

HISTORY OF THE TRUMAN FAMILY 1961

Great grandfather John Truman came from Germany. Never knew if he had any brothers or sisters or what year he came over.

He settled in Pennsylvania U.S. (Pen. Dutch). He then moved to Ontario, came to Bayham Township. Had a saw mill west of Kinglake. Bought a farm in Norfolk County & had a mill on this. He had four boys and four girls.

Grandfather, Moses Truman was a circuit rider, in Welland County. (Methodist Preacher).

He traded his horse & saddle for a U.E.L. rite. Gave rite & Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the farm in Malahide Township; one mile & a quarter west of Calton; two and one half miles east of Mt. Salem.

Married Katie Adams, South Dorchester. Had one son & two daughters. Margaret, Mary, and Frank or Reuben.

After his first wife died, he married Pheobe Weaver, of Novia Scotia Street. Had seven children, three girls & four boys. Lucy, John, Eliza, Kate, George, Thomas and Moses.

He died in the year 1857 in his forty-sixth year. Buried in Calton Cemetery.

Grandmother died in 1899 in her Seventy-eighth year. Buried in Calton Cemetery.

Grandfather willed farm to his son George C. Truman. In year 1880 George C. Truman married Sarah Eleanor Cook of (Dereham Township), living in St. Thomas, Yarmouth Heights. They had five children, three boys and two girls. Colborne, Lee, Minnie, Jennie, and Frank.

Mother died in her sixty-ninth year in 1923.

Father continued to live on farm until fall of 1928. Seventy-six years old, moved to Aylmer, living on what was known as Ford place, corner of Harvey and Fourth.

Died in his eightieth year, September sixth. Buried at Calton.

Later body was moved to Aylmer Cemetery.

Farm was given to me, his daughter, Jean Victoria Truman-Kinsey

Then in the year 1949 farm sold to Mr. & Mrs. Jan Hulst, who live there now.

Donated by Mrs. Jean Kinsey.

THE AUGESTINE FARM

The late Fred Augustine owned and lived on the first farm west of Mathews Corners on the third Con. Bayham Township.

Mr. Augustine taught school here for a member of years. His daughter Bessie also taught here at Calton School. After a number of years the farm was sold to Phillip Learn Jr. He remodelled the house and equipped the farm for tobacco.

After Phillip Learn died, the farm was sold to Mr. Omer Christian who is still growing tobacco on the farm. 1961.

THE FARM OF HUGH MATTHEWS 1961

The farm of Hugh Matthews, Con. three (north half lot 31) Malahide Township, was originally owned by Harvey Chute and his brother, they obtained the Crown Patent of it in 1880. Harvey owning the east half and his brother the west half. The entire farm was covered with bush at this time.

In 1906 Harvey Chute bought the west half from his brother for Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00), and in 1907-1908 he moved the buildings from the east half to west and rebuilt them: He also finished clearing the land.

In 1909 he sold the farm to Harry Matthews, who owned it until 1935 then he sold it to his son, Hugh Matthews present owner.

Donated by Mrs. Hugh Matthews.

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In the early part of the Eighteenth Century, Joe Pritchard squatted on Lot 4 Bayham and built a log house.

Some years later, Joe Cartwright wanted to buy Lots 4&5 and found Pritchard had been there long enough to have Squatters Rights and Cartwright was unable to put him off. To break the deadlock, Cartwright gave Pritchard a clear deed of all of the lot, South of the road and West of the creek. (otter)

Joe Cartwright built a house and barn at the bottom of the hill to the North of the road. He had two children.

The property was left to Warren, who built a house and barn at the top of the East side of the hill, shortly before 1900 and lived there after his marriage, until his death.

Warren's two sons were given the property at the bottom of the hill. When Gordon married, he sold to Cecil.

Perkins bought from Cecil and Hoover bought from Perkins. Hoover died and Joe Millard bought it; his son, Hugh, now owns it.

After Joe Pritchard died, his property went to his son, Jarius who sold it to Osiah McQuiggan in 1885.

He built a house in 1905 and barn in 1904; the property has belonged to McQuiggan's ever since. Pete McQuiggan has owned it since 1926.

The property at the top of the East side of the hill was bought from the estate, after Warren Cartwright died, by Wm. Alward. He died and left it to his housekeeper, Frances Gibbons. She sold it to ~~Robert Kennedy~~ Reginald McQuiggan in 1946 and he sold it to Robert Kennedy.

Most of the land was sold back to Reg, McQuiggan, leaving about three acres and the main buildings. This part was sold to Max Whaley in 1950, who lives there now. The remaining land is still owned by Reg. McQuiggan.

Donated by Mrs. Max Whaley

The Herman Ralf Farm 1961

The fifty acres on the Fourth Concession of Malahide, Lot 35, was bought from the Crown by Mr. Peleex and was given to his son, George.

Mr. John Timpany, father of the present John Timpany, bought it from George. Mr. Timpany gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Hurd.

At Mrs. Hurd's death it was left to her daughter, Lottie, (Mrs. Harley Learn). Mr. Learn traded it for a larger farm owned by Carl Shaw, from whom Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ralf bought it, in the year 1946.

Donated by Mrs. Herman Ralf.

History of the Store Property 1961

In 1888 John Chalk built a general store on the North-west corner of the corner of his property and sold it to Will. McGregor.

George Chalk bought from Mr. McGregor.

Emery Chalk bought from George Chalk.

In 1940, Robert Kennedy bought the present property from Emery Chalk.

Donated by Mrs. Robt. Kennedy.

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John Chalk bought 75 acres bordering the Townline from someone unknown. He later bought 50 acres adjoining this property, East, from Mr. Fitzgerald, who had his house on the knoll, South of the end of the gully.

George
He then bought 50 acres East of that, from his Father-in-law, Mr. Pettit. He built the present brick house in 1878.

George Mr. Timpany gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Hurd. At Mrs. Hurd's death it was left to her daughter, Lottie (Mrs. Emery Chalk, who was born and raised here, inherited next and lived there until he sold it to Zigmond Balazs.

Barley (Barry) Mr. Barry traded it for a larger farm owned by Carl
In 1952, Mr. Balazs sold it to Leslie Gonda.

Barry from whom Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ball bought it, in the year 1946.
Mr. Gonda sold it to John DePauw in 1953.

Donated by Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Calton District Couple Mark Diamond Wedding



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL McDOWELL

AYLMER.—Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDowell, R. R. 6, Aylmer, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Sunday. The occasion was marked quietly at their home north of Calton with friends and close members of the family.

Still enjoying excellent health and looking much younger than their years, the happy couple have spent all of their married life in the district. They were married on Sept. 8, 1897, in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Brownville by the late Rev. George Buggins.

Mrs. McDowell, the former Hilda Hannah Craven, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lazenby Carven, of York Township. Born in 1877, she will celebrate her 80th birthday on Monday, Sept. 23.

Mr. McDowell was born in Straffordville, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert McDowell. He was born in 1874 and has lived his whole life in the district, retiring from his occupation of farmer only four years ago. Active in community affairs, Mr. McDowell served nine years on the Public School Board at Eden where the couple lived for many years following their marriage, and seven years on the school board at Richmond.

During his more active years, Mr. McDowell was a member of

the United Workers of America and the Oddfellows Lodge. Mrs. McDowell is a member of the Calton Women's Institute. Both attend the Calton Baptist Church.

Recalling vividly the day of their marriage, Mrs. McDowell said she and her husband left for the parsonage shortly after dinner. Following the ceremony, they drove to Aylmer to visit relatives then drove all the way to Tillsonburg to have a formal wedding picture taken. They arrived back at their home, a farm near Eden, early in the evening after what to most young people today would seem like an impossibly long trip in a horse and buggy.

"It was really nothing," said Mr. McDowell, "we had a good horse and the roads were good at that time of year. I used to make the trip from Eden to Tillsonburg in 30 minutes and have driven it in 20 minutes."

The couple have three children, Mrs. Vilo Andrews, of Woodstock; Mrs. Fred (Ermina) Bowes, Maple Grove, and Arnold McDowell, R. R. 6, Aylmer, with whom they live at the present time. There are six grandchildren, James Andrews Vienna; Ross Andrews Straffordville; Mrs. Allan (Greta) Walsh, Straffordville, and Brian, Alan and Carl, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McDowell.

There are 10 great-grandchild-

ren of whom the couple are also very proud. "They keep us young," laughed Mrs. McDowell, happy because many of the great-grandchildren were with them on Sunday.

Among the congratulatory messages, cards and flowers that poured in from a host of friends were messages from Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Premier Leslie Frost and James A. McBain, M.P. for Elgin.

Sept. 8, 1957



MR. AND MRS. NORMAN JOHNSON

Couple Remember Mild Weather Fifty Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson, R.R. 6, Aylmer, remember that the weather was very mild on their wedding day fifty years ago.

Married on January 5, 1907, the couple met when Mr. Johnson joined Mrs. Johnson's father on the family farm, where they have lived ever since.

Mrs. Johnson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, came from Scotland, was born and raised in her present home. Mr. Johnson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Johnson and was born in Vienna, Ontario.

The couple were married in the farmhouse by Rev. Mr. McLeod and spent their honeymoon in Buffalo.

Mrs. Johnson has enjoyed many hobbies which kept her busy in the long winter evenings when entertainment had to be made by people themselves. She liked to paint in oils and there are many of her canvasses hanging on the walls of her home — examples of her skill. Playing the organ gave Mrs. Johnson great pleasure and although the instrument is no

longer played, she keeps up her third hobby — fancy needlework.

Asked if her husband had any hobbies, Mrs. Johnson said, "no he's always had too much work — unless milking cows can be called a hobby — —and getting up at four o'clock in the morning to do his chores."

Asked if they had any secret for a long and happy marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson said, "we've no secret — unless it's hard work and we've certainly had that."

Mrs. Johnson confided that she had one unfulfilled dream — "I would have liked to be a doctor," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have no children but neighbors and friends are helping them prepare for "open house" today between two and four o'clock in the afternoon and seven and nine o'clock in the evening. They hope to see Mr. Johnson's three sisters, Mrs. Oscar Coyle of Ridgetown, Mrs. Bill Wilson and Mrs. Lesgar Coyle, of St. Thomas, together with their friends in the neighborhood.

January 5, 1957



MR. AND MRS. YORK PHILLIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Phillimore Mark 50th Anniversary

A. E. Doan. Although the couple was unattended, Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw, who now resides at John and Harvey Streets in Aylmer, was the organist.

Following their marriage, the bride and groom lived for a year at Luton and later lived for a time on the 5th concession of Malahide before moving to their present home 42 years ago.

Mrs. Phillimore is the former Flossie Evert, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evert whose home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Evert, is located across the road from the Phillimore's present farm. Mr. Evert is Mrs. Phillimore's brother.

Mr. Phillimore was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Phillimore and was born on the

AYLMER—One of Malahide Township's best known couples, Mr. and Mrs. York Phillimore, celebrated 50 years of happy married life Sunday at their home east of Mount Salem on the third concession.

The surprisingly active and youthful couple were guests of honor throughout the eventful day as neighbors and many friends called to extend congratulations. They also received many cards, flowers and messages of congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillimore were married Jan. 25, 1911, at the home of the bride's parents by the then pastor of the Malahide Methodist Church, Rev.

5th concession, east of the Anger schoolhouse. Mr. Phillimore has one brother, John, and a sister, Mrs. Phillip Pressley, both of Malahide, and another sister, Mrs. L. (Olivia) Crouse, of London, Ont.

The couple has two sons, Charles and Ross, both of whom reside on the home farm, and two grandchildren, Mary Lynn and Paul, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Phillimore.

Although Mr. Phillimore disposed of his dairy cattle a number of years ago, he is still actively engaged in the trucking business with his sons. He and Mrs. Phillimore are members of the Fairview United Church.

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