

The south part of Lot 3 of the Sanders farm was sold by Joseph M. Sanders to another brother, Henry Sanders. Henry Sanders passed it on to his daughter, Mrs. Josephine Flynn. She sold it to Seymour Ronson who later sold it to Bruce Ball. Bruce Ball sold the east half to Willard White and the west half to Harold Gillett.

His brother Lance Sanders acquired it after his brother's death. He had spent most of his life in Buffalo, New York State.

He and his wife, the former Maud Mildred Barkey came to live on this farm in 1952. Mrs. Sanders died in 1970 and Mr. Sanders still makes his home here, in 1972. The land is cropped by a tenant.

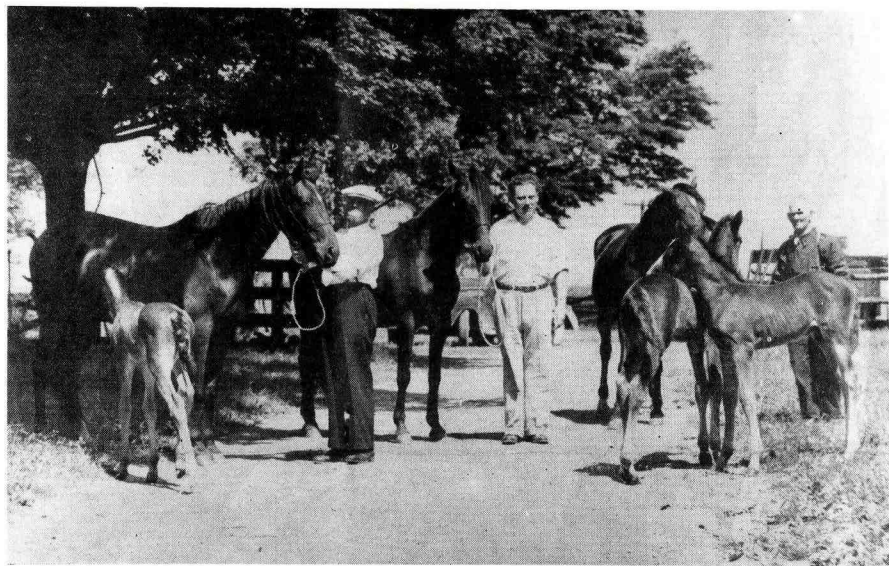


Buildings on Lot 3 - 1972



The Sanders farm - 1972

The sections of Lots 2,3,4 and 5 which were north of the Forge Road were inherited by Joseph Mathias Sanders Jr. His son William Joseph Sanders acquired this farm in 1911 and owned it until his death in 1943.



Mares and foals on the farm of William J. Sanders.

Joseph Meston, L.B. Currie, W.J. Sanders



Mr. Lance Sanders - 1972



The home of Mr. Lance Sanders - 1972

ALFRED GREEN FARM



Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Green

This farm of 170 acres located in Middleton Township part of lots 1 and 2 Concession 5 was taken from the crown by Robert Scott. The house on it now is the original house. Robert Scott's son Andrew farmed this farm until about 1902 when it was sold to William Robertson who built a new barn in 1912. Alfred Green bought the farm in 1919 and moved there in 1920. He farmed this until the thirties when his son Earl moved on to the farm and went into partnership with his father. In 1940 the barn was burned but a new one was erected again and in 1949 Earl bought the farm from his father and farmed it until 1959 when he sold it to John Gyulveszi of Tillsonburg and moved into Tillsonburg.

The farm was rented for several years and also after John Gyulveszi sold it to Edward Pitter, who owned it for a few years and then sold it to John St. Gelais, who is the present owner. The town of Tillsonburg are negotiating for the 150 acres south of Highway #3 for a garbage disposal site.



Earl Green, Marion Green, Ruth Green



THE BENNER FARM

This farm taken from the Crown by John Scott consists of 170 acres with 30 acres of it being in Bayham township and the remainder in Middleton.

After the death of John Scott the property was left to his daughter Janet Scott and at her death the property was divided between her brothers and James Scott being a brother received a portion and he gave his part to his daughter Ertle. She married Fred Benner and they paid the difference and became owners. A new barn was built in 1922, a foundation put under the house, and a new furnace installed.



Ertle & Fred Benner

The farm was heavily timbered and Mr. Benner put in a saw mill and cut most of the timber off.

