

CALTON GARAGE & VARIETY



Keszler's Used Car Sales



JOHN KESZLER, Dealer
Owned & Operated by:
Keszler's Holding Inc.
773-3610



RR 6,
Aylmer, Ont.



The Calton Garage and Variety sometimes known as the Behie Garage is still in operation. It was rebuilt after having burned on Jan. 31, 1952.

At present it is owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. John Keszler, (Keszler Holdings Inc.) It consists of a small variety store, new and used car sales and a service centre for repairs.

Mr. & Mrs. Keszler live in the former Chalk home on Rd 45, a few hundred yards east of the General Store on the south side of the Highway. Their land is rented out for crops.



BEV KENNEDY HOME



Bev & Kathy Kennedy live in a home which was moved in the early 40's from land behind the Calton Cemetery on the Malahide/Bayham townline. It is now situated on the northwest corner of the junction of Concession Rd. 4 and the Malahide/Bayham townline. At this point the road curves to the right as it continues north and passes in front of the house. The house is on a gentle rise so that there is a good view in all directions. Many renovations and alterations have taken place since and it has been turned into an attractive dwelling with modern decor.

Bev and Kathy have three sons, all adults now Adam, Daniel and Craig.

ROBERT DAVIES HOME

(former McDowell Home)





McDowell Home

This old Georgian style home was most likely built from 1875 to 1880. It has been beautifully restored and enhanced by the present owners Tracey (Phillips) and Robert Davies. They have 3 children Veronica Kay, 8, Jacqueline Brooke 6, and Robert Douglas 2.

Inside walls have been removed so that the rooms are now spacious with original beams showing in the ceiling. It has a full basement, reconstructed porch on the outside and an extremely functional kitchen. There is work yet to be done on upstairs bedrooms.

The property of 100 acres was deeded from the Crown on August 21, 1835 to Ralph Pritchard. Ralph Pritchard sold to Nezekiah Cartwright in 1837 who then sold several parcels to others, 50 acres of which went to Porter Bartlett who sold to Robert Evans April 25, 1851. Robert Evans sold to Lawrence Hammond (1865). Lawrence to Mahlon McConnell owned the property for 54 years. Due to the length of time that he owned it he very probably built the present house. In 1927 Wilbert McConnell sold it to Monty & Mildred Wilson. In 1944 it was sold to Russell McDowell and in 1957 to Arnold and Mary McDowell. In 1976 Arnold sold to C. D. Phillips Ltd. and from the company it was acquired by Tracey & Robert Davies.

At the present time Tracey and Robert are applying to have the house designated as a Heritage House. They want to restore to original on exterior, restore to original on interior, excepting bathroom and kitchen.



GRAND ROYAL FARMS





'88 Foal



'86 Foal
Happy Payak
Maryanne Almahurst



Blake Wolfe
Frank Benner
Hordyk Children
Straffordville
Parade

Several kilometers east of Calton on the north side of Highway 45 are the Grand Royal Farms Inc. In the summer time it is a beautiful sight to see all of the horses out in their paddocks. The General Manager is Dale Baker, farm Manager, Doug Lilley, and Veterinarian Dr. R. Boyce.

In the spring and summer as many as 60 foals are born each year making it a very busy time. Championship horses are bred and trained for harness racing. Many winners have materialized from the breeding and training programs and from top Sires Kawartha Skipper, Brisco Hanover, and Fundamentalist. Ralph Hanover and Happy Paysak are two more.





Residents at Grand Royal Farm, east of Calton