



Home of Warren Grauer taken from above.

PICTURES AND HISTORIES OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS AS SUBMITTED IN JUNE, 1967



HOME OF WARREN GRAVES

This land was first owned as far as anyone knows, before 1900 by John McConnell. He had a mill down by the stream, where the mill was until about 1954. He was killed in the mill. His son Murray McConnell was a cousin to Harry McConnell who lived in this community for many years. Murray McConnell is living in Long Beach, California.

There was a house about where the Graves house stands today with some apple trees around it. People from as far back as the turn of the century for two or three generations used to sleigh ride down the hill back of the house, It was steeper then. Mrs. Garner lived here then. Some called the hill in the road Mrs. Garner's hill.

Harold McQuiggan and Fred James had a saw mill here for years. They also made cider. The mill was still standing when Graves bought the land. He tore it down and used some of the lumber in the garage.

Warren Graves bought the property from Fred James in February in 1951, as two separate lots. The first one has the house on it which Clarence Behie started to build and lived in it one winter. Warren Graves finished it. He moved in it in November, 1951.

Mrs. W. Graves June 1967.



THE FARM OF MURRAY LAIDLAW

The north part of Lot 24, Concession 5, Twp, of Malahide, County of Middlesex, London District, Province of Upper Canada comprised 100 acres and was granted from the Crown to John Nicol sometime before 1833.

On March 6, 1833 John Nicol sold it to Phineas Kinsey.

On April 11, 1845 it was sold by Phineas Kinsey to George Kinsey. Description was same as above except that it was now called the Province of Canada. The deed was registered on July 4, 1853 in the United Counties of Middlesex and Elgin. By 1845 the roads, both north and south of it were not yet built, only a road allowance is named.

On May 28, 1883 this land became the property of Nancy J. Kinsey, daughter of George Kinsey and wife of Edmund W. H. Laidlaw. In 1914 it was sold to their sons Laidlaw Brothers.

The south part of Lot 24 consisting of 65 acres was granted by the Crown to Thadeus Ostrander March 15, 1848.

This part of the Lot was owned by different people and in different sections at different times.

Following is a list of some of the owners:

1. The north 10 acres of this south part was sold to George Kinsey in 1856 and has been kept as a woodlot up to the present day.
2. The remaining 55 acres more or less was divided in 4 strips. Three of these strips were eventually owned by John Harmon and one by Henry Griffin. From 1870-1880 39 acres were owned by John Harmon whose name was given to the drain passing through the land. From 1880-87 this belonged to David Ferguson, from 1887-1900 by John Cudney and in 1900 it was bought by Edmund Laidlaw.
3. The other strip of 15½ acres belonging to Henry Griffin was in 1908 bought by Edmund Laidlaw.

Thus since 1908 the whole lot has been owned by Edmund Laidlaw and later by members of his family.

The whole farm, Lot 24, 165 acres was sold by Edmund Laidlaw to his three sons as Laidlaw Brothers in 1914. It was owned from 1917 by George and Elgin Laidlaw and since January 1959 by his son Murray Laidlaw.

Mrs. M. Laidlaw June 1967.

LOT 29, CON 2, 'HERITAGE ORCHARDS' MILWAUKEE



S. RAY BAXTER

W.I. HISTORY



HOME OF MURRAY WOLFE

We bought the land that our house is on in 1944 from Fred James and started building our house in 1946. Our land went as far north as the Tormasy tenant house when we first bought it, but we sold that lot.

This land was originally part of the VanVelsor Farm but the only buildings that had been on it were two kilns and a greenhouse. The greenhouse had fallen in and the kilns had been moved to the Lyke farm.

The old Calton ice house was located on the North end of our land.

Mrs. Murray Wolfe June 1967

W.I. HISTORY



HOME OF ROBERT WHALEY

This house first belonged to A. Boyd on 2nd concession Malahide. Later was moved on 1st concession Malahide and then to present site in 1945.

Land was purchased from Fred James and was formerly part of a peach orchard.

Mrs. R. Whaley June 1967.



HOME OF STANLEY JAMES

The Stanley James residence is one of the oldest in the Calton area. It is at least 125 years old. Its builder, Bartholomew Timpany, (formerly a Nova Scotia school-teacher) trekked with many others from Nova Scotia to this district in the early 1800's.

Mr. Timpany and his young wife, (before marriage a Miss McConnell) first lived here in a log house. Later on he built the one and a half storey, eight room house that is now the James residence. This house is still a fine example of the building techniques of that bygone period.

The basic frame is made of 3 inch pken planks of widths varying from 16 inches to 30 inches. These placed in a vertical position and joined together, form the sturdy walls. Pine is the only timber used throughout the entire construction of this building. The flooring consisting of pine planks 1-1/4 inches thick is still in good condition.

The walls inside are lathed with handcut laths of irregular shape and then plastered. Most of the plaster is still in good condition.

Some of the ceilings have been covered with tiles in recent years. The outside of the house was originally "roughcast", that is, plastered on a lath foundation. A veranda extended across the front. This was removed some years ago.

The wide front door in the centre of this south front side, is of colonial style. On each side of the panelled sturdy door is a long narrow window. This door opens into a small square hall, which is flanked on each side by fine airy rooms about 16 feet square. Pairs of large windows on each side of this front door give plenty of light to these rooms. Originally there was a fireplace in the west side of the living room which later on was boarded over.

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This house was moved seventy or more years ago, from its original site on the Timpany farm to a farm one-half mile north, to what is now the Stanley James farm. At that time it belonged to Charles Timpany a son of Bartholomew.

Some renovations have been made since the James occupancy. The outside has been covered by white asbestos shingles, green shutters added and a substantial chimney built along the west wall.

The walls of this wonderful old residence have always resounded with the joys of happy family living. Bartholomew Timpany's entire family of three boys and four girls were born and raised in it. The oldest son, Americus, first became a school-teacher and then in 1867, sailed with his wife as missionary to India. He was the first Baptist missionary to go from Canada to India. A sister, Mrs. Lida Hurd was a missionary in the Kentucky Mts. at one time. Six descendants of the three Timpany boys have been missionaries in India and Nigeria.

Six other families have made this their home and all had young members who no doubt made its walls resound with the joy of living. Although there have been sixteen births in this home, there has only been one death,--that of a young daughter of Bartholomew Timpany.

The James family have owned this home since 1915. Three James families have occupied it since that time. First came Mr. & Mrs. Chas. James, Lorne and Fred. Then Mr. & Mrs. Lorne James, Marjorie, Stanley and Maurice and now by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley James, Cheryl, Dean and Roger, and Mrs. Lorne James.

Mrs. Lilly James June 1967

W.I. HISTORY



THE HOME OF MORLEY McQUIGGAN

The home of Mr. & Mrs. Morley McQuiggan, consisting of fifty acres on the south east half of lot 2, concession 3, of Bayham township.

Around 1876 this was owned by Mr. John Marr, later his son Clinton Marr, owned it. His grandchildren, two boys, the Marr Bros. now live in Pt. Stanley. The house burned, when Mr. C. Marr lived here and the land was bought by Mr. Walter Chalk, son of John Chalk, Calton. A school house from Otter Valley was bought and moved here for a house, and is still part of the house. In 1936 the farm was bought by Mr. & Mrs. Morley McQuiggan from his Uncle, Mr. Walter Chalk.

The north half of lot 4 and 5, concession 3 also owned by Mr. Morley McQuiggan, has been in the family a century. In 1815 an Irishman, who had joined the British army was given his discharge papers after seven years of service. For his services he was given a grant of two hundred acres of land. He took up one hundred acres on the south half of lot 6 concession 3. Bayham township. After his death, this went to his son, Wm. McQuiggan, who exchanged it about two years later, around 1853, for the north half of lot 4, Concession 3, Bayham township. He bought more land for his sons and gave to his son Albert 85 acres, north half of lot 4 & 5 concession 3. After his death, his son Charles bought the land, and at his death his son Morley McQuiggan bought it, and became the owner.

Mrs. M. McQuiggan June 1967.

W.I. HISTORY



THE HOME OF BARRY KINSEY

Our house is situated on Lot 25, Concession 5, of Malahide Township. The property was owned by George Laidlaw, brother of Elgin, who now lives at Summers' Corners. Their father was Edmund Laidlaw. George and his family lived in the house now occupied by Bud Hall, as our house wasn't built at the time.

Because of poor health, George sold the property to Basil Learn in the fall of 1944. Mr. Learn later sold the land to Lloyd Rawlings, who decided to build the smaller house as a dwelling place for his brother Art. It was later owned by Les Cowan, and Ronald Prong in succession.

In June, 1962, Barry Kinsey purchased the house on the 2½ acre lot. A small barn has been added to the lot.

Mrs. B. Kinsey June 1967.