In the thirties the barn burned and a barn was moved up from the back end of the place to replace the one burned.

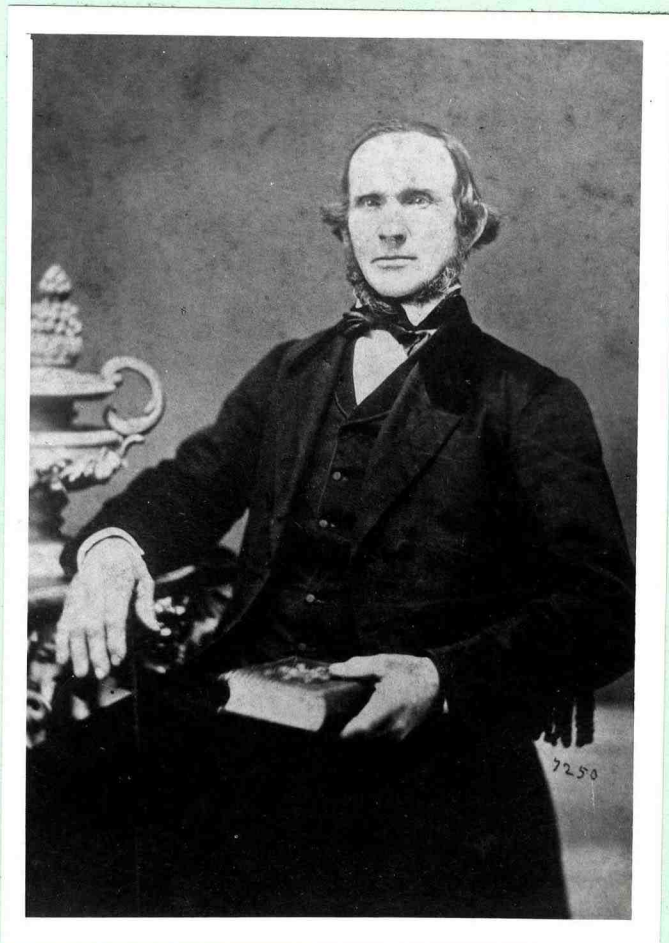
The farm was rented for several years and was bought in 1955 by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Meyers.

In the late sixties Mr. Meyers was joined by his son Henry, who having married built a second house to the east of the present one. Hogs are the main products of the farm. A new pig barn was recently built.



THE GEORGE TUPPER FARM

Lots 20 and 21, Concession 11, Bayham, were taken from the Crown by George Best in 1825.



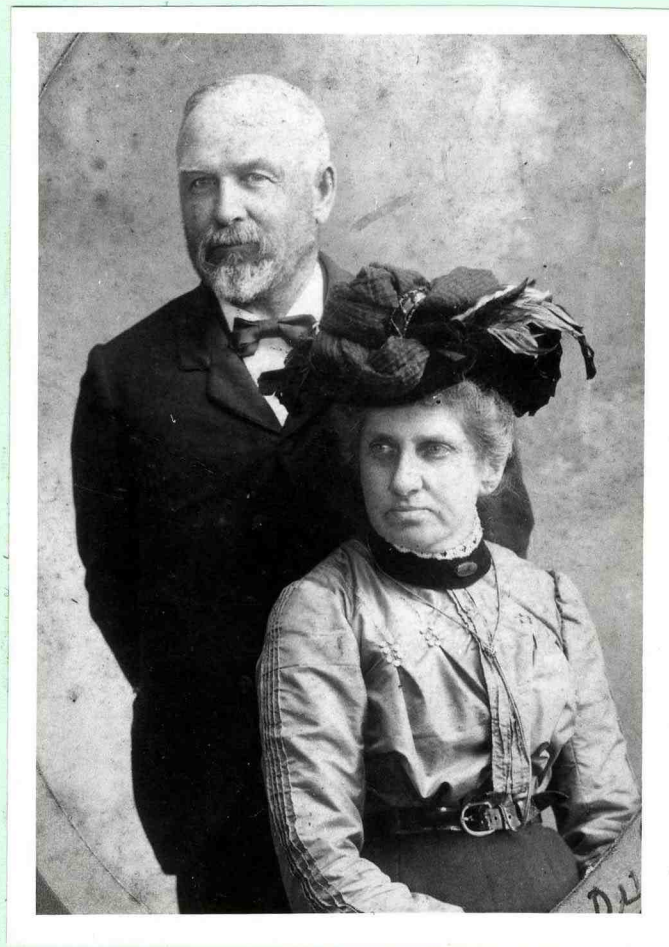
George Best Sr.

George Best's wife was Sarah Jane Tupper, a sister of Phoebe Louisa Tupper who married Chauncey Smith Sr. and of Jeremiah Tupper, grandfather of George Best Tupper. The original house on the farm was a frame building located west of the present site and about a quarter of a mile south of Highway No. 3.

In 1845 when George Tillson had the Forge Road built, George Best cut the trees on a section two miles long and two rods wide, and cleared a road sixteen feet wide, for five dollars. Some time after this, George Best built the large brick house which still stands, near the Forge Road which later became No. 3 Highway. The bricks were made from clay that was taken from the back of the farm.

Two barns were built about the same time. They were built without foundations and with plank floors. On one occasion when a fire started in the barn, George Tupper, then a young man, tramped it out with his wet muddy boots. The original frame house was moved to a location just east of the brick house to serve as a hired man's house.

George Best died in 1899 at the age of 96. If he had lived one day longer he would have lived in the twentieth century. His son, George William Best, who had married Annie Dobbie, inherited the farm.



Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Best

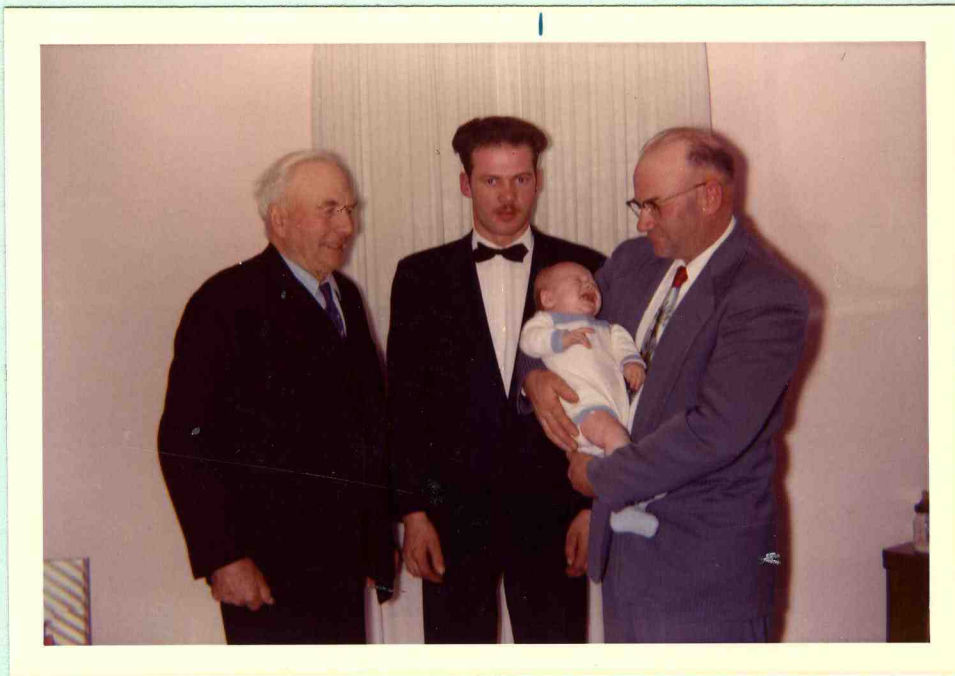
George W. Best raised the barns and put foundations under them. He operated the farm until his death in 1915. He had no children and the farm then passed to his cousin, George Best Tupper.

George Best Tupper was the son of Elias Tupper. He was born in 1876, and on December 4, 1901, he was married to Anna May Smith, daughter of Charles Sherridan Smith. When they were first



Family of Mr. & Mrs. George Tupper

Back: Irene Tupper (Ball) Eva Tupper
Front: Mrs. Geo. Tupper, Warren Tupper,
Mr. Geo. Tupper, Emery Tupper



Four generations
Geo. Tupper, Gerald Tupper, Warren Tupper & baby



Back: Irene Ball, Bruce Ball, Mrs. G. Tupper,
Warren Tupper
Front: George Tupper, Edith Ball, Bob Ball,
Emery Tupper



Mrs. Alfred Green & Mrs. George Tupper
at the 50th anniversary of North Bayham Church