

Alma College, St. Thomas. Anna had one child, a daughter Mildred (Cook) Travis, wife of Earle Travis, now living with her daughter at R. R. 1, Belmont. Mildred had three children, Wilfred now living at Corinth, Irene died at 8 years, Helen, married to Wilfred Ketchabaw, Belmont.

Augusta (Summers) Harper lived at Summers Corner near Aylmer and had three children, Summers Beecher Harper, deceased, Wilfred Judson Harper living on #3 Highway, near Corinth and Mrs. Donald (Jean Margaret Harper) Wolfe of R. R. 1, Springfield. Augusta also received her education at Alma College.

Martha (Summers) Hattrick lived her married life at Sheffield and Galt. Martha known as Mattie had one daughter, Mrs. Ruth (Jack) Davidson, R. R. 1, Claremont, Ont. Mattie furthered her education at Whitby College.

Frank Summers owned and farmed the lots 8, 9 and 10 of the Summers' Block until his death in 1920 in his 85th year. Of course, he had help, not only from his family but had tenants who lived in the second house on lot 8. Frank built the house that still remains and also the barns. The south half of lot 8 was first owned by F. Todd in 1848 bought from the Canada Co., in 1864 Elisha Stoner bought the 100 acres. Then Frank Summers purchased in 1869 and resided until his death 1920. In 1908 he deeded lot 8 to his daughter Mrs. Russell Hattrick, who lived at Sheffield. In 1928 Adelaide Vail purchased from Mrs. Hattrick - 1934 from Vail to Kingsbury & Wood - 1935 to Kingsbury - also in 1935 to Albert Holbrook, Brownsville, and his sons Maxwell & Mervel farmed together until the war. Maxwell Holbrook married Ann Wood, Brownsville and their two oldest children were born in the Frank Summers old home, namely Harold, Otterville and Donna (Mrs. Charles Thomas, Simcoe). Max joined the services in 1940 and served the duration, after which he and family returned to Concession 8, Bayham to grow tobacco on lots 9 & 10 for one year for Wilfred Harper. Mervel married Violet Holtby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holtby and resided on lot 8. Their two daughters were born here also, namely Sheila (Mrs. Byron Craik, Springfield and Bonnie. In 1948 Mervel obtained the land and in 1963 A. Leon Cloet purchased and still resides with his wife and seven children as of March 1972. Frank Summers not only farmed lot 8 but also the 200 acres to the east.

Two 50 acre parcels which had been purchased earlier in 1853 and 1863 by his father, Alexander, were joined to lot 8 and two more 50-acre parcels, back halves of the fore-said mentioned lots, namely lots 9 and 10 were farmed as one farm - 300 acres in all. The South West quarter purchased in 1870 from the Treasurer of Middlesex' and South east purchased by Frank's brother, Theophilus Summers, from a Mr. Howell in 1880 and later bought by Frank in 1907.

At the death of Frank Summers the 100 acres with the buildings, which had been deeded to his daughter, Mrs. Hattrick remained in her name until 1928. The 200 acres without a house but had a beef-cattle barn went to another daughter



Quote again from interview -

"Frank was one of the first successful raisers of Shorthorns in East Elgin. He would have gone extensively into beef instead of dairying but the railroad was too far away to ship his beef, which was Ingersol and there were factories for his milk much closer. However the railroad did finally come through Corinth and was completed sometime around 1872. (The bridge of the railroad over the Otter at Tillsonburg was the longest and highest in the Dominion, except the Victoria bridge at Montreal.) After the building of the railroad through Corinth, Frank went stronger into beef cattle. He, also, raised hogs and was a lover of fine horses. The story was told that he broke his last colt at the age of eighty and also at eighty-three went to the bush for firewood in the winter with a spirited team and got stuck in the snow and had to shovel the horses and sled out, back to the house, thru' drifts up to the horses collars." end of quote

The Family of Frank & Jane (Crane) Summers consisted of the following -

KATE - never married, died Dec. 11, 1895 in 23 year.

ANNA - married Herbert Spencer Cook, Corinth died April 1935.

AUGUSTA - married Samuel Beecher Harper, Aylmer died Sept. 25, 1938 - 58 year

ALEXANDER - died July 1879 in infancy

MARTHA - married Russell Hattrick, Sheffield

JENNIE - never married, died at the age of 16

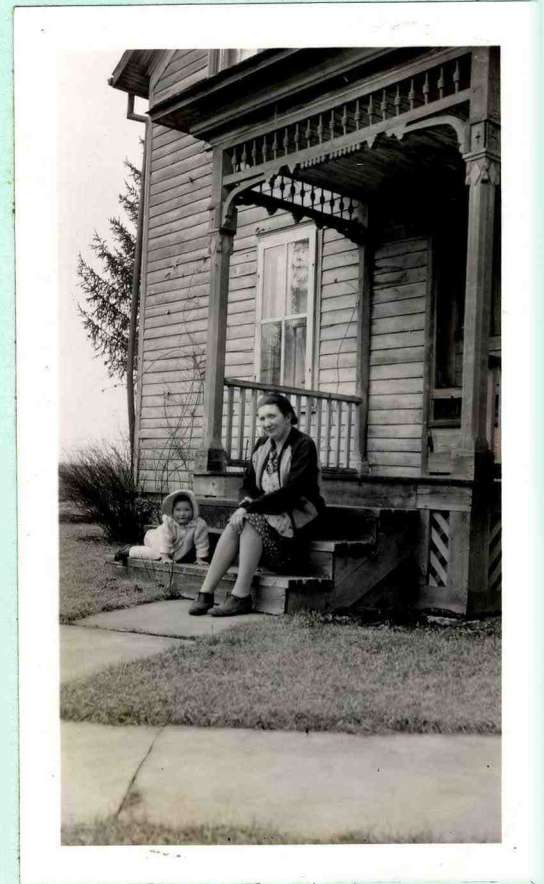
Anna (Summers) Cook lived all her life in the community and her married life a stone's throw from her original home (lot 8). She got her education following Public School at

Augusta, Mrs. Samuel Beecher Harper, Aylmer. A house was moved on this property and the land was rented for several years. In 1935 the grandson of Frank, Wilfred (Duff) Harper, his wife Florence and daughter Barbara (late Mrs. Frank Plust) took up residence and general farmed until 1939. A daughter, Harriett, presently Mrs. David White, St. Thomas, was born, while living on this farm. In 1939, after the death of Augusta (Summers) Harper he obtained the farm. In 1939-40 Wilfred converted the farm into a tobacco farm. He purchased greenhouse, 5 kilns and a packbarn from the Estate of Spencer Cook and moved the buildings. Since Wilfred knew little or nothing about tobacco at that time and was a machinist by trade he thought it advisable to place on the farm an experienced grower, Murray Laur and family, who grew for him for four years. As these were the war years, Wilfred and family went to reside in Tillsonburg and he worked in Ingersol Machine and Tool for four years. The house on this farm had been moved there for tenants previously but Wilfred planted every tree that now surrounds the house. In 1950 Wm. Reid purchased lots 9 and 10 - 1956 said lots sold to Clayton Jackson - 1969 sold to Neukamm Ltd. and has remained as of 1972. Newer kilns have been built in recent years, also greenhouse and pack barn.

Many changes have taken place since Alexander Summers first set foot on concession 8, Bayham and who knows what the future will have in store.

Written by Florence Harper
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Material received from Mrs. Mildred Travis, granddaughter of Frank Summers, - Mr. and Mrs. Weston Holtby, Mr. and Mrs. Mervel Holbrook, from the Summers Family Bible through Mrs. Summers Harper and the County Registrar.



Mrs. Earl Travis (Mildred Cook)
and her granddaughter Irene Ketchabaw
(Spencer Cook was her father)



Former David Langfield in Summers Block. Now O.
Jennerick. 1972 picture showing new house.

ELNOROX FARM

This farm comprising parts of the north halves of lots 11 & 12, and parts of the south halves of lots 11, 12 & 13 in the 8th concession of Bayham township came into being in 1946, the primary purpose of having a registered name was to assist in the identification of purebred Holstein cattle and later in the 1960's the name was used in a kennel licence for the registration of Scotch Collie dogs.

One of the reasons for it's odd location is that it is wedged in between the old Fraser mill site and a gully forming the north boundary. It is understood the reason for the gully being the north boundary is that one of the early owners of the north 43 acres did not want a dammed gully of his property.

Originally this farm was three separate farms, fifty acres of the north parts of the south halves of lots 12 & 13 was deeded to Romulus Goodrich in 1868 from Butler Goodrich, Remus Goodrich, Phinia Fraser Goodrich of Massachusettes, Laura Louise Fraser and John Fraser. The Fraser and Goodrich families did have marital ties.

The earliest information I have of the 43 acres owned by Remus Goodrich, a twin brother of Romulus Goodrich, who, I assume, received his deed to the 43 acres situated in the north part of the south halves of lots 11 & 12 in the 8th concession in 1868.

In 1902, Remus Goodrich of Butte Montana deeded this property to James Fraser.

The earliest information I have of the 43 acres situated in the south parts of the north halves of lots 11 & 12 is of a deed by Ira Cooke to Christjohn Warner Jones in 1854. Sometime after this Peter Vincent purchased this property and for some reason that I do not know of, it was deeded to his wife Hannah Vincent in 1891 but I do know it was put up for auction sale in 1899 under mortgage foreclosure proceedings but did not sell because it did not reach the reserve bid. In 1901, the Elgin Loan & Savings Company sold this property to George W. Lindsay. In 1902 William G. Lindsay purchased the farm of James Fraser which joined the Vincent property, he also obtained the Romulus Goodrich farm in the same year.

In 1904 the properties owned by William G. Lindsay were sold to George W. Lindsay who apparently united these three farms, each of these farms had a house and barn, The barns from Romulus Goodrich & Peter Vincent farms were moved to the site of the barn on the Remus Goodrich or Fraser farm. Two of the houses were also joined on the same property.

George W. Lindsay farmed these properties very successfully until 1922 when he sold the entire acreage to Thomas Adlington. In 1932, Stanley Adlington acting as executor of the estate of Thomas Adlington sold this farm to Warren Miners who in 1936 released ownership to George W. Lindsay, who in turn sold it to Duncan Stewart soon after regaining ownership.

In 1946 Duncan Stewart sold this property to his youngest brother Robert Stewart who still owns it as of this date in 1972 but is tenanted by his son Brian Stewart.

Until the past twenty years this farm was considered a general farm producing cattle, hogs, eggs but mainly milk, Some cigar leaf tobacco was also produced in this time.

Since 1954 this farm has been equipped for the production of flue-cured tobacco.

Written by R. F. Stewart





Back row - Robert F. Stewart, Brian Stewart, Geoffrey Stewart, Mac Stewart

Front row - Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Margaret Stewart, Anne Stewart

Robert Stewart Family

January 1960



The Crane - Schooley Farm

The family history written by Mrs. Ward Benner, Bayham or known as Richmond is of her great grandfather who lived on the town line of Malahide and Bayham - 50 acres n $\frac{1}{2}$ of Con. 9, Lot 1 and the property is presently (1972) owned by Lawrence Schooley. William Benjamin Crane sold the property to James Clayton Crane, a brother. He was a pharmacist in New York City and never lived on the property but rented the farm. The farm was later sold to the Schooleys and remains today in that name.

The Crane Family

While there are two books on the "Crane" family history beginning in England and from there of migrations to the New England states and widening to many other states there are only a few references to Canada and no definite link with the Cranes of this area. However it is presumed that the Cranes of the Bayham area were of English descent too, and possibly migrated to this area from the United States.

Great grandfather Crane was William Crane sometimes called "Old Bill Crane" by the young people who considered him quite stern although in fact he was a kindly man and respectable. He and his wife

were Methodists. Great grandmother Crane was a "Best". She had a brother whom we think was Dr. Best and father of Thomas Best known as "Tommy". It is believed his first wife died and he married a woman whom we knew as Aunt Alice Best. Great grandmother Crane had also a sister named Becky who married Christopher Pearson. A son, Tommy, was born to them.

Great grandfather William Crane and his wife had ten children but three died when young. Their children were:-

Annie who married L. Hogan and went to the United States.

Jane married Frank Summers and lived in Bayham Township

Abby married Judson Baker a farmer in Malahide Township.

William Benjamin married to Julia Abell lived first in Malahide then moved to the farm on the town line between Malahide and Bayham.

Samuel lived in Aylmer - died before middle age and was buried in Aylmer cemetery.

Amanda married to Marshal Baker and farmed in Malahide.

James Clayton youngest of the family, born when his mother was 46. He studied pharmacy and worked as a druggist in New York City, later setting up his own business to manufacture the "Elcaya" products- cosmetics of a very high order. He was married first to Agnes Harrison of New York who died childless then he married Pearl Davenport of Aylmer. One son, Junior, was born but he died in his early twenties leaving a widow with two daughters.

To perpetuate the "Crane" name of this particular family rests with the descendants of William Benjamin Crane.

William Benjamin Crane and his wife Julia Abell had three children - a son Cyrus Leslie and two daughters, Edith, married to Arthur Brown and May, married to William Henry Foster.

Cyrus Leslie Crane married Cassie Craig of Irish descent and had a family of five - Annie Julia married R. Ward Benner

William A. married Louise Pindston of Georgia
but has no heirs.

Gertrude Elizabeth married first to Yorke
McConnell of Aylmer later to Carl Kitching
of Woodstock

James Leslie married to Carol Thomson of
London - has two sons - Roger a teacher
studying for his Phd - married to Ruth Pollock
of Norwich - has one son Robert and Douglas
a dentist at Wiarton.

Elmer Theodore living in Malahide Township

As this goes to print only Roger and
Douglas Crane sons of James Leslie Crane -
grandsons of Cyrus Leslie Crane and great
grandsons of William Benjamin Crane are
left to perpetuate the family name.

BROWN FARM

The Brown farm which is one and quarter miles west of Corinth actually lies in the township of Malahide. This farm was taken from the Crown by Isaac Brown and was taken over later by his son Charles Mansfield Brown.

One incident of which the family remembers in 1880's. One dark night Mrs. Charles Brown looked out of a window and saw a raging fire near the middle of the farm. As the only fences were "Stump fences", constructed of rows of huge stumps taken from the land when it was cleared. These stumps were removed by oxen power and chains. On seeing the fire Mr. & Mrs. Brown hastily dressed and started down the lane thinking the fences were burning. However as they neared the fire it completely disappeared. The question which arises in their daughter's mind, who wrote of this incident, is "Are flying saucers or U.F.O. a new phenomena". They experienced an eerie feeling about the whole affair and thought that it must have been "Marsh Gas".

In 1908 Mr. Brown purchased a farm to the front of the present farm from Mr. Harry Cascadden and joined the two farms, also two more lots of land, one on each side of the original farm.

In 1920 Eugene Mansfield Brown took the farms over, his father Charles Brown moving to the village of Corinth. Later the back farm and lots were taken over by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hayward, Mrs. Hayward being a daughter of Mr. Charles Brown.

After the death in 1953 of Eugene Brown the farm was sold to Mr. Vandermaile and has again been divided. The present owners are Lubeck and Roberts.



THE J. D. STEWART FARM HISTORY

The farm, consisting of a parcel of land, approximately 100 acres in the north half of lot 10, concession 8 of Bayham was obtained as a grant from the crown by William Cheeseman. After a year's ownership he traded it to Nathan Howell for his farm in Oxford county plus a team of oxen according to local rumour.

Nathan Howell desired the farm because of a mill site. On this he located a water powered sawmill which he operated for a number of years. From this mill, lumber was prepared for the building and inside woodwork of the stone house which still stands. A log house across the lane from the site of the stone house was previously used. The stone house was built about 1860.

Later, Alvin Howell bought the farm from Nathan Howell and operated it as a general farm. In 1918, Walter Stewart, whose wife (Clara Howell) was a niece of Alvin Howell, bought the farm, also operating it as a general farm. In 1925, J. D. Stewart a son of Walter Stewart took over the farm and from three purebred, registered Holstein cows, bought from a neighbour, Wm. Courtney, as a nucleus, built up a herd of high testing, high grading holstein cows, which at his death in 1954, numbered seventy head.

Electricity was installed in 1927, and the barn enlarged and remodelled in 1948.

Following the death of J. D. Stewart, his son, G. Paul Stewart, a lad of fifteen carried on. The large herd was sold, keeping ten of the youngest heifer calves as a nucleus of a new herd which he gradually increased until in 1960 he had a herd of some 45 registered and accredited holsteins. He operated the dairy farm using a bulk cooler with a contract with a Toronto milk market until the barn burned in 1961, then sold the herd and operated the farm under a combined cash crop system, growing tobacco, corn and hay. A small lot was sold to Robert Stewart off the N. West corner on which he built a modern, ranch-style home.

During the time when J. D. Stewart was operating the farm on Lot 10, he also purchased the home on Lot 11 from Earl Travis which was formerly owned by Spencer Cook, Travis' father-in-law. Also Lot 12 owned by Charles More, and lot 14 formerly owned by Edward Ketchabaw and Lot 13 formerly owned by John Brown, a distant relative of Mrs. Walter Stewart and mother of J. D. Stewart was purchased. These lots, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, a total of 450 acres have been operated as cash crop farms during the past 6 years. A small part of



Buildings on Lot 10 in 1950.

Donated by Mrs. Vera Stewart