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# TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY



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#### THE WILLIAM ELLIOTT HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott were married in a frame church known as 'Sloan's Church', which no longer exists. It was named after Mrs. Elliott's grandfather who donated the land on which it was built.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ELLIOTT  
On the occasion of their 50th  
wedding anniversary - Sept. 4, 1957.

Mrs. Elliott was a daughter of Robert Sloan and Jennie Livingstone of Adjala and a niece of George Livingstone who at one time was Reeve of Tottenham.

Mr. & Mrs. Elliott passed the 50 year mark of their married life September 4, 1957. The Elliotts lived nearly all their life around Tottenham, having experienced many occupations during their lifetimes.

They farmed for some years before entering the ice cream parlor business. They managed the Maple Leaf Hotel for some years, before it received a license. Mr. Elliott was a rural mail carrier for over 25 years.

Mrs. Elliott was a charter member of Tottenham Women's Institute and a member of the Presbyterian Church. She also belonged to the Women's Auxiliary of the United Church. Mr. Elliott spent much time gardening.

Mr. Elliott died in                      and Mrs. Elliott  
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#### THE GEORGE WILLIAMSON FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Mary Ann Thornton (Mrs. Williamson's mother) and their five children came to Tottenham from Milton, Ontario, in the year 1916.

Mr. Williamson was Telegraph Operator of the C.N.R. station here from 1916 to 1933. Mr. Williamson was of English descent and Mrs. Williamson was born in Kingsville, Ontario. Their children were: Glen, Gerald, Cecil, Dorothy and Hazel, and they were all born in Quebec.

Mrs. Thornton was known to the people of Tottenham as 'Grandma Thornton'. Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Williamson, Glen and Dorothy are all deceased.

Glen, at the time of his death, was retired from the Douglas Aircraft Ltd. in Milton, Ontario. He was married to May McDonald and had two sons. Cecil is living in Brampton and retired from The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Brampton. Cecil married Mary Kaufman and they have two daughters, Betty and Rosemarie. Gerald married Helen Cross of Beeton; they have two daughters, Joan of Oakville, Ont., and Sylvia of Kempsville, Ont. Dorothy and Hazel never married. Hazel lives in Toronto and is retired from The Ministry of Education Correspondence Course.

The Williamsons were members of the United Church and were very active in the work of the church.



### THE DANIEL ELLISON FAMILY HISTORY

The earliest known recollection of the Ellison Clan is of Colonel Allan Ellison of the Forestry Division of the British Militia, who came over from Yorkshire, England, with the Wentworth Pitt Williams family to Wicklow County, Ireland, about the year 1640. He remained there and was the predecessor of all following generations of Ellisons living in Wicklow County, Ireland, and from which the ones coming to Canada originated.

#### Daniel I ----- Elizabeth Mills

Daniel Ellison, born in Ireland in 1773 - a son of a former Daniel born in the early 1700's - was married in Ireland to Elizabeth Mills, born in 1788. They came to Canada by boat in 1834, on the encouragement and insistence of James Ellison, a cousin, who came in 1822 and who settled on Lot 6, Conc. 2, Tecumseth, near Tottenham, his home being used for a period of time as a Presbyterian Chapel until a church was eventually built on the site. Five of Daniel and Elizabeth's seven children came with them; their son Joseph remained in Ireland, and their son William went directly to the U.S.A. from Ireland and presumably died in the Riel Rebellion.

With Daniel and Elizabeth came Daniel II, at fourteen years of age, and four daughters: Elizabeth (who became Mrs. Robt. Samuel Edge, and settled in Amaranth township), Sarah (who became Mrs. Thomas Walker), Margaret (who became Mrs. John Mann and moved to the Grand Valley area) and Ellen (who became Mrs. James Mann). Two more children were born in Canada: Dorcas and Ann, but they died in infancy and are buried at St. John's Tecumseth.

Daniel and Elizabeth and their family settled on Lots 16, 17 & 18 S.H. Conc. 6, on the fifth concession of Tecumseth, Simcoe County, near Penville, their first log house being on Lot 18. Penville soon grew to be a thriving hamlet as more settlers moved into the surrounding area. Daniel passed away on Sept. 28, 1851, at the age of 78. Elizabeth died on April 28, 1879, at the age of 91. They are buried in St. John's Tecumseth Anglican Church Cemetery.

#### Daniel II ----- Margaret Lloyd Williams



Daniel Ellison II  
(1820 - 1879)



Margaret Lloyd Williams, wife  
of Daniel Ellison II

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Daniel II came with his parents to Canada at the age of 14 years. He was the predecessor of the Ellisons of his branch that remained in this area, as his sisters moved away when they were married, to other areas. On Sept. 28, 1846, Daniel married Margaret Lloyd Williams of Tottenham. They had eight children: Daniel III, born Aug. 29, 1847; John Joseph, born March 6, 1849; Thomas Edward, born Dec. 29, 1850 and who died Aug. 19, 1852; William, born Nov. 9, 1852; Thomas Edward Williams, born Dec. 29, 1854; George Edmond, born March 29, 1859; Richard Mills, born July 26, 1860; and Eliza Ann, born Sept. 28, 1862, (Mrs. Wm. Clifford of Penticton, B.C.). Two daughters died in infancy.

Daniel II stayed on the same Lots 16, 17 & 18 settled by his father, on the fifth concession of Tecumseth, when he came to Canada. Daniel II passed away on June 15, 1879, at the age of 59; his wife, Margaret, died on Dec. 4, 1897, at the age of 72. They are buried in St. John's Tecumseth Cemetery.

All of Daniel and Margaret's family lived in Tecumseth Township for a period of their lives. Several of their sons served in public life in Tecumseth - Richard Mills as Reeve and John Joseph as Deputy Reeve and School Trustee; Richard's son, Ernest Ellison, also served as Deputy Reeve; George Edmond lived in the Tottenham area, serving as poll clerk and census taker. John Joseph lived most of his life in Tecumseth township. The rest of Daniel II's family moved to other areas. One of the sons, Thomas Edward Ellison, married Jenny Williams of Tottenham and moved to King township.

George Edmond Ellison -- Jessie Tegart  
(1859 - 1940)



George Edmond and Jessie Tegart Ellison

George Edmond Ellison, son of Daniel II and Margaret Ellison, married around the year 1880 into the Tegart family. George took as his bride Miss Jessie Tegart, daughter of James Montgomery Tegart and Mary Jane Milligan of the third line of Tecumseth. The Tegarts lived on the fourth line just east of Tottenham and gave their name to the cemetery where the family are laid to rest. At various times, George Ellison farmed on the Ellison homestead at Penville, kept store in the village, farmed Lot 13 on the fifth line, moved into Tottenham and later farmed again on the Tegart farm. Shortly after his wife died in 1917, Mr. Ellison moved to Alliston and since 1927 he lived in retirement. At one time he belonged to the Church of England and was associated with St. John's Church in Tecumseth township. Later he became attached to the Methodist Church and he was a staunch Conservative, acting as poll clerk and census taker. He died in 1940.

George and Jessie had three sons and two daughters. Alvin DeAubrey was born in 1890 and died in 1917 of wounds suffered in the First World War. Aubrey was active in the Tottenham Sabbath School before going overseas. Mildred Almira was born in 1893 and died in 1930. Harold Stanley was born in 1894 and died in 1949. Myrtle Irene was born in 1896 and died in 1959. James Whitney was born in 1897 and died in 1961.

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John Joseph Ellison -- Sarah Stephenson  
(1849 - 1914) (1854 - 1937)



John Joseph Ellison



Sarah Stephenson, Wife of John Joseph

John Joseph, son of Daniel and Margaret Lloyd Williams, was married to Sarah Stephenson, daughter of Appleby Stephenson of Pickering Township and Emma Anderson, on Jan. 27, 1875, by Rev. Thomas Ball of the Parish of Tecumseh at Trinity Church, Bond Head. Sarah's parents lived for a period of time in Tecumseh Township at Middleton, east of Bond Head and farmed on a farm belonging to Colonel Tyrwhitt for some time, eventually moving back to Kettleby. John Joseph worked with his brother-in-law, John Stephenson of Fenville as a thresher for a period of time. Later he farmed on various farms, namely at Lot 19, W.H. Conc. 4 Tecumseh; Lot 22 W.H. Conc. 4 Tecumseh; Lot 22 S.H. Conc. 7 Tecumseh. Then they moved to King Township where one son, Thomas Edward, was born - the only one of 14 children not born in Tecumseh. He came back to Tecumseh and farmed on Lot 14, S.H. Conc. 5; Lot 17 S.H. Conc. 6; Lot 17 S.H. Conc. 5 (the home place), which he bought from his brother Richard. During this time he held office of Deputy Reeve in Tecumseh Township council and

also filled the post of Schools Trustee at S.S. No. 7, Fleaville, later called Willowdale. He eventually went back to New Scotland in King Township and died there in 1914. His wife, Sarah, died in 1937, age 83, at the home of her daughter Mary Sawdon, in Schenck. They are buried in St. John's Tecumseh Cemetery.



John Joseph and Sarah Ellison

John Joseph and Sarah had 14 children:

Hubert Leslie (born Jan. 5, 1876; died July 21, 1900)

William Nassau (born Sept. 22, 1877; died July 19, 1921)

Richard Melville (born Dec. 11, 1878; died July 12, 1889)

George Edmond (born July 21, 1880; died July 16, 1951)

Joseph John (born Feb. 21, 1882; died Jan. 1947)

\*Thomas Edward (born May 11, 1884; died July 22, 1964)

Charles Stephenson (born Feb. 6, 1886; died Aug. 18, 1889)

Frederick Albert (born June 4, 1887; died Aug. 23, 1971)

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Walter Henry (born June 17, 1889; died Oct. 15, 1970), Ethel May (born May 11, 1891; died Dec. 1, 1894), \*\*Richard Charles (born Aug. 4, 1892; died Mar. 2, 1962), Mary Margaret (born March 7, 1896; died April 12, 1973), Rachel Cora (born April 25, 1898; now living in Toronto in 1978), Russell Alexander (born March 16, 1901; died Feb. 20, 1915).

The family all grew up and were educated in Tecumseh Township. Thomas, Edward, Frederick, Richard, Charles, Henry and Mary spent a large part of their lives in Tecumseh and were all a part of the Tottenham Community. Mary became Mrs. Herbert Sawdon and they lived in Tottenham during the time he taught school there. Richard Charles and his family also lived in Tottenham for a period of time.

\*Thomas Edward Ellison -- Nettie Leona Haines  
(1884 - 1964)

Thomas Edward was born May 11, 1884. He worked with his dad, John Joseph, on the farm for a while; also for Mr. Joe Williams and Mr. Alex Greyke. He went on several Harvest Excursions and then went again in 1912 and worked in Calgary with the Genesey Bros., building contractors of elevators, warehouses etc., as a boiler engineer and on the C.P.R. as a brakeman. He married Nettie Leona Haines, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Haines of Beeton, Ont., on Oct. 8, 1913, in Calgary, Alta. The eldest of their four children, Margaret, was born in Calgary, Alta. on Aug. 27, 1914. They came east in the spring of 1916 and took up farming in West Gwillumbury where their second child, Harold, was born on Aug. 30, 1916. They moved to Tecumseh Township in the fall of 1918 to Lot 10, S.H. Conc. 6, which is on the sixth concession at the north corner of sideroad 10 and Conc. 6. There, third child Oscar was born on March 22, 1919 and their fourth child, Marjorie, on Aug. 13, 1920. They remained there for thirteen years after which they moved to Lot 9, S.H. Conc. 4 on the 5th concession, to a farm owned by Mrs. Al Lowery and farmed there for nine years, still working the land they owned on the 6th concession for part of that time. They moved later to a smaller farm originally owned by Robert Hoes on Lot 10, W.H. Conc. 5, on the south corner of sideroad 10 and Conc. 6. After a number of years there, they then lived on Lot 7, S.H. Conc. 7 on the seventh line for a few years, during which time Mr. Ellison worked as a superintendent for the Dept. of Highways when Highway 400 was being built. He was in charge of the sodding and fencing along the road and was very conscientious about his responsibilities. His family recalled that after a bad rainstorm of taking Mr. and Mrs. Ellison for a drive and how disgusted Mr. Ellison was to see the sod on the steep banks washed away. Mr. Ellison was a great conversationalist, and story teller of bygone days and a great socialiser with members of his family; their home was often shared with their many friends. During the time Edward farmed on the fifth and sixth concessions, his brothers



Wood Cutting at Lot 10, Conc. 7, Tecumseh  
1 to r: Ed Ellison, Harold Mitchell, Cyril Drury, George Forbes Back row:- Willie Findlay, Gordon Drury, Walter Thomas



Photo at left:- Ed Ellison and one of his prize horses.

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Fred and Harry were in his employ part of the time. Harry and his wife and daughter, Betty, lived in the house at Lot 10, S.H. Conc. 6. All in all, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Edward Ellison - on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

farmed in the Tottenham and Beeton area for approximately 35 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison retired to Centre Street, Beeton, in 1952. Edward died on July 22, 1964, and his wife Bettie, on April 23, 1966. They are buried in Beeton Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Beeton. Edward was a Life Member of Mount Ararat Lodge and both he and his wife were members of the Anglican Church.

Margaret, their eldest daughter, went to Mount Pleasant No. 6 Public School and to Beeton High School, then to Canada Business College, taking the secretarial course. Afterwards, she was employed by Dr. Wm. Avery of Toronto. She married Garnet Westlake, son of William and Harriet Westlake of Beeton area on June 15, 1938, in Rich Hill United Church by Rev. W.B. Butt. They lived on Lot 9, S.H. Conc. 4, in the smaller house on the farm Mr. and Mrs. Ellison were living on, for four years during which time Garnet was in the business of trucking and was a drover as well. Their son, John,

was born there on June 12, 1942. He was made a member of the United Church Tottenham Cradle Roll and was baptized there on June 27, 1943. On Nov. 23, 1942, the family moved to Lot 15 S.H. Conc. 6. Garnet continued his trucking and droving business and farmed as well, for a number of years. In later years he discontinued trucking and operated a heating, electrical and appliance business under the name of Garnet Westlake Electric, retiring in 1977. Some time prior to retiring, they had sold their farm, keeping their home and 8+ acres, where they were still living in 1978. Mr. Westlake is quite well known, especially for his talent of water divining and has located many wells in the district.



Maple Sugar Time  
Peggy Westlake and son John

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Harold, second child of Edward and Nettie, attended Mount Pleasant No. 6 Public School and Beeton High School, then farmed for a period of time. Afterwards he served in the Armed Forces, eventually going overseas and was on duty there. He married Laurene Obitson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stitson of Tottenham, in 1942, and took up residence in Tottenham. Their daughter, Carole, was born on Nov. 18, 1943, while they were living there. After he came back from serving overseas, a son Rodney was born on Nov. 7, 1946, and later a son Philip on Feb. 14, 1953, while they were living in Beeton. Harold was employed by Mr. Gordon Hawton in the butcher business in Beeton for a number of years. In 1952 he became Postmaster at Beeton and is still in that position, completing 25 years service in 1978.

Oscar attended Mount Pleasant No. 6 Public School and Beeton and Tottenham High School, graduating from Tottenham. During the later part of his school years he assisted Mr. Robt. Walker in the Hardware Store in Tottenham and eventually after his school years were finished, he assisted in the store on a regular basis. While in Tottenham he engaged in sports, especially hockey and was in the 1938-39 Provincial Championship Team of Tottenham. He was a member of the Tottenham United Church choir for a period of time. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F., eventually attaining the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the capacity of a Flying Instructor, serving in Canada. While in the service in 1943, he married Gertrude Smart of Paynton, Sask. Their son, Douglas, was born on Mar. 26, 1944, while Oscar was stationed at Macleod, Alta. After he was discharged from the service they lived first in Tottenham, during which time their second son, Robert, was born on Feb. 27, 1945. Later they moved to Beeton and Oscar worked with the Dept. of Highways for a period of time and then was employed by the Gaffney Construction Company of Stratford as Field Superintendent. They moved to Mitchell, Ontario, and a third son, Donald, was born on Sept. 21, 1956, while they were living there. In 1967 Oscar suffered a stroke and passed away on April 10, 1968, in his 50th year. He is at rest in Mitchell Cemetery.

Marjorie attended Mount Pleasant No. 6 Public School and Tottenham High School. She was employed in Toronto and at DeHavilland in Kelton during the war. She married Gordon Cooper on April 26, 1945, and went to live in the Schomberg area. She had two children - Linda, born on April 4, 1946, and Norma, born on June 5, 1947. Marjorie passed away on Aug. 10, 1957, in her 37th year. She is at rest in Lloydtown Cemetery.

All in all, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellison had nine grandchildren. The eldest, John Westlake (son of Margaret and Garnet), was a graduate of the University of Toronto in Electrical Engineering. He is now a Major in the Armed Forces (R.C.A. Division) and is presently stationed at Ottawa, Ont., in the capacity of supervising the replacing of the Argos Surveillance planes with 18 new Aurora planes which the Canadian Armed Forces are in the process of purchasing from the U.S.A. His wife is the former Carolyn Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hannah of the Beeton area. Carole (daughter of Harold and Laurene), a graduate of Banting Memorial in Alliston, is now married to Ronald Stephenson of Sudbury, Ont., and they are presently living in Toronto. They have two daughters, Lisa and Rivetti. Rodney (son of Harold and Laurene), a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran (now Wilfrid Laurier) University, Kitchener, with a B.A. degree, is a Captain in the Armed Forces (R.C. Navy) and is presently stationed at Halifax. His wife was the former Margery Adams of Halifax. Philip (son of Harold and Laurene) is presently attending University of Toronto and making medicine his profession. He will graduate in 1978. Douglas (eldest son of Oscar and Gertie), a graduate of the University of Western Ontario at London in Honours Phys. Ed., is at the present time teaching in Exeter High School. His wife is the former Mary Merryfield of Markham, Ont. They have three daughters - Marcia and Michelle (twins) and Jennifer. Robert (the second son of Oscar and Gertie), a graduate of Ryerson Institute in Toronto in Radio and Television Arts, is now living in London, Ont. and employed in his field at Fanshawe College. His wife is the former Ruth O'Shea of Toronto and London. They have one son, Danny (Daniel). Donald (third son of Oscar and Gertie) is presently attending University of Western Ontario, majoring in Political Science. Linda (daughter of Marjorie and Gordon Cooper), a graduate of Toronto Teacher's College, is now Mrs. Barry Matson. They have two children - David and Heather. Norma (daughter of Marjorie and Gordon), a graduate of Kemptville Home Economics College, is now Mrs. Gary Graham of Shawville, Quebec. They have three sons - Gordon, Shawn and Gregg.

- Submitted by Margaret Westlake, 1978.

GEORGE STANFORD ELLISON FAMILY - cont'd.



1930 - Mildred and Myrtle  
Ellison

Right:- DeAubrey Ellison,  
who was killed in  
action in 1917.



Harold Stanley Ellison was overseas in the First World War and he met Miss Myrtle Patton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patton, Tottenham. Harold and Myrtle had one son, Joseph Aubrey, who died in 1939, one year before his mother. Harold married again to Miss Audrey. Harold died in 1949.



Left:- Harold Stanley  
Ellison

Below:-

James Whitney Ellison  
(1897-1961)



Right:-  
Myrtle Irene  
Ellison  
(1896-1959)





**\*\*Richard Charles Ellison -- Grace Rose  
(1892 - 1962)**

Richard Charles Ellison was born at Penville, Conc. 5 Tecumseh Township in 1892, one of 14 children born to John Joseph Ellison and his wife, Sarah Stephenson. In 1917 Charles married Grace Rose (1897-1966) and until the latter part of 1919, farmed in Tecumseh Township. The young couple then moved to Norfolk County in Southern Ontario.



Charles Ellison

They returned to the Tottenham area some time in 1924 and lived in Albion Township and on the third concession of Tecumseh near Dunkerron until the late 1920's. At that time they moved to Alliston. Charles was employed at the Peter Thompson Lumber Mill as a teamster and later as engineer. In 1938 the family returned to Tottenham, where Charles was the stationary engineer at the local creamery. During the World War II years, he served at the Military Hospital at Camp Borden as engineer. At the end of the war he returned to the creamery where he worked until his death in 1962.

During his younger years, Charles served in the Militia with the Queen's Own Rifles. He was a member of L.O.M. 829 and R.P.B. 756 (L.O.M. records). There were times he played the fife or drums in the Lodge band and it is remembered he rode in the July 12th parade. In the 1940's he called the square dances at some of the local dances, and he enjoyed dancing. He attended the United Church, and for a time sang in the choir. He was a member of the school board and of the Tottenham Council.

The family of Charles and Grace consisted of: Charles Rae (born Beaton Mar. 10, 1918; died Sept. 4, 1918), Mary Marcella Ruth (born Beaton July 2, 1919), Meredith (born Norfolk Heights Lodge, Simcoe Town, Norfolk Co. June 1, 1921 - stillborn), Velda Robert (born at Woodhouse Gore, Simcoe Town, Norfolk Co., July 26, 1922), Garman Floyd (born at Woodhouse Gore, Simcoe Town, Norfolk Co., Nov. 26, 1923), Donald Vernon (in Albion

Township; birth registered in Tottenham, Sept. 2, 1925), Joyce Marie (born at Dunkerron Conc. 2 Tecumseh Nov. 27, 1926), Frieda Beryl (born at Alliston Jan. 26, 1931), Jack Herbert (Peter) (born at Alliston Apr. 10, 1932), and Richard Gordon Paul (born Alliston Feb. 5, 1941).

Ruth (born 1919) married Thomas Sheehan at the time the family were living in Alliston. Her husband entered the Army and she travelled with him during his training period in Canada. While he was in England, Ruth worked at the John Inglis Co. in Toronto. After Thomas returned to Canada, the couple lived in Toronto and then returned to Tom's home town of Bowmanville, Ont. They had five children - William, Richard, Michael (deceased), Donald, Ronald and Rosellen (twins) and they have several grandchildren.

Velda Robert (born 1922) completed his education at Alliston Public School in 1936 and then worked on farms in the Alliston area. During World War II he was at Camp Borden as a carpenter's helper and also farmed in Tecumseh until 1947, when he moved to Alberta. Here he farmed and worked in construction. In 1949 he married Cassie Palahicky, daughter of Nicholas and Anne Palahicky of Franke Lake, Sask. In 1951 he brought Cassie to Ontario where he farmed and was again employed at Camp Borden as a carpenter. The family moved to West Luther, Wellington Co. and in 1967 moved to Durham and Velda worked at the Ontario Heavy Water Plant at Douglas Point; he is still farming in Normandy Township, Grey Co. Velda and Cassie had five children: Coralie Jane, the eldest daughter (born 1949; died 1974) was born in Calgary, a typical western girl - open-hearted and warm. She attended High Hill School Tecumseh, and completed her elementary schooling in West Luther, Wellington Co. After graduation in Business and Commerce from the Arthur District High School, she moved with the family to Varney and worked in Durham. Coralie returned to High School to improve her business skills, and then went to Toronto where she worked at several

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well-known companies in Accounting. She was entering a securities career with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at the time of her death. Coralie died in an accident on #9 Highway near Grand Valley in Dec. 1974. Colleen Dolores, the second daughter (born 1953) grew up on the farm in West Lather and attended a one-room school until Grade 7. She graduated from Grade 8 at the Arthur Public School. She went to the Durham District High School and graduated from the John Diefenbaker Secondary School in Hanover, where she received the Honorary Secondary School Diploma in Arts and Science. After working part-time at the Cardinal Motor Hotel in Verney, Colleen moved to Toronto to attend Geo. Brown College, majoring in Hotel Administration. After working at several top hotels in the Toronto area, she has completed a course in Computer Programming. Robin William, the elder son was born in Alliston in 1954. He attended school in West Lather until the family moved to Verney, where he completed public school. After graduation from the John Diefenbaker Sec. School, he worked in a furniture factory in Hanover. He spent a short time in Toronto until he was called to Douglas Point, Ontario Hydro Heavy Water Plant, to begin his carpenter's apprenticeship. Robin is currently remodelling his house at Cape Chin. Velda Marie was born in 1957 in Alliston, and attended West Lather Public School, the Saugeen Valley Public School and John Diefenbaker Secondary School. Velda and Roger Hunt were married in 1975 and they have one son, Deon. The young family moved to Alberta. Velda has travelled through British Columbia by covered wagon, painting and sketching. She is a very promising young artist. Vincent Xmassey was born in 1968 at Durham, Ont. and goes to Normandy Central School, Grey Co.

Carman Floyd Ellison (born 1923), attended Alliston Public School, Tottenham Public School and Tottenham Continuation School. In 1941, he went to Galt, Ontario, to take pre-Air Force training. Floyd enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1942 and served at No. 1 Service Flying School at Camp Borden before volunteering for overseas service. He was with No. 6 Heavy Bomber Group in Yorkshire, England until the cessation of hostilities in Europe. He returned to Canada on July 1, 1945, for volunteer service in the South Pacific area. As war with Japan ceased in August 1945, he applied for release from the Air Force. He returned to school to become an engineer and worked with Canada Dairies and Danlands Dairy. He has worked with Canada Packers for over 25 years. Floyd resides in Islington with his wife, the former Kathleen Garnde (Kaye), and their two children - Gregory (born 1956) and Marlene (born 1962) - both of whom are still in school.

Donald Vernon (born 1925), attended Alliston Public School and when our grandfather Robert Hope became a widower in 1937, Vernon came to live with grandfather Robert at his farm on the 6th concession of Tecumseth, and finished his elementary schooling at R.S. 6 where Tecumseth South Central now stands. He left the Tottenham Continuation School to serve with the Merchant Navy on the oil tankers out of Halifax during World War II. Vernon married Wren Margaret Martree of England, in Halifax, and they had two children - David, who now lives in New York; and Sharon, in England. After many years with the C.N.R. in northern Ontario, Gravenhurst and Toronto, Vernon is still with C.N.R. at London, Ontario. He and his wife, the former Ruth Dunn of Windsor, have four children - Carol, Owen, Lee and Jonathan - and three grandchildren.

Joyce Marie Eliason (born 1926) attended Alliston Public School, Tottenham Public School, Tottenham Continuation School and Shaw's Business College in Toronto. Returning from Toronto, after living and working there for five years, Joyce and Paul Clausen were married in 1948. Joyce is the only one of the Charles Ellison family living in the area - on the Clausen farm on the 3rd of Tecumseth, Lot 12. They have two children - Dane (born 1949) attended Rich Hill School, Tecumseth South Central, Banting Memorial High School, Fanshawe College in London. He is a master mechanic. Dane married Kathryn Anne Corrigan (Farlon). Dane and Kathy built a house on the Clausen farm and have three children: Dane, Jordan and Jessica. Paullette Marie (born 1951) attended Rich Hill School, Tecumseth South Central, Banting Memorial (Ontario Scholar) and Carleton University, Ottawa. Paullette lives with her husband, Marcel Rutte of Markham Holland, near Stayner, Ont. They have two children - Martin and Stephanie.

Frieda Beryl Ellison (born 1931) became Mrs. Nelson Manser and was widowed in 1974. She has two adoptive children - Marcella Dawn of Alberta (born 1958) and Catharine Alice (born 1969) still at home in Islington.

Jack Herbert (Peter) (born 1932) lives and works in the Toronto/Oshawa area.

Paul (born 1941) attended Tottenham Public School and Banting Memorial High School. He was in the Air Force for a short while in the 1960's and has worked and lived in the Toronto area since 1958. Since 1975 he has been establishing himself as a wood-carver with displays in the Hamilton/Goderich/Wingham areas of Ontario.

- Submitted by Joyce Clausen, 1978.

#### THE JAMES ELLISON FAMILY HISTORY

James Ellison was born in 1787. He came from the north of Ireland at the age of 35 and settled on Lot 8, Conc. 2 Tecumseh in 1822. He was a cousin of Daniel Ellison, whom he encouraged to come to Canada in 1834 and settle in Tecumseh Township. In the early thirties, James' log house was used for Presbyterian worship and a cemetery was started on Lot 7, on the 3rd line in 1837. The adherents built a log church in the 1830's and added a manse eventually. James and his wife Martha had one son, William (born 1838) and a daughter, Eliza Jane (born 1842; died 1910 - married to Wm. Atkinson of Tottenham). Two of James' grandsons became ministers in the Hamilton Synod. James died on March 17, 1880 at the age of 93. His wife, Martha, died in 1880, age 80.

#### William Ellison (1838 - 1905)

James' son, William, was born in 1838 on Lot 8 Conc. 2, Tecumseh. At age 21, he married Miss Agnes McCutcheon, daughter of Wm. McCutcheon of Vaughan. They had a family of 10 children. William became an elder in Tottenham Presbyterian Church at age 21, and from that time he was 18 years old until the introduction of the organ in the church, he was precentor. He was also superintendent of the Sunday School and taught the bible class for a number of years. In the absence of a minister, he frequently conducted funerals and prayer meetings, and at all times lost no opportunity to express approval of wrong-doing in a manner that was admired and never forgotten. He was a great temperance worker and took a deep interest in religious, moral and educational questions.

William Ellison lived most of his life on the farm where he was born, until a year before his death at age 67. He retired to Tottenham, and moved to Toronto for a few months, then returned to Tecumseh to live with his son, Samuel, on the farm next to the old home-stand. Highly esteemed and much respected, William made many friends and his death shortly after in 1905 left a blank in the vicinity that would not soon be filled. His wife, Agnes, died in 1904 at age 67. William was survived by his widow, his sister Mr. Wm. Atkinson of Tottenham, and four sons and one daughter: James of Chambersburg; Samuel; Rev. Wm. T. Ellison of Curluke, and later of Alliston; Rev. David Englis Ellison; and Ida (Maxwell). The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Peter Nicol, and William Ellison was buried in the cemetery on his farm. The pallbearers were: Robert McCutcheon, James Pearcy, W.T. McCutcheon, Thomas Pearcy, Daniel Green and William Caldwell.

William and Agnes' family - the following information is all that is known of them:

James - although no definite information is known on this son, it is believed that he and his wife, Anna, were chiropractic doctors in Toronto. Anna and James had a son, Dr. James Ellison, and he in turn had four children: Lea, Bill, John and Elizabeth Ann of Strataville. (Elizabeth Ann died in Feb. 1938, and is buried in Prospect Cemetery).

Samuel married Annie Cross, daughter of Wm. Cross of Boston (Harry Cross' grandfather) and went to Scandinavia, Sask. Their son, Eddie, died on June 6, 1907, at age 14.

Rev. Wm. T. Ellison graduated from Knox College in 1897. He married Hortense (Tensie) Cross, daughter of Mr. Tom Cross of Bond Head, and aunt of Harry Cross of Boston. They had two children - Gertrude and Clifford. Wm. T. was pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston and he died at the manse there Dec. 28, 1913. After his death, his wife Tensie went to Toronto to live with her sister, Dr. Ida Lind (Ida Cross) who was the first lady doctor in Ontario. Mrs. Tensie Ellison died in 1935.

Rev. David Englis Ellison became Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto and was active in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years. He died Dec. 1, 1946. His daughter is Mrs. W.H. (Kileen) Gordon, 141ington Ave. Rev. David Englis was born on the former Ellison farm on the 3rd line of Tecumseh and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Tottenham. His wife was Mary Margaret McKee. He also had a son, Wilbur. On a marble bench in the cemetery are inscribed: "In memory of David Englis Ellison and his beloved wife Mary Margaret McKee".

Ida Agnes Ellison died Aug. 5, 1960. She was the wife of Rev. Francis J. Maxwell, and mother of Rev. Professor William D. Maxwell in Africa, the late Rev. Francis B. and the Rev. Gordon S. Maxwell of Peterborough, Miss Bess Maxwell of Guelph and also Gretta (Mrs. Orville Essie of Kitchener).

May Ellison (1877 - 1894) and Sarah Carr Ellison (1865 - 1939) are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, 3rd line, Tecumseh.



FAMILY TREE OF HAROLD EVANS, AS IT PERTAINS  
TO THE TOWNSHIP OF TECUMSETH

My great-grandfather, David Evans, who was born in the State of Michigan in 1800, came to Canada with his father and mother, five brothers and two sisters in the winter of 1812-1813. They arrived at York before the Battle in 1813. (My great-great-grandfather took part as an Officer in the battle and received his grant of Crown land in East (Willimbury)).

About 1825 David and his wife (Smythe) settled on the West half of Lot 16, Concession 7 (Crown land). They raised four sons and two daughters, of which my grandfather Richard Evans was the oldest.

David carried the first mail from the stage at Bondhead to Penville and around to his house on Lot 16, Concession 7, where the Tecumseth Post Office was located. Later the Post Office was moved to Clarksville (now Beeton). David was also Clerk of the Township of Tecumseth. He sold the two 50 acre lots to Mr. Caviller for \$4000.00 and moved back to their old homestead at Pontiac, Michigan. (The family settled first in Virginia after leaving Hillhurst, Wales, via Queen County, Ireland). In 1837 he collected all the muskets, ball and shot from the settlers to arm the militia before they marched to Toronto. Selby Evans, a brother of David, settled on the North half of Lot 9, Concession 7 (also Crown land) in 1832. Jethro Smith, a relative by marriage, also settled on the Southwest one-quarter of Lot 9, Concession 7 (Crown land) in the same year.

My grandfather Richard Evans, and his wife formerly Sarah Jane Rogers, purchased the South half of Lot 4, Concession 7 from William Hammill for 275 pounds. The deed was registered on June 18, 1851. Only 5 acres were cleared, on which there was a small log house and stable. Grandfather cleared all but 15 acres, which he fenced in, and it remained as virgin timber until the winter of 1904 when the very old trees were removed. He believed that every farm should have a good timber lot. Richard was a very successful farmer, and before he turned the farms over to his sons, he owned 350 acres (Northeast one-quarter of Lot 3, Concession 6 and North one-half of Lot 6, Concession 6, which he purchased for \$16,000 in the 1880's, (and the South half of Lot 11, Concession 9). The latter property was covered with virgin cedar which he wanted to use as fencing on his other farms and for building purposes.

During his lifetime he erected 6 barns and a very fine house. The house was colonial style and contained 6 bedrooms, parlor, sitting room, dining room and kitchen with basement under the kitchen. A 40 x 60 wing was built to the east of the main structure. There was a ballroom on the second floor, with summer kitchen and drive shed underneath. During my Father's time it was used for storage. The house and contents were destroyed by fire in July 1903. I was born in that house, as well as my brother Frank R. Evans and two of my sisters. Grandfather had the shingles for all the building hand-split from his own cedar.

The present barn on Lot 4, Concession 7, was erected in 1856. The first cedar roof lasted 55 years, before steel shingles were put on. Grandfather and Grandmother raised two sons (David Barker, my father) and Thomas Selby (father of D. Arthur Evans, M.P.). There was a sister who died as an infant. Grandfather was born in Tecumseth Township on May 13th 1828 and died on September 10th 1918. Grandmother was born in May 1835 and died December 16th 1882. Both are buried at St. John's Cemetery in Tecumseth.

David Barker Evans, my father, was born on the South half of Lot 4, Concession 7 in Tecumseth Township on May 9th, 1864 and died on January 26th, 1933. On October 24th, 1894 father married Ellen Mary Carey, daughter of Patrick and Sarah (Hayes) Carey who lived on the South half of Lot 10, Concession 5 in Tecumseth Township. They were married by Rev. Herman Moore in the presence of Frederick Potter (Lot 3, Concession 1.) and Elizabeth Carey (who married Edward Dillane (Lot 10, Concession 4) They settled on my grandfather's farm (South half of Lot 4, Concession 7 and raised two sons and four daughters, as follows,-

FAMILY TREE OF HAROLD EVANS (continued)

Harold, born September 22, 1895 and served in France and Germany during World War I with the 2nd Battalion and 1st Divisional Wing - now living at 126 Rodney Street, Barrie, Ontario.

Frank R. born October 12, 1897 and living in Alliston where Evans Road is named after him.

Sarah Helen (Mrs. M.C. Lane) born May 19, 1900 and died January 7, 1948.

Georgina (Mrs. R.A. Stevens) born October 19, 1902 and now living in Toronto.

Elizabeth Evelyn (Mrs. R. Lightbody) born January 10, 1903 and now living in Toronto.

Margaret (Mrs. Allen Latimer) born July 23, 1907 and now living in Alliston.

For a number of years my father was on the School Board, S.S. No. 9, Tecumseth, and President of the Agricultural Society at Beeton. My mother was born near Tara on October 9, 1869 and died on April 14, 1934. Both my mother and father are buried at Mt. Tegart Cemetery, Tottenham.

My grandfather Patrick Carey and my grandmother Sarah Hayes were married at Killeen, Ontario by Rev. James Adams on January 16, 1862 in the presence of James McCurdy (Lot 13, Concession 5) and Ellen (Hayes) McCurdy. They settled at Tara and later moved to South half of Lot 10, Concession 5, Tecumseth, which they purchased from Mr. Mitchell. Patrick Carey was born in Kerry County, Ireland on May 16, 1839. He and his sister Ann came to Canada about 1860. He died on December 19, 1882. Grandmother was born on January 16, 1842 and died on June 13th, 1924. They, and most of their family, are buried at Mt. Tegart Cemetery, Tottenham. They raised three sons and five daughters.

Harold Evans married Edna Elizabeth Mathieson of Barrie, daughter of James L. Mathieson and Catherine (Jackson) Mathieson in Toronto on June 23, 1938. Mrs. Evans was born in Renfrew, Ontario on November 9, 1899. She had two brothers, the late Gordon and Edgar, both of whom served in World War I. Her grandfather was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. We have one daughter, Elizabeth Jane, who was born on August 11, 1939. She is married to Ernest Dupuis of Thunder Bay and they have two daughters Lisa Anne (who was born on January 3, 1963) and Debra Lynn born on January 1, 1965 and one son, Robert William Ernest born on May 18, 1969.

On September 22, 1895, Wilfred Anderson, Tottenham; Silas Milligan near Colgan and myself (Lot 4, Concession 7) were brought into the world by the late Dr. Wright who had to travel by horse and buggy. Wilfred and I went overseas together in World War I.

After the war I started to work for the late R.J. Walkem in Tottenham. Five years later in 1925 I moved to Barrie and joined the staff of Hubbard Hardware for over three years. In 1929 I joined the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission and before locating at the Regional Office at Port Arthur I had taken part in the building or operation of 39 stations across the Province.

When my wife and I were married we were located at Ear Falls which was an isolated point about 100 miles north of the railroad (by plane). We have seven white families in the Hydro settlement and we were responsible for the generation maintenance and distribution of power to Red Lake, Pickle Lake, Dryden, Hudson and points between those places. We found the local Indians very fine people, and after we were able to teach them English we took many of them on the permanent staff. I acted as Sec. Treas. of the School Board and Red Cross, and acted as a J.P. and Deputy Police on Security while in that area.

In 1942 we were moved to Barrett Chute, near Renfrew, when the new powerhouse on the Madawaska was placed in service.

I retired as Regional Operator and Power Supervisor in the Northwest Region on Oct. 1, 1960. We moved to Barrie in 1961. For a period between W.W.1 and W.W.2 I served as an officer with the Simcoe Foresters Regiment of the non-permanent active militia. As a record of history, that regiment received their Charter in 1866 and previous to that was a part of the York Rangers. They received 7 battle honours previous to 1920, sent nearly 5000 men overseas in W.W. 1 and are a part of the Gray and Simcoe Foresters at present.

THE WALKER FAMILY HISTORY - Cont'd.



Syd Walker



Mrs. S. Walker (Isabella Greenway)

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THE MALLION FAMILY IN TOTTENHAM

In 1945 Gordon Barr Mallion was just out of the army and finishing a short re-frresher course at Osgoode Law School in Toronto when he bought his law business in Tottenham from Donald C. Rose. The business, which included an extensive library, was situated in the old Bank building on Mill Street West, which was built by George Holan and housed the Bank of Hamilton and later a private bank. The cement walls of the vault of the bank building still bore the scribbled autographs of bank staff members from 1886 to 1888. It was here that Mr. Mallion kept his files in fireproof storage during his next 29 years of practice until in 1974 he moved his office to the newly built Roger's Building on Queen Street.

Mr. Mallion succeeded Donald Rose as village and township solicitor, positions which allowed him to be aware of, and actively involved in, the development of Tottenham and the surrounding area in the years of growth which lay ahead. He was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Village Planning Board when it was formed in 1956 and retains that position to this day.

The young lawyer enjoyed community involvement. He joined the District Progress Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Red Cross, and held various offices in each of these. In 1953 Gordon became an elder of Fraser Presbyterian Church where he had been providing encouragement and leadership to the choir since he first joined the congregation in 1945, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 18 years.

Gordon also enjoyed family involvement. In June of 1946 he married Corinne Wilson of Ottawa, daughter of Deputy Chief Pensions Advocate E.V. Wilson, B.A.B. and his wife, Sylvia. Corinne left a job as confidential secretary to Admiral A.E. Wayne in the British Admiralty Technical Mission in Ottawa to come to the village of Tottenham with its population of 650. Here she became involved in working in her new husband's office.

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THE MALLION FAMILY IN TOTTENHAM - Cont'd.



Gordon Mallion in front of his law office in the old Traders Bank - 1953.

Corinne still recalls her rather startling introduction to the economics of a country law practice when payment of an account arrived in a potato sack. The sack started to jump across the office floor. It was a chicken - a live one! Corinne was horrified at the thought of killing and cleaning it, but, ever tactful, Gordon made "other arrangements" and the bird eventually made a delicious Sunday dinner.

In April 1948 the Mallions had their first child, a girl, Rhonda Cheryl. It was agreed that it was Gordon's task to name the female additions to the family. He was kept busy - Marla Karen arrived in May 1952, Delyce Marie in August 1956 and Nadine Corinne in August 1961.

Nadine's arrival was quite eventful as both Gordon and Corinne were taken to Alliston hospital in an ambulance. He was wheeled in on a stretcher, immobilized by the aggravation of an old back injury. She hurried in carrying their bags.

As Gordon's family grew he continued his community activities in Tottenham, which have kept his life varied and interesting.

In 1945 Gordon became involved in the Business Men's Association which became the District Progress Club, of which he was later President. This was a community service organization which for years was responsible for bolstering community spirit and development. Their activities ranged from sponsoring the printing of information brochures

about Tottenham to organizing the annual Hallowe'en Costume Party for children in the old Town Hall. In summer there was a Jamboree with games of chance and street dancing. When this organization faltered Gordon and some other Tottenham businessmen joined the Rotary Service Club in Beeton whose community concerns involved the whole district.

In the Rotary Club Gordon was for years a very enthusiastic song leader whose gesticulating arms and stamping feet encouraged the men in song to such an extent that they won the trophy for best club singing in District 707 for three years from 1970 to 1972. Gordon was pleased to be able to represent the Beeton-Tottenham area by participating in the Song Leading Seminar at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 1970. Gordon was also an enthusiastic advocate of the value of spreading information about the Rotary philosophy of dealing fairly with others for the benefit of community and self (Rotary Four Way Test). He was called upon to give talks to various clubs in the district about how this could be done.

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THE MALLION FAMILY IN TOTTENHAM - Page 3

He was appointed by General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to the Board of Knox College, University of Toronto, in 1954 and served for many years as Secretary and at the present he is Chairman of the Board.

Concern with the philosophy of community and family cooperation, and the planning of community growth for the Tottenham area kept Gordon active in many organizations and was reflected in his practice of law. In 1961 he was pleased and honoured to find himself among those appointed as Queen's Counsel.

During the 1960's he was a member of the Georgian Bay Development Association, of which he was president, from 1963 to 1970 and the Ontario Regional Development Council which elected him president for 1964. In 1966, along with Clifford W. Rogers and others, he encouraged the formation of the Tottenham Chamber of Commerce to replace the now defunct Progress Club.

From 1967 until the present Gordon has been a member and past chairman of the Board of the district hospital, Stevenson Memorial in Alliston. Several Tottenham organizations have donated equipment and furnished rooms in this, their community hospital, which serves them so well. Many women from Tottenham offer their support as members of the Hospital Auxiliary.



The Mallion Family - 1970  
1 to r: Rhonda, Marla, Corinne, Delyce, Nadine  
seated - Gordon

Corinne has made many contributions to the active and community-oriented Tottenham Women's Institute since she first joined in 1954. She is a Past President of the Tottenham Women's Institute, the South Simcoe Women's Institute and Simcoe Area Women's Institute. In addition to working for changes in the present she has become interested in preserving the heritage of the past. She served a term on the Board of the Simcoe County Museum and Archives from 1971 to 1973, acting as vice-chairman in 1973. She is now on the History Committee of the Tottenham Women's Institute which is compiling the history of Tottenham for publication.

The Auxiliary is only one of the many community organizations in which Corinne Mallion has participated. She, too, is a firm believer in the importance of becoming involved in working for community improvements and development. During her years in Tottenham she has given her time and talents to many organizations: as a charter member of the Legion Auxiliary; as an organizer, canvasser and worker for the Cancer Society and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; and as an active member of the Tottenham Library Board and Tottenham Parks and Recreation Committee from their formation by council to the present day.

In 1965 she was appointed by the Minister of Economics and Development, the Honourable Stanley Bandal, to the Womens' Advisory Committee and she remained an honorary member until the dissolution of the Board by the Provincial Government.

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THE MALLION FAMILY IN TOTTENHAM - Page 4

In her thirty years as assistant Church organist in Fraser Presbyterian Church, beginning in 1947, Corinne has seen the congregation fluctuate in size, ministers come and go, and service change in style and order. But she remembers well the day that little Billy Schofield (then notorious in the Tottenham Kindergarten set) found his way to the organ bench in the middle of the service and demanded to be allowed to display his own abilities on the keyboard. Somehow she managed to keep the "pence" and some semblance of order in the remainder of the service, despite her funny-nosed assistant's efforts to make music of his own.

Corinne and Gordon first lived in a small apartment over Gordon's office. In 1950 they moved, with daughter Rhonda, into the old Stragways house on Wilson Street where their family grew up playing in the branches of the pear tree, the "wilderness" of a sprawling lilac bush, and the "jungle" of the tangled raspberry bushes.

By 1964 the quarters in the Wilson Street home had become too cramped and the family moved to their present home, a four bedroom split level designed during many family consultation sessions and built on Roscliff Road, overlooking the Tottenham Pond. Now, thirteen years later, for three of the Mallion girls the home has become a pleasant place to return to for family fun, sing songs and "girl talk".

Nadine, 16, is presently in Grade 11 at Banting Memorial High School and bears up stoically when her older sisters converge on the household to thoroughly disrupt her busy routine of schoolwork and figure skating in the winter, and yardwork and baseball in the summer.

Dalyce, 21, is in her graduating year at Victoria College, University of Toronto, and after working for a year hopes to return to take her M.B.A. During her high school years at Banting Memorial High School she spent her summers as a supervisor and Counsellor for the Simcoe County Recreation Service.

Marla, 25, graduated in 1975 from the University of Toronto with her B.Sc. in physiotherapy and thoroughly enjoys her work. In July 1978 she will marry Benjamin Pritchard, a young lawyer from Sault Ste. Marie, also a graduate of University of Toronto where they met. After her marriage Marla will be on staff of the Plummer Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

Rhonda, 29, who graduated from the University of Toronto in 1971 with an Honour B.A. in English, in 1972 with a M.Ed. is a Specialist in English and High School Librarian-ship, who has taught school in Thorold, Mississauga and Sault Ste. Marie. In 1973 she married Edward Alexander Smith of Orillia, a commercial pilot. They now reside in Bolton with their small son, Owen Mallion Smith, born May 24th, 1976. Rhonda is pleased that little Owen will be able to grow up with the benefits of frequent visits to Tottenham. It is hoped he will be able to learn to share the very special enthusiasm for family fun and community involvement displayed by his Grandma and Grandpa Mallion.

- submitted by Rhonda Cheryl Smith,  
1978.



THE JAMES FEHELEY FAMILY  
(Feehely, Feeheley)

Composed by Mrs. Annie Feehely

In 1881, James Feeheley bought the south half of Lot 3, Concession 2, Tecumseth from the Ryan family. A patent had been granted by the Crown to Thomas Ryan in 1847 for this property. Previously, James Feeheley had lived on the north-east quarter of Lot 3, Con. 2, Tecumseth.

His first wife was Bridget Treacy, and she died on August 1, 1870, at the age of 29. They had two children. Mary Ann (Minnie), who died in 1949, and Joseph, who died on January 10, 1886 at the age of 16.

The Feeheley Family



Left to Right: Frank, Katie, Tom, Minnie, Pat, Bridget, Dan,  
Dennis, Mrs. Feeheley, Maggie, Mr. Feeheley, Jos.

His second wife was Catherine Keena, who died February 22, 1927. James died in 1913.

The oldest in this family were the twins Thomas and Patrick. Thomas married Mary Quail. Their family was Ambrose, Frances, Kenneth, Bernadette (Mrs. Harry Donnelly), and twins Harry and Dan. Thomas died in 1939 and his wife in 1950. Patrick married Margaret Quail. Their family was Albert, Marie, (Mrs. Ambrose Langley), Kathleen (Mrs. Leo Pickett) and Agnes (Mrs. Bernard Bergin). His wife died in 1935 and he died in 1951.

Bridget Feeheley married John Quail. She died in 1934 and her husband in 1958. Their family was Mary (Mrs. John Coyle), Vincent, Victor and Genevieve (Sister Annunciata of the Loretto Sisters).

Catherine was Mrs. Ambrose Walsh. Their family was Mary, who died in 1921 at the age of 15, Thomas Joseph, Francis, who died in the year 1940, aged 28, Genevieve (Mrs. Peter Heber), and Anastasia (Anne). Ambrose died in 1918 at the age of 46 and Catherine in 1963.

Francis (Frank) Feeheley married Margaret Casserly. They had three sons, Joseph, who died in 1960, Vincent and John who died in infancy. Frank died in 1951 and Margaret in 1964.

THE FENNELLY FAMILY (continued)

Daniel Charles, whose wife was Grace Fennelly, died in 1956. They had lived in Edmonton and district. Their children are Joseph Athel, Vivian (Mrs. James Goode), Gerald, Vera (Mrs. Fred Kaneu). They also had a boy who died in infancy.

(a lifelong member of the Tottenham W.I.)

Joseph, whose wife was Pauline Ryan, had one son, James. Joe died in 1956; Pauline died in 1974. Their son James was stationed at Saskatoon during the early part of World War II, where he met Lillian M. Henderson. They were married in 1943, and settled in Tottenham. Lil was a hairdresser; Jim worked for the Ministry of Transportation. They had two sons: James J. (Jay) in 1946 and Paul M. in 1947. Jay met his wife, Lillian M. (Peggy) Kirley of Lindsay, Ontario, while completing his honours B.A. at St. Jerome's College, University of Waterloo. He spent one year working at his baccalaureate degree in philosophy at Laval University, Quebec City, and then moved to Toronto to attend University of Toronto Law School. Jay and Peggy were married in 1970 and they have three children: James J., Colleen and Mary. Jay practices law in Tottenham, Weston and Alliston. Paul met his wife, Catherine J. McCallum in Tottenham and married her in 1975. Paul is engaged in construction engineering in Toronto and lives in Tottenham. Paul and Cathy have one son, Ryan.



Dennis & Annie Fehaley

Dennis, whose wife was Annie Smyth, had five of a family: Mary (Mrs. Thomas Byrne), James Thomas (Tom) whose wife is Bridget McVeigh, Madeline (Mrs. Roger Hobbs), Frances (Mrs. Earl Pender), and Denise (Mrs. Henry Lockman). Dennis died in 1965. Tom, his wife, one son and his four daughters, along with his mother, live on the family farm as of 1973.

Margaret is the only surviving child of James and Catherine (Keena) Fehaley's family in the year of 1973.

James Fehaley had a brother, Thomas. He and his four sons went to the western United States. His wife and four daughters lived in the Hamilton area. A sister, Margaret, was Mrs. George P. Hughes. They lived in Keenansville and later in Tottenham in what is known as the Hughes Block. A sister, Elizabeth, lived with the Hughes family. Another sister, Catherine was Mrs. William Lowe.

THE THOMAS KEENA FAMILY

Thomas Keena, who came from Ireland, settled on the west half of Lot 3, Conc. 2, Townships. His wife was Bridget Brasill. Their family was Mary (Mrs. Gallagher), Ann (who was William Ryan's second wife), Margaret (Mrs. Thomas Ryan), Elizabeth, Bridget, James, John, Thomas, Patrick and Dennis.

Patrick Keena was married and lived in the States. Dennis was married and lived in Toronto. Margaret's husband, Thomas, was a member of the Ryan family who originally owned the Fehaley farm.

### PINDLAY FAMILY HISTORY

John Findlay, born July 9, 1848, was one of seven children born to John Findlay and his wife Jean McCusker (namely - Jean, Thomas, John, Allan, William, Anne who were born at Galdenock, Scotland, and Elizabeth who was born in Canada).

Elizabeth McCulloch, born near St. Mary's, Ontario, July 11, 1861, one of several children born to James McCulloch and his wife Margaret McGill (namely - James, Mary, Elizabeth, David, Robert, Jessie, Margaret, Andrew, John and Allan.)

On February 12, 1879, John Findlay of Walter's Falls married Elizabeth McCulloch of Clavering, in Keppel Township. John Findlay was a cabinet maker. John Findlay died February 19, 1894 and is buried in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Sydenham Township. Elizabeth Findlay died June 10, 1945 and is buried in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton, under the name of her second husband, James Mullen.

They had four children: Margaret, Alex, McGill and Jessie Findlay.

Margaret Emily Findlay was born July 3, 1881, and died November 26, 1903, of diphtheria.

Alexander Carrie Findlay was born March 13, 1883. On February 15, 1911, Alex Findlay married Annie Mae Shouldice who died February 7, 1953. Alex died May 27, 1963. Both are buried in Belysde Cemetery, Fergus. They had six sons: William, Victor, Jack, Stewart, Arden and Russell. During the war of 1939-1945, five of the boys were in uniform.

James McGill Findlay was born August 3, 1889 in Walter's Falls. On September 22, 1915, McGill Findlay married Eliza Gowan Frizzell of Hoggar, who was born October 24, 1891. After their marriage, Mr. Findlay barbered for a short time in Georgetown, then bought a grocery store in Creemore. In 1922 they moved to their farm on N<sup>o</sup> 10, Con. 6, 7th line Tecumseth Township, which they bought from Andrew Irvin. They continued to farm until 1952 when they retired to Beeton. Their son, Harold, took over the farm.



Harold, McGill, Marjorie, Eliza,  
William & Mabel Findlay

They had four children: Marjorie, Mabel, Harold and William.

In 1938, Marjorie Findlay married Gordon Drury and farmed for several years on the 6th Line, S<sup>o</sup> 10, Con. 6, Tecumseth Township. They retired to Beeton in 1965. They had three children: Clarence, Keith and Doris.

In 1939, Mabel Findlay married Wesley Rowbotham and after farming in the Tottenham district, moved to Creemore in 1973. They had one daughter, Joyce.

In 1944, Harold Findlay married Muriel Martin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Melville Martin of Tecumseth Township, and live on the home farm N<sup>o</sup> 10, Con. 6, south of Beeton on the 7th line. They had six sons: Billie, Douglas, Raymond, Eric, Donald and Roger.

In 1949, William (Bill) Findlay married Rita Ryan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ryan of Adjala Township. He is a mechanic and lives in Tottenham.

Mr. McGill Findlay died May 20, 1970 and is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton.



### JAMES FRASER FAMILY HISTORY

James Fraser was born in the small village of Williamstown, in Glengary County. He was educated in that area and came to Barrie as a young man and articulated with a law firm in Barrie. He graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1886 and began his law practice in Tottenham in the year 1886. At that time the late Dr. Campbell was beginning his medical career in Tottenham. Dr. Campbell and Mr. Fraser roomed together in rooms in the original building on the main south east corner of Tottenham, then known as the Potter Block.

In August 1891 James Fraser married Janet Lamond. Janet had come from Wroughty Ferry, Scotland, when she was 18 years old. After Mrs. Lamond's death in Scotland, Mr. Lamond, with his family, came to Canada. Janet began work in Toronto. Mr. Lamond, who was a master plasterer, was first employed in his line of work at the Chicago World's Fair. He later designed the living room ceiling in his daughter's home in Tottenham. This work of art can still be seen in the original Fraser home in Tottenham.

When Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were first married they lived in a rented house, which still stands in Tottenham at 19 Wilson Street, and then bought the home which they lived in for the remainder of their lives. This home, at 24 Hill St. West, is still referred to as the "Fraser home". The Frasers had a family of four girls: Margerie, Mary, Isabel and Jean.

The Fraser home was originally owned by a private banker. The office of the bank became the Fraser Law Office in 1893. Soon after 1898 Mr. Fraser formed a partnership with Messrs. Hood and Jacks of Stayner and Barrie under the firm named Hood, Jacks and Fraser. After the dissolution of this firm he formed another partnership with the late Boughton Leamon. This firm was dissolved. Mr. Fraser had his own practice until the year 1935; at that time Donald G. Rose married Jean Fraser. Mr. Rose graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1935 and the law firm Fraser and Rose was formed. Mr. Fraser died that same year. Mr. Rose continued the law practice in the same original location until December 1945. At that time he was forced to retire because of ill health. The practice was sold to Gordon Neilson who presently (1977) practises in Tottenham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and their family were staunch Tottenham citizens, always interested in the village activities. Mr. Fraser was the Reeve of Tottenham in the year 1895. He was representative of the district in County Council when county business was conducted by commissioners many years ago. He was a leading conservative in his riding a Past Master of the Masonic Order.

The Frasers were always active members of the Fraser Presbyterian Church in Tottenham. The church was originally given the name "Fraser" when it was built; the first minister of the church was a "Reverend Fraser". So often it has been thought that the church was named after the Fraser family.

A poem "To Dad" was written by Dr. Jebb of Oakville (Mr. Fraser's son-in-law). A copy of this poem was given by Mrs. Fraser to each of the four daughters. It expresses so well the thoughts of his family and friends.

#### "TO DAD"

Never had much style about him, never cared for dress,  
Sort o' spends his life a-doin' odds o' happiness,  
Doin' little things for others, helping where he can,  
Never making much pretension, always playing the man.

Home for him is all for living, fills his heart with pride,  
And his doors are always open, latch string hangs outside;  
Folks who come are always welcome, loves to have them 'round,  
Wants much of joy and laughter, seems to love the sound.

Has his cares and has his troubles, same as all of us,  
Figures them a part of living, never makes much fuss;  
Takes the best of all God gave him, as through life he goes,  
Ever willing, giving, taking, kind and provident.

Vain the tribute we can pay him words cannot express,  
What it means to have him and our thankfulness,  
Sincere his presence when he's with us, and our hearts are glad,  
Great the blessing that is given - just to call him Dad.

FAMILY TREE - PRASER CLAN

Prisoners of Oliver Castle - one of whom was the Lord High Chancellor; and another, Grand Chamberlain.

Sir Alexander Fraser - married princess Mary, sister of King Robert Bruce (died in 1332)

Lord Simon de Fraser  
(or, Sir Simon Fraser) : - married the Countess Gaitthess. He became the first Lord of Lovat and first Chief of the Fraser Clan. He was executed by King Edward in 1306, along with Wallace.

Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	II	
Sir Hugh Fraser	- Lord Lovat	III	
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	IV	
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	V	
Sir Alexander Fraser	- Lord Lovat	VI	- married a daughter and co-heiress of the Earl of Athlone.
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	VII	
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	VIII	
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	IX	
Sir Simon Fraser	- Lord Lovat	X	- beheaded for taking part in the uprising of 1745; Bills and Estates forfeited; also Title. (buried in small abbey at Tower of London, under floor - stone marked with his name. (Headman's axe is hanging on wall, with notation that it was last used on Lord Lovat in 1745).

Gen. Simon Fraser - Master of Lovat	- Leader of the Fraser Clan at Louisburg in Quebec. He was an intimate friend of Gen. Wolfe, whom he held in his arms when Wolfe died on the plains of Abraham, in Quebec (1759).
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Margaret Fraser - married Col. Feggart (Irish), a retired officer, farming his own estate in Ireland.

Margaret Coggett - married Alexander Greenway, one of the first settlers in Tottenham, Lot 6, 4th Concession of Tecumseth, in Ontario, Canada.

Thomas	6-24-1877 d. 12-19-1944 Buried Willingboro (New)	Mary California (Mary E. Stephens)
Yoble	Natlie Pierce b. 12-1-1897 d. 11-20-1997	Alan Pierce (John E. Stephens)
Margory	Margaret Jones (b. 1923 - 1984) Thomas Albert b. 1-22-1954 d. 4-20-1961	Delia E. Albert (died 10-20-1977) 5 years old
Oliver Olive Doreen	William John b. 1-24-1887 d. 11-27-1944	
Liza	Jones Alexander (Lind. Jennings) b. 1-20-1881 d. 4-12-1887	
William	Isabella b. 11-14-1845 d. 8-16-1925	
Rebecca	(Margaret Jennings Jones) b. 7-7-1871 d. 11-26-1903	
Nathia		
Edward	John E. Jennings b. 12-21-1832 d. 4-1-1878 (married 1-19-1860 - Is)	
Alexander	Anna Cotton b. 11-27-1840 d. 2-26-1907	
Natariet		
Ann		
James		
Mary Jane		

### THE GRAHAM FAMILY HISTORY

Originally Scottish, the Grahams emigrated to Ireland in the late 1700's. The oldest record is one Thomas Graham (1810-1903), born in Tyrone, Ireland. He came to Canada with his parents when he was 8 years old and they settled in Derry West near Wrampton. He married Ann Morrison and they had eleven children.

The third oldest of these was Martin Graham (1843-1910). He left Derry West and moved to Dresden where he married a girl by the name of French. They had 10 children. One of the elder of these was Montimer (Monte) Graham (1874-1951). Montimer and his father, who were painters and decorators by trade, came to Tottenham after the fire of 1893. After a summer, his father went back to Dresden, but Montimer stayed. He boarded with Mrs. Walkem (R.J. Walkem's mother) and also with Levi Macoulife until he married Margaret Varay (1893-1943) of the Schenberg district.

Montimer and Margaret settled first on Mill Street in what was later the printing office and later moved to Richmond Street in the house now owned by Mrs. Sullivan. They moved again about 1920 to a farm just south of Tottenham. They raised five children: Gordon, Muriel, Norma, Evelyn and Murray. Murray still owns the farm and is the only one left in the area.

Gordon studied and became a medical doctor. He practised in Boston and Alliston. Later he moved to Clifford, and is now retired. He married a nurse from Alliston hospital; they have two children, Geraldine and Robert.

Muriel was a teacher. She married Lorne Crossberry of Sault and still resides in that town.

Norma and Evelyn were both teachers in the Kitchener area, where they both retired. Norma is now deceased.

Murray married Jean Watson of Palgrave and resided on the home farm. They had three daughters. Elaine married Captain Ray Cook and resides on a military base in the Maritimes; they have one daughter, Missie. Lorna and Betty are both married and reside in the Chatham area. Mrs. Graham passed away in October 1971.

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### THE CALBRAITH FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Calbraith and family (Don, George and Roma) came to Tottenham in the year 1939. Harry carried on a jewellery and watch repair business for eight years. He was a third generation of jewellers in that family and passed away January 17, 1947.

George and Roma attended high school and Don entered the Royal Bank staff. Harry was responsible for forming the Canadian Legion and was their first president. Don was also president here for several years; he passed away October 19, 1976 in Exbridge, where he and his wife and son lived for 12 years. He served overseas for 3½ years and George served in the Air Force. George now lives in N.C. Roma lives at Forks of the Credit. She married Jack Dunstan who ran Penn's store here when he came out of the Air Force.



# THE GREENS



Daniel Green



Margery Annie Taggart Green

Dated approximately 1880

Henry Bayler Green came to Thorntown, Ontario, then to Tottenham from England. Here he met Miss Sarah Wallis and they were married in 1841. Sarah had four brothers and one sister namely: Thomas, Joseph, Daniel and George Wallis and sister Margaret, who became Mrs. William Stephenson, grandmother of Marguerite and William Stephenson, of Tottenham and Toronto. The Wallis had a large connection.

Henry Bayler Green and Sarah Wallis had five boys: John Henry, Joseph Samuel, Thomas, Daniel Ansley and George. When George was born in 1849, their mother, Sarah died in her 26th year. Henry died in 1886 in his 68th year. He is buried at King's Corn, near King City, Ontario.

After their mother died, Daniel lived with the Ellison family on the 3rd line of Tecumseh. He was born in 1847, and he married Miss Margery Annie Taggart, daughter of James Montgomery Taggart and Miss Mary Jane Killigan from Lot 8, concession 4 Tecumseh township, Margery had two brothers and nine sisters. (See the Taggart History).

The Greens settled on Lot 16, Concession 5, Tecumseh Township, where their only son James Ansley Green was born in 1881. They were members of Fenville Methodist Church and took a keen interest in their churchwork. For a short time they had been on Concession 3 Tecumseh Township and then they bought Lot 10, Concession 5. Ansley built the new house on it and soon after that his mother died. This being in the year 1923. His father died five years later, 1928.

Ansley married Mrs. George Dobbs, (Miss Alice Bratton) mother of Joe Dobbs. She was the daughter of John Bratton and Eleanor Margaret Hayes, both of Tecumseh Township. Their only child Allan Ansley Green was born on Lot 10, Concession 5, in 1930. The Greens moved to Lot 7, Concession 5 where Ansley passed away in September 1951. They were active members of Tottenham United Church where Ansley served as an elder. He was also an honorary member of the Orange Association serving as treasurer in Mt. Ararat L.O.L. for 25 years. Ansley also had the honor of serving as the district master.

Allan Green married Miss Norma Baker of Cookstown, Ontario. They have two daughters Sherry and Shelly and they live in Fergus, Ontario. Mrs. Alice Green moved to Bond Road, Ontario where she now lives.

Written by Alice Green, 1967.

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Daniel Green's Farm - taken by  
A. Green, 1920.



Joe Dobbs, Allan Green,  
Alice Dobbs Green, Ansley Green.



The house Ansley Green built - Lot 10, Con. 5.  
Teacher Margaret Semple who stayed with the  
Greens. Picture taken June 19, 1943.



Mr. Green with his  
friend Mr. Dillane.

THE HALL'S BAKERY HISTORY - AUGUST 31, 1936 TO OCTOBER 1947.

Gar and Bea Hall moved their residence and bakery business from Boston to the building on the north west corner of Queen and George Streets in Tottenham on August 31st, 1936. This building was rented from Doctor Campbell. Gar supervised the actual moving and I went to the hospital and gave birth to a baby girl. We had a store at the front of the building with bakery at the rear. At that time we employed one baker and one helper and had one truck and one car on the road delivering. The bread was all sold unwrapped and the baked goods in plain brown paper bags.

In the spring of 1937, we wanted changes made so Mr. Campbell suggested we purchase the bakery property along with the garage property, (now K. Worrods T. V. Appliance Store) which Mr. Campbell also owned and had been rented by Clement Moron. The garage was operated as such for about a year or so by Roy Dvovall. This building was then made into locker storage and egg grading station and managed by Fred and Flo Hall. This business was sold to Jim Neigh sometime in the 1940's. In later years it was managed by Don Fleck.

In the bakery business wax paper had been introduced and for a while we wrapped bread by hand and sealed it on a hot plate. In 1938 Dick Courtney built an addition to the front of the bakery and two new Hubbard ovens were installed. We now put three trucks on the road and had four full-time employees in the bake shop as well as part-time help. A wrapping room was built in the basement with an outside entrance for loading the trucks. An automatic bread slicer and wrapper was installed and most of the bread was now wrapped, some sliced and some unsliced. Cellophane was now being used to wrap cookies and all baked goods went out wrapped or in cardboard boxes. This packaging required part-time help by teenagers in the evenings.

Delivering was very difficult both during the winter and spring seasons as the roads were not ploughed as they are to-day and the mud was often very deep in the spring. Often times the truck drivers were quite late getting home at night and the odd time would be marooned at some farm home all night. We now were delivering an area from Schomber to Thornton over to Angus and as far south as Bolton. Each route was done twice a week. We operated as a wholesale and retail business until during World War II when gas rationing was introduced and we were forced to confine our deliveries to just wholesale. At that time the stores were open three evenings a week, Tuesday and Thursday until ten p. m. and Saturday until eleven p. m. We also had customers coming to the side door on Sundays wanting service. When we started into business bread retailed for seven cents a loaf and was selling for ten cents when we quit the business.

In October 1947 we sold the bakery business and moved to the farm. In the next few years the business changed hands a couple of times and then went into bankruptcy. Gar then sold the equipment of the bakery to other bakeries and remodelled the building into two apartments. These were rented until June 1970 when it was sold to Harry and Bea Burnie, the present owners.

An amusing incident that happened was when Gar and I were on holidays one summer and Fred and Urie Hall were managing the bakery. Some mistake was made with a batch of dough and they had to dispose of it so they decided to bury it in the back yard.

Hughes Block. Corner of George and Queen Streets. This picture dates back to around the year 1900.



#### THE HALLS BAKERY HISTORY - continued...

The dough kept rising and emerging from the ground for a while until finally the action from the yeast was exhausted.

Another event we recall was one very stormy winter night when a load of flour was to come from Collingwood, which we had to have to start baking the next day. We stayed up late waiting for it to come, then finally we went to bed. Later it arrived and they could not waken Gar or I to unlock the door to let them in to the shop. They went to Bill McKinley, the baker's house and got him up to open the door. They unloaded the load of flour and when the truck pulled away Gar and I woke up. Gar went down and there was the load of flour all neatly piled in the shop. Bill McKinley had gone home and then sensing something might be wrong came back to the shop to check on us to see that we were alright.

Another incident we still get quite a chuckle about was when bread was delivered unwrapped and this particular bachelor left a newspaper on the seat of the outhouse, on which to leave his bread, because the house was always kept locked.

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#### THE ARDEN WILSON HISTORY

Henry Wilson came out from Ireland. He married a girl by the name of Margaret Raynor. They had a family of six - three sons and three daughters: John, William, James, Margaret, Edith and Nina.

The eldest, John Wilson, married Martha Parr and they had six sons: William, John Parr, Edward, Calvin, Arden and Oscar. Three of the boys were Doctors; namely, John Parr (or J.P., as he was called), Calvin and Oscar. William was a carpenter; Ed and Arden were farmers.

Arden married Sadie Anderson of Monn Townships. They farmed around Tottenham for a number of years, first on Lot 7 on the fourth line and then on Lot 5 on the 7th line of Tecumseth. They later moved to Mulmur Township where they farmed a while before Mr. Wilson died.

They had three children: Bruce, John and Marion. Mrs. Wilson lived a number of years in Toronto before moving to Mississauga, where she had an apartment beside her daughter. She died in 1974 at the age of 90 years.

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#### Fred Wright and Family

They lived on the south side of Mill Street across from the present-day Laundromat. Fred was section foreman for many years on the CNR. He was also leader of the Tottenham Band (he played flute). Every Saturday night the band played on the corner for thirty minutes to an hour.

THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE HAMILTONS OF LITTLE ROCK FARM



Little Rock Farm - Lot 11, Con. 6, Adjala

It is a bright spring day in the latter part of the month of March in the year 1821. Grandpa Miller stood tall and resolute as he surveyed the large flock of chevies with their many lambs that were his and the many acres of hills and vales that were in his large estate; for he was quite rich. He was this day surrounded by his many grandchildren, the Corbetts and the Hamiltons. Tears welled in his eyes for some of them would be leaving him in the following week for Liverpool to begin their long sea journey to the faroff land of Upper Canada. Jane 16, Alexander 14, Tom 12, Mary nine and little Johnnie just turned three, made up the Hamilton group, the children of James and Margaret Miller Hamilton. They were on their way to climb up the fourteen hundred foot mountain at Glenneely in north-eastern Donegal to look for the last time toward the shores of Scotland and particularly the Isle of Islay which they had done so many times before. Each took their turn carrying Johnnie. It was a sad trip to the mountain for all of them because their little brother would not be going to Canada with them. It was planned that Aunt Isabelle Corbett would bring the little fellow with her when she could come, three years later.

The voyage across the Atlantic began in the first week of April. One of the worst storms in recorded history of the North Atlantic Ocean in which many ships and lives were lost had just finished its course of terror and destruction but the Hamiltons were undaunted and the voyage was without incident. After seven long weeks the ship reached the port of New York. Then began the trip through the Hudson Valley overland to the Niagara Peninsula where James was successful in renting a small portion of clearedland near the present town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Grain was sown with a splendid crop following. It was harvested as was the way in Donegal by putting it up in small round stacks near the barns. All looked well but suddenly one night the stacks went up in flames. Some of the people of the States were very bitter at this time against settlers coming from the British Isles to Canada and it was presumed these malcontents got across the river and were the culprits in carrying out this dastardly deed. No doubt the family was discouraged and it was decided to move to the village of York across the lake, where they spent the winter of 1822. The records show that there were only 1336 souls living there then and that nineteen stores and shops were in operation.

During the summer of 1821 application was made to Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada for a grant of crown land. A location ticket was issued to James Hamilton of the township of Niagara in the county of Lincoln in the district of Niagara, yeoman, as settler, for the east halves of lots ten and eleven in Con. 6 Adjala township, which had just been surveyed in Simcoe County. The initial certification of the grant which was recorded on the thirty-first of January 1824 stated that all settler's duties had been performed. During the short term as Governor of Sir Francis Bond Head during year 1836 the final recording was made and a deed issued to James. It stated that all mines of Gold and Silver and all white pine trees were to remain the property of His Majesty George IV and his heirs.

#### THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE HAMILTONS - cont'd.

In the early spring of 1822 James and sons Alexander and Thomas made their way up Yonge St. to Holland Landing. They then headed west through West Swillimbury to their location in Adjala. It was getting dark when they reached their destination, foot sore and weary. They stopped beside a great large stone in the wilderness on which they slept that first night in the township. This stone can be seen near the ten sideroad in the field on Little Rock farm, lot 11. That summer of 1822 four or five acres of trees were cleared. A log cabin and small barn were built. Some little areas were cultivated and fall wheat sown. The crop from this first wheat planted in Adjala produced a fine sample of grain. In "The Story of Albion", the ingenious writer of that book narrates the following account: "A story which has come down through the generations to present-day descendants of the Hamilton family in Adjala and Albion tells us what happened to the first five bushels of fall wheat harvested in Adjala. Eighteen-year-old Jane, the daughter of James Hamilton, on whose homestead the wheat was grown, decided that it tasted something better than inadequate grinding in the homemade plunging mill and also she was hungry for bread made from good white stone flour. Along with her younger brother Tom, she set out for the grist mill at Newmarket with the wheat piled on an ox-jumper - a crude contraption somewhat resembling a sleigh. It was made from two young saplings selected from the forest because they were curved like runners. Short poles were fastened across from runner to runner to form a floor, and the ox-jumper was complete, ready to run more or less smoothly over the soft springy blanket through the woods. Young Jane and her brother were away from home for five days. They spent the first two nights in the forest, and the third night they rested on the mill floor at Newmarket before starting the return journey. The fifth night they encountered wolves, but they had been told by their parents what to do. A huge fire was kept burning all night to keep the animals at bay, but the pack hovered so close, the firelight reflected on fierce flashing eyeballs, which seemed to the excited youngsters to be a yard in number. The fifth day saw Jane and her brother and the oxen safely home with a load of fine stone flour."

After spending a second winter in York the family of James Hamilton moved to the grant in the early spring of 1823. The hundred-acres where Rachel Sloan now lives was the home place and in 1843 the Little Rock section was handed over to James' son, John. A frame house was built near the barn where the feedlot is now. Some of the boards from this original frame house (the wallpaper is still attached) were later used to build the workshop. This first frame house stood from about 1845 to 1875 when the brick house was finished. It was much the same as Rachel's house across the road, but around 1890 the front part, containing the 'parlour', dining room and a downstairs bedroom had to be replaced with the present house because the sills were rotting. The back part containing the big kitchen is part of the original house. No one seems to know for sure where the name "Little Rock" originated, but someone has heard that people visiting from the United States returned home and sent back a post card addressed to 'Mrs. Hamilton, Little Rock Farm'. The last John Hamilton remembered an anecdote of the time when he was about four years old and all morning his mother (Clara Kennedy Hamilton) and Ma (Emma MacDonald, who helped in the house) had been churning, trying to make butter, but it just wouldn't form. When the sun came in at noon, they took a turn before they sat down to eat but still no butter. While the rest were eating, young John thought he'd be a big fellow and make the butter. However, the churn lid had not been tightened after the last look and with one turn, the cream was out on the floor and soon running out both doors of the summer kitchen. When John's father saw this, he said, "I wish you'd done that an hour ago".

Thomas homesteaded the west half of Lot 10 and in 1828 married Catherine, the beautiful and gracious daughter of John Bayman who had settled on lot ten, Con. 7. (We could say he married the 'girl next door'.) This union produced several sons and daughters: James, John, Alex, Jane, Diana and Margaret. James' son, George, operated a butcher shop on the main street in Tottenham for a number of years.

Jane, the eldest of the family, married George Jackson who had emigrated from Ireland in 1827 and settled on lot 2, Con. 2, Adjala. They had two daughters, Mary Anne and Margaret, and five sons, George, James, Robert, William and Alex.

Alexander married Jane, daughter of Robert Booth who had settled on Brown grant Lot 4, Con. 4, Adjala. They had four daughters and three sons: Elizabeth, Margaret, Jane, Mary, Thomas, John and Miller. Alexander purchased from William Reilly the west half of lot 2, Con. 8, Adjala, about 1840. In the year 1848 he secured from the Crown the west halves of lots 7 & 8 in the 8th Concession and in 1853, the east half of lot 7. Alexander passed away in 1890 in his 84th year and his wife, twelve years before.

Mary married Christopher Corbett who homesteaded Lot 1, Con. 3, west Swillimbury in 1824. The Corbets moved to Huron County in the early 1850's, near to the present town of Belgrave.



# THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE HAMILTONS - cont'd.

John took for his wife Margaret, daughter of John Ferris who had settled in 1823 on Lot 8, Con. 6, West Swillimbury. The Ferris family were Irish and adamantly believed in reform of the political system of early Upper Canada. That is the priorities of the Family Compact. Margaret's insistant viewpoint in these things strongly influenced her sons and daughters. Margaret Ferris is remembered in a few stories. The Presbyterian Church in those days was on the third line by the present Presbyterian cemetery. She would walk barefoot to church, wash her feet in the creek when she arrived, then put on her shoes. Seeing the pointed toes that were in style in those days, one need not wonder why. There is a mark under a window in the big kitchen of the present house where she used to strike matches to light her pipe. She had a telescope and said she could read the writing on the tombstones in Colgan - a good telescope or a good imagination!) John and Margaret had three daughters and six sons: Phoebe, Mary, Rachel, James, Simpson, William, Miller, Robert and John.

- 1) Phoebe married Joseph Sloan and lived in Tottenham.
- 2) Rachel married James Mercer, who had a flour and feed store on the main street in Tottenham.
- 3) William married Louise White. They lived in Athlone and operated the mill there. Later they moved to Tottenham where Wm. commuted daily to Palgrave where he ran the grist mill and had a fox ranch. They had two children: Jean (who married Wilfred Male) and Mercer (who married Marjorie McDonald). They had a variety store in Tottenham and Mercer played lacrosse with Orangeville for a number of years.
- 4) John and his wife, Clara Kennedy, remained on the homestead of Little Rock



farm on Lot 11, Con. 6. They had three children: Irene (who married Robert Watson), Bessie (who married Lloyd Wickham and later Roy Purlong) and John (who married Anna Bernath). John Sr. died of appendicitis when young John was only four years old. Edgar Walker came to Little Rock farm at this point (age 20 years) to serve as hired hand. He remained on the farm for many years until his death at age 61. John Jr. and Anna had two daughters, Helen and Bernice and Anna, now widowed, and her daughters still reside in the home at Little Rock Farm.

John Hamilton and Clara Kennedy - about the time they were married in 1895.

- 5) Robert married Kate Connor and after her death, married Susan Bell. He graduated from Trinity College in the early 1870's and carried on the practice of medicine in the village of Athlone. He had one son, Emmet, and a daughter Alberta "Birdie", who spent many years of residence in Tottenham.
- 6) Miller, so fondly remembered as 'Uncle Miller' by his family, spent most of his early years with his grandfather and grandmother and succeeded to their original homestead property on Lot 10. He served the township in the capacity of Treasurer for many years and held the position of Reeve for a time. He started a community beef ring which operated for many years from the farm (John continued the beef ring for a number of years after Miller's death). Miller's niece, Rachel Sloan, who lost her mother at a very early age and spent many years of her life with her Uncle Miller, presently resides in the beautiful old homestead home. She came there after her Uncle Miller passed away, following her career as a school teacher in Toronto, to be among her many friends and to enjoy her painting and the growing of her flowers.

#### THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE HAMILTONS - cont'd.

When the present house was built on Lot 10, the large hearthstones which formed the floor in front of the fireplace of the first log cabin were moved to it and placed in the walkway leading to the house, thus giving a sentimental link with the first building on the farm.

The descendants of James and Margaret Miller Hamilton have played prominent parts in the history of Adjala. Their goodwill and tolerance toward everyone has engendered admiration amongst all who have been down through the years.

They have held a strong belief in their Creator down through the years and have been steadfast in their Presbyterian inheritance of Northern Ireland and in the early days used to go by horse back to attend services at the third line church. Many of the family are at rest in the cemetery there.

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#### THE TRAIN FAMILY HISTORY

The Train genealogy has been traced back to France. From there this family crossed the sea to Scotland, settling near Glasgow. At the time of the Glencoe Massacre, they packed their belongings and took refuge across the border in Hull, England. We understand that the name "Train" is very common in Scotland.

In 1871, Christopher Train and his wife, Eleanor Perry, sailed from England to make a new home in Canada. Their first son, John, was born either during the trip or shortly after. Christopher's brothers, David and Frederick, and a sister who became Mrs. Plinston, also came to Canada. David was trained in King Township, Frederick's descendants lived in the Grille area, and the Plinstons in Barrie.

Christopher immediately became engaged in the lumber business in York, and some years later bought a farm in Vaughan Township where he set up several sawmills, but moved from Vaughan to York and died several times.

Christopher and Eleanor Train had three sons - John, William and Alex - and four daughters - Mrs. Richard Agar, Oakville; Mrs. Thomas Shuttleworth, Kleinburg; Mrs. George Hall, London; and Mrs. E. Swater, Coburg.

JOHN, the eldest son, and his descendants remained in Vaughan and at the present time a grandson, Arthur, along with his sons Bob and Bill, continue to have part of Lot 27, Conc. 5. Their home on Highway 27, which extended inside and out, is made of solid live logs.

WILLIAM was a manufacturer, miller and speculator, who set up business in various locations, and at which was Thompsonville, Tecumseh Township, where he owned considerable property. William eventually pushed northward to Georgian Bay where he had a lumber mill at the mouth of the Northwaggon River, and a grist mill at Kenford. There is a record of a seven-year old daughter of William and Margaret Anne Train having died at Thompsonville in 1878.

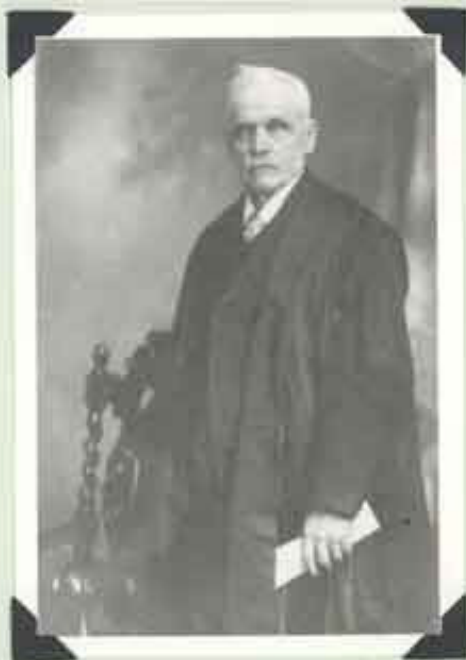
Christopher Train of Vaughan first bought land in Tecumseh Township, Lincoln County in 1854, when he purchased for \$1100 the south half of Lot 5, Conc. 4, less 2 corner acres. This farm was sold to his son, John, the following year for \$550, reserving the right to raise water on the lot for mill purposes. John sold this property to Francis Shields in 1858 for \$1000.

In 1855, Christopher bought the north half of the same lot, less a few corner acres, from Thomas Gurnea for \$1100. John Train's wife was Ann Gurnea. Mary and David were the transactions with regard to the corners of this 200 acre lot, since the north-east portion was destined to become the village of Tottenham, and the north-west corner was the site of Scanlon's Bay, on the main route north. When Christopher Train died in 1857, the north half of the lot (150-100 acres) remained in the Train family, various members owning various parts of it at various times. Christopher's widow, Eleanor, married a Mr. Swater, father of Eleanor's son-in-law.

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Amos Train of Clarksville (Boston), the youngest of Christopher's children, came into possession of the north half of Lot 5, Conc. 4 in 1864, when he was 21. The following year, he married Mary Ann Russell, a "local girl".



Amos Train

Mary Ann's branch of the Russell family owned the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lots 3 and 4 on Conc. 5 - just across the road from the Train property. The first land transaction was in 1834 when William Russell bought the north half of Lot 3 for \$100, and in the following year purchased the south half for the same amount. In 1837, Henry Russell bought the south half of Lot 4 for \$50, and it remained in the Russell name until 1896 when it was sold to the Pearson relatives. It was this 100 acres from which land for School Section #5, Tecumseh, was bought. In 1863, Henry bought the north half of this lot for \$4000, and it was passed to his son William J. Russell who sold it in 1906.

The family of Amos and Mary Ann Train consisted of five sons: Henry Christopher Boston, William John Hilton, Amos Albert Edwin, Thomas James Samuel, and George Frederick Russell. It is obvious that family tradition decreed several given names!

As the Train sons grew up, they took responsibility for running the farm while their father developed other skills, mainly as mill man and builder. Brick came from a kiln on his farm, and the wood products from his lumber and shingle mill in Floss Township. There stand today three sound-structured churches built by contractor Train: the Methodist Church at Tottenham, the Methodist Church at Hinings, and the Presbyterian Church at Hilldale, all built in the 1890's. Amos and Mary Ann were themselves Anglican.

In 1877 for \$1000, Garrett Brown of Schenck bought a right-of-way through the Train property for the Hamilton and North Western Railway. This was at a time when sweet clover was considered to be a weed. Once the railway was built, men spent many hours cutting this "weed" along the tracks!

In 1885, a few years after the devastating Floss bush fires, Amos Train purchased for \$1120, 160 acres on Lot 24, Conc. 5, Floss Township, through one corner of which runs the Tottenham River. That same year, Amos invested in a Watson Steam Engine, and established on a creek running into the river a lumber and shingle mill. This part of Floss - called "New Floss" - was just then being settled by farmers who were reaching out for the rich soils of the Tottenham Valley. But first the land had to be cleared of the heavy growth of elm, maple, beech and cedar. Much of this was processed through the Train Mill.

Henry, Amos' eldest son, looked after the Tecumseh property until it was sold in 1896 to Daniel O'Leary for \$4000.

Gradually, Amos acquired other properties on the 5th and 6th Concessions of Floss, and like his father before him, he helped to establish his sons in careers of their own choosing. Henry and Thomas never married. Henry went to British Columbia, and Thomas died at age 19. The other three sons farmed on either the north or south side of the 6th of Floss. Two of Amos' grandsons - Harry and Norman Train - are presently farming there, with Norman owning the original mill site. The only other living descendant of Amos with the Train name is a great grandson, 22-year old Bill, of Hilldale and Toronto.

Like most public-spirited men of his time, Amos Train became associated with various lodges. He was a charter member of the Orion Lodge, Elmhurst, and the 399 Chapter B.A.F., Barrie, and was elected President of the New Floss Patrons of Industry in 1894.

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In 1895 Amos was elected to the Township Council and for twenty-five years his political fortunes ebbed and flowed. In times of defeat his grandchildren were conscious of schoolmate taunts, "The Train ran off the track!" His times of success were epitomized in a poem "The Winner", with the words being that this man was "careful" with the money!.....

"Then careful Amos Train  
The grand old man,  
For many years as Reeve,  
The Township's business ran.".....

Amos Train, who was the same age as Simcoe County, served as Warden in 1920 and during his tenure of office, the County became entirely free at last of the "lunatic" in its history. It was during this year also that a plan for reforesting in the County was authorized.

The last cut for the Train Mill was run in 1925, and on January 14, 1926, Amos Train literally "died with his boots on". His wife, Mary Ann Russell, had predeceased him in 1919. While they had been members of the St. Thomas Anglican Church on the 10th of May, they and their son Thomas, are buried in rural Canada Cemetery on the 4th of May, maintained by Knox Presbyterian Church not far away.

For anyone who reads pioneer biographies, the pattern is familiar. First, that long, trying, slow trip across an ocean, when about the young couples there were many "weak" in "delicate condition". For those who settled in Simcoe County there was either a hazardous trip along the Great Lakes by the "milk canals", or a long journey via New York. Soon after becoming established, hardy farmers thought of the future of their growing families and expanded their operation to accommodate either sons or sons-in-law. Some of these latter remained at home while others pushed further into a wilderness frontier where land was less expensive and opportunities for independence, greater. Then the process started all over again - expanding, establishing the younger generation, and leaving their mark on the society in which they lived. The most noticeable difference today is that instead of a rural society, we have an urban society, with the younger generation aiming for professional or trade careers. In spite of this difference, many of today's youth understand their ancestors' way of life, and looking back, give thanks for their pioneer heritage.

- submitted by the Train of May,  
January 1976.

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#### TRAINOR FAMILY HISTORY

Vincent and Rose Trainor were married May 5, 1906, in St. Mary's Church, Achil, by the late Father Armstrong of Achil and North Adjala Parish. Rose was the former Rose Keener of Loretto. Her parents were Joseph Keenan and Mary Margaret McFarlane, whose parents were all early settlers in Adjala.

In 1940, Rose and Vince bought and moved to the Nicholas Egan farm on the fourth line of Tecumseth near Tottenham. They specialized in raising turkeys and had one of the largest turkey farms in the district. In 1942, they had a flock of 2,000 birds. Later, they sold the farm to Francis and Eilda McKeown and bought the Jack Gavin farm near Colgan (on the fifth line of Tecumseth), where they still reside.

Rose and Vince are the parents of six children: James, Marie, Frank (deceased), Jack, Bob and Joan. Vince does not remember his grandparents, but often heard his father recall that Vince's grandmother was the youngest of ten children and was born on the boat coming from Ireland.

- by Rose Trainor, 1979.

### THE WILLIAM HAMMELL FAMILY HISTORY

I suppose it is natural that as we grow older, a sound, a stray word spoken by a friend, a radio or T.V. announcer, or a line in our daily news regarding an erstwhile friend or one's birthplace, should awaken in us old memories - sweet yet sad - with the result that for a moment we seem to recapture that "sweet careless rapture" of our youth. At least that is my experience as far as Tottenham, my birthplace, is concerned. As I now recall that small quiet country town, hundreds of memories of friends, places, and the simple joys of country life engulf me, and for a few minutes, I can forget the mad rush in which most of us, in spite of ourselves, live to-day. Then I begin to realize how much we, the older generation, and the younger one too, owe to our ancestors those first settlers who had the courage and the stamina to face the cruelties of those pioneer days, when they came to settle in the area around our present Tottenham and Beeton, both delightful places in which to share with others carefree childhood days. In the selfishness of thoughtless youth, we were prone to overlook the sacrifices and hardships of these courageous men and women, and we accepted all they accomplished and handed down to us as our natural birthright.

I, on my father's side, am a descendent of two such pioneer families, the Hayes and the Hammell families. Regarding all the details of the Hammell family tree, I am not too well-versed. I know that the family came originally from the vicinity of Cork in southern Ireland. Like so many Irish families, the men followed a military career. One of the Hammell men, a Lieutenant-Colonel, emigrated to Canada early in the nineteenth century and for his meritorious work with the British army in Ireland, received a grant of land from the British Crown in the Beeton area. There, he and his descendants engaged in farming. Of all the children of his son, Henry Hammell, my father, William Hammell, was the only son to leave the farm and enter the business world. After trying his luck in business in the western United States where he had relatives, he, with my mother and my brother Drew returned to Ontario, and he "kept store", as they used to say, in Tottenham for many years. He was a shy, kindly, retiring man, greatly respected by all, and was highly conscious of his responsibility in civic affairs. He served as reeve of the town.



William Hammell kept store in Tottenham (Queen St. south of Mill St.)- Sept. 1883 - Sept. 1913.

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William Hammell married Catherine Spencer and they had five children: Drew, Mona, Muriel, Elvira and Gratia.

Drew married Essie Menzies.

Mona married George Coutts and had a daughter, Catherine, who married Rev. D.C. Candy. They had two children, Lorraine and William.

Muriel died at age five.

Gratia married Clarence H. Kercher and they had one daughter, Nancy.

With the Hayes family connection, I am more familiar. The Hayes family was also of Irish stock. It was originally one of the first clans of southern Ireland, and was registered as early as the eleventh century under the name of "Hayse". By the fifteenth century the name had been changed to "Hayes", both in the original county of Tipperary in Ireland, and in parts of England where many of them had emigrated. Dunroce castle, in Tipperary, was the ancestral seat.

Times were hard in Ireland at the beginning of the nineteenth century, both in the economic and religious fields. The potato famine in Ireland caused great hardship for all; therefore, many Irishmen looked to the broader and more liberal horizons of America in search for a new home. Thomas Hayes, accompanied by his young family of two of his brothers, and encouraged by the vision of a better life across the ocean, emigrated to Canada in 1830 and settled in Simcoe county. Here he helped lay the foundation of Beeton, a small village not too far north of Toronto or "Muddy York" as it was then called.

Tecumseth township at that time was primeval forest - in fact a veritable wilderness - and was once a prominent settlement for the Indians, as old relics and a burying ground testify. It was to this uninviting and frightening land that my Hayes ancestors and other courageous pioneers, including the Hammell's came, to carve out for themselves new homes. Lonely they must often have been, and often their thoughts in their solitude must have travelled back to their old homes in the British Isles.

The lines supposedly written by a Scottish emigrant is applicable to all:

"From the lone shieling of the misty land  
Mountains divide us and the waste of seas

----- these heavy woods are grand  
But we are exiles from our father's land".

In the early 1830's the settlers arrived and soon these enterprising pioneers had established small but flourishing communities in the area. North on the 8th concession line settlers began to take up land grants and here the Hayes family, from which my family descended, acquired their land. It was almost inevitable then that the Hayes' and Hammell's should meet, for both families settled in the same area.

Thomas Hayes, who in 1830 was head of the family in Canada, had married Sarah Bennett in 1797. They had a large family; one of their sons, William, married Mary Jane Hall. William, in turn, had several children and one daughter, Mattie, married Henry Hammell. Mattie and Henry had a son, William (my father) who married Catherine Maria Spencer.

In time, little villages sprang up in the Tecumseth area, and soon two rival settlements came into being - Tottenham and Beeton. Until the building of the railway from Hamilton through this area, Fenville and Bond Road claimed the limelight, but with the advent of the railroad, Beeton and Tottenham began to flourish, and a friendly rivalry between them developed.



### THE WILLIAM HAMMILL FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

Tottenham from my girlhood recollections was a happy place in which to live. Friendships formed there have lasted throughout the years. Once a "Tottenhamite", if we dare coin a word, always one. We were like one big family. Whenever we meet a friend of yesteryear, back roll the happy memories of our childhood. How easy it is to remember the happy days spent at Nolan's creek, a little unnoticed stream which wound aimlessly about the north end of town, until Henry Nolan dammed it years ago to form a small man-made pond, on the banks of which was carried on a thriving lumber mill business. Many were the pleasant and exciting hours that sister Gratia, my friends and I spent there, watching the great mill wheel provide the power for the flour mill business. Here, Evie Nolan, a friend of all the youngsters in the town, and to whom we were very grateful, spent hours teaching us to swim, and we overcame our fears of the water. When we first swam across that log-jammed pond with its quota of frogs, we were as proud and exhilarated as if we had conquered the English Channel. By this pond in summer we held our little private picnics and in winter, we enjoyed hours of skating on old spring skates which we attached to our regular boots. Of course, we needed strong skate straps to support our buckling ankles. There was no necessity for town-controlled rinks in those days. We made our own on that old mill pond and thoroughly enjoyed the work of doing so. Such a rink was a result of a healthy co-operative effort on the part of a happy group of youngsters.

The thought of our school days brings back both pleasant and stinging memories. But as you all know, time has a special way of softening the memory of unpleasant episodes in life. We sometimes thought the punishment meted out to us in our four-room combination primary and secondary school was hard and unjustified. You must remember that we were strictly disciplined at home and were taught a wholesome respect for our elders and that included teachers; therefore, we adhered to that respect in school, knowing full well that any complaints regarding school disciplinary measures were frowned upon by our parents. Punishment even for trivial misdemeanors were often severe. The rap of the wooden pointer across your knuckles, the sharp sting of the broad leather strap on the palms of your hands and the long passages of memory work were all part of the daily discipline. If ever we complained at home, no sympathy was forthcoming. "You must have deserved it", was the familiar reply to any complaint. It was fun, though, sitting at a desk with someone else. It was a challenge in the junior grades to stand in a straight line with your classmates at the front of the room, each one struggling to maintain his or her position at the head of the class, or to creep up steadily from the tail end of the line. Friday afternoon, with its thrilling spelling matches, its special reading material, its concerts, is still a sweet memory. Our recesses were bright spots in what our present-day children would call a boring day. Our games were simple, but we played for the joy of playing, and in doing so, we learned to accept success or defeat with gallantry or modesty. Good sportsmanship was as much a part of our daily programme as the three R's.

Outside school hours and during holidays, we enjoyed all sorts of freedom. Sleigh-riding, though usually forbidden by our parents, was a wonderful pastime. It mattered not that the drivers of the big bob-sleighs carrying logs to the mill or those of the fashionable cutters dripping with gorgeous buffalo robes were strangers. We "snitched" rides for miles into the country until we met someone else coming back to town.

"Bliss it was to be alive!  
But to be young was very heaven."

Even in summer, Leah Coleman and I were not averse to accepting rides with friends driving to neighbouring towns, especially if the driver owned a well-equipped carriage and a span of dappled horses. I well remember the day that we were absent for hours on such a jaunt. It never dawned

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on us - thoughtless youngsters that we were - that our mothers might be worried, nor did it dawn on us what punishment might be until, on our return, we saw the expression on their faces. It was a "punishment to fit the crime". In those days there was no "sparing of the rod and spoiling the child". But the drive was worth it, even though we were both "grounded" for several days.

I could ramble on at length regarding other delightful nostalgic memories. The Lowry garden at the end of the street, I recall, was a veritable fairyland and a joy to explore. Line's bush where we revelled in the sunshine and shadows as we gathered wild flowers or nuts according to the season and where we watched the squirrels and partridges or listened to the cheerful messages of the birds was a great attraction for us. Here indeed "nature was our teacher" without any restrictions or fear of punishment. Pierson's farm always extended to us a cordial welcome, and here we were allowed the freedom of the place. I shall never forget the interest we evinced in the yearly display of Easter fashions by the ladies of our town. The hat creations especially always intrigued us. Nor must I fail to mention the most poignant experiences of our childhood - the funerals for our beloved pets and for the casualties in the bird world. One does not easily forget the genuine grief we experienced nor the tears we shed as we laid them tenderly to rest in their softly lined shoe boxes and listened to the solemn voice of Harold Ellison who always acted as minister or priest.

Today, all these things would, no doubt, seem trivial to our modern sophisticated children, but we who participated in them learned something real and lasting - namely, that there is a deep power of joy in simple things.



Mr. & Mrs. William Hammell and one of their daughters.

We are all proud of the people from Tottenham and the neighbouring towns and villages who have represented us in almost every walk of life. Some of them have achieved greatness, both at home and in the world at large. We are proud that Dr. William Osler contributed so much not only in the field of medicine but also in the art of daily living. Sir William Mulock, that grand old lawyer who lived a century, I believe, and was Postmaster-General in the Liberal government arouses pride in us. Wes McKnight who became a well-known announcer in the field of radio and T.V., was born in Tottenham. Kate Scott Aitken from Beeton represents the heights to which women with ambition can climb. We glow with pleasure when the name of Eddie Roman, as we knew him, is mentioned. Later, he became Father Roman of St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto, and amid all his duties had time to organize his famous choir of boys. There are many others whom we should mention, but space will not permit it. Those countless others who may not have acquired the distinction of those already mentioned, those families who placidly and honestly pursued "the even tenor of their ways" we do not forget. Many from

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the group sacrificed to educate their children for teachers, lawyers, doctors, dentists, and skilled workmen. To them "plain living and high thinking" was more precious than social position or money. To all those loyal, dedicated citizens of our township or community, be they famous or not-so-famous, be they rich or poor, from those early pioneers who struggled and sacrificed to establish a foundation on which the next generation could build, down to the present generation, we pay homage. To the young people in our community, I say "your forefathers have bequeathed to you a wonderful heritage, imperfect though it may be. Accept the challenge and with all the privileges and facilities of the present day at your disposal, continue as your ancestors did, to live with courage, honesty, faith, tolerance and humility to make life in your community and Canada an example to all."

- submitted by Elvira H. Hammell, 1974

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Tottenham, as I remember it in my youth, was a lovely little country town, situated in one of the choice areas of Southern Ontario. Tottenham, as a well-known writer has said of his birthplace, is "a safe place to be young in and a good place to grow old in."

What memories engulf me as I recall the early days of my life in that quiet, friendly community! A warm spring May wind or the sight of early spring blooms in a garden bring back a vision of sweet-scented blue violets which grew in profusion on Semple's hill. The sound of church bells solemnly ringing on a Sunday morning brings back vividly and sadly the memory of the quiet stillness of the Sabbaths in the town of my birth - a stillness and atmosphere so different from any other day of the week. I can still visualize the quiet preparations for the family walk to morning service - all starched, gloved and solemn. Christmas carols to-day, wherever heard, stir with nostalgic sweetness the memories of sleigh bells on a clear frosty night, and the joy and glow of Christmases long ago. All these memories arouse in me a desire for a simpler and more sincere way of life.

I consider it an honour to have been asked to relate incidents and scenes of my childhood in Tottenham, and especially those connected with my own family, the Hammell's. As one reads history it would seem as if all important men were the product of small towns. In this regard, my family would qualify for this honour. My father was born in Beeton, and if he were alive to-day, in 1974, he would be one hundred and twenty years of age.

The first fifteen years of my life, as part of an old established family of the district, were spent in Tottenham. I was the youngest of a family of five children - four of whom reached adulthood. We were the children of William and Catherine Spencer Hammell. My father after his marriage, took his bride to the United States and there they spent the first few years of their married life. But they were staunch Canadians and in time they returned to Canada with their first born, a son, Drew by name, and settled in Tottenham, where the rest of the family were born. There were, as I said, five of us: Drew, Mona, Marial (who died at age five), Elvira and myself, (Gretia).



#### THE WILLIAM HAMMELL FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.

My father, William Hammell, on his return from the United States, set up a general store in Tottenham, in September 1883, and we children thought it comparable to the best stores in nearby Toronto, for it carried everything necessary to serve a growing town and a farming community. At one time, my father was Reeve of Tottenham, and in this capacity, he was designated to entertain in our home political celebrities, especially at election time when they carried their electioneering to our district. One such celebrity was Sir Robert Borden who became Prime Minister of Canada after defeating the Laurier Government in 1912 on the Reciprocity question. How well I remember the excitement of that election! Sir Robert Borden had dinner at our home and that was a thrill of a lifetime for the Hammell children. That was sixty-two years ago. In addition to political interests, my father participated fully in church affairs, that is the work of the Anglican Church. For years, he was one of the wardens in the Church, and he and my mother were frequently called upon to entertain visiting rectors and members of the higher clergy. I cannot refrain from relating an amusing incident connected with the visit of the Bishop of the diocese, who presided at a confirmation service in the Tottenham Church. He was to be our guest at dinner, and mother, whose manners were impeccable, coached Elvira and me for days as to our behaviour in his presence. "If you pass in front of the Bishop," she said, "you must say 'excuse me, my Lord'." Being shy, I avoided his presence, but Elvira, the ever-exuberant sociable youngster that she was, wanted to exhibit her knowledge of what was considered perfect etiquette. She found the occasion to "say her piece" but in her confusion, she, much to the embarrassment of my mother, shyly said to the Bishop, "Oh, my God, excuse me". Elvira took a long time to live that one down, and I am sure the Bishop used that little incident to rouse a good laugh from many audiences for years to come.

My mother, stately and regal in her appearance and carriage, was admired, loved and respected by old and young alike. She had a keen judgemetic mind, and could always be relied upon to express an unbiased opinion or give advice to any one who consulted her. She was artistically inclined, both in painting and music. She was never too busy (and busy she always seemed to be) to take a keen interest in the cultural life of the community. Thanks to her interest and that of other well-known women of the town, Tottenham was regularly treated to concerts given by the best talent from Toronto and even farther afield. Many were "the little nameless acts of kindness and of love" which my mother performed in our community. Her Christmas baskets for some of the less fortunate in our neighbourhood were a delight to behold. There was something in each one of them for everyone, for young or old in the family. Hampers filled with the best from our store, donated unstintingly by my father, (for he gave mother a free hand) brought cheer to many a needy family at that glorious, happy season.

Many more sweet sad memories overwhelm me as I review my girlhood in Tottenham. I hope that I have not wearied you with my recital of some of the most poignant and precious memories. I know that, as we lived those yesterdays, we thought little of our tomorrows. That, of course, is the way of care-free youth. But today, those yesterdays are important to us. They make the present more tolerable.



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Envelope sent to Mrs. W. Hammell, Dec. 1898.

I have been away from Tottenham a long, long time. I was only fifteen years of age when my parents closed our Tottenham home with all the happy memories, and moved to Toronto in September 1913. But as I left my birthplace, I took with me those precious memories of a little town - a town of friendly, sincere people - the town of Tottenham, which I still consider "home".

- submitted by Gratia Hammell Kercher,  
1974.

### THE WILLIAM HAMMOND FAMILY

William Hammond was born December 24, 1882, son of William and Jane Hammond (nee Westover) in Luther Township. He was the seventh child in a family of eleven, seven girls and four boys, George, Mary, Rachel, Jill, Isobel, Richard, William, Mabel, Alice, Wesley and Charlotte. At the time of writing there are four living, Jill (Mrs. Marks) 98, William 92, Alice (Mrs. Watson) 88, Wesley 86.

William attended school at the 11th line of Luther Township and was a member of Tarbot Church. He played football in a church league against teams from Grand Valley, Monticello, Colbeck Corners and others. He will remember the good times he had at his first fall fair at Grand Valley with twenty five cents to spend.

William went to work as a hired man on a farm nearby at the age of seventeen, at a wage of seventeen dollars per month plus board, but after his father's death he farmed the home place.

In 1908 he started keeping company with Mabel Adair, daughter of Edward and Frances Adair (nee Gordon) of Monticello. Mabel was born August 31, 1889. There were four boys and two girls in the Adair family, Chester, Herbert, Edwin, Mabel, Florence and Arnold.



Mr. & Mrs. William Hammond

William and Mabel were married September 27, 1910 from the Adair farm, located on the townline between Tecumseh Township and King Township. They lived for a short time on the Hammond farm in Luther Township, but bought a farm on the 12th line of King Township and moved there in 1912. Their only daughter Evelyn was born June 25, 1916. Some of the neighbours in this area were Morley Williamson, Bartley Davis, Joseph Dale, Walter Potter, Robert McClain, Herbert Woods and Sam Hastings.

In 1917 they bought a farm on the second line of Tecumseh Township known as the Dale Farm. Some of the farmers living nearby were James McCurdy, Harvey Hastings, Erwood Wray and Bill Calhoun. The next year he bought his first car from Wm. Steele of Tottenham (Ford Touring).

In 1919 he sold this farm to George Breedon and bought another on the 10th sideroad south of Rich Hill. The neighbours here were Wesley Poole, John Pettinger, Sam Hastings, Harry Palmer and Wyatt McKeown. Reverend Dudgeon was the minister at Rich Hill Church, William Hammond superintendent of the Sunday School and Miss Christine Semple taught at the school and boarded with the Hammonds.

Evelyn started to school Easter of 1921, the teacher was Ethel Woods and in September 1921 Iva Wray Patterson came to Rich Hill School to teach.

THE WILLIAM HAMMOND FAMILY continued

In 1922 William Hammond and Garnet Breedon bought the business on Mill Street West, Tottenham from Wm. Steels. The business consisted of buying and selling small seeds such as red and sweet clover, alfalfa, timothy etc. They had a seed cleaning plant also the agency for McCormick Deering Machinery, B. A. gas, harness, wire fence, rope etc. Mr. Joseph Doman bought the machinery agency in 1932, but Hammond and Breedon continued on in the seed business. The house and office was destroyed by fire December 15, 1938. Mrs. Breedon died in the fire and Mrs. Hammond was severely burned. In the early forties the seed business was sold to James Sullen.

After the fire the Hammonds lived in the Weaver Apartments and in the summer of 1939 they bought the Beake House on Walkem Drive.



Mr. & Mrs. William Hammond  
air bowling trophies

Mr. & Mrs. Hammond were ardent bowlers and in 1952 Mrs. Hammond skipped the rink that won the Ontario Triples Championship. They were members of the United Church and Mr. Hammond served on the Church board for many years, also the school board and town council.

They bought the Albert Poucar house on Mill Street East in 1959. Mrs. Hammond died September 12, 1969. Mr. Hammond stayed on in Tottenham until September 1972, when he sold his home and went to Alliston to live with his daughter, Evelyn.

Evelyn worked in the Bell Telephone from 1929 to 1941 under managers Myrtle Anderson and Margaret Cappelin. She married Jack Hughson of Alliston July 15, 1941. Reverend R. W. Beveridge officiating, Doris Breedon and Jack Graham were the attendants and Miss Georgina Barton played the music.

The Hughsons owned and operated a transport from Alliston to Toronto from 1932 to 1952 and the school buses from 1948 to 1968. After selling the buses Jack Hughson managed the bus company until June 1974.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hughson have one son whom they named Peter.

Mr. Hammond died



### THE HASTINGS FAMILY

The first Hastings to settle in this area were Samuel and his wife Mary, who were born in England in the years of 1811 and 1806 respectively, and were married in England in the year of 1843. On arriving in Canada they bought the south half of lot 10 concession 1 Tecumseth in the County of Simcoe (for £200), on December 21st, 1853 and farmed there, later building a stone and brick dwelling which had a cellar, kitchen, a fireplace to cook in and an upstairs parlor opening out at ground level (one of the first split levels). This house has been added to and is still used as a dwelling. In 1865 Samuel bought 53 acres across the road in King township from Luson Jordan, it being the West half of the east half of lot 35 concession 12 King.



Richard Hastings



Sarah Robinson Hastings

Richard Hastings only son of Samuel and Mary was born in 1845. He married Sarah Robinson about 1868 and set up house on the King property where six of their nine children were born.

Richard and Sarah bought one hundred acres from the Rogers family, the West half of lot 12 concession 2 Tecumseth township in 1878 and moved to it. The three younger children were born there.

Samuel died in 1882 and left the 53 acres in King township to Richard his son. Mary died in 1893 and the 100 acres at lot 10 would go to Richard's estate as he had died of pneumonia in 1892. Sarah (Richard's wife died in 1910).

Richard's and Sarah's family were as follows:

ELLA \*\*married William McCabe \*\* one daughter, Myrtle deceased

LENA \*\*married Daniel McGurdy \*\*Wallace, Lorne, Whitey and Effie

KINNIE \*\*married Thomas McManus \*\*Meredith, Dalton and Minerva

ANNIE \*\*married Anson McCabe \*\* Bessie, Harry, Stuart, Murray and Melville



THE HASTINGS FAMILY

continued.....

SAMUEL \*\*married Caroline Potter \*\*one daughter Vera (adopted)

IRA \*\*married Annie Wray \*\*Elgin, Edison, Irene, Samuel and Muriel

HARVEY \*\*married Iva Fenfield \*\*Cecil and Myrtle

JENNY \*\*married Bartley Davis \*\*Lorna

THERESSA \*\*married Erwood Wray \*\*Wilbert, Oran, Fred, Hazel, Laverne, Jean, Jack, Blanche, Eileen

Ira Hastings born in 1876 married Annie Wray on Dec 24, 1902 and farmed on lot 12 Conc. 2 Tecumseh, They had five of a family.



Ira & Annie Hastings & Family

Elgin who married Olive Taylor in 1929, have one daughter Marian, who married Al Elliott and have a family of three, David, Dianne & Scott.

Edison married Isabel Botham in 1930 and farmed S. 1/2 lot 10, conc. 1 Tecumseh, which was owned by his uncle Samuel Hastings. Edison became owner of this property in 1948. They have four of a family.

Lawrence, Glenn, Eileen, Herbert. Lawrence married Marilyn Honey and have two children Jeffery and Lynn.

Glenn married Joan Kant and have two children Carl and Kathy.

Eileen married Raymond McCabe and have four children, Sandra, Bruce, Gary and Brian. Herbert married Lynda Kant and have three children, Sharlene, Annette and Cindy.

Irene daughter of Ira & Annie married Harold Boyce and have two sons. Gary married to Leslie Orr and have a son Steven. John married Betty Gates.

Samuel third son of Ira & Annie married Glenns Palmer and have one son and two daughters. Earl married Norma Hunt and have four daughters, Patricia, Pamela, Kimberly and Lisa. Ruth married Larry Matson and have three children, Steven, Mark, and Janice. Margaret youngest daughter is planning to be married in May 1975.

Muriel youngest daughter of Ira and Annie married Nelson Downey and have one son Wray. Wray married Sandra Bennett and have a son Christopher.

Ira Hastings died in 1963 and Annie Hastings died in 1961.

Glenn and Herbert Hastings each have a small acreage on the S 1/2 of lot 10 Con. 1 Tecumseh and make their homes there on the original Homestead acres.

Edison & Isabel Hastings live on the lot 35 con. 12 King property owned from 1865 by Samuel Hastings and descendants except for a period of a few years when it was part of the Palmer property. Edison bought it back in 1951. Edison Hastings passed away March 11, 1978.

#### SAMUEL HASTINGS FAMILY HISTORY

Samuel was born on November 9, 1874 at Lot 35, Con. 12, King Township. He was the eldest son of Richard and Sarah Hastings, who had a family of nine children. Samuel grew up on the farm on Lot 12, Con. 2, Tecumseh township and helped his father in the operation of the home farm and three or four other 100-acre farms in the vicinity which were owned or rented by Richard Hastings.

Samuel married Caroline Potter in February, 1902, and took over the farm at Lot 10, Con. 1, Tecumseh. They carried on mixed farming but specialized in horses which won many ribbons at the various fall fairs, exhibitions, horse shows etc. in the area. Both Samuel and Caroline could manage a horse and participated in Gent's turnouts and Ladies' driving at the shows for many years. The horses were improved over the years until Samuel raised only Standardbreds of first class calibre. He became a judge of horses and attended the Royal Winter Fair and exhibitions in this capacity on many occasions.

Samuel sold the farm and retired to Tottenham around 1924, where he had purchased a 50-acre tract of land at the north end of town, from the Charles O'Leary farm. He built a first-class home on it and also a race track for the horses, and for several years he held a race meet there in the summer. (Tottenham's first Alcan subdivision on Queen St. North, Western Ave. etc., was built on the site of the former race track).

He served on the village council and was Reeve for a term. He was a member of Rich Hill Methodist Church for many years, and after moving to Tottenham, went to Tottenham United Church as long as health permitted.

Samuel Hastings died on August 16, 1956.



Samuel Hastings -  
driving a team at his  
racetrack at the northern  
edge of the village.

The largest race winner in  
America in 1932 was "BERTHA  
PATCH", owned by Harvey  
Hastings of Brampton, Ont.

Bertha Patch is driven here  
by his son, Cecil Hastings.



### THE Hayes

Records preserved in Chancery Lane, London, reveal that people of the name, Haye, dwell in the counties of Kent and Somerset by the middle of the fourteenth century. The Haye family had been early supporters of the Crown and had evidently taken part in the Crusades and in the Hundred Years War.

A book on Heraldry discloses that they did possess a family crest and Coat of Arms. The effigy of Sir Hugh Haye lying in state with coat of mail and sword is to be seen in Exeter Cathedral. He was a contemporary and, I believe, a follower of the Black Prince of Crecy fame.

It is believed that some of the Hayes connection went to Ireland during Henry II's reign and settled in Tipperary County. This then, would account for many of the Hayes being of the Roman Catholic faith, both there and in the Americas.

By at least the sixteenth century many Hayes families were residents in Yorkshire. They were early Protestants and were supporters of Cromwell during the Civil War. After the war some of the Hayes received grants of land in Northern Ireland for service rendered in the army. By the middle of the 17th century the name is found in Antrim, Down and Armagh countries.

In 1773 Thomas Hayes was born at Kinnegoe, two miles north-west of the little village of Loggilla, County Armagh. In his teens he joined the militia at nearby Charlemont. When about twenty years of age he married a Bennett, a large family was resultant from this union. Thomas Hayes belonged to both the Masonic and Orange Orders. To the Masonic at Charlemont, under a military warrant issued at York, England, to Orange Lodge #5 at Kinnegoe near by his own home. (The Lodge is at La Ball and the scene of the battle of the Diamond.) Hayes Hall (a house) was built during the 19th century and is in good state of preservation.

In 1840 Thomas accompanied by at least two brothers, his own family of nine emigrated to Canada and settled in Tecumseth on part of Lot 7, south side of 5th Concession Line. The two brothers and most of his own family took up land in Western Ontario in the area roughly from a line from Brampton to Sarnia and extending north to and including the Counties of Bruce and Grey. One son, Sam, settled on lot 3, south side of the 7th Concession Line, and there he helped to establish Hayes Orange Lodge, the warrant now of a present day Toronto Lodge. Thomas Hayes attained to the age of 135, residing in later years with his daughter by a second marriage, Mrs. Harry Spears of Moorfield. He had attained to the rank of Major and is laid to rest in the Palmerston cemetery.

George Hayes Sr., second son of Thomas, obtained the crown deed of Lot 11, south side of the 6th Concession Line. He was married to Ann Westhead of Loggill, County Armagh. They had a family of eleven and here in the original log house George Jr. was born in 1850 and here resided during the greater portion of his lifetime. George married Eliza Jane Tegart, granddaughter of the original J. W. Tegart, early pioneer of the Tottenham area. On the Tegart

homestead an early Methodist meeting-house was built. Close by, the first white to die in the township, was buried, the present site of Mt. Tegar's cemetery.

While in his early twenties George Hayes cleared the land, removed the stumps, blasted and hauled off large stones, and drew cordwood on the neighbouring villages. He was tax collector and Councillor for nine years, reeve for three. He was well versed in provincial and dominion affairs. Mr. Hayes was an active member of Beeton Methodist Church, a Past District Master in the Orange Order and a staunch Conservative.

There were five children, Walter the eldest, died when a year old; Edwy, a University of Toronto graduate, was drowned in Muskoka at 23. Wilnot still residing on the old homestead belonged to the militia in the early 1900's. In 1919 he married Hazel, daughter of the late John and Eleanor Margaret (Hayes) Brathet of the sixth Concession. A family of four has blessed this union. (Margaret Leach, Kathleen McKnight, Wallace Hayes and Gleane McCague.) All are married and have families to keep alive the memories and precepts of their ancestors. Wilnot and Hazel worship at Tottenham United Church. Wilnot is a member of the Session and was president of Mt. Tegar's Cemetery board for over forty years.

Upon conclusion of World War I in 1918 Mr. & Mrs. George Hayes purchased Lot 23, Con. 9, a Carswell property, moving there in the spring of 1920, the moving truck. The slogan of the real estate man from whom the Hayes purchased the farm was "Follow me and wear diamonds". Alas that did not materialize, yet the pleasures and memories that ensued from the working of the old berry-patch farm and from living in the Bond Head community were of far greater intrinsic value. Alma and Cecil accompanied their parents. Alma departed this life Easter Sunday, 1987. Active in church and community endeavours her legacy is one of fond remembrances of her charm and stirring worth. Cecil, the youngest of the Hayes family is a graduate (Arts) from the University of Toronto, 1914. In October (Canada being at war) he joined up with the Governor-General's Body Guard of Toronto for overseas service, going overseas, February 1915, with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, completing his training in England. He had 3 1/2 years service in France, Belgium and Germany, returning home in May, 1919. He was treasurer of Bond Head United Church for 9 years. Both Wilnot and Cecil were P. D. M's in the Orange Order.

Mrs. George Hayes took a keen interest in her church and in the community. Her home life was exemplary. She passed to her reward November 2, 1936. George Hayes died July 12, 1939 just five days short of his eighty-ninth birthday.

In 1941 Cecil married Myrtle Jane Acton. Catherine (Kitty) attended school at Penville, Dunkerron and Bradford. Myrtle took great interest in the Red Cross during the war. She was secretary



of the local blood donor clinic after helping to organize it.

Owing to ill health the Hayes gave up farming in 1943. On selling the farm they moved to Victoria in 1945. Here they yet reside.

Cecil was with the Department of National Defence for eleven years. Cecil and Myrtle retained their interest in the Red Cross, having between them donated 108 pints of blood. Catherine, now Mrs. Fry, also has been a regular contributor. She is now the proud mother of four, three girls and a boy. In 1961 the Hayes were overseas, spending eight months mainly in the British Isles. They viewed many old historical sites, looked up the abode of their ancestors in County Armagh and on the Isle of Skye at Dunvegan (the home of the McLeods) Myrtle's maternal forbears.



George Hayes, Jane Eliza Inghart Hayes  
Glenna Eleanor Margaret Hayes granddaughter



Edward Inghart Hayes B.A.  
December 18, 1881 - August 5, 1905



Cecil Talmage Hayes B.A.  
January 6, 1891. - Nov. 1946

THE HAYES FAMILY



Hayes Farm - N. Lot 11, Conc. 5.



Mary Ann (Alma) Hayes



Wilmot and Hazel Hayes -  
50th Wedding Anniversary, Oct. 25, 1969.



Kathleen, Wallace, Margaret  
Hazel, Glenna, Wilmot Hayes.

#### THE HEENAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Heenan family has been part of the Tottenham history for well over 100 years. Like so many of his countrymen in the 1840's, Daniel Heenan left his native Ireland, with its wretched poverty and persecution, in search of peace and prosperity in what was then Upper Canada. With him from out of County Armagh came his wife, Ann Madden, whom he had wed in 1833, and their two daughters, Ann and Isabelle. All four survived the rigours of the ocean voyage and arrived immigrants in an untamed country - strangers in a strange land, but ready for its challenge and eager for its space. Presumably, they came to Tecumseh township and planted their pioneer roots out of which grew the Tottenham branch of the Heenan family tree.

On August 22, 1847, a son Daniel was born - the first of the Canadian stock. By 1855 the family had bought the northwest quarter of Lot 6, Conc. 4, Tecumseh, (part of the Greenway farm). Here the land was cleared and tilled; crops were planted and harvested. The years passed peacefully until Ann Heenan died August 13, 1883, and Daniel himself on March 6, 1885 at the age of eighty. Eventually this same property was sold in July, 1904, to Daniel O'Leary, the father of Charles O'Leary.

Both Ann and Isabelle were skillful dressmakers. They carried on their profession, serving the people of the community until the fire of 1895. Their home was destroyed along with many other buildings. They moved to Colgan and took up residence in a house south of the general store, where they continued their trade until their deaths in the 1920's.

Daniel Heenan (Jr.), in the meantime, had married Alice Kain, daughter of Thomas Kain and Bridget Ryan. This marriage is recorded in St. James Church, Colgan, where the ceremony was celebrated on February 11, 1873. After their marriage they rented a farm, the northeast quarter of Lot 3, Conc. 2. On September 26, 1878, their home was burnt, though most of the contents were spared. In 1884 they purchased the farm, Lot 10, Conc. 7 of Adjala. Their four children were born there: Joseph on February 13, 1884, Bridget Anne in 1887, Daniel in 1889 and John in 1891.



Daniel Heenan, his wife Alice Kain and son Joseph.

Neither Daniel nor John lived out their days in Tottenham. John worked in the Royal Bank until he was transferred to a Toronto branch in the 1920's. Annie married Jay Bergin of Adjala. Thus, Joseph, the eldest son, continued the family name in the Tottenham area.

As a lad, Joseph attended school in both Colgan and Tottenham. The Tottenham Sentinel published in 1891, along with those of others, the results of his entrance examinations. He learned farming from his father, who in 1891 purchased the North  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 2, Conc. 5, Tecumseh, and in 1904 bought another 100 acres, the South  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 4, Conc. 6. All of his young days were not spent farming. He told of helping to haul gravel with his father when the Canadian Pacific Railway was being built through the village around 1906. He liked to recall the stories of his participation in the harvest excursions to the Canadian Prairies in the 1920's.

On October 17, 1916, Joseph married Elizabeth (Lily) Bergin, daughter of Adolphus Bergin and Catherine MacNamara. By this time Daniel Heenan and his wife had retired from active farming and moved to 16 Alexander Street, Tottenham, where they lived until their deaths on June 2, 1928, and June 18, 1932, respectively. Joseph and his wife took over the farm, South  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 4 Conc. 6. It was there the two oldest were born - Bilda, November 1917, and Leo a year later. Fire, caused by the explosion of a coal oil stove (much used at that time for cooking) destroyed the house in 1919. This necessitated a temporary move, so Joseph rented the Totten farm east of the village (North  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 6, Conc. 3) which he worked along with the one on the 6th Line. In 1921 they

sold the farm on the 6th Line to Samuel Abernethy, father of Leonard and bought the farm west of the town (South  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 4 Conc. 4) from John Semple. This was to be the Heenan home for the next 37 years. Joseph suffered a hand injury which developed into blood poisoning. The result was the eventual loss of three fingers of his left hand. The family grew up on this farm and remembered threshing, runaway horses, maple syrup making, raspberry picking in the bush and also the weekly trips. One was to the Miller Hamilton farm in Adjala to pick up the weekly quota of beef, along with 15 other families in the area, who belonged to what was called a "beef ring". Every week in the summer months a choice beef was killed and divided. This particular beef ring had its slaughtering house on the Hamilton farm, on East  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 10, Conc. 6 Adjala. The butchers were John Hamilton and Edgar Walker. In times before refrigeration had come to this part, there was no shortage of good beef meals in summer as well as winter.

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All the Heenan family attended Tottenham Continuation School, as well as Colgan.

Hilda married Francis McKenna in 1938 and farmed north of Loretto, East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 20 Conc. 5, Adjala until 1952, at which time they bought the Vince Trainor farm, South  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 3, Conc. 4, Tecumseth. They are the parents of Mary (deceased), Theresa Scharr, Jim, Gerard and Michael. In 1969 the farm was sold and a lot kept where they built a house in which they presently live.

Marquerite married Vince Cain from King and they farmed in King for some time before moving to a farm in Tecumseth. They presently live east of Tottenham. They had four daughters - Mary, Margaret Ann Bursay, Alice McMillan and Sharon, and one son, John.

Leo met with a fatal accident at the age of 6 and died December 1924.

Patrick of Oakville, a consulting geologist, graduated from University of Toronto and has been engaged in exploration programs throughout Canada, the U.S.A., the Caribbean and South America. He married Aileen Camplin of Beeton; they have two sons, Patrick and Michael, and one daughter, Mary Ellen. During the second World War, Pat was a pilot with the R.C.A.F. He works in Toronto and is Senior Project Geologist for Western Mines Ltd.; he spends much of his spare time at his farm in Harriston.

Celia has worked exclusively in the field of education. She received her M.A. in Theology from Manhattan College, N.Y. She has taught in both elementary and secondary schools in different parts of Ontario and Saskatchewan. For two years she taught at a teacher's college in Kabbu, Nigeria. Celia lives in Toronto and is principal of St. Louis School.

John went to British Columbia after leaving Tottenham. It was here he met and married Agnes Baron. Later he moved back to Ontario and until he retired from dairy farming in 1976, he lived near King City. They have two sons, Bruce and Brian, and five daughters - Patricia, Celia, Colleen, Kelly and Julia. John now lives in Toronto.

Theresa has been engaged in education since 1951 at different levels in Ontario schools. She graduated from U of T and has a geography Specialist certificate. For the last several years she has lived in Toronto and teaches geography at St. Joseph's High School, Islington.

Leo died when only a few months old in 1928.

Christina graduated from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, in 1951 as a registered nurse. She married Earl Duffy from Nelson, B.C. They live in Thornhill, Ontario, and are the parents of Colleen, Kevin, Paul, Karen, Shawn and Neil, all attending school.

Donald, the youngest, was last to leave the homestead. He married Bernice Arsenault of Prince Edward Island and they have three sons, Michael, Ronald and Peter, and one daughter, Betty Anne. Don has worked for over 20 years with the Toronto Transit Commission and their home is in Newmarket.



The farm (South  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 4 Conc. 4) was sold in 1966. Part of it was purchased by the town for a sewage disposal plant; forty acres were deeded to the village at cost. Two lagoons were put in at the time and in 1971, two additional lagoons were built and paid for by the developer at no cost to the municipality. There are no buildings on this property now.

After selling the farm in 1958, Joseph and Lily moved to Schomberg for a year and then bought a house in Newmarket. Here they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1966. Joseph died in Newmarket, October 24, 1971, in his 88th year. Lily lived with her daughter Theresa until she moved to Providence Villa.

A trip west of Tottenham for any of the family stirs up many memories of bygone days. The Heenans, long associated with Tottenham, are happy to be entered as a chapter in the history of the town.

PHOTO at Left:-

Heenan home at Lot 4 Conc. 4 Tecumseth (South  $\frac{1}{2}$ ), formerly owned by Samples. This was the Sample homestead 1873-1921 and the Heenan homestead 1921-1958.





PHOTO at Left:-

Joseph and Elizabeth (Lily) Heenan on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary - October 17, 1966.

- Submitted 1978.

#### THE HITCHMAN'S FAMILY HISTORY - September - 1974

Percy Hitchman was born in London England in 1884 and when he was two years old his parents moved to Canada to live in Toronto. He had five brothers and one sister. His sister is Aunt Floe London and is still living in Toronto in a nursing home at the age of ninety-five. All of Dad's brothers have passed away. When he was a young man he was a cabinet maker and it was at the time that my Mother the former Effie Rogers, who was born in 1885 on the third line of Tecumseth Township, daughter of Levi Rogers and the former Margaret Williams went to Toronto to make a living. She was a seamstress working for the T. Eaton Co. when she met my Dad and they were married in 1909. They lived in Toronto until 1922, when they moved to the third line of Tecumseth Township and bought an acre of land with a little house and barn. Dad didn't live very long to enjoy the country life for he passed away in 1924.



THE HITCHMAN HOMESTEAD

There were four boys and two girls in our family. Robert worked at farm work when he was a young man. He then went to Toronto and got a job at the Kodak Film Plant, where he worked until a few years ago when his health gave out and he had to quit work. They lived at Peterborough for awhile before coming to Tottenham where he lived for a year before moving to Collingwood to live last May. They have one son Stanley, who is living at Schomberg and is married to Linda Brown. They also have one son named Richard. Robert married Pearl Coe of Toronto.

Gordon passed away in 1960. George married Muriel Robinson and has worked at banking all his life. He is executive Vice-President of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto. They have one daughter, Barbara who is married to Ted Vali and lives at Streetsville. They have two children, Sean and Erin. Annie Margaret was born in 1917 but passed away in 1918, the time the flu was so bad.

Albert married Ethel Rae and when a young lad he went to work for John and Lillie Palmer. When the Palmers moved to Tottenham, Albert bought the farm on number Nine Highway and farmed the place until a few years ago when he sold the farm all except a small piece of land on which they built a new home. Albert is now working for Ken Maynard at Schomberg. They have two sons. Bill married Shirley Brown and they are building a new home on the Eighth Line of Tecumseth Township, along with their two sons, Michael and Mark. Bob married Barbara Smith and they live at Schomberg with their two children, Lesa and Scott.

Viola married Hamilton Watson and we live on the Watson' homestead on the Seventh line of Adjala Township. We have just built a new home to replace the old log house. We have three sons and two daughters George, Jim, Bill, Muriel and Anna which have been recorded in the Watson family history. My brothers and myself went to Rich Hill School for our education and also to the little church that still stands there.

Mother remarried in 1937 to George Cowan and moved to the Seventh Line of Adjala, where they remained until around 1945, when they moved to the Town of Tottenham and lived on Queen Street. At the present time Mother is residing at Simcoe Manor and has just celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday and she still enjoys having people to stop in and say hello.

#### THE WICE FAMILY HISTORY

George Sidney Wice was the descendant of Adam Wice and Eve Michalar, Pennsylvania Dutch and United Empire Loyalists. They settled on Lot 7, 8th line of Innisfil Township. George's parents, Samuel J. Wice and Mary Ann Collins resided on the same property, where George, their only son, was born August 22, 1889.

He married, June 7, 1911, Ethel May Easton, who was born January 14, 1893 in Essex Township. She was a descendent of Thomas Easton, who had land from the Crown (Con. 9, Lot 3 pt. Innisfil) and Samuel Creighton, who settled on Crown land (Con. 2, Lot 4, W. Guillimbury). Her grandparents were George Easton and Margaret (Peggy) Creighton; her parents were John Easton (born July 1, 1860) and Mary Green (daughter of George John Green and Elizabeth Stalks, who were married in London, England, and came to Canada with three of a family of seven - Mary, the youngest, being born in Peterborough, April 11, 1876). Many here will remember Mrs. Easton as she spent much time with her daughter and family.



Mr. & Mrs. George Wice - on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

George and Ethel had a family of five: Creighton, Leone, Vernon, Jack and Beth, all born at Lot 6, 8th line of Innisfil, where they lived for 19 years. Then they resided for a short time on the original homestead before locating in Lefroy - 4th line Innisfil.

Coming to Tottenham March 18, 1940, there, too, they enjoyed the many fellowships of church (United) community and friends of rural life.

The family - Creighton and Leone (wife of Capt. W.P. Kelman) were married before 1940; Vernon, Jack and Beth (wife of Mervin Dale) came to Tottenham with them.

They resided on the now Conservation Area, Mill St. W.; later at 24 Mill St. East and 12 Mill St. E.

Mr. Wice passed away June 17, 1959. Mrs. Wice now resides at 81 Queen Street North, Apt. 15.

### HISTORY OF IRMA AND WALTER HURLBERT

(Written by Henry Tager, on the occasion of the Hurlberts' 50th Wedding Anniversary.)  
21st December, 1978.

Fifty years ago today was a special day in Regina, Saskatchewan, when Irene Stephenson and Walter Hurlbert promised to love, honour, and obey. We understand Walter loved and honoured Irene ever since, and even cheered her once in a while. Walter chose December 21st for the wedding because the days were short and the nights were long. Irene, a farm girl whose hobby was horseback riding, had taken a fancy to the dashing young Walter, who had already been a coal miner, a farmer, a barber and a square dance caller. So Irene and Walter rented a half section and settled down to farm in the Simla district. The dust storms which started in the Thirties made farming a pretty tough life. Some farmers were dried out, some were frozen out, some were hauled out, and some just got to Hell out.

In August, 1937, Irene and Walter came west, with Walter travelling by boxcar so he could look after the horses and cattle. They landed at Pop and Eva Dickerson's on the 7th line, which seemed to be headquarters for the eastern/westerners, with as many as twenty-six there at one time. It was about this time that some good friends of the Hurlberts, Herb and Evelyn Kant, and Fred Kant, came west to escape the dust storms. They also settled in the Tottenham area. To keep it all in the family, Fred was lucky enough to catch a wife, a first cousin of Evelyn Kant, Ida Bishop, better known as 'Iola'.

Walter and Irene rented a farm in Senville, south of Stewart Montgomery's place, and in the spring they moved to Eghart where they lived in a log cabin. One night some guests got a hot reception when they found their waitress housed a swart of bees.

In the early 1940's Walter and Irene became a part of our community when they rented the McKay place on the 3rd line (being the South's Lot 1, Corner 3, Tecumseh). This was just across the road from some long-time Tecumseh residents - Harry and Edith Potter, and also Mrs. Annie McGee and Frank. There the Hurlberts soon became successful farmers when they found a farm that didn't blow away.

In 1947 the 'big six' was formed - Walter (Hurlbert), Billie (Wood), Harry (Patterson), Bill (Prest), Murray (Harker), and Cliff (Abrams). Walter, Billie, Harry, Bill, Murray and Cliff pooled their resources to buy a New Favourite threshing machine from Oliver Pettit. It was just over a year old, and was made in Mt. Forest. Cliff's John Deere supplied the power to drive it, and young Rod was mascot for the group. Walter had the greaseiest cap, he could back up the best, and he knew the most swear words, so he was given the job of running the tractor and threshing machine. Bill Prest unhooked a pipe like all good threshers do, and always had the right time, so he was made assistant straw boss. Harry always won the prize for the man who could pack the most straw in the mow. Billie Wood only stayed two years because he was learning a lot of bad habits from the rest of the gang. Cliff was the best singer and the one who stayed longest at the table, and could eat the most salt on his dinner. Nothing ever happened serious enough to stop Harry whistling.

Ben Helter was everybody's valuable hired man - a willing worker who was always ready to hand out a chew of his chewing tobacco. Gerry Hagan was the only one who could out more than Cliff, but maybe that was because his wasn't so salty, and he could eat it faster. These were good times, with good crops, busy days and great meals. Irene, Eva, Hrispilla, Jessy, Stella and Nellie always had the tables loaded with meat, potatoes, pies, tarts, cakes etc. and these good ladies always remembered to have eggs on the Fridays, even when the Hagan boys forgot. Irene seemed to be the only one who could prepare dinner with one hand and play polka with the other. This period will always be remembered as an example of co-operative farming at its best.

The 'big six' also threshed for the Hagans, which was very much appreciated by Tommy, Teresa and their gang. This led to some unexpected complications when Harry, the horse, got his tail caught in a belt and bent the beater shaft. It didn't do Harry's tail any good either. Some mornings we wondered if there was a new thresher on the job when we saw a man with swollen jaws, puffed up cheeks, and eyes nearly shut. It looked like someone who had lost a fight at the Maple Leaf, but it was just Walter with an attack of giant hives after eating tomatoes.

During this period the Federation of Agriculture was encouraging group meetings. In the wintertime these were good neighbourhood get-togethers where farm problems were discussed, followed by euchre and crokinole games. Harry Potter could always be depended

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HISTORY OF THE HART AND HARTMAN BUSINESS - cont'd.

up, to live things up with a good stuff, while Edith put everything into the discussions. The motion picture ended with a great punch. If the evening was late and the snow drifts got deep, Frank would often have the road broken with his big truck. Sometimes when the roads were blocked for days, people travelled by team and sleigh to get there, and Stella and Cliff even have been known to come on sled.

Between the dairy herd and the raspberry patch the days were always busy, and life went well at the Huribart farm. The years seemed to pass quickly, and suddenly there was talk of retiring from farming. After the motion picture, Irene and Walter moved to a new house on Richmond Street. Irene kept the business running while Walter bought a bus driver and a handyman at Hughson's Garage between trips. In the evenings there was always time for a good radio game, and many the wife was taken home to number 5 Richmond St. East. During school holidays there was a good opportunity for some enjoyable trips out west.

Time moves along, and this young couple have now reached another milestone - their golden wedding anniversary. During the years they have lived here they have earned a reputation as good friends and good neighbours.

- by Darryl Morgan, December 1970.



Yellow school bus parked beside the bus.

### THE HUGHES FAMILY HISTORY

During the Peninsular campaign of the Napoleonic War, a cavalry officer, Colonel Shaw, had as a batman a young Irish soldier, Patrick Hughes. Severely wounded in the battle of Vittoria, Patrick eventually recovered, was discharged with pension and started for home by way of Lisbon. There he remained long enough to marry a young Portuguese lady, Anastasia Pacl, who gave up any later family connection for her Irish soldier.

After spending some years in Ireland in his home county of Armagh, Mr. & Mrs. Hughes emigrated to Canada. In 1832 they settled in Simcoe County on Lot 6, Cons. 6 & 7 of Tecumseth Township. Here they cleared the land, worked the fields and took an active part in the affairs of their community and of their church, St. James at Colgan. They remained on the homestead until their deaths - Anastasia in 1870 and Patrick two years later at the age of 87.

Two years after their arrival in Tecumseth Township, their younger son, George Powell Hughes, was born. As a young man, he left the farm to enter the mercantile world by opening a general store at 12 Main Street in Keenansville, Adjala Township. Shortly afterwards he opened a printing office, and in 1865 he established the first weekly newspaper in the township, called, at first, the South Simcoe Observer - later, the Cardwell Sentinel.



Following in the footsteps of his father, G.P., as he was called, took a leading part in the community. In 1858 he was appointed a magistrate; he was postmaster at Keenansville for at least 20 years; he was instrumental in bringing the Montreal Telegraph to the village; and in 1881 he was appointed a Notary Public. All through these years he served in various offices in the village, the township, and the county.

The newspaper gave G.P. the opportunity to tell his readers what was going on in the world, at home and abroad; to support good causes; and to criticize what he considered bad. His editorials could be kind and sympathetic, but also curt and razor-sharp, if he deemed it necessary. He had had little formal education, but of him it was written when he died that "had he attended university one could have imagined him as a

professor of English or of Mathematics". Widely different sides to this self-educated scholar.

In 1853, George P. Hughes had married Margaret Fehsley. They had twelve children - six sons and six daughters. Eight of them were still living in 1880 when one of the boys returned from school in Toronto with an illness which proved to be diphtheria. The whole family contracted the dread disease and five of the children, aged nine to twenty-one, died within eleven days. Surviving were: Mary Ann (who married T.R. Carmichael and had one son, Edward, who died in 1917 at age 24); Louis Cassimir; and Georgina Catherine (who was married in 1918 to Joseph McDermott of Tottenham). Georgina, who had been taught music by her father (who was self-taught), played the organ for fifty years in churches in Tottenham and Brampton.

THE HUGHES FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Hughes & children in front of printing office at the corner of Queen & George Streets.



Mr. L.C. Hughes - and printing display.

In 1881 the Hughes family moved to Tottenham and erected at the corner of Queen and George Streets what was known as the Hughes Block. There they had the printing office as well as a general store, though the store in Keenansville was also continued for some years. At the time there was another newspaper in Tottenham, owned by T.R. Carmichael, but this paper was purchased by Mr. Hughes who published both for several months before amalgamating them under the name of the Tottenham Sentinel.

A few years after moving to Tottenham, Louis Casimir took over the printing office and became editor and publisher of the newspaper which, except for a short period, he continued to publish until he sold the business to Mr. R.A. Semple in 1910.

In the meantime, George P. Hughes had continued with his various business interests and added to them a private bank. The failure of the bank was a great blow to him, and in 1907 he suffered a stroke. He died in Toronto in 1911, and his wife died, also in Toronto, seven years later.

Louis Casimir, called Cassie or L.C., was an editor who was intensely interested in the community which his paper served. His keen sense of humour, and his ability as an editorial writer, made his paper one which was eagerly waited for each week. He was a public-spirited citizen and served his village at various times as reeve, school trustee and clerk.

Cassie was very active in sports, playing lacrosse and baseball. When a lacrosse or baseball practice was called, most of the fifteen or so employees in his printing office would be off to the playing field, after which they might be up half the night to get the paper out on time. He owned and drove a string of harness horses and when he took these to



THE HUGHES FAMILY HISTORY - cont'd.



-Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Hughes

the country fairs he also showed a beautiful pair of blacks, driven by his wife in a surrey with the fringe on top. He played a cornet in the band which entertained on the main corner, Mill and Queen Streets, on Saturday evenings. The bandmaster did not know that he could not read music.

In 1886, Louis Casimir was married to Francesa Teresa Morrissey of Waterdown. They had nine children - four of whom died as infants. The eldest, Georgina, died in 1905 at the age of sixteen. G. Frank, the oldest son, served overseas in the First World War with the 48th Highlanders. On his return to Canada, he was connected with printing establishments representing a paper supply firm. He married Ethel Tierney of Napanee, and died in that town in 1946. Ivan Jerome went overseas, also with the 48th Highlanders, at the beginning of World War II. He was in France with the British Expeditionary Force and was evacuated through St. Malo when those forces withdrew from the continent in May of 1940, and later served in the Italian campaign. He died in 1944 as the result of an accident while recuperating from an operation at a hospital in North

Africa, and is buried in the British Army Cemetery in Tunisia.

In the meantime, Louis Casimir's wife had died in 1928 in Toronto - to which city they had moved in 1911. Mr. Hughes died in 1941 in Barrie, where he had gone to live on retirement the year before. Both are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto.

At the time of writing, two of the family are still living. Anastasia of Barrie is a retired school teacher, having taught in the Barrie Central Collegiate for the last 26 years of a total of 35 years in that profession. Vincent Powell, the youngest son, is an automobile salesman in North Bay. He married Bernande Pitre of Timmins and Toronto. They have one daughter, Michelle Francine, married to Roch LeBrun. They live in North Bay and both are teachers in bilingual schools. They have three children: Roxanne, Denyse and Pierre Vincent.

On the deaths of Anastasia and Vincent, the descendants of Patrick and Anastasia, bearing the name Hughes, will have died out, but the line will be carried forward with the children of Francine Hughes LeBrun, but probably not in Simcoe County.



### THE KANT FAMILY HISTORY (1865 - 1975)

Fredrick Kant and Johanna Werth of Berlin Germany had five daughters, then one son Fredrick Christian Kant, born April 21, 1865.

Fred emigrated to the United States of America about 1895, where he met Amelia Newman, daughter of William and Henrietta Newman, who had also come from Germany. They were married and took up farming at Webster, South Dakota in 1901. Two children were born here, Erna Johanna, 1903, and Herbert Fredrick, 1904. In 1910, the family came to Canada and took up a homestead near what later became Scotsguard, Saskatchewan, where in 1913 a son Fredrick Albert Gerald was born.

In 1920 Erna married Fred Gansberg and returned to the United States of America.



In 1931 Herbert married Evelyn Dickerson, daughter of Henry (Bob) and Eva Dickerson. They farmed in Saskatchewan until 1937, when the entire family moved to Tottenham and district. Fredrick and Amelia lived at 14 Wilson Street till Amelias death in 1939. Then Fred lived with his family until his death in 1945, at the home of his daughter at Seattle, Washington.

Herbert and Evelyn Kant farmed lot 10 on the Sixth Line of Tecumseth where Joan Shirley was born. (Joan married Glenn Hastings and they live at Rich Hill with their two children)

In 1943 they moved to the Eighth Line of Adjala where Robert Gerald was born, January 8th, 1945. (Robert married Sharon Merklinger January 15, 1966 and live at 16 Wilson Street with son David)

In 1948 another move, this time to a ten acre lot, Part of Lot Six on the Fifth Line of Tecumseth Township. Seventeen years later, the last move, to 4 Richmond St. East, Tottenham, Ontario.

In 1942, Fredrick Albert Kant married Ida Dorothy Bishop, daughter of Albert and Delia Bishop. They farmed on the Tenth Line of Albion until they bought their home on Mill Street East in Tottenham. Fred and Ida had two sons and three daughters.

First was Barry who married Alice Busch from Brampton, Ontario. They have two daughters and live in Montreal, Quebec. Then James who married Shirley McClain and lives in Orangeville, Ontario, with one daughter. Next was Lynda who married Herbert Hastings and lives at Rich Hill with their three daughters. Brenda is a Laboratory Technician in Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and Sandra is in her last year at Banting Memorial High School in Alliston, Ontario.

Fredrick Albert Kant died August, 1967.

### THE KEOGH FAMILY HISTORY

Patrick Keogh (1818-1859)  
Mary Kidd (1825-1860)

Geo. Kidd (1851-1934)  
Mary Ann Quinlan (1853-1922)

Wayne Keogh McIsaac (1881-1958)  
Francis Hilary Keogh (1887-1962) m. Agnes Cassin  
Patrick Justin Keogh (1890-1964)  
Gertrude Theresa Keogh (1886-1895)  
Annie L. Keogh - Jim Deasey  
Alice M. McCormick - James McCormick  
Lila Keogh - Charles O'Leary

Hilary, affectionately known as Billy, was born in 1887 at Keenansville. He attended school in Keenansville, Colgan and Doretto. Having married a Cushph girl, Agnes Mary Cassin, two old families were united and they began life together on a farm in Keenansville. Mom used to tell the story that she knew very little about housekeeping or cooking, let alone farming. She was an only child and was educated in the convent; as it turned out, she raised 13 children through the country's worst depression.

They moved to Tottenham, to a home on Alexander St., in December and entered the hardware business in 1925. Billy bought the store from Albert Fournier, which was on the same premises as the Pro Hardware stands today, and ran it until 1928. In May 1932 they moved to the Charles Hobbs farm which was the original Totten farm, at the south east side of the village. Billy worked for the village for many years as clerk, assessor and public utilities commissioner, while farming and working full time at Dipping's body shop, then operating at 32 Mill St. West in Tottenham. Dad was a very versatile person; he did plumbing, electrical and various carpenter work. When a job of fixing an appliance came up, there was always one or two children looking on, over the shoulder.

During the 30's the older boys decided they would have an outdoor rink at our place, behind the house, for which they would charge everyone to skate. In the fall they prepared an area and levelled it up. The water problem was solved by using an old well out near the barn, which then sat on the south side of what is now the corner of Keogh St. and Albert St. The water was hand pumped into old leaking sawstruggles and caught in pails down at the rink and poured out to make ice. Of course, Dad made them clear up the sawstruggles every day after flooding. One of the many chores involving skating in the continual demand for sharpening. Dad rigged up a grindstone and spent many an hour sharpening everyone's skates. The warming of feet became quite a thing in our very large kitchen, which was a common thing to have 20 pairs of feet propped up in and around the woodburning cook stove. In the late 30's Dad and the older boys assisted planting the reforested area on the north east corner of the intersection of #3 Highway and the Tottenham Rd. (County Road 10).

During the war of 1939-45, Dad worked at Base Borden and later in an aircraft instrument plant in Toronto. He boarded there during the week and came home on Saturday morning by O.E.M. train, which ran daily and arrived at 11:00 a.m. in Tottenham. At this time he rented the farm out, as all the help, the boys left home to join the forces; three sons and one daughter joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. In February of 1941, the family (eight boys and five girls) were all together for the first and last time. The youngest, Virginia, was just 2 weeks old and Bill, the eldest son, just 19 years old, was an Air Force Sergeant, just leaving for duty overseas. Bill was killed in an aircraft accident in England on Sept. 12, 1942.

Dad was a great inventor. He invented a fly trap - to catch hundreds of flies at a time, for outdoor use. On a farm you certainly have use for such a trap and it really worked. He made a few of them and gave them away to different friends. Another of his inventions was a counter weight for a window which would hold the window open at any position you required. He had a violin, on which he was sometimes coaxed to play. His love was classical music and especially the violin.

The children are: Maura, of Ottawa (a hairdresser); Bill (deceased); Jack, of Toronto (works for Ontario Hydro - has 5 children); Catherine of Weston (homemaker with 3 children); Bob of Quetes (works for Northern Electric - has three children); Clair of Toronto (works for Bell Telephone - has 6 children); Joe of Toronto (is a Building Maintenance Supt. with one son); East of Tottenham (is the Town Superintendent PEO, and has three sons); Heleen of Beeton (a homemaker with 2 children); John (deceased); Charles of Tottenham (a truck driver for Eaton's, with 3 boys); Kevin of Tottenham (a fireman in Brampton, with 3 children); and Virginia (deceased)

- submitted by Bert Keogh, 1978.

THE LANCASTER FAMILY HISTORY - 1942 to 1975

Jack T. Lancaster was the son of the late Reverend David T. Lancaster and Susan (nees) Lancaster. Florence is the daughter of the late Herb S. Markell and Alberta (Wyatt) Markell of Wales, Ontario, which is now part of the Seaway Valley.

Jack and Florence met and were married in 1942, when Jack was moved to the Wales Branch of the Bank of Montreal. In the Fall of 1942 Jack was moved to the Campbellford Branch. In the Fall of 1943 Jack left the Bank and they moved back to Wales, where they farmed for several years. Jacqueline and Robert were born while they lived at Wales.

In 1948 they moved to the Welland area, where they lived for the next six years. Jack worked for Atlas Steele of Welland. Kenneth and Donald were born at Welland.

In July 1954, the Lancasters moved to the Fourth Concession, east of Tottenham. In February 1956, they moved to Mill St. East, in Tottenham. Jack died suddenly in the Fall of 1959, from the delayed reaction of Icterus Serum.

Jacqueline, Robert, Kenneth and Donald attended the Tottenham Public School and then Banting High School.

Jacqueline attended Waterloo University for one year, worked in Waterloo and Windsor for the Bell Telephone. She then returned to Welland to work, where she met Romeo Denomme and they were married in June of 1966. They have two sons, Stephen and Andrew.

Robert went to work right after leaving Banting High School, and now works for A. E. Dick, Rexdale.

Kenneth attended George Brown College and took a two year Architectural Drafting Course. He married Louise Ford of Prince Edward Island in October of 1972 and they live in Tottenham.

Donald finished at Banting High School and then worked for one year. He then attended Ryerson for two years, taking a Business Management Course. He now works for I. T. T. Grianell Ltd.

Florence worked part time at Campbell's Drug Store for three years and now works in McGee's Insurance Office.

### Lloyd Leggett

Mr. and Mrs. William Leggett were among settlers who came from the County of Tyrone, Ireland, to the Township of Adair in the early 1820's. In January 1824 they purchased the east half of lot 5, concession 2. Their son Joseph was born in 1836. In 1881 he was a member of the township Council - his address Connor, Ontario.

William Leggett was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leggett. The late Lloyd Leggett of Tottenham was born to William and Alberta Leggett (nee McCoy) in the year 1900. Lloyd was one of a family of three boys (Lloyd, Norval and McCoy). Norval married and settled in Detroit. McCoy (Mac) married and is at present living in Toronto.

Lloyd's father, William Leggett, died in the year 1922. Lloyd and his mother farmed until 1924 at which time Mrs. Leggett purchased a home in Toronto.

In the year 1924 Lloyd married Lucy Reley of the Village of Rosseau, Parry Sound District. The Leggett farm was sold in the year 1935-36. Connor General store was purchased and that store was operated by Lloyd and Lucy for 17 years, along with a grocery business in Tottenham from 1935 - 1942. In 1937 Lloyd operated a lumber business.

In the year 1947 Lloyd and Lucy became residents of Tottenham. At that time Lloyd had the International Agency. In December 1961, the Leggett laundromat was opened at the corner of Hill St. W. and Walkem Cr. It was operated until the time of Lloyd's death in February 1970.

Lloyd was a staunch member of Fraser Presbyterian Church, Tottenham, an honorary member of Tottenham Legion and a member of Tottenham Chamber of Commerce.

### Gordon & Audrey Kollatt

We (Gordon & Audrey Kollatt) moved to the Tottenham area in March 1946. After serving five years overseas in W.W. II, Gordon bought our farm through V.L.A. It was located on the 4th concession, Tecumseth (the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of lot 12)

Our first few years farming were really rugged, more like "pioneering" you might say. We didn't have hydro or inside plumbing, or any of the "niceties". After a wait of two years we finally got our hydro and we certainly enjoyed the convenience.

Our only mode of transportation was a horse and buggy (a sway backed old nag). We can laugh about it now but at the time it was like a chapter out of Betty Smith's book "The Egg & I".

We had two children, Wayne and Lynn when we moved here. Ian was born the following July. Wayne was a big help to Gordon. The work was all done with horses until we could afford a tractor. We all got into the act at haying and potatoe picking time etc.

We had many reversals, losing our herd of cows to "Bangs" disease etc. It was a good healthy life however and we really appreciated the things we worked so hard for when they came our way. We had our plumbing installed, then a furnace. We'd bought a tractor and the highlight was when we bought a small car.

We were on the farm eleven years. Gordon worked for Tottenham T.U.C. part time as well as farming. I had been a switchboard operator for the Bell Telephone Co. and started work in their Tottenham office, part time at first.



Gordon & Audrey Kellef continued.....

We sold the farm and moved into town. Gordon then worked in the civil service at Base Borden until he became postmaster in Tottenham.

Tottenham has been good to and for all of us and we have really enjoyed living here. Sure beats city dwelling.

The Atkinson Family

Jonathon Atkinson of County Armagh, Ireland, came to Canada about 1830 when he was 16 or 17 years old. He settled first on a farm on the seventh line of Tecumseth but later moved to the second line south of the present village of Tottenham.

Jonathon married Sarah Hayes an Irish girl who lived near Fergus. They walked to Toronto and were married by Bishop Strachan. They had three children, William, who married Eliya Jane Allison of Tecumseth, and took over the work of the farm; Mary, who married Alex Billy of Beeton; and the Rev. Thos. who preached for a time in Ontario before moving to Boston, Mass., where he died.

William's son, Jonathon, born 1863 married Margaret Lavona Dixon of Beeton in 1892 and moved to the farm on the south west corner of the second line and Tottenham sideroad. Lavona died in 1921 and Jonathon in 1939. They had four daughters. Pearl, Mrs Floyd W. Howell died in Burlington in 1961. Bertha and Greta reside in Weston, in Metro Toronto. Hazel, Mrs A.J. Jessery lives in Willowdale, Metro Toronto. Pearl's daughter, Marion M., wife of Rev. R.S.H. Greene is in Winnipeg Manitoba. Her son Winston F. Howell is in Burlington, Ontario. Hazel's son L. Cdr. Thos. A. Jessery, is at present in Downsview, her daughter, Mrs. Ruth I. Gray resides in Robel near Parry Sound, and Mrs. Marilyn M. McCallum lives in Montreal, Quebec.

William's second son, James married Margaret McBride. They lived for some years in Hamilton before moving to Toronto where they died and their son, W. John, still lives. He has a daughter but no son to carry on the name. William's daughter, Bertha, and her husband William Ambree, live in Fergus before moving to Edmonton, Alberta with their three children, Joseph, Sarah, and William. All are deceased. William's youngest daughter Sarah, married William Abernethy and lived on the fourth line of Tecumseth, two of their children died while they were still on the farm. They moved to Toronto where William, Leslie, Mrs Verna Watkins, Mrs. Jean Brown, Mrs. Isabel Burton, Joseph, and Mrs Doreen Brown still live. Mrs. Ethelene Hodgson, the eldest, is deceased. Their children are scattered from Prince Edward Island to California. They are fifth generation Canadians.

### THE LINE FAMILY HISTORY

William H. Line lived most of his life in Tottenham. His early life was that of a farmer in the township of Vaughan, County of York. He was a descendent of Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants, who left the U.S.A. and took up land in York County, in the 1790's and early 1800's. He left the farm and became associated with his brother-in-law, Joseph Coleman, Tottenham (Joseph was married to his sister, Mary), who was also formerly of Vaughan township, in the manufacturing of windmills and pumps. This business operation was terminated in the early 1900's, as iron and steel replaced the wood used by the pioneers. It was turned into a retail agency of the products made in the larger and more advanced plants. Also, Joseph Coleman had a financial success in his invention of the "Fare Box", marketed for collection of fares in street railways, then as a 'pay-as-you-enter' and a wider application.

William H. Line married Louise Brown of the nearby village of Keenansville. She was the daughter of Thomas Brown, who, with his brother Albert, owned and operated a woollen mill and saw mill in the township of Adjala. This pioneer business, after close to 40 years operation, became doomed when the Grand Trunk Railway did not connect with Keenansville. The final blow was the imports from Europe and competition from the more advanced methods, at home and abroad. The Mill structure, of three stories, was quite large for those days, using water power and in busy seasons, employed 20 to 30 persons. It was sold in the early 1930's to a wrecking company for its valuable timber.



Thomas Brown's Woollen Mills, Adjala

The Browns were a Quaker family, who came to Canada from Philadelphia, U.S.A. in the 1810-1820 period, settling in what is now called Schomberg, County of York, and constructed and operated a carding and woollen mill. After the death of Thomas Brown at Keenansville, his brother Albert, a pharmacist, owned and operated Brown's Drug Store, Tottenham, until his death. A sister of Mrs. Wm. H. Line - Ida Brown - married an early industrialist of Tottenham, Levi Metcalf, the owner and operator of a lumber and planing mill. The Metcalfs like the Browns, were of Quaker descent from the Schomberg settlement. The early members of both families were buried in the Quaker burial ground of that village.



Line home in Keenansville (formerly built and owned by Thomas Brown in 1860's.



Charles Brown and his sister, Ida.

Three children of Wm. H. Line and his wife, Louise, were born in Tottenham. Josephine died early in life and was buried in the family plot of Brown and Line, Mt. Teggart cemetery. Ethel, a school teacher, married Robert MacDonald, and is now retired a widow in Toronto. Campbell, a lawyer, and a disabled veteran of World War II, took up residence in British Columbia. Campbell and his wife, Jean, had no children.

- Submitted by T. Campbell Line, 1978

# LOGANS LINK WITH TOTTENHAM

In the year of 1845, in County Monaghan, Ireland, William Logan married Margaret Friers and emigrated to Canada, settling at Lot 30, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Concession 11, King Township, York County. Having earned a School Masters' Certificate in Ireland, William taught for six years at S.S. #17 King Twp. and one year at S.S. #1 Tecumseh Twp., Simcoe County.



Mrs. William (Margaret Friers) Logan - taken in Belfast, Ireland, before emigrating to Canada.

While residing in King Township, three children were born to them - William John, Robert George and Sarah Margaret. When Margaret was but a few months old, her parents bought a 100-acre farm at Lot 23, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Concession 9, Albion Township, Peel County, in 1862. The first home here was a log one, not unlike their Irish shanty in size. This home was burned in 1871, so William built a large 8-room house in 1872.

The Logan family were truly religious and William John, Robert George and Sarah Margaret walked every Sunday for twelve years to the Presbyterian Church, 11th line, King Twp., where Margaret was organist.

In 1880 William Logan died and his youngest son Robert took over the farm, while William John married Elizabeth Milligan from Hamilton and moved to the U.S.A. Margaret became a skilled milliner and seamstress.

In 1890, Robert developed a courtship with Eliza Ann Wilson, daughter of a prominent Caledon farmer. During this period of courtship, Robert and Eliza Ann had made plans to attend a garden party on a certain day, there being a common occurrence or regular entertainment in those days. Eliza Ann was to catch the train at Gardwell Junction and Robert would meet her in Falgout. However, Eliza Ann was delayed somehow in leaving to catch the train and with only minutes to do so, ran so as not to miss it. In doing this she severely ruptured the valves and muscles in her heart so was in critical health from then on. When Robert Logan asked John Wilson for Eliza Ann's hand in marriage, the Wilsons tried to talk Robert out of it on account of her ill health. With his love so strong for Eliza Ann, Robert said he would marry her if she were to die the next day. Robert and

Margaret Logan decided on a home of her own so she bought one situated on the south side of Albert Street in Tottenham, known as Lot #29, for the sum of six hundred and twenty dollars. Margaret bought this home on Feb. 9, 1892 and received the deed to same on March 24, 1892, at which time Margaret and her mother took up residence there - which links the Logan name with Tottenham.

It has been said that Margaret walked every morning to her brother's Albion Twp. farm to cook and care for his wife, returning to Tottenham each evening to be with her mother (a total of twelve miles each day). Then one day in 1895 while the two Margaret Logans were walking in the area of the now Tottenham water tank, they heard the fire bell ring and hurried home to find their home, like others, on fire. In a desperate attempt to salvage some of their belongings, they entered the burning home and rescued the Holy Family Bible, sewing machine, spinning wheel, hemp winder plus the deed and documents pertaining to the home, receiving burns in the process of it all. Margaret and her mother then moved in with Robert and Eliza Ann and just some time later, on August 27, 1896, Eliza Ann died, age 31 years 4 months and 13 days.

On May 1, 1900, Margaret Friers Logan passed on to her heavenly abode while daughter Margaret lived both with brother William John at Boise, Idaho, U.S.A. and with Robert at his Albion farm.



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"	"	2 Linen Collars 10 <sup>100</sup>	1/2 Labacco 50		.50
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Feb	7	6 "	45		2.50
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Dated 9th July 1892

Margaret Logan

— To —

John Robertson

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Witness before me at the Village  
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Argyll the 9th day of  
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John Robertson

A Power of Attorney for John Robertson  
in County of Argyll

John Robertson

Robert married again, this time to Mary Gibson, daughter of Edward and Ann Jane (Gawford) Gibson on Christmas Day, 1906. Born to them were two sons, Shirley and William. Shirley never married but William married Stella Isabel Watson, the eldest daughter of William and Isabelle (Munro) Watson on Jan. 9, 1935. They had two sons and a daughter - Robert, Rex and Gordon.

The majority of the Logan family have reached their Heavenly Reward. With the exception of Mae Watson's three children (Michael, Wendy and Malcolm), and grandparents of William John Logan in Portland, Oregon, and other points in the U.S.A., there are just Willie Logan and his sons, Robert and Gordon on the Century Farm in Albion. Proud they are for in their possession are the Holy Bible, hymn binder, deed and documents pertaining to the property of their Aunt Margaret Logan, salvaged from the "Century" home lost about 30 years ago.

Some years later, Margaret Logan sold her lot #29 in Tottenham to Edward Sloan for the sum of one thousand dollars.

- submitted 1977.

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#### THE ELMER FAMILY HISTORY

Thomas Ernest Elmer, son of Edward Elmer and Rebecca Vellar, was born on May 22, 1896. He had one sister and one brother. Due to the early death of his mother in 1899, Ernie was raised by his Uncle Robert and Aunt Sarah Elmer. He married Hazel Caroline Hudson, daughter of George and Amelia Hudson (the eldest of eight children), in 1920 and after living in King Township for a short time, (the same year) they moved to a farm owned by John Gould on the second line of Tecumseth. A year later the family moved to the Breeden farm on the third line. Three years later they rented a farm on the fourth line, at one time called the Henderson farm, and then purchased by William Smart. Once when Mr. Smart had occasion to visit the premises, he tied his buggy horse securely outside a small barn, which happened to be out of view from the kitchen window; so while the men were discussing business, Jack and Moreen (then about three and five years old) decided to pretend to go driving in Mr. Smart's rig. At first they were content to just hold the reins and occasionally jiggle the buggy by bouncing on the seat, but finding that dull, began to use the buggy whip! Fortunately the men returned in time to rescue the naughty children from a serious accident, for at that moment the frightened horse, terrified by the whip, broke his tether.

In 1940 Hazel and Ernie moved their family for the last time when they purchased the Lowry farm. Hazel and Ernie were members of the Tottenham United Church. Ernie was a member of the Tottenham Orange, and of the Royal Black Preceptory; he also served for a time as a trustee on the school board at SS No. 7, Tecumseth. He acted as master of ceremonies for school concerts and as auctioneer during the war (W.W.2) when our Junior Red Cross staged money raising events. Ernie was instrumental in forming a club for playing "crinkole" and a series of house parties which went to a different home each week. It was "Ladies Provise" with everyone dancing - even the little tots - with music furnished by local talent and Ernie calling the square dances. Sometimes someone would sing an old ballad or dance a fancy step to give the musicians a break. Not the least of the fun was the starry ride home in the early dawn after a short nap among the coats and cloaks of the adults. The frost would squeak beneath the runners and the sleigh bells jingled merrily as the horses trotted steadily, eager to reach their own warm stables.

The Elmers were very proud of their fine horses and ponies. They won many ribbons and trophies at the local fairs. Ernie had a well-earned reputation as an expert horseman and showman. Hazel was an exhibitor also, showing baked goods, butter and sewing.

Hazel and Ernie had six children, twenty-one grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren:

Wilbert Henry who died as a child.

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George Edward (known to everyone as Ted), married Sylvia Parsons and they have eight children: Thomas Arthur (married to Kathy Burns and they have a daughter, Juliana Rebecca); Sharon Linda (married to Harold Lance and they have a daughter, Kimberly); Dorothy Caroline died as an infant; Raymond Edward; Faye Darlene (married to Steve Sibbert); Keith Alvin (married to Kate Irvine); Brenda Frances; and Cindy Sylvia.

Stanley Ernest married Audrey Maynard and they have three daughters: Hazel Clara (married to Clive Purkin and they have a son, Clive Stanley); Evelyn Rose (married to Bob Matson and they have one daughter, Dianne Evelyn); and Barbara Elizabeth.

John Earl (known to everyone as Jack) married Betty Sims and they have a son: Jack (married to Patty Harvey and they have a daughter, Laurie).

Noreen (Eva Noreen) married Adrien Vienneau and they have nine children: Mary Margaret (PEGGY) (married John Trainor and they have a son, Kyle); Anne Marie (married Don Goodman); David Adrien (married Dorothy King); Robert James; Lawrence Roy; Randolph Allan; Donald Charles; Theresa Noreen; and Linda Michelle.

Lenore (Hazel Lenore) married Wally Hopkins and they have eight children: Deborah Rose; Wallace Bernard; Kathleen Louise (married William Gibbons and they have two children, William James and Nicole Lee); Susan Geraldine (married Robert McMonchie and they have two children, Robert Bernard and Candace Lenore); Douglas Edward; Daniel Marvin; Abijah Ernest; and Michael Shawn.

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