

THE WARREN TUPPER FARM

The north half of lot 16, concession 10, Bayham, 106 acres, was taken from the Crown by Samuel Livingston. Having performed his settlement duties, he received his patent in August, 1846.



John Baker

Samuel Livingston's daughter, Mary Frances Livingston, married John Nelson Baker of South Dorchester in 1871. Phoebe Smith and Isabel Richardson were the witnesses. They were married by William Richardson of the Corinth Presbyterian Church.

In 1884, Samuel Livingston sold fifty acres, the east part of his farm to John and Jennie McLean. In 1894, his son-in-law, John Baker took over the rest of the farm. John Baker was a jovial man, and he played the violin. In 1901 the Bakers bought back the east fifty acres from John and Jennie McLean and it was registered in the name of their son, Albert Livingston Baker. In 1911 John and Mary Baker deeded their 56 acres to their son also. However Bert Baker turned out to be no farmer. He rented the farm out to different people until at last, in 1942, it was sold for taxes. Misses Ella and Winifred Maddock, who had held the mortgage, then obtained possession of it. They sold it to Warren Tupper, who had been renting the land.

Warren Tupper and Lela were married on June 23, 1934. They lived in the frame house on the George Tupper farm for three or four years. Their two elder sons, Gerald and James were born while they lived there. Then they rented the Baker farm which they later bought, and moved there.



Wayne & James Tupper. Barn in background had just been moved to this farm from the George Tupper farm.

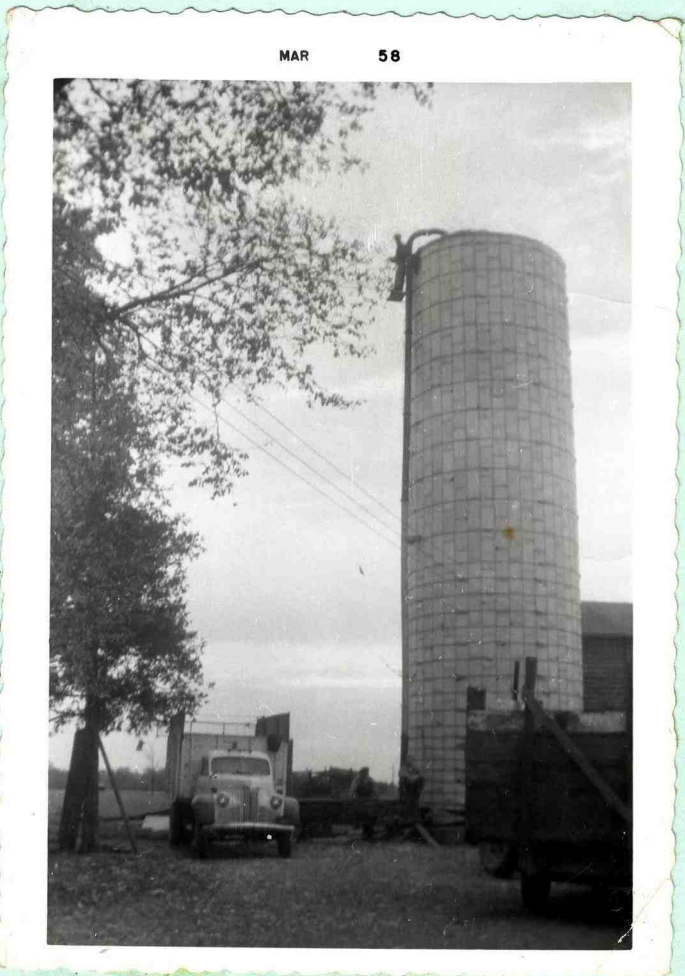
A barn was moved from the George Tupper farm to the Baker farm and remodelled. A frame house on the Baker farm which stood in the little grove of trees east of the present house was moved and added to this main farmhouse.



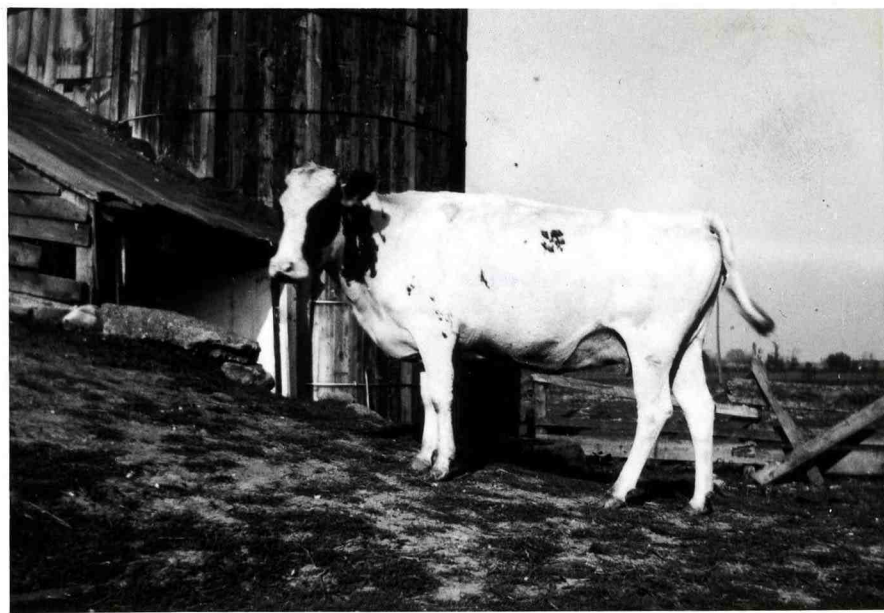
Warren Tupper's house, 1972

The kitchen part of the other house was made into a garage attached to the west of the main farm house and the rest of it was added to the front part of the farmhouse.

When the Tupper family moved to the Baker farm, they installed a telephone at once, but hydro was not yet available. A tractor supplied power for milking and pumping water. The second year after they bought the farm, hydro was installed. About 1958, a fifty foot Kitchener cement slab silo was built. About 1961, a new milk house was built and a bulk tank and pipeline milker were installed.

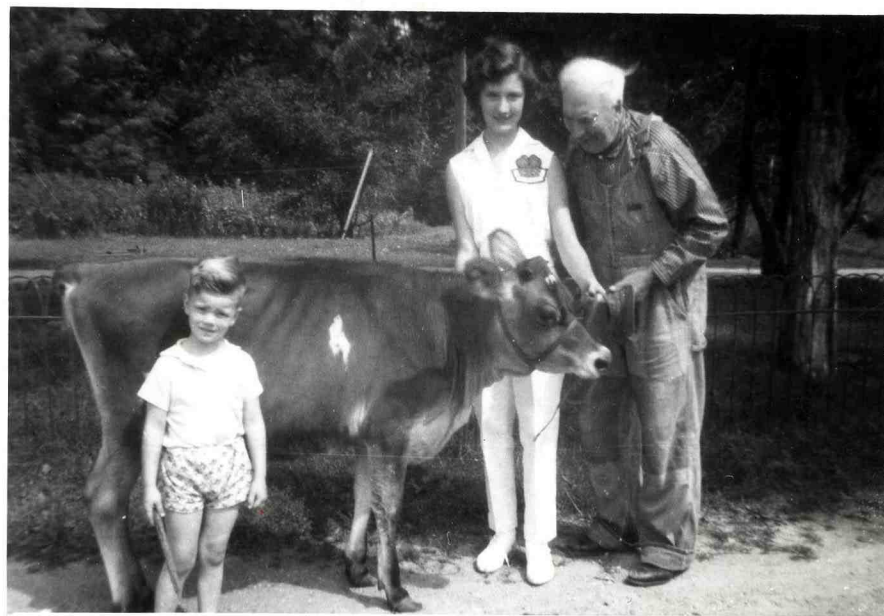


Warren Tupper at top of new silo



First Purebred Ayrshire Cow

Dairying has always been the main business of farm. Warren first started with purebred Ayrshires. When Gerald was married and moved to Burgessville he took the Ayrshire herd and Warren replaced them with Jerseys.



Melvin, Betty Tupper and their grandfather George Tupper with Betty's 4-H Jersey calf

About 1966 he started to buy Brown Swiss cattle and in 1971 he started into Holsteins. Now, in 1972, he has twelve Jerseys, eight Holsteins and sixty-six Brown Swiss. About 1966 Warren began buying little pigs to raise for market. In 1970, he started keeping sows, also, and at present has about five hundred hogs.

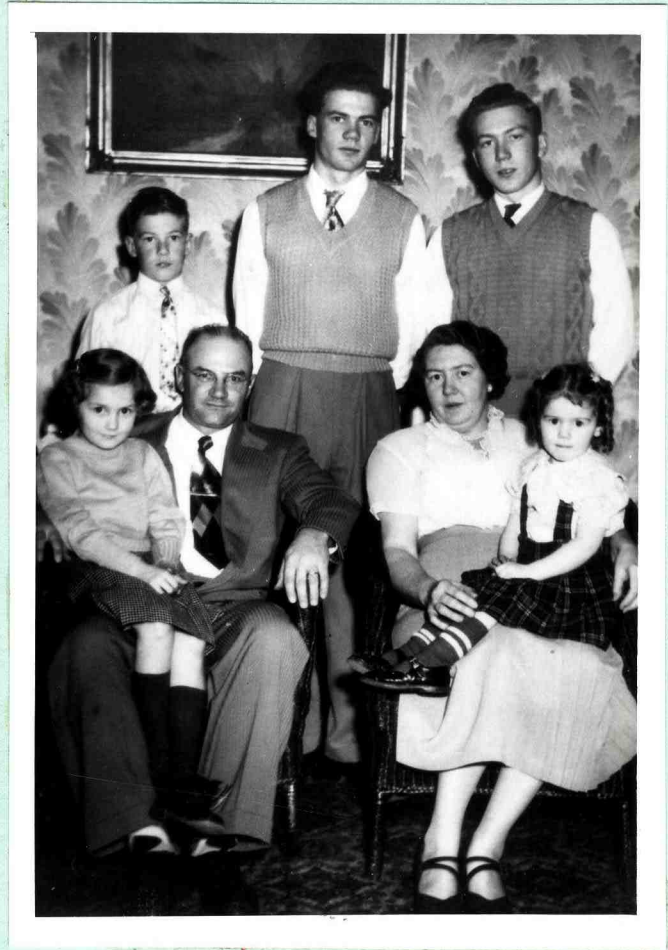


Warren Tupper in front of milkhouse & barn



Buildings on Warren Tupper's farm
1972

Warren and Lela Tupper have four sons, Gerald, James, Wayne, and Melvin, and two daughters, Betty and Bonnie.



Back Row: Wayne, Gerald, Jim
Front Row: Betty, Warren, Lela, Bonnie
Absