, they struggled and managed to build a shelter and get a cow and a small herd of stock. At that time they chose to move back down to Halton County in the Township of Keesageweya, Lot Sixteen, (16), Concession One, (1) to a farm with one hundred acres, bought from the Crown by Robert Simpson, the deed being written on parchment paper with the Big Seal. Thomas Simpson bought this farm from Robert Simpson and left it to James Simpson, (my father) at his death. James Simpson sold it to George Ames, a Shorthorn Breeder, in January 1916.

James Simpson farmed this farm, he was married to Sarah Ann Kitching and raised seven of a family there. He was an agent for Halton Fire Insurance, and was township treasurer for a number of years. He moved to Tottenham in December 1924, and bought the grocery store from Rowland Potter, at 19 Queen St. South. This building was built after the big fire in Tottenham in 1895, by J. J. McKnight's father-in-law, Mr. Brown. Mr. McKnight was the father of Wm McKnight, who was a sports commentator for the St. Lawrence Starch Company, in the early radio times. James Simpson was village treasurer of Tottenham for a number of years, also served on the council. He was treasurer of Tottenham United Church, and active in the Sunday School and taught the Bible Class. He was born on January 16, 1866, and died on May 9, 1945, at the age of seventy-eight. James Simpson was a first cousin to the Mr. Hill, who was responsible for the building of The Great Northwestern Railway. James Simpson's wife, Sarah Ann Kitching was born in 1874 and died in 1934.

The following are the names of their family; Agnes Vannop, Matilda Wilson, Reverend George Simpson, James Harvey Simpson, Ethel May Harris, John Robert Simpson and Mary Isabel Breithaupt.

Mr. Harvey Simpson reached a milestone in his business life. December 1975 marked the conclusion of fifty years of residence and community service in Tottenham. He and his wife, Orma, still reside and carry on business in the same store on Queen Street South, in which Mr. Simpson and his father began a small grocery store on December 19th, 1924.

Mr. Simpson, now 'over seventy' but still in very good health had two years of general store experience in Halton County near Guelph before coming to Tottenham and holding half interest in James Simpson & Son grocery store.

Recently, Mr. Simpson got out of the grocery store business and now sell and repairs bicycles (C. C. M.), an activity which had been a hobby with him since he and his brother John bought five bicycles in Toronto in 1932 during the depression. The small bicycle business they began in Wasaga Beach at that time eventually grew to three hundred vehicles, but when John moved to Orillia, and the business was intervened, the bicycles were sold off.

In 1971, when things were rapidly changing in the world of bicycles, Mr. Simpson quit the grocery business, took his first vacation since 1924 (three weeks in Florida), and restarted the bicycle business. He and his brother purchased three car loads of bicycles between them last year and expect no decrease this year.

THE SIMPSON FAMILY HISTORY

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Mr. Simpson has also been active in the community in general for the past fifty years. He spent twenty-five years on the P. U. C. and part of that time as a member of council.

He attributes much of his success in life to his wife, Orma, a native of Nobleton whom he married in 1939. She has been a great help to him in their thirty-six years of married life.

At present, Mr. Simpson also runs a skate exchange and fixes skates (a very popular activity in the surrounding racing centres such as Orangeville).

Although he admits that age is beginning to creep up on him, he is still very much enjoying his activities and is very thankful and pleased that his social and business endeavours are so successful.

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Simpson Store, 15 Queen St. South, Tottenham.
Mr. Harvey Simpson now has bicycle business.

REMINISCENCES - BY PAUL VY SIMPSON

In the early 1900's, before hydro became popular in Ontario, Tottenham had hydro of its own. Fishbein's Farm had a plant out on the 3rd Line from which he served some of the people in Tottenham and the dance hall in the village (this dance hall was in part of the old Marrow Hotel). When we were going to have a dance on a Saturday night, Mr. Egan would come into town during the week and collect 75¢ for the hydro for the dance hall. A number of people in town who got the hydro service paid about 75¢ a week, I believe. The power was produced out at the Egan farm on the 3rd Line at the dam where the creek met the road. After he ran the hydro for a period of time, Tottenham themselves produced power by using coal, and when I came to Tottenham as a boy in 1924, the boiler they used was still there and mine the old flywheel where they used to produce hydro with steam. This was located on the west side of town, past the C.N.R. tracks near where the pump house is today. I remember quite well how large the doors in the boiler there. A lot of people had their homes wired, but in an open wiring (the wires ran through spinlles, on porches or in eaves, and not under floors). The hydro was turned off at 11:00 at night and not turned on again until some time next morning. In 1915-16, Ontario Hydro came to Tottenham, anxious to sell them hydro. They dealt with Jimmy McNight and they said they would guarantee Tottenham hydro throughout the village for \$1.50 per month per household. There were no meters in the houses and each home was charged \$1.50 minimum - most people had only one or two lights. Most of the people took this service which was cheap and also guaranteed. Jimmy McNight thought he was doing a real business deal and he turned around and sold to the Hydro the privilege of buying into Tottenham for about \$2,500.00. But, the funny part was that they turned around and put a debenture on the town for \$2,500.00, so we had to pay for this as well as paying for the hydro! This money the Hydro paid was for the use of the assets that were in Tottenham already - in other words, Hydro bought the old Tottenham plant from us and turned around and charged us for it again! They put a substation in just this side of the powerhouse, and at the end of five years, they put the price up to \$3.50. Besides this, the townpeople had to change their wiring to concealed wiring, as this was a requirement at the time. Mr. Barcalo, who was mayor at the time, lived on Main Street (one street west of Queen), three houses up from Mill Street. He did not want to put in concealed wiring because he had all hardwood floors in his house and did not want to tear them up, so he got away with it for a number of years, although he eventually had to conform the same as everyone else. Most people changed over and put the new service in - a 100 amp. service. Now, George Gordon and Neave when we came to Tottenham in 1924, and he had an electric stove. He was, I believe, the only person in town with such a stove, and rather for using it was \$14.00 per month (rates were going up), so he wouldn't use it - hydro was too dear. In 1929 the Ontario Hydro were in trouble because people weren't using their product, so they called a meeting in Toronto. Bill Smart, the electrician from Tottenham, and I went to this meeting. They had a speaker up from the United States and he said if Hydro didn't do something, they'd be out of business. They would have to give farmers a cheaper rate - to give them some kind of a deal to make hydro attractive. (At this time in Toronto, new houses being built were being outfitted with gas furnaces, stoves, fridges, water heaters and hydro was only being used for the lights). The meeting was attended by a lot of the municipalities around - although there should have been more - and then put to a vote they turned down Hydro's proposal for a flat rate for Ontario. (This was due to a large representation of municipalities around St. Catharines, near the power plant, who were getting their hydro dirt cheap and who were sent to fight against the proposal, as this meant their rates would be higher). The group from the United States argued that if Hydro gave the farmers a low rate, for say a five year period, they would be able to go and buy electrical appliances and start using more hydro and thus save Ontario Hydro from going out of business. Hydro agreed to this and they dropped their prices considerably. In Tottenham, we had the highest prices in Ontario for hydro; we were paying \$30.00 a horsepower (ie- so many kilowatts) and we had to turn around and charge the people on top of that. In Toronto, in comparison, people were paying \$15.00 to \$20.00 a horsepower. The Hydro then put the hydro into Tottenham, on a five-year contract, for about \$45.00 a horsepower. The streetlights, when the hydro was expensive, were costing Tottenham \$100.00 per month on a separate bill. The price was then lowered about 1930. (Tottenham was on the end of the line from the source of the hydro power, and thus we had to pay for losses) Out on the horse-drawn roads, hydro did not reach the farms until much later.

Johnny Childs was a major maver in Tottenham and he had a shop down just south of the present Ast apartment building on Queen Street North. He had a son, Merv, and a daughter, Maude. Johnny also had a livery barn and he would hire out horses to travellers who wanted to go maybe to Colgan and had no means of travel. In fact, I rented one of his horses once to go to Sarnia to see a girl.

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Then we came here in 1924, there were two hotels in town. One was the Morrow house (on the southeast corner of Queen and Mill Sts) and they had a large, open shed which was used for stabling teams that came in from out-of-town to go to the market and sales. Billy Angus worked as caretaker and James Gulch also looked after it. The Morrow house was a run-down building by then. The other hotel was the Maple Leaf (on the north-west corner - the present day Gattensham Inn). I was told that in the earlier days before I came here, both hotels boasted a "tally host". Each would go to the train station to meet their customers and would shout out from their horse-drawn wagons, "Morrow House" or "Maple Leaf" and they would pick up their customers and take them along to the respective hotels. The Maple Leaf Hotel was a little better run at the time. In fact the Morrow house was a building (on Mill St. West) known as the "Avenue Hotel". While it had seen better days, there were a few people living in it but it was used as a rooming house and no longer run as an hotel. Next door to this was the Gange Printing Shop.

There was a livery barn on the east side of Queen Street around 1880-85, right around where my store is, which housed about 50 horses. There was a well on the property and I remember it caved in in the 1930's and took about two truckloads of fill to fill it in (it was right in the back corner of this building, next door to my store.)

Down at the U.S.A. there was the first covered rink - where the present moment is, on the Lyons property (Mr. Lyons had owned the farm there before the Koughs). This was a public rink and operated prior to 1920. The property was bought for the park around 1923-4 and the rink was no longer there - I don't know whether it had went down or not. There were a lot of fires around that time and I remember one had fire in the fall of 1930. It was the seed house (across from the laundromat on Mill St.) and had a stable at the back. One morning around 4:00 or 5:00 am, Bill Hammond came downstairs and lit the fire (Breedons were living in one and Hammond's in another - they were brothers-in-law) and he then went out to the stable to milk the cow. The fire somehow went wild in the bottom part of the house and Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Breedon got downstairs - by this time it was hot and there was a lot of smoke. Mrs. Breedon remembered Doug Fry, a boarder and a local school teacher, was still upstairs. She went back upstairs to awaken him, but in the meantime he had escaped through the window. They found Mrs. Breedon later in his room. Mrs. Hammond managed to escape but with badly burnt hands. The whole building was destroyed. At that time the fire equipment consisted of two horse-drawn wheeled (two units) equipped with a hose. The house was attached to a fire hydrant and there were only the two ladders to fight this fire.

I feel the '30's were good years, because you felt you were doing something for people - you were needed. But after the '30's when things became different, I recall so well that I changed the store over to self-serve - maybe I was going too far - and the people had to pick up a basket and go around the store. They, however, adjusted quite well. This was in 1943. I changed the store around - new shelving, new storefront. When I had come in 1924, we took over a grocery store (although there was little in the line of groceries) from R. Potter (He was married to Lou Coffey of Schomberg).

In 1924, the grocery store was one long counter and it had a candy case at the front end, and had two openings, with a scale in the middle and one at the back. I had one of those old-fashioned cash registers with the little brass top (they are worth \$800. today and I think I sold mine for \$1.50). Behind the counter were drawers that pulled back to reveal such things as sugar, brown sugar, oatmeal etc., and you opened the bin up and scooped out the commodities. I tried to keep bags of sugar ahead. I sold mostly penny candy to the kids - lollipops etc. at 2/10 or 3/10 and so on. I remember one time the Katz girl coming in (she lived to get the most for her money) and after pricing the candy she settled on one kind. When I told her they were 2 for 10, she asked "Couldn't you give me three?" One thing when you were writing on Peoples: they would come in with a list, especially on market day. (Market day was on a Tuesday and was the day the farmers came into town).

For market day (especially close to Christmas), the farmers would kill and dress their fowl and bring them to town to be sold to the buyers up from Toronto - from Eaton's, Simpson's, Canada Packers. This took place in the town hall and the buyers would bid on the fowl. There was a scale there and the birds would be weighed and put in a pile. I remember one week there were over 50 tons of fowl weighed in. Maybe 20 or 30 farmers would come in each Tuesday afternoon (or as early as 11:00 when the market opened) with their butter, eggs and poultry, and this was a regular occurrence in the '20's and '30's.

Some of the butter was 'high' - because they did not work hard enough to get the butter-milk out and the butter-milk would cause the butter to ferment! The eggs were not graded in those days and some of the eggs were old and 'hatching'. I recall, before Tottenham days, taking Mr. Kidd up to Orillia to see a friend, and he recalled as a child (before 1900) helping his father at Loretto to pack eggs for export to England and they were paid 2¢ a dozen. He also remembered seeing as many as seven teams of horses loaded with fresh pork leaving Loretto to go to Toronto in the wintertime on sleighs. Kidd's store at Loretto was a big operation in those days - before Tottenham came into the picture. At one time the "Kidd Empire" had three houses on the Great Lakes delivering up there.

In my own store, I bought butter and eggs from the farmers - traded mostly - and often sold them in Toronto. As to regard to fruit, one year I went south of Londonburg and bought two trees, then went and picked the apples and loaded them in barrels for the store. I usually bought about 30 bags of potatoes in the fall from the local farmers. At that time there were two bakeries in town and most people bought their bread from them - for about 8¢ a loaf, unwrapped. At the same time, I got bread from Toronto from Canada bread - wrapped - and sold it for 12¢ a loaf. It came in at the railway station twice a week. The store was opened every day from about 8:00 in the morning until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. This bothered us, so we worked for years to change it and we finally got the hours down to two nights a week (Tuesday and Friday) in the late 1930's and then down to one night a week in the '50's; then we got Wednesday afternoon off in the summer. These were long, tiring hours. When I changed over to self-serve it was hard for some of the older people to realize your time was worth something. I recall Miss Bolton when I used to deliver bread. When I came at first I used to deliver bread on my bicycle and would take about a dozen loaves in my basket, at the rate of 12¢ a loaf, and the customers would pay me every other week or so. (I kept track of it like the millman did). However, when I changed over to self-serve in 1948 I had to hire a young boy to deliver for me and I agreed to give him 10¢ an hour to use my bicycle. Some of these ladies - Miss Bolton, Miss Kowar, for example - just couldn't understand why I couldn't deliver a load of bread for 10¢ any longer. I had to pay 10¢ to have it delivered! The ladies didn't want to take a bigger order and Miss Bolton wondered why I couldn't take her bread down to her after I picked it up! It was just impossible for those people to change.

Billy Ireland had a store on the corner over here - there's a cleaning store there now (southwest corner Green & Richmond Sts.) and he sold feed, flour and groceries. There was one fellow who couldn't make a go of it; he sold stuff too cheaply, and went broke. Then a fellow came up from Toronto to sell off the bankrupt stock and he was selling it for less than what I could buy it for. I went over to him one day and said, "Listen, I can't stay in business if you're selling stuff like this." "O.K.," he said, "You sell it. You clean her up and you can have her for 5¢ on the dollar - and there's the list there." So he had probably about \$300.00 worth of stuff - a lot of groceries in those days. He said, "You give me a cheque for 5¢ on the dollar and she's yours. You can take it over there or to what you like with it." I said, "I was just kidding. I've never handled one of these in my life before. What shall I do with it?" And he told me, "You just buy this stock, then go down to Toronto to your wholesale house. They have some stuff they want to sell, too. Buy it, bring it home and put it on the shelves. Glue the store right up and in two weeks open her up. Put a bill out. You said 10¢ a lb. for raisins? Put the raisins on 3 lbs./25¢. You only have 10 lbs. You said 29¢ for the 5 lb. syrup can - you have ten? Put them on for 25¢. Then you bring up the stuff from Toronto, don't put it on for so much a lb. - put it on at 6 times for so much. Anything you have over in your store that isn't moving, bring it over and put it on sale. Open open her up." So I went to Toronto, bought about \$200.00 worth of stuff and I opened the Ireland store up on the Thursday morning. I had got meat baskets and the customers went around the store filling up the baskets. By Friday night I was evening up the store - sold right out! There were some radios and out-of-season items left; those I took over to my own store in a dishevelled. The fellow from Toronto said to me, "You've got your whole life ahead of you and I'm an old man. The secret in life and business today is that if you haven't got the money today, borrow it. If you get one where you can make some money, you borrow it!" I cleaned right up on this deal!

In the early days I would deliver groceries no charge. I used my bicycle and occasionally the car. I delivered whenever I had a chance. The people would phone in the orders and many times I would be at their doors right away with their groceries.

STURDY, DOWLING & ANSELL

Jessie Churnside was born to wealthy family in Scotland in 1842; eight years later her parents moved to England. Jessie grew up to be a lady, but fell in love with an ordinary working man, John C. Storey, in England. They were married and Jessie's family disowned her.

A year later John C. Jr. was born and so with their young son the Storeys came to Toronto, Canada. Then came William, Janet, George, Margaret, Pete, Florence, Mary, Edward and Albert - most of them being born in Simcoe County. For several years they lived about a mile north of Tottenham.

Near Scanlon's Corners, north of Tottenham, lived the Dowling family. In 1889, Frank Dowling and his son, William (a very small boy), dug a 40-ft. well for James Scanlon in five days and pocketed \$20. That is better than farming.

As Mary Storey grew up, a little romance budded between this William Dowling and Mary. The Storeys moved to Mona Mills farm across the road from St. John's Anglican Church at the top of red clay hill and so William took quite a lot of kidding as the red clay stuck to his buggy wheels on the many trips to visit Mary. In 1904, they were married in Christ Anglican Church, Tottenham, by Rev. Dreyer, and took up farming on No. 9 highway.

Five years later, Wilhelmine was born. A few years before this two daughters had been born to a Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ansell in England. Then came a son, Harry. In 1917, the father died from an accident. In 1919 things were bad in England and Harry and his mother came to Canada. His mother got a job in a doctor's home in Mount Forest and Harry got a job in the monument shop.

Around 1923, Mrs. Ansell looked after her aunt, Mrs. Selina Campbell (Oliver Ryder's mother) and in 1924 they all moved to the old Black Horse on No. 9 highway. Harry managed to get work on a farm with Jonathan Atkinson, Bill Gunnings and Johnny Estson, and helped William Dowling with wells and so another romance budded. Harry went to the States and Calgary and Niagara Falls. In 1929 he married Wilhelmine Dowling in Tottenham Anglican Church by Rev. Kennedy and took up residence in Toronto.

In 1932 a son Douglas was born to them but ten months later, interment to Mt. Teggart Cemetery. In 1934, another son, William, was born and he is now living in Toronto.

In June 1972, Harry and Wilhelmine moved to 5 Rogers Rd., Tottenham, and they are now Presbyterians.

PETER KEOGH FAMILY

About 1837 Peter Keogh purchased the south $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 2, 7th Conc. of Tecumseth. He brought with him his brother, Patrick Keogh and his wife Mary Kenney. They came here from the Stroud area and it is not known if they had come directly to Stroud from Ireland or not.

Three years later, in 1841, he bought the 50 acres directly across the road. They moved across there. Peter was never married. Patrick and his wife had seven children: Johnny, Andy, Jim, Pete, Elizabeth, Maryann and Theresa.

Photo:-

Keogh Family Home - N. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 2, Conc. 6

Back row: Elizabeth, Maryann, Mrs. Patrick Keogh, Patrick Keogh, Peter Keogh (Albert's father)

Front row: James and Andrew





Peter Keough and his wife Mary Bergin

PETER KEOGH FAMILY - cont'd.

In 1883 Patrick built a new barn. Peter Sr. died in 1887.

In 1906 young Peter married Mary Bergin and with his father's death in 1907, all the land became his. Peter and Mary had three sons and one daughter: Albert, Neil, Joe and Marcella.

Neil married Regina O'Leary July 26, 1941. They had two children: Gerry and Rosemary. Neil died in 1964.

In 1933 the Keogh house was burned. At this time they moved to a frame house from the east farm, where (a Watson girl) Hon. Earl Rowe's mother was born.

Years ago Peter Keogh drew gravel from Lot 11 on the 6th line of Tecumseth to gravel his lane, not knowing he had loads on his own farm. Later, a gravel pit was opened and he lived to see many of Tecumseth township roads gravelled from his farm.

Peter died in 1952, his wife in 1956.

The farm now belongs to Albert Keogh, who in 1967 had a century farm sign made for both farms.

Submitted by Albert Keogh

STEWART CAIRNS HISTORY

I was born in Aurora; at the age of four years I moved with my parents, two sisters and one brother to N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 2, Con. 11 Tecumseth. We had this 100 acre farm rented for two years, first starting to school with my sister at Dogs Nest Con. 13.

Dad rented in 1917 from Mrs. D. Leggett N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7, Con. 3. There we farmed for three years. We went to school in Tottenham. In 1923 we moved to King township. Now our family was three sisters and two brothers, and soon a third brother:-

Isabelle - Mrs. D. Gould, Niagara Falls
Donzella - Mrs. Wm. Lipsett, Schomberg RR#3
Walter - now living in Lloydstown
Elmer - of RR#4 Tottenham
Margaret - Mrs. John Ellison, RR#1 Schomberg
Leonard - living in Thistletown

February 1933. I married - and we rented a farm in King township for five years. In 1938, with my wife Edna and one daughter, I bought from Mrs. Vida Henderson N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7, Con. 2 & S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7 Con. 3, a 200 acre farm. The late James Henderson had just previously passed away; and as of December 1973, Mrs. Vida Henderson was laid to rest.

Our eldest daughter married in 1933. Our youngest (born in 1939) married in 1961. And in 1974 we still are enjoying living on N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7, Con. 2 - but now our farm is only 94 acres.

Dad and mother, leaving the King farm to son Walter, moved in 1946 to N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 6, Con. 2 and lived with their son, Elmer for 4 years before moving to pt N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 10, Con. 3 Tecumseth. Dad was laid to rest in June 1955. Mother, a widow for the second time, is living in Nobleton with good health in her eighty-fifth year.

Submitted by Stewart Cairns, 1974

"THE TEGART CLAN"

The Tegarts, early pioneers of Tecumseh, who came to this country from northern Ireland are believed to have dealt in the Highlands of Scotland, and there is here borne the name "MacTegart". They can trace their lineage to the Fraser Clan of Inverness, also to Lord Lovatt, famous follower of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Some of the MacTegarts are believed to have crossed over to Northern Ireland during the 17th century, settling in Armagh County near the Tyrone border on land granted to them in return for military service rendered. It was about this time too that the Mac was dropped and the family name "Tegart" was assumed. The "Tegarts" also claim relationship with the Montgomerys of Florida of Abraham fame, as does "Monty of St. Stephen", some of the Tegarts, all down the decades bearing the name Montgomery.

James Montgomery Tegart, born in 1801 in Armagh near the Tyrone border, accompanied, it is believed, by at least two brothers, set sail for Canada in 1813. The crossing took six weeks.

Leaving his wife with others of his kin in the vicinity of Ruddy York, James Montgomery and John Totten tramped north and took up land in the neighborhood of what is now Tottenham. Tegart's holding was lot 8 - north side of the 4th concession line - one mile east of Totten. He built his log home in the wilder wilderness on a knoll just north of the stream that meanders through his property. His spouse, Miss Mary Ann Anderson, and little James joined him in 1816 - the log house being completed. This log home was supplanted by a splendid frame structure later. After building his home and clearing three acres of land, his cash depleted, Tegart hired out for three months in the Ruddy York district earning \$24.00 with which he purchased a cow, a spinning wheel and some flax. In six weeks Mary Ann had spun enough for the purchase of a second cow.

Montgomery



Montgomery Tegart's house on Lot 8 Con. 4 Tecumseh Loc. 1 mile

James Montgomery Tegart's splendid frame structure, Lot 8 Con. 4 Tecumseh

THE MONTGOMERY CLAN

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A large family, an ever-dorset, blessed the union of James and Mary Jane, in order they were Marjorie, Sarah, Jane Eliza (Jennie) William George, Mary, Jennie, James Montgomery, Emma, Victoria, Cecelia, Eleanor and Hester (twins).



LEGEND

Back row: William George, Marjorie (she spelled it Margery) Annie, Hester Alaire,
James Montgomery, Mildred Eleanor, Jennie
Middle row: Emma Prudden, (father) James Montgomery, Victoria Amelia, (mother) Mary
Jane, Sarah Jane
Front row: Mary, Jane Eliza (Jennie)

Margery married Daniel Green; Sarah, James Austin; Jane Eliza taught school, then married George Hager; William, a carpenter, married Eliza Graham; Mary practiced millinery in Victoria, B. C., then Glasgow, N.S., and then in her own shop in Toronto; Jennie married George Elliott; James farmed and was agent for Goodwin threshers; Emma, a dressmaker, excelled in etching and oil painting. Eleanor taught school at No. 5, her home school, and later was Vice-principal of Millcrest Public School in Toronto. She later married Robert McKay of Tottenham and Port Credit; Hester taught school in Kitchener, later turning to the nursing profession; Victoria and Cecelia died at an early age.

THE TEGART CLAN

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So James prospered at his trade, and with the farm he and his wife reared and educated that splendid family, truly a prodigious feat. They in turn helped on the farm. Margery stayed at home until 1872 when she was 30 years of age. Jabe Eliza drove one of the first reapers in the neighborhood. Soon after he opened his shop, James made a musket and celebrated its completion by shooting that very night a coon that was up a pear by tree. He practiced his trade while well on in his seventies. He then retired, first in his own house, later in Tottenham. He lived to see five grandsons in uniform in the First World War - Harry Austin, Randolph Austin, Cecil T. Bayes, Harold Ellison, and Aubrey Ellison, Aubrey making the supreme sacrifice. Born on February 29th 1824, James had but 24 birthdays. He passed to his reward January 17th, 1919. His wife died January 18th, 1905 Aged 73 years.



The James Tegart family took an active interest in religious and church affairs, first in the early Methodist Meeting House, hard by their home and later in the Methodist and United Churches in Tottenham and Toronto. They early planned the remodeling and development of Mount Tegart Cemetery, now under perpetual care and supervised by the Cemetery Board. They donated many plants and shrubs for its beautification as well as the land. The Tegart family removed to Toronto soon after World War I, residing at 27 Bountead Avenue. Now all have passed on and all are laid to rest in Mount Tegart Cemetery.

In his own immediate family besides James, the blacksmith, whose family we have already traced and with which we are here mainly concerned, were first - Anderson, early saddler of Schoenberg; his family were James, who married Emma Lewis; they were early pioneers in Saskatchewan. George and Alfred were saddlers in Harris and Tottenham, respectively; Henry of Boston; Dr. Arthur of Schoenberg died while quite a young man; Ida a nurse; Wilfred and Alvin pioneers of the Goose and Lizard Lakes district, south of Saskatchewan. All have passed to the Great Beyond. Wilfred's novel "In the Face of the Wind" published after his death is a well written down-to-earth story of pioneer life in that district. Jane Tegart, believed to be the only daughter of James married a Reid. They were early pioneers in the Quakova District.

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There too was George, who built a fine brick house on Lot 9, on the south side of the 6th concession. Of this family, William brought many Shetland ponies to the country before the turn of the century. He was on a large vessel which foundered in an Atlantic storm - all were believed drowned. George Jr. farmed the old James R. Tugart homestead, north of his Uncle James residence. The youngest son, Anderson, was at home, later he lived at the lakeside. There were three daughters in the George Tugart Sr. family, two at home and one married in Hamilton.

"Of them, it can be truly said,
It was natural to be kind".

Cecil Talbot Boyd
Written about 1963

How Gertrude Taler told of a grand old family.

This tale is told of George Tugart, son of James R. Tugart who was at the time courtship young girl who lived near by. George returned home from a visit to this young lady and decided to stay in the house he was building for his bride. Two of the local boys had gained entrance while he was absent and they hid themselves under the bed. After George had nicely settled down for a good night's rest, the boys lifted the bed clear of the floor and started around the room with George still in the bed. George was a wee bit frightened, in fact so much frightened that he grabbed his trousers, not waiting to stop put them on and ran past Marie to the safety of his father's bedroom.

THE KENNY FAMILY HISTORY

Vincent Kenny was born in Montreal in 1904. He was the son of Peter Kenny and Gertrude Wallace, whose parents had emigrated to Canada from Ireland. While in Montreal Peter Kenny was employed with the Grand Trunk Railways. In 1909, he moved to a farm in Albion. He had five children: Leo of Mitchell, Vince of Tottenham, Wallace of Brampton, Gertrude of Walled Lake (Michigan), and Allan of Bolton.

Vince attended St. Patrick's School in Wyldfield and St. Michael's College in Toronto. In 1936, he purchased Sylvia Evans' 150 acre farm on the 7th Concession of Tecumseth. The same year he married Christena Hanrahan of Adjala. They had four children: Anne, who married Peter Van Dyke from King, resides near Schomberg and teaches at St. Patrick's School in Schomberg. She had two sons, Peter and Joseph. Peter, who married Beverly Moran from Adjala, lives near Thornton and is assistant manager at Rout Building Supplies in King City. He has three children: James, Darlene and Peter. Christena, who married William Jonkman from Bradford, lives in Adjala and teaches at St. Peter's School in Orangeville. She has four children: Suzanne, Carolyn, William and Lynda. Marie resides in Brampton and works at the Canadian National office in Concord. She has a daughter, Shirley.

Vince Kenny farmed for 30 years in Tecumseth and then moved to Nobleton in 1967. He worked with the Department of Highways and the Metropolitan Toronto Parks Department during the eight years he lived in Nobleton. In 1975 he returned to Tottenham, where he resided until his death in March 1979.

- submitted 1979.



Arthur Thompson

Arthur Thompson was born at Egbert, Ontario. His father was Richard Thompson and his mother was Victoria Reid. They were both of Irish descent. His grand father was John Thompson and his grandmother was Rebecca Molyneaux. John was a blacksmith and for years his shop was on the corner of the 4th line of Innisfil and what is now Highway 27.

Arthur had a brother James Elmer who first taught school at Ivy, Ontario and later decided to become a Presbyterian minister. He took his training at the University of Toronto and Knox College. His first charge after being ordained was at Cheltenham, Ontario. He went from Warton to Yorkton Saskatchewan and retired to Barrie, Ontario. His wife was Mary Smith of Utopia, Ontario.

Arthur's sister Rebecca married Robert Reid and lived in Allandale where they stayed till both passed away. Sarah married Isaac Pollack who lived only a few months. Later Sarah married Marshall Hipwell of Bond Head and they had also passed away.

Arthur married Gertrude Bassingthwaite, April 8th, 1914. They farmed in the vicinity of Cockstown until 1939 when they moved to the 3rd line of Tecumseth. In 1945 they bought the chopping mill from Mr. Fred Hopkins. The dam went out during Hurricane Hazel in 1954. Up until then the mill had been operated by water power but until the dam was replaced the mill was operated by Diesel power. Now it is partly run by water and electricity.



Richard Thompson



Richards wife Victoria Reid



A picture of the dam taken from the mill after Hurrican Hazel.

Arthur Thompson and Family

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Arthur and Gertrude Thompson
on their wedding day, April 8,
1914.



Arthur and Gertrude Thompson
on their 50th wedding day, April 8,
1964.

The Thompson's have seven children: Helen, Mrs. Roy Reynolds on the 13th line of Tecumseth; Muriel, Mrs. Earl Carr of Cookstown; Harold, farming near Cookstown; Harry of Bradford; Doris, Mrs. J. H. Taylor of Rexdale, Ontario; Elmer and Ralph of Tottenham who are operating the mill. The mill is believed to be about 103 years old.

Elmer married Norma Pegg from Beeton in 1952 and they have three children, Carol, Brent and Steven.

Ralph married Joyce Armstrong also from Beeton and they too have three children, Barbara, Barry and Bruce. They were married in 1954 and built their home on a corner of their fathers lot facing on Richmond Street. In 1958 Elmer and Norma built their home beside Ralph and Joyce, directly behind the big house.

ARTHUR THOMPSON AND FAMILY - cont'd.

After celebrating fifty years of married life, Arthur and Gertrude Thompson decided to do some travelling. A dream came true when Mr. & Mrs. Roy Armstrong of Seeton invited them to go along with them to the West Coast. Three glorious weeks were spent, travelling as far west as Victoria, B.C. All of them had spent most of their lives farming, so the Prairie Provinces were a real thrill. The following year Mrs. Thompson's brother, Albert Bassingthwaite and his wife Minerva, invited them to go to the East Coast and Prince Edward Island. This too was enjoyable; seeing Anne of Green Gables' home was one of the highlights of the trip for Mrs. Thompson as she had read most of her books many years ago. The Parliament Buildings and the history of historic happenings during the time of Confederation was most interesting to both. The comparison of East and West coasts was a conversation piece many times, and they spent many hours reliving their trips in later years. Bless all concerned!

Mr. Thompson was always interested in the mill work, and many times thought the wheel didn't turn right if he wasn't there, so was always happy to be back to work. No place like home sweet home with the people you know and love.

Mrs. Thompson spent many hours making quilts and crocheting. Her grandchildren will always remember her for her beautiful gifts of work hand done. The roses and flowers were always the pride and joy that kept her busy in the summer.

Their church, Tottenham United, is one of their first concerns, and their faith in God has never failed them.

The Senior Citizens organisation was a real joy for them; the social times spent with friends and bus trips will always be remembered and cherished.



Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Thompson, on the occasion of their 64th Wedding Anniversary

On April 8, 1974, they celebrated their sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. The celebration began with a family dinner at Tottenham United Church, with the church ladies catering. (A delicious roast beef dinner). Their son, Elmer, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Rev. Lee gave a short speech and extended best wishes, along with other family members. Elizabeth Charman (a granddaughter) sang, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie". The following day, the family held open house at their residence, 27 Mill St. Mrs. Thompson's sister-in-law, Mrs. Minerva Bassingthwaite, Mrs. Earl McKnight, Mrs. Roy Armstrong and Mrs. Wm. Carr (three cherished family friends) poured tea. It was a happy occasion indeed to welcome some two hundred people - family and friends - who came to congratulate them and extend best wishes.

In the fall of 1976, Mr. Thompson's failing health kept him confined to home. The beautiful big home at 27 Mill St. became too much work for Mrs. Thompson, so it was sold in December of the same year. On January 29, 1977, they moved to 3 Rodcliffe Rd., a small bungalow, where they still reside.

In the beginning of 1978, due to the failing health of Mr. Thompson, they made an application to go to Simcoe Manor and were accepted in July, where they remained until Mr. Thompson's death August 22, 1978.

Mrs. Thompson is still residing at Simcoe Manor. Their home on Rodcliffe Rd. was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Pettit the same year.

WALLACE TIPPING FAMILY HISTORY

Wallace Tipping moved from Melancthon Township in Dufferin County in 1925 to take over the shop formerly run by Dave Gould. I did many different jobs, such as cutting down wagon wheels as well as buggy repairs.

On June 9, 1926, I married Dorothea Hughton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Hughton. Her parents owned and operated the feed mill at the west end of town and we lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hughton in the last house on the south side of Mill Street West, now occupied by Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Thompson.

I soon saw the market for a better harvest rack as the ones used here were nothing to compare with what was used up home. During 1928, my father-in-law, Mr. Alex Hughton, bought a new Reo truck. He suggested that I should make a body for it. So I got busy with what tools and machines I had and built him a body. The International head truck dealer saw the body and he said he would like me to build him one. I did, and so the seeds of the later body building business was begun. However, in Nov. 1939, while working late, I forgot to pull the switch off on compressor, which resulted in a total loss of the shop, with a carload of oak lumber, tools and equipment. No insurance!



Wallace Tipping and one of his first truck bodies, built in 1936 - on Mill Street West in Tottenham.

In 1940, a new shop was built and I carried on till 1966, when I decided to move to Schomberg, where a new building was built on 3 acres of land on No. 27 Highway. This proved to be a good move, as access to City market was much better. Paul, my son, helped

to further the business with good help, and later son Lowell joined in. So we decided to make it a 'limited' company. Both boys have co-operated well and have never caused any problems, either in the home or in the shop, for which both mother and father are indeed grateful. We hope to see Tipping Motor Bodies go on to greater things in the times ahead.

Dorothea and I had our first home on Richmond Street West, and we raised a family of four children - two girls and two boys. Pae graduated from nursing at the Toronto General Hospital, and married Dr. Ronald MacKay. They live in Milton with their five children (Pae, Fraser, Alexander, Wallace and Graham). Our other daughter, Ruth, became an airline stewardess, and there met her husband Milton Heath, president of Heath Survey Consultants Ltd. They live in Sherborn, Mass., with their three children (Katherine, Caroline and Milton, Jr.). Paul met his wife, Marguerite Shaver, while attending Waterloo University and working in Brantford. They were married in 1960 and moved home to Tottenham, where Paul is managing the family business, Tipping Motor Bodies, in Schomberg. Paul and Marguerite have three children (Kelly, Ira and Matthew). Lowell, after pursuing a professional musical career for 3½ years after high school, returned to Tottenham to join his brother in running the family business. In 1970 Lowell married a childhood school friend, Janet Abrams, with whom he had grown up. They live on Mill Street in Tottenham and have one girl, Andrea.

My father was George Albert Tipping, who married Annie Smith. I have one sister.

- submitted by Wallace Tipping, 1974

THE TOTTEN FAMILY HISTORY

In the early 1820's, a Mrs. Totten and her six fatherless children - three boys and three girls - came from County Monaghan, Ireland, and settled for a time in the township of Toronto, a few miles north of Cookville, and being industrious and careful, they prospered from the first. After a time, hearing that land was to be had at very reasonable rates in the township of Tecumseh, the eldest son, John, made his way there. John Totten was granted a deed to fifty acres of land in the township of Tecumseh (the south-west quarter of Lot B in the 2nd concession) on Nov. 26, 1823 (deed in the Ontario Archives).

On April 15, 1832, John and his wife, formerly Mary Wright of Brampton, and John's young brother, Alexander (age 16), arrived at their new home in Tecumseh. On Nov. 5, 1834, John Totten paid £50 for West 100 acres of lot 6, Conc. 3, of Tecumseh. (This was later known as the "Lyons farm"). On June 10, 1844, he sold it to Alexander Totten for £329, and he and his wife went back to their farm in Toronto township. Alexander started a store on this property (on the corner where Beckers store now stands) in 1835 or 1836.



The Totten home - later owned by J. Lyons - still stands (beside Seough Park)

Alexander married Isabella Willoughby of Newton Robinson on Jan. 14, 1840. They were Wesleyan Methodists. She was also born in Ireland, in 1817, and often told of her rough voyage over the ocean when she was eight. He died in 1898 and she died in 1907. They had lived in Tottenham all their married lives and are both buried in Tottenham cemetery. Alexander and Isabella had nine children: Ann, Matilda, John, Isabella, Margaret, James, Mary, Alexander, Maria.

Ann - born in 1840 - married John Greenaway, a blacksmith, in 1860. She died on Feb. 26, 1907 in Tottenham. John Greenaway died Apr. 1, 1878. Their

children were: Isabella, Alexander, Thomas, Margaret, William, Blanche, Harry. Isabella, born in 1861, married Josiah Sydenham Walker in 1884 - they had three children who died of diphtheria in infancy, and four who grew up in Tottenham: Mr. Albert Walker, a pharmacist, who lived in Saskatoon and California; Anne, who married Lawrence Wright and lived in Toronto; Olive, who married William McMullen and lived in Toronto; and Adelaide Walker. Alexander, born in 1864, died in infancy. Thomas, born in 1869, married Maria Coon, and lived in Toronto. Margaret (Midge), born in 1871, married H. Vanjoy, a photographer in Tottenham in 1890, and lived in California. William, born 1867, married Lena Garay and lived in Toronto. Blanche, born 1873, married W. Thompson and lived in Saskatoon. Harry, born 1877, married Eva Cook, and lived in California.

Matilda - born in 1842 - married Thomas Greenaway. Their children were: Dr. Minerva, Isabelle (Shipman), Effie Ann, (Hiddell), Mary Jane (Metcalf), Alexander Wilbert Greenaway

John - born in 1844 - became the Rev. J.W. Totten, a Methodist minister and historian, and married Charlotte H. Burke. He had many churches throughout southern Ontario but retired to the Totten home (at that time, on Mill St. across from the United Church) in Tottenham, where he died on May 3, 1927. John and Charlotte's children were: Edgar (a dentist), Belle (Shipman), Florence (Miz) and Olive. Olive Totten lived in the Totten home on Mill St. until she died in 1965.



Mrs. Alexander Totten - the former Isabella Willoughby.

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No Instrum.	Nature of Instrum.	Its date	Date of Registry	Grantor	Grantee	Consideration or amount of Mortgage	Quantity of Land
	Patent	Apr. 11 1822		Crown	Jane Bessey		all 200 acres
868	RR	1 Nov. 31	24 Feb 34	Jane Bessey of Grantham	James Thompson	\$ 100	N ½ 100 acres
1082	RR	7 Oct 33	13 Oct 34	Jane Bessey	John Carnes	\$ 50	S ½ 100 acres
1109	RR	15 March 34	3 Nov 34	James Thompson	John Totten of Tecumseh	\$ 50	NE 100 acres
5358	RR	24 Feb. 46	10 June 44	Alex. Totten of Toronto	Alex. Totten of Tecumseh	\$325	SE ¼ 100 acres
41266	Will	7 Aug. 65	18 Nov 65	John Carnes Tecumseh	Timothy Ceras		SE ¼
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Carnes and Ceras on this excerpt appear to be identical.

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THE TOTTEN FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



Four generations of Tottens: Left to Right - Mrs. John Greenaway (Ann Totten), her daughter Mrs. Syd Walker (Isabella Greenaway) with son, Bert, and Mrs. Alexander Totten (Isabella Killoughby)

Isabella - born 1848 - married T. Hastings and they had one son, Harold.

Margaret - born 1850 - married W.C. McCullough. They had Harold, who died in 1902, and Edith, who married Rev. Ward.

James - born in 1852 - died in his third year.

Mary - born in 1856 - married Thos. Smith. She died in 1881 when her daughter Mary (Minnie) Totten Smith was born. Mary (Minnie) was a missionary in China where she died of pneumonia in Feb. 1919.

Alexander - born in 1859 - was drowned in the Tottenham pond Apr. 5, 1873.

Marin - born in 1860 - married W.J. Verney 1883 (he had the furniture and undertaking business in Tottenham). Their children were: Mattie (who died young), Laura, and Harry.

The town of Tottenham is believed to have been named after the original settler, Alexander Totten.

THE GREENAWAY FAMILY HISTORY

Alexander Greenaway was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1796. In 1817, he married Margaret Tegar, who was born in County Armagh in 1799. They probably came to Canada in the 1820's, as she is likely related to James Montgomery Tegar who came to Tottenham about that time. The Greenaways lived near Bond Head at first and then came to Tottenham in the early 1840's.

There is a record of a mortgage on the 50 acres (S.E. 1/4 of Lot 6, Cony. 4, Tecumseh) (north side of Hill Street and east side of Queen Street) which Alex. Greenaway got from a John Hill on Feb. 13, 1853, for £12/10/-. The 1861 census reports that they lived in a two-storey brick house and were Wesleyan Methodists. The Greenaways had 14 children, the youngest of whom (Thomas) was the only one born on the homestead in Tottenham. Their children were: Mary Jane (who married a Perry); Rebecca (who married Alexander Stephens); James (who died young); William (who married Mary McGann); Ann (who married Alexander Hayes); Liza (Elizabeth Ann - who married Wm. Mitchell); Margaret (who married a Jackson); John (who married Ann Totten);



Photo at Right:-
Ann (Totten) Greenaway

Photo at Left:-
Ann and John Greenaway's family.

In front: Harry Greenaway

Middle row, left to right:
Mrs. Syd Walker (Isabella); Mrs. John Greenaway; Mrs. W. Thompson (Blanche)

Standy at rear: Will Greenaway, Tom Greenaway and Mrs. Vanjoy (Nadge)



THE GREENAWAY FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Alexander (who married Martha Milligan); Marjory (who married M.J. Hopkins); Edward (who died in infancy); Noble (who married Ann Woods); Martha (who married Wm. Milligan); Thomas (who married Mariella Totten).

Alexander Greenaway died Mar. 3, 1865 at age 71 and is buried in the Tottenham cemetery.

The many Greenaway descendants lived in Tottenham until the turn of the century when they gradually moved to other parts of the countryside with many of them settling in Toronto. One of them was Dr. Elsie Greenaway, a daughter of Thomas (Thos. Greenaway was born on and lived all his life on the farm on which he died. He was one of the trustees of the school board and had been a councillor and Reeve of Tottenham), who taught school for a short time in Tecumseth prior to receiving her medical degree in 1893. She began to practice in Toronto in 1904. She died in 1906 when she came back to Tottenham to nurse her father who had typhoid fever. He died on Sept. 10th and she died on Sept. 27th.

When School Section 21 was created in 1893 to provide a school for Tottenham, Thomas Greenaway sold the trustees one acre in the south half of Lot 6, Conc. 4. (The present brick building which for a few years recently housed the Medical Centre, faces to the west on Queen St. and carries a tablet, 'Public School 1893')

During the fire of June 18, 1895, the Greenaway homestead which was then located across from the C.P.R. station was burned to the ground, as were the barns and 1000 bushels of grain. Although this was considerably outside town, the flames leapt that far in the wind. The homestead was rebuilt and is still standing. It was owned by Alexander Gilbert Greenaway, son of Thomas, until Gilbert's death in 1967.

THE WALKER FAMILY HISTORY

"Mr. J.D. Walker was a well known character in Tottenham half a century ago. Many who recall his escapades thought he had passed on but evidently he is much alive as the following letter to Mr. R.J. Lavery, Calgary, shows..."

- the Tottenham paper of Dec. 4, 1923.

The long letter read that he was 92 years of age and still in business in Millersburg, Michigan.

The 1861 and 1871 census of Tottenham list Mr. Walker as storekeeper and his wife Mary Jane Pinkerton (whom he married in 1856) as a milliner. She died in 1871 and is buried in Tottenham cemetery. The Walkers were Wesleyan Methodists and lived in a two-story frame house. In 1864, Mr. Walker bought a share of the 1/2 of lot 5, Conc. 3, for \$100. and sold it to a William Walker for \$1,000. in 1865. One of J.D. Walker's escapades occurred when he crated a man in a merchandise box and sent him shipped to a friend in Bradford via Allendale.

The Walkers' children were: J. Sydenham, Alfred, Adeline and Martha.

J. Sydenham, born in 1861, married Isabella Greenaway. He was a builder and built many of the houses in Tottenham. Two, which are still standing, are cement block ones on Mill Street, opposite the United Church (one was the Totten house).

Alfred died young.

Adeline Walker was born in 1863.

Martha, born in 1868, married an Anderson. Their children were: Oliver (Gaynor) and Daisy (Hagartfoot)

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TOUGH FAMILY HISTORY



George and Jane (Hunter) Tough sold their dry goods store in Peterculter, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1912 and booked passage to Canada. Luckily for them, the bookings were all filled for the ill-fated Titanic. They booked passage on a later boat.

They settled in the Fenville district first and then on to the 6th line of Tecumseth at Lot 12, Con. 6. Here they farmed until 1939 when they retired to Lot 9, Con. 5 Tecumseth. In October 1943, Mrs. Tough passed away and a little over two months later, Mr. Tough died.

There was a family of one son, James, and three daughters - Jessie (Mrs. George Forbes of Tottenham); Jean (Mrs. Albert Cruickshank of Oakville); and Mary (Mrs. Douglas Switzer of Alliston).

Photo:-

Mr. & Mrs. George Tough.

GEORGE HENDRY FORBES HISTORY



George Hendry Forbes and Jessie Ann Tough both emigrated from their native Scotland in 1912. He came from Banchory, Aberdeenshire, and she, from Peterculter, Aberdeenshire. They found work at different farms in Tottenham and Fenville vicinity.

They were married at Bradford in September 1914 and farmed in this vicinity ever since. They farmed at Lot 9, Con. 5 Tecumseth Twp., 6th line since 1924. This was known as the Bob Braham place. Here they raised three sons - George of Beeton, Fred of Toronto and William at home.

Fred, William & George Forbes
(Aug. 1942)

GEORGE HENDRY FORBES HISTORY - cont'd.



In 1964, Mr. & Mrs. Forbes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

In 1968, George Forbes died, in his eightieth year.

In April 1975, Mrs. Forbes passed away after many years of poor health. She was in her eighty-second year.

Photo at left:-

Mr. & Mrs. George Forbes on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary - September 1964.

COLLINS FAMILY HISTORY

In the early 1800's, Henry and Mary Collins came to Lower Canada from County Down, Ireland. Here they raised ten of a family and to each gave 100 acres of land. Edward, one of the sons, in 1848 married Jane Blackwell, who came to Renfrew from Tipperary County, Ireland, with her family in 1833. They lived in Lower Canada until 1862 when he sold his 100 acres and moved to Kincardine Township. Here they endured many trials that beset the early settlers - like fighting off wolves and carrying bags of flour on their backs from nearby Goderich. In 1876, they moved to Kincardine and in 1882 they came to Tiverton. From this family of ten children, there was George Collins, who in 1877 married Sarah Ann Walsh of Kincardine Township. They moved to Hottwasaga Township and settled at Singhampton, near Collingwood. They farmed here until 1891 when they moved to the 4th line of Adjala Township. Here they farmed until 1919 when they moved to Alliston. From this marriage there were seven of a family.

One son, George Ray, born in Adjala Township in 1892, married Sarah Ann Anderson of Mulmur Township, Dufferin County, in April 1914. They farmed around Beaton and in 1919 moved to Lot 6, Con. 2 Tecumseth Township. Here they farmed until 1933, when they moved to Tottenham, where he started a trucking business. Later he took over the grain and coal business from R.J. Magloughlen.



G.R. Collins on Wallis Tractor
(1929)

G.R. Collins with his truck
(1943)

COLLINS FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



For some years Mr. Collins was on the Tottenham Public School Board, and was a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church.

In May 1957, Mrs. Collins died and later that year he sold his property in Tottenham and moved to Stayner. There in December 1958, he married Caroline E. Rowley. He lived in retirement until his death in January 1968.

There were two daughters: Marion Isobel (who is now Mrs. George Forbes and is farming on the 7th line of Tecumseth) and Jean Elizabeth (who is now Mrs. Lloyd Young of Orillia).

Photo at left:-

Mr. & Mrs. G.R. Collins
Marion and Jean
(1944)

GEORGE FORBES, JR. HISTORY

In 1946, after more than four years in the Army - three years spent in England and Western Europe - George Forbes purchased R₂ Lot 6, Con. 6, known as the Perry Moore farm. In June 1946, he married Marion Collins of Tottenham.



Mr. & Mrs. George Forbes, Jr.
(Sept. 1973)

Gabriel Lount obtained all of Lot 6, Con. 6 from the Crown, August 6, 1820. Later Patrick Hughes purchased it in 1853; then Alex. Kearns and later Perry Moore owned this property.

This farm now consists of 120 acres of rolling land and clay soil. It was a well-known landmark years ago because two stately elm trees, Adam and Eve, graced the 7th line east from the County Road 10. At one time, so the story goes, there was a hotel on the corner and these two trees made an excellent toll gate for the farmers as they headed east to Bradford with their loads of grain. However, during a freak windstorm in 1949, Adam was blown down and then in 1962 the road was widened and Eve was cut down into cords and cords of wood.

The bricks for the farm home came from the brickyard east of Tottenham and are laid on their edge. In 1949 the hydro was

GEORGE FORBES, JR. HISTORY - cont'd.

installed and on December 15, 1949, the lights were shining on the 7th line of Tecumseh.

In 1951, one frame barn and one log barn were taken down and a larger bank barn was erected under the supervision of Mr. B.C. Heuchan. Those were the "good old days" when all the neighbours came to help with the barn-raising. 1955 saw the last threshing on the farm; after that it was the combines.

Many changes have taken place on the farm in the last twenty years. The two oldest children, Jim and Susan, started school at Hamnell's little red school house. Then in 1961 they went to Tecumseh South Central. Jim is now a teacher with the York County School Board in Aurora and Susan is a registered nurse (now Mrs. Ken Furlong of Cambridge). Robert, the youngest, is attending Benting Memorial High School in Alliston.

Susan, Robert & James Forbes
(Dec. 1965)

FLEMING FAMILY HISTORY

In the 1800's before the revolution, John Fleming came from Ireland and settled on a parcel of land (Lot 10, Con. 2, Tecumseh). He married Mary McLeod of Muddy York (Toronto), who was of Scottish descent. They had thirteen children, eight of whom reached maturity:

Mary Ann and Elizabeth married and left the area;

Sarah and Martha passed on in their late forties;

Isaac became a school teacher and taught at Rich Hill;

Robert farmed, and he and his mother gave the land for Rich Hill church in 1888;

Thomas married Margaret Gray, and farmed on the 2nd line of Tecumseh; and Charles John Fleming died in January 1891.

Charles married Hannah Duke and they had a family of six: John, Ann, Martha, Aletha, Cora and Ira. In the early 1900's he bought and farmed the land on Lot 13, Con. 5, Tecumseh. After the First World War, his son John married Cora Dale and carried on the family trade. John's son, William and his wife (Beryl Coulter) and his family still farm the same parcel of land. Bill and Beryl have two sons and three daughters: Bill, the eldest, married Mary Brillinger of Toronto; Lois married Richard Guilmette; Jim, Joan and Gladys are at home.

Bill's younger brother, Jack, married Mary Robison and they have three children: Bob, Gordon and Donna. Other descendants of Charles still in the Tecumseh area are: Martha (Mrs. Allen Freeman); her daughter Glenma (Mrs. E. Hastings); Glenma's daughter Ruth (Mrs. L. Watson); and her three children Stephen, Mark and Janice.

ROBERT JAMES WALKEM

Robert and Ida Walkem
November 19th, 1902.



Robert James Walkem was born in Adjala township on October 20th, 1876.

He was the youngest son of John and Julia Walkem, Julia being the former Julia Hoath. He had two sister Mary and Libbie and a brother William.

In November of 1884 when Robert was eight years old his father died. Two years later he lost his sister Mary. Shortly after this his mother sold their farm near Cedarville and built a new home in Tottenham. Robert James or as he was familiarly know "R. J." lived in this house until his death.

When quite a young man he went to Toronto to work for Massey Harris Company. On week ends he told of his boyfriend and himself riding a bicycle out to Tottenham and then back to work for a Monday morning.

In 1902 he married the former Ida Worrod. It was shortly after his marriage that he decided to go into the hardware business. He first started in the store that was later operated by Steve Windsor. In 1904 he moved to the store now operated by Jack Penn. In 1905 he built a new store and there he carried on business until he sold the store to Hugh and Helen Sinclair.

"R. J. and Idie" as they were called by their friends, had one daughter Muriel who died in 1931 and a son Mervin who now lives in the family home in Tottenham. In honor of R. J.'s contribution to the town of Tottenham, the street where he made his home for so many years was named for his family. They were members of Fraser Presbyterian Church.

An amusing story was once told of a former Tottenham gentleman, Mr. Paddy Joe Doyle. Mr. Doyle was very hard of hearing, and a neighbour of his was trying to report the death of George Bernard Shaw to him. "George Bernard Shaw is dead". What's that? said Mr. Doyle. The neighbour in a louder voice said "George Bernard Shaw is dead." "Oh," said Mr. Doyle. The neighbour went on with "You know he was a great vegetarian", Mr. Doyle "Aye?" Once more the neighbour shouted "He was a great vegetarian". "Oh," replied Mr. Doyle, "A great Presbyterian. Well I'll bet Bob Walkem will be sure to be at his funeral."

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He was a member of the Masonic order, the Argle Club and the Scottish Rite.

For many years he was a keen lawn bowler and fisherman. In fact he fished the wiley trout in the Mill pond until the age of eighty-nine.

In 1941 he was appointed Commissioner of oath and affidavit by the honorable Albert Matthews, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. In the same year he became the proud possessor of an appreciation certificate from the Imperial Oil Company for almost fifty years of faithful retail service of Imperial Oil Products.

For a number of years he served on the board of Mount Teggart Cemetery and was town tax collector until the age of eighty-five and issued Gun and Hunting licenses until he was ninety.

Bob and Idie lived to celebrate their diamond wedding Anniversary in 1962 and were married almost sixty three years before the death of Idie in 1965. R. J. passed to the Great Beyond in October, the nineteenth day, 1967, one day before his ninety-first birthday.



Bob and Idie Walker
November 19th, 1962.



Bob, Idie and daughter Muriel



Idie, Bob and Idie's mother, Mrs. Charles Worrod.
Son Mervin and daughter Muriel.

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Robert and Ida welcomed a son, Mervin James born December 8th, 1904. In 1907, on January 15, Muriel Ivadel Walker was born. Mervin and Muriel received their education at Tottenham Continuation School and on graduating Muriel attended Barrie Business College. Mervin, on leaving school joined the staff of the Royal Bank and after a year changed over to the Imperial Bank of Canada, where he worked until shortly before his marriage and then he went into the hardware store to work with his father.

Muriel on graduating from Barrie Business College went to work for the First National Bank in Buffalo, New York and worked there until her marriage to Kenneth William Camplin of Beeton, Ontario. Ken and Muriel were married June 5th, 1929. Ken at the time of their marriage worked as head buyer for the Loblaw Company in Buffalo. They resided in Buffalo until Muriel's death in 1931.

On December 17th, 1924, Mervin married the former Hazel Bradley. Hazel's grandfather John Archdeacon Bradley, had formerly farmed at Campbells Cross, a short distance from Brampton. He had been one of the earliest pioneers of Peel County. On retiring the family moved to Caledon East where Hazel's father Albert Joseph Bradley met and married the former Margaret Ann Mason of Adjala on November 28th, 1906. Hazel was born in Caledon East on November 24th, 1907, and she attended Caledon East Public School. The family moved to Tottenham in 1921 and Hazel then attended Tottenham Continuation School. Mervin and Hazel have three sons: Charles Vernon of Woodstock, Robert Kenneth of Beeton and Walter George at home.

Robert (who is more commonly known as Stony) married the former Sheila Aiken of Beeton, on September 7th, 1957. They now live in Beeton with their four sons, Robert James called after his great grandfather, Todd, Bradley and Brent. They have one daughter, Juanita Muriel.



1904

THE WALLACES AND LOWLACE FARM

We bought our farm, which is 123 acres, from Mrs. Wilfred Thompson. It's the north half of Lot 8, Conc. 4 of Tecumseh. Gerald moved there on June 8, 1954. I came after July 31, 1954 - the day we were married. Gerald was born and raised in the city of Toronto. He was not a farmer's son, but he always wanted to farm. I was born and raised on a dairy farm at Elders Mills (which is just north of Woodbridge). When we first moved here, Gerald worked at A.V. Roe in Halton. We brought with us two horses, about 100 chickens and some very old machinery. The first winter was spent painting, papering and sanding pine floors. Our house was built in 1880. The date is on a brick at the front of the house.

In May of 1955, we had a baby girl, Linda Margaret. She was born in Brampton Hospital and the same doctor that brought me into this world delivered Linda. In the fall of 1956, we took over some of my dad's dairy herd of about 14 Holstein cows and started shipping milk to Toronto. We are still in the milk business today. In April of 1957 we had a baby boy, Robert David - he likes to be called "Dave". In 1958, we had to put in a big bulk milk cooler for our milk. This is when a lot of farmers went out of the milk business. We kept increasing our herd of cows till we were milking about 19 or 20. Jerry Roy was born in February of 1962 and there was a lot of snow around then. In the spring of 1965, we built one of the first high silos in the Tottenham area and some of our neighbours thought we were crazy. The first time Gerald filled it, which was the very next year, Gerald exclaimed, "I filled it! I filled it! They never thought I would!" Dianne Grace was born in May of 1966, and that is our family - two boys and two girls.

In 1966, Gerald bought the Old Woodhill garage at No. 7 and Airport Road, took it down and moved it here for a driving shed and workshop. We put an extension on the barn in 1968, also put in a pipeline to take the milk from the cows right to the cooler. We also increased our herd to 25 cows and we try to have that many cows milking all the time. In 1970, Gerald put in a stable cleaner and remodelled the barn for the extra cows and heifers and also some new calf pens. We bought another shed from Haycoes in Pine Grove, took it down and moved it here for another driving shed in 1971.

Linda is married now to Pat O'Leary and they live in a new house on the corner of the farm. Pat works for the town of Tottenham and they have two children, Jackie 6, and Mark 1 1/2 months. Dave is married to Mary Anne Birch and they have a lovely older home in Colgan. Dave works for McCullough Construction and has about 90-some pigs in a barn at Colgan. Mary Anne works for the Bloor St. Lab in Toronto. Jerry is in his last year at Banting High School. Dianne is in her last year at Tecumseh South Central School.

Gerald served on the Committee of Adjustment for Tecumseh Township from 1970 until 1976, when he decided to run for Council. He's in the third year of his second term. We are both very active members of Tottenham United Church and Gerald has been an Elder of the Church for 25 years.

This year, on July 31, 1979, we celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary. We have had 25 good years here in the Tottenham area. We also have had a few tragic times, but it is these times that have made us stronger and better people and we are glad that we have had good faith to help us through these times.

- submitted by Eva Wallace, 1979.

THE JAMES WALSH FAMILY HISTORY (1853-1975)

Our paternal great-grandparents (grandfather's side) were John Walsh and Mary Roman who emigrated from Ireland and settled in Adjala. They had six children--James (our grandfather), Thomas, Joseph, John, Mathew and Agnes.

Thomas resided in Loretto, and was the Treasurer of the Township of Adjala. Joseph located in Colgan. John was a policeman in San Francisco.

Our paternal great-grandparents (grandmother's side) were Edward and Rose Garvey, who came from Ireland in 1853, and lived in Cockstown. They had three children--Mary Agnes (our grandmother), Mrs. Charles Seager of Randolph, New York and John of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Our paternal grandparents were James Walsh and Mary Agnes Garvey. James was born in Adjala, and Mary Agnes in Cockstown in 1855. As a young girl Mary Agnes attended school at No. 5 Tecumseh before there was any school in Tottenham, and she remembered when there were only three houses in Tottenham. Grandmother passed away in her home in Tottenham in 1942, where she had lived continuously for 57 years. She was in her eighty-eighth year and was buried in St. James Cemetery, Colgan. Her husband, Grandfather James pre-deceased her and was also buried in St. James Cemetery.

They had seven children--Agnes, Rose, Ellen (Nell), Collette, John, Thomas Edward and James. Agnes, born in Tottenham, married Martin Gallagher and lived in Harboro, Alberta for several years where she deceased at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton. Rose was born in Tottenham and worked in Toronto for years and died in her 47th year at St. Michael's Hospital.

Nell, born in Tottenham, married Harry Robinson and lived in Edmonton and throughout the West. While not having any children of her own, Nell was a mid-wife and nurse (not professionally) to many Indian families; feeding, clothing and nursing the sick and underprivileged. In her latter years, she returned to Tottenham where she deceased in 1954 and her remains were conveyed to Edmonton for interment.

Collette, born in Tottenham, married Edward Brown and lived in Crescent City, California. After she was widowed, she moved to San Francisco and made several trips back to Tottenham to visit her brother Edward and relatives. She died in Crescent City while visiting there from San Francisco in 1964.

Jack (John), born in Tottenham, was married and had two children--Doroth (Mrs. Lorne Marks) and Larry, who is a Captain with the Toronto Fire Department. Jack was one of the noted lacrosse star players of the old field game days. He played with Tottenham, Orangeville, St. Simons (champions in 1920), Riverides (champions in 1921) and with the Waitlands and Irish Canadians. Jack enlisted with the Sincoe Foresters in World War I - 1915 and played lacrosse with the army team in Camp Borden. He went overseas with the seventy-fifth battalion and was wounded in France. Jack worked for the Toronto Telegram in the Composing Room for 23 years. After a short illness at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, he died in 1951 and was buried in St. James Cemetery, Colgan.

Thomas Edward, better known to his friends as Pete, celebrated his 79th birthday on January twenty-ninth 1975. He claims to be the oldest living person, born in Tottenham and had slept in the same room that he was born in until recently. In his youth, he was active in sports; running, swimming and boxing were his best, and was a member of the Oshawa Generals lacrosse team. (Dominion Champions) He and his brother, Jack, were members on Eddie Sullivan's Mann Cup Winning Riverides. A local constable in Tottenham for many years, he also served on the village council and is a veteran of World War I. He was a correspondent for the Tottenham Sentinel, keeping the subscribers posted on Legion and Sports news. Ed. was also a Steward of the Tottenham Legion Branch 329, R. S. S. L. Presented to him upon terminating his stewardship was a list of comrades young and old, totalling a number of one hundred and two. Edward is residing at the Sunnyside Veterans' Hospital, Toronto and is in fair health.



James Walsh taken at the Fiddlers Contest in Shelbourne, Ontario.



Margaret & James Walsh with children, Christina, Peter, Agnes, Theresa, Collette

James Patrick (our father), was born in Keeneville in 1865 and moved to Tottenham at an early age. He stayed close to home helping his mother with his younger sisters and brothers. While a young man, James worked as an Outler at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Our mother, Margaret Campbell, (nee Cain) came from West Longtrick by Airdie, Scotland, U. K. Margaret was the daughter of Francis Cain and Janet Coadie of Windygates, Fife, Scotland. In Scotland, she married Joseph Roderick Campbell and following his death during World War I came to Canada with her two children Hattie and Roderick Campbell.

In 1920 our parents were married in St. Francis Church, Tottenham. After marriage, they lived on Richmond Street East, Tottenham, where she gave birth to six children -- Agnes, Peter, Theresa, Collette, Christina and Thomas Aquinas.

During this time, James was a mail carrier on Rural Route No. 2. This consisted of sorting the mail in the local post office after it arrived by train and delivering some to the local farm community. In the winter when the snow plows were often non-existent, James sometimes wouldn't get much further than the C.P.R. tracks because of the huge and abounding snow drifts, and was forced back home, only to try again the next day.

In the 1930's, he wasn't too fond of an enclosed automobile and was recognised by his "Star" car which was roofless, sideless, and of course doorless. Our recollection of it was four wheels, an engine, a steering wheel, a make-shift horn, and a "boxed seat". However, he got plenty of fresh air and had lots of room to wave to his rural customers as he delivered their mail.

James also had a fifty acre farm on the third line, which he rented during his family's growing-up years. He once told us the farm was to keep the children busy and off the streets.

THE JAMES WALSH FAMILY HISTORY -- continued

In 1947, Margaret died in Tottenham. Ten years later, James died. Both were buried in St. James Cemetery, Colgan.

Nettie married Garry Bray, had one son Bradford, and had an early death at 27. Roderick married Irene Belfry, had two children and, after leaving the Tottenham Creamery, worked at Silverwood's Creamery in Toronto until his recent retirement. He is now enjoying a new life in Cardigan Head, Prince Edward Island on a farm raising chickens, growing vegetables and also has several bee hives and greenhouses.

Agnes married Walter Knfield who is employed by the City of Toronto and she is a telephone receptionist at the Maple Leaf Milling Company, having had her first experience with the Bell Telephone Company in Tottenham.

Peter married Catherine Howe, a registered nurse from Pembroke in 1951, and is employed as a Environmental Control Officer. They have six children and are living in Islington. Their son Philip, married with two children, is an O. P. S. constable in Midland. Colleen, a registered nurse, is at an outpost hospital in Moose Factory, Ontario and Helen, Joan, Anne and Sheila are at home going to university, high school and lower school. Peter along with several boys from Tottenham, was in World War II and served overseas in England and France, where he was wounded. He was a member of the Tottenham Legion until transferring to Branch No. 219 Legion in Islington, where he was a member of its executive.

Theresa, after having worked several years for Harvey and Orma Simpson in their grocery store in Tottenham, married Jim Deasy in 1949 and is living in Islington. Jim is Manager of Administrative Services for Abitibi Paper Co. and is the son of the late Annie Keough Deasy, a member of one of the older families to Tottenham. They have five children. Patricia a registered nurse, Sheila a teacher, Jim Jr., Jane and Robbie who are at school and living at home.

Colletta married Bill Allen in Toronto and is living in Greenbrae, California. She was widowed six years ago.

Christina, a registered nurse, married Joseph Devine in Tottenham in 1952. She nursed for several years at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto and the Devines now live in Islington with their four children, Paul, Christina, Sean and Jacqueline, all at school. Joseph is employed by Olivetti Canada Ltd.

Thomas Aquinas, better known as "Quin" or "Tom" to his friends, married Lucille Marsden from Espanola in 1952 and resides in Tottenham. They have five children. Deborah, the oldest daughter, married James Furter and has one son. They live in Mississauga. Tom is in the construction business while Tim, Tacara and Cynthia are attending school and living at home. Quin is General Manager and Vice-President of the Graham Bros. Construction Ltd., Brampton. He still maintains an active interest in the welfare of his hometown.

The living members of the Walsh Family are proud of their connections with Tottenham and those who were born there have very happy recollection of old friends and the pleasant times had in the Village. We wish Tottenham continued prosperity and are looking forward to the successful publication of its history.

March 10, 1975.

THE WATSON FAMILY HISTORY 1816 to 1974

John Watson married Mary Ann Porterfield in 1816 and lived in County Cavan, Ireland. They had seven children. One of their family James Watson married Ann Jane Cotton and came to Canada, they also had seven of a family as follows:



THE WATSON LOG HOUSE

Albert married Fricilla Brett and lived on the seventh line of Adjala Township and farmed all his life. They had six children.

Tennysen never married.

Effie married Arthur Ewing of Rosemont and had two girls.

Fred married Gladys Bray did a lot of custom threshing. They lived in Beeton with a family of four

Clarence married Lela Preston and had two of a family. Lela died and Clarence remarried again to Mary Cameron and is living in Parry Sound.

Edith married Harry Potter and lived on the Potter homestead, on the third of Tecumseth Township until they moved to Tottenham.

William remained single and farmed his father's farm until a few years ago when he sold out and moved to Rosemont.

Fred married Isabella Sigsworth and also lived on the Seventh line of Adjala and farmed all his life. They had nine children.

Mary Ethel is deceased.

Vera married Norval Stewart of Beeton where they farmed east of Beeton until a few years ago. At that time they sold out and are now living in Beeton. They had four children.

Harold married Ada Letts and farmed his father's farm, before going to Beeton to live. Harold is now a caretaker of Beeton School. They have two children.

Freda married Herb Lisk, they also farmed before they moved to Beeton with four children.

Thelma married Bill Cobourn of Beeton. They had a garage before retiring. They had three children. Bill passed away in 1974.

continued.... THE WATSON FAMILY HISTORY 1816 to 1974

Vernon never married and farms on the Eighth line of Tecumseth Township.

Herbert married Moira Johnston and they have three of a family.

Jack married Margaret Coker. Margaret Ruth is deceased.



Albert, Jim, Fred, George, Doll Chapman and Bob Watson

Isobel married Samuel McElwain of Phelapston and had seven of a family.

Anna Jane is deceased. Russel married Nettie Hopkins. Arol married Phyllis Harbor. Birdella married John Robertson. Wendall married Gladys Bell. Erna married Roy Minty. Emerson married Elva Smith.

James married Marjorie McElwain and lived on the Sixth line of Adjala Township where he farmed all his life. They went to Rainey's United Church for quite a few years before changing to Tottenham United Church. The oldest daughter Beryl married Aldon Patterson and farmed at Caledon East until Aldon's death. They had four children. Beryl moved to Caledon East Town and remarried to Eddie Stych. She passed away about two years ago.

Iola never married and continued to look after the homestead until her death in 1969. She was quite a church worker.

Ann Jane married George Chapman.

Robert married Ida Heatherington in 1910, and lived on the farm of his father, all his life, on the Sixth line of Adjala until his death in 1963. They had three children. Donal the only son died quite young in 1920. Bessie married Walter McLean and lives in Lloydstown. They have one daughter Joan. Jean married Art Bittle, and lives in Willowdale and has a son and daughter, Robbie and Debbie. Ida died in 1923. In 1932 Robert remarried again to Irene Hamilton and they have one son Clare, who is farming on the family farm. Clare married Doreen Wilder, and they have two boys and one girl. Clare's mother lives with them on the homestead.

continued..... THE WATSON FAMILY HISTORY 1816 to 1974

George married Margaret Hamilton and took up farming on the Seventh Line of Adjala where he lived until his death in 1951. When he was a young man he had a store in Ballycroy. Margaret better known as Maggie passed away in 1948. They had two boys and one girl.

Robert married Kathaleen Burdock and at the time of his death in 1964, he lived on the Seventh Line of Adjala Township. He was a mail carrier for quite a number of years from Tottenham Post Office and also the Colgan Route. Kathaleen still continues to carry on the same job along with their daughter Kay, who married Garry Seaman. They have three little boys, Robert, Dale and Sean. Their son Douglas married Karen Roth. They live at Harris and have two children.

Marguerite married Bill Bailey and live in Tottenham. Bill works for the Nottawasaga Conservation at the Conservation Area in Tottenham. They have two boys and two girls. Mary Ann married Brian Evans, and lives in Tottenham with their two children. Bill married Barbara Thompson and live in Tottenham. Jo Ann married Larry Greystone and live in Alliston with three of a family. Bobby is in the Army at the present time and is stationed at Camp Borden.

Hamilton married Viola Hitchman and we live on the farm of his father, where Hamilton was born. We have three boys and two girls. George married Agnes Lafferty and live at Waterloo. George is finishing his fourth year at the University to get his B. A. They both work for the Royal Bank. Jim married Judy Bredon and they live on the Seventh Line of Adjala in a home he built himself. He works in Bradford at a Federal Farms. Bill married Nancy Surr and live only a few miles from us in their new home, he just finished last spring. Muriel married Rick Rutley and live in Burlington. They both work for the Toronto Dominion Bank in Hamilton. Anna is the only one left at home with us and she works at Baxter's Lab. in Alliston.

Robert, Hamilton, Marguerite and all our family went to the little school house at S. S. # 10, Adjala, known as Sandon School.

submitted by

Viola Watson.

THE WEAVER HISTORY.

The Weaver family bought the "Marrow Block" in the early part of this century, consisting of a former hotel. The following is an excerpt from the *Cardwell Sentinel*, July 7, 1898. A visitor was shown through the Queens Hotel by the hostess, Mrs. J.E. Marrow, and the following appeared in the paper:-

"If the excellence of Tottenham hotels is any indication of the progressive spirit usually manifested by its citizens, they are deserving of the warmest congratulations. The main building is an immense three-storey solid brick structure of magnitude and proportions approaching the largest to be found in many Canadian cities. The liquor vaults, kitchen and heating appliances are to be found in the basement floor. The dining-room, bar and wimple room occupy the first floor; the second floor comprises the public drawing room, private parlour and bedrooms, while the third contains bedrooms.

A large, solid brick store forms a part of the building proper and above it, a large dance hall furnishes good accommodations for the enormous crowds that gather for the annual ball, which has come to be looked upon as the most important event of the winter season.

The bar is always supplied with the choicest wines, ales, liquors and cigars, while the menu card contains the names of dishes of such excellence and variety as to tempt the palate of the epicure. Twenty-five well furnished and ventilated bedrooms invite refreshing sleep. A magnificent Heintzman piano, free to all, occupies a conspicuous place in the dining room. An efficient staff of courteous servants are always on hand to render any assistance required to dispense the hospitality for which the place has been famous.

A good livery is in connection and the traveller will find the swift footed horses and rigs ready, a comfortable means of transit to any neighbouring village.

As the 12th is approaching, everything has been sure to accommodate 150 people to be seated at once, expert waitresses have been engaged and the dining hall will be open at 10 a.m. No one should leave the place either hungry or thirsty.

Mrs. Marrow supervises with earnest solicitude for the comfort of her guests. Her patrons receive every attention the most exacting would expect."

- *Cardwell Sentinel*, 1898.

The above hotel was built the same year the Tottenham Inn was built; the property was formerly owned by a Mr. John Kidd. Many years before the hotel was built, Mr. J.D. Walker had a store on this lot.



This hotel once stood on the west side of Mill and Queen, where the new Royal Bank now stands (the Rogers building).

C.A. (Charlie) Weaver came to Tottenham from Schonberg in 1914, having bought Browns Drug Store on the E.W. corner of the main intersection (Mill & Queen). Subsequently he bought the Harrow block on the S.W. corner - a former hotel - and remodelled it to contain his drug store, apartments, and a dance hall. The building has since been torn down and a new one is now in its place (the present Rogers Building).

The Weaver family consisted of: parents Charlie and Karetta, their four daughters, Helen, Habel, Marjory and Enid, and for a number of years until her death, dear Grandma (Mrs. P.O.) Widdifield.

Besides running a successful business, Mr. Weaver was secretary of the local school board until his death in 1933. He was a man who took a great interest in his family and his community. Karetta Weaver took an active share in these interests, holding office in the local Women's Institute and being active in church organizations. Each of the girls went to school in Tottenham. Helen and Habel finished continuation school there, put in their apprenticeship (as required then) with their father, and graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy, U. of T. - Helen in 1927, Habel in 1931. Marjory finished high school in Orangeville then took a business course which led to a position as private secretary. Enid finished high school in Alliston then entered Victoria College, U. of T., for a course in Household Economics. Helen ran a pharmacy in Bolton for a number of years. She was married to Leonard Howe until his death in 1966. She still lives, retired, in their home in Bolton.

Habel and her husband, Herbert Brooks, ran a pharmacy in Orangeville for twelve years when they moved to a farm north of Caledon East. They later moved in to the village with their three children, Bill, Grace and Bob. In 1958 they established a pharmacy in the village, which they ran together till Herb's death in 1968. Habel still lives, retired, in Caledon East, where her two sons have their homes; her daughter, Grace, lives on a farm near Napanee with her husband and four children. Habel has eight grandchildren.

Marjory married Flt. Lt. Ted Boughton. In the course of his duties with the R.C.A.F. they were moved from coast to coast. After the war he was employed by Avro and they settled in Bolton with their four children. When Avro folded they moved to the States where Ted has been employed by Grumman Aircraft ever since. The children are all married (Susan, Phyllis and Barbara living near San Francisco; Ted, Jr., in Calgary). The Boughtons have three grandchildren.

Enid married Dr. R.Y. Potter of Belleville, who was soon sent overseas with the Canadian Medical Corps. On his return, he established his practice and they raised their four children in Belleville. Ted, married, lives in Midhurst; Frances, married, lives near Belleville; Andrew just graduated from University of Waterloo Lutheran; Karen attends University of Toronto. Dr. Potter entered politics and represents Quinte. He is a member of the provincial cabinet. The Potters have one grandchild.

- submitted by Habel Brooks, 1977

THE McKNIGHT HIGHWAY

Les McKnight was the son of Mr. & Mrs. James McKnight who lived in Tottenham and kept store at one time where Harvey Simpson's is now located. He attended Tottenham School; he received further education at Harrie and University of Toronto. He started as a radio announcer with CJYO in Toronto in 1927 at a salary of \$2. and about 1928, he joined the CKGB station. He was an all-round sportsman - played excellent golf and tennis.



Shortly after 1928, he was made Canada's first regular sports commentator and was given a raise of \$5. His familiar voice was heard in houses across Canada....."How do you do everybody"..... In Canada, hockey and football were the first games to be broadcast, and in spite of the small number and poor quality of the receiving sets in those days, they met with instant approval.

By 1930, Les McKnight was broadcasting the first regularly scheduled series of sports talks in Canada, and was bringing to the microphones outstanding celebrities in the field of sport.

Les had one brother, Roy, and is survived by a son, Greg, of Toronto.

- submitted 1979

The Williams - Henderson Farm

Alexander McMullen was an United Empire Loyalist, who came to Canada in 1776 and was given 200 acres in Simcoe County, in the province of Ontario. This land consisted of Lot 7, Concession 2, Lot 7, Concession 3 in Tecumseh Township. They were also given 200 acres of land in Innisfil Township.

Gilbert Williams also was an United Empire Loyalist who came to Canada in 1823 and was also one of the first settlers in the township of Tecumseh. His daughter Elizabeth Ann married William McMullen, son of the afore mentioned Alexander McMullen. They had but one child, a daughter Mary Margaret McMullen, whose father William was killed by a falling tree two months before her birth thus making her a posthumous child. When Mary Margaret was sixteen years old, she eloped with a twenty year old Irish man, born in the County of Wicklow, Ireland. They were married in 1843 in St. James Cathedral in Toronto. The young couple were followed by Mary's stepfather - Mrs. Clarke just ten minutes too late to prevent the marriage. This young woman had been called twice in Tecumseh Anglican Church, but the young lady had no intention of marriage to a man of her mothers choice because he was an old man of forty years of age.

After the marriage, Mary's mother and step-father moved to Schomberg, and the newly married couple, Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Williams settled on the 3rd concession where they lived for 49 years. Then full of years they retired to Tottenham and bought the property directly west of the United Church, which was then the Methodist Church. This house - also the Methodist Church and 60 other buildings were burnt in the "Great Fire of Tottenham" in 1896. They rebuilt and in 1906 Thomas Williams passed away. Mary Margaret followed him in 1911.

Their sons T. E. and William were educated at Osgoode Hall; J. J. achieved success as a doctor and Daniel M. and George were both educated at Victoria College. These two sons chose farming after completing their education. Later Daniel married Eliza Jane Lennox and settled on the 4th concession of Tecumseh. There were three daughters of this union; Lila who married William Bradley of North Bay; Vida who married James Henderson of Grand Valley in Luther Township and Arvilla who married George Cooper of Winnipeg and Stayner.

Later, George Williams who had married Margaret Hollingshead, moved to Toronto from the ancestral farm in 1910. Then James Henderson and his wife Vida, purchased the lovely Williams home where they raised their five children. Jean (Mrs. E. C. Creighton) of Midland, and mother of Paul who works with the Ontario Provincial Police; Doctor E. C. and Jean (Mrs. Donald McFarland) of Cookstown. Mrs. Creighton is on the teaching staff of Midland High School. 2) John James, Assistant Director of Public Schools in Scarborough and who married Lila Davis of Ivy; they have two children, Dr. John R. and Doreen (Mrs. Hamilton). 3) Ella, (Mrs. Jack Blair) of Strathroy and a teacher at Strathroy High School. 4) Mary, who married Major R. E. Aksim of Ottawa and they have one son Rudi of Switzerland. 5) Ruth, who married Don Johnson of the R.C.A.F. and who was killed in an air accident. Ruth and Donald had one son, John. Later Ruth married N. R. Allan of Oshawa who later adopted Ruth's son.

Mrs. James Henderson contributed much to Simcoe County through church and municipal affairs. The whole community was saddened to learn of his untimely death in January of 1938.

The Williams-Henderson farm is now owned by Stewart Cairns and his wife Edna. The D. W. Williams farm with it's ever-flowing well is now owned by Jack and Aileen Culgin.

COMPLIMENTS OF

...CHAS. WORROD

Dealer in Hardware and

Household Goods

General Store, Wm.

TYTENHAM, ONT.



1902 JANUARY 1902.

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Eliza Perkins was born in Uxbridge in 1859, moved to Gravenhurst where she married Charles Worrod, and they lived there until they moved to Shelbourne, Everett, and then to Tottenham in the late 1800's, where they opened a hardware and tinmith store now occupied by the Town Hall. They had five children: Ella who married Walter Rich and moved to Buffalo, Ida who married Robert Walken and lived in Tottenham, William who married Jessie and moved to Toronto, Jean who married George Butt, and Arthur who married Georgina Estella McLelland of Palgrave, daughter of John McLelland and his wife Mary Guest.



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worrod

Mother was born in Ballycroy where her father built a large general store and house combined; it is now an antique shop. In the late 1800's they moved to Palgrave, built an identical store and moved there. In the 1920, while on a trip to California Grama died with a stroke while going through the mountains. John later returned to California, married Lulu Hearn his third cousin, she was a cousin of Cannon Hearn of Bond Head. They had one son Robert who is now living in New Mexico; he has two sons who are ministers. Lily is the only living member of the first family and she is still in Palgrave with her daughter Muriel (Mr and Mrs. Jack Barton).

Charles Worrod on ~~May 24th~~ 1906 bought a house and lot at 31 Queen St. North. This is where his grandson John Arthur Charles Worrod lives today with his family. I have the deed for this transaction and the lawyers were Hearn and Lamont. He later built a store beside this house, where he moved his Hardware and Tinmithing business.

Arthur and Estella were married on Dec. 25th, after her course at Ladias College was completed. They went out to Calgary to live where Arthur was working for the Massey Harris Co. In 1914 they moved back to Toronto where, I, Norma was born on Dec. 19/15 and Jack followed 13 mos. later on Jan 24/17.

When I was three years old we moved to Tottenham where Dad opened a grocery store, two stores down from the four corners, on the North-east side, and this is where we spent many happy hours, making friends, going to school, playing tennis, swimming in the pond, skating, etc. Mother and Dad were lawn bowlers. One year, Mother, Aunt Ida, Aunt Jean and Mrs. W. Hammond won the Mayor Foster's Trophy in Toronto. Dad was an avid fisherman, and every Wed. was his day to catch some nice rainbow or speckled trout in some stream near Tottenham. Dad kept store until 1939 when he went back to travelling for Universal Refrigeration and W. C. Woods farm equipment of Guelph, and he worked for them until his death in 1963; he was 74 years old and still very active.

WORROD FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



Jack married Jacqueline Ling at Mother and Dad's house in 1944; they bought Bob McNair's house when his wife Maggie McCabe died. They had three children: Kerry, Susan and Janus. This is where Janus was born. She is now married to Jack Roy, and living in Mississauga with their two children, Jennifer and Suzanne. Kerry is married to Betty Thompson and is living at 55 Brown St. in Tottenham with their daughter Corena, who is the 5th generation of Worrods to live in Tottenham. Kerry finished high school and worked with Northern Electric for a while until his father, Jack, opened a second store in Tottenham, and Kerry is the manager of the Tottenham store.

Susan married Paul Madill and they live in London, Ontario.

Photo:-

Jacqueline Ling married Jack Worrod.
January 8, 1944.

Left to right: Jacqueline, Mrs. Worrod, Art, Norma Johnson and Jack



Frank and Norma Johnson

I went to Toronto Normal School and also took up typing and shorthand, and worked for the brand office W.C. Wood Company and De Havilland Aircraft. In 1946 I came back to Tottenham as Chief Operator for the Bell Telephone Company. In 1948, I married Frank George Johnson, who was the son of Arthur Johnson of Toronto. He built our own home on the east side of the pond and Frank worked from here. He wired many of the farms and houses. Jill and Arthur were born here.

When Jill was only three years old we had "Hurricane Hazel". Houses were blown over, bridges taken out and the old dam at the pond broke; we were so close to it, the noise was terrific. So all the people in the town got busy to raise money to build a new dam; as we had a big house we held a bridge and had 18 tables of bridge and a draw on a blanket. The money was soon raised and we had our old pond back again.

Frank started to work for Baxter Laboratories of Canada in Alliston in 1958. In 1960 we moved to Alliston. Jill married Terrence Henderson in May 1972.

- submitted by Norma Johnson - 1974

THE WILLIAM JOHN WRAY HISTORY

William John Wray was born on the Fourth Line of Albion near the hamlet of Lockton in 1876, the son of William Wray and Jane Ann Stewart. About 1890 the family moved to the north half of Lot Seventeen (17), Concession Two (2), of Tecumseth Township. William J. Wray had one brother, George Stewart Wray, who was a medical doctor and practised medicine in Conquest, Saskatchewan from 1913 to 1936. He had one sister, Laura who married Thomas Roe and moved to Cedar Mills area of Albion Township where they farmed for many years.

In 1898, William John Wray married Eva Elizabeth Abernethy, daughter of Thomas Abernethy and Rebecca Coon. William took over his father's farm. They had a family of four girls and five boys; Iva Elvira, Mrs. Herman Patterson, a teacher of Alliston, George Henry Wray of Orangeville, Rebecca Irene who died at the age of three months, Wilhelmina Grace, Mrs. John Nighton of Durham, Ontario, John William Wray, a druggist, who lives in Barrie, Ontario, Thomas Borden Wray who lives in Alliston and Donald Stewart Wray who died at the age of ten months from pneumonia. The youngest members of the family were twins; Eva Marie, Mrs. John Etchells, of Rosemont, and Murray Keith Wray who entered the Civil Service after his discharge from the army in World War II. He died on October 19, 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Wray also raised John Bewley Wray as his mother, Mrs. John William Wray, died when he was born in 1931 and his grandparents took him as a member of their family. John is now a teacher at Banting Memorial High School and lives in Alliston.

When his eldest son, George, was married in 1926, Mrs. Wray and his family moved to Tottenham to the home now occupied by the Rhodes family. He bought the Hardware Business on Mill Street from Mr. P. H. Keogh, 1927, and carried on a successful business until 1946, when he sold it to James Neill of Angus.

Mr. Wray was a member of the Tottenham Town Council for several years during the latter part of the thirties and served as Reeve from 1941 to 1944.

In 1948, Mr. Wray sold the home in Tottenham to Mr. James Tough and moved to the farm on the south half of Lot Seventeen (17), Concession Three (3), in Tecumseth Township now occupied by Mrs. William Blake. After three years on the farm he returned to Tottenham and spent the remainder of his life in the home now occupied by Mrs. Irene Galbraith on Mill Street. Mr. Wray passed away on May 28th, 1955, and was buried in Mount Tegart Cemetery, Tottenham, Ontario.



The Reeve and Councillors raised one hundred and fifty dollars, proceeds from Bingo and Euchre, for British War Victims Fund, during the second World War.

Seated from left to right:
O. W. Pettit, Reeve W. J. Wray, Gar. Hall.

Backrow: Herb Sawdon, Clerk
W. J. Hammond, P. J. Donnan,
and Mr. W. E. Hopper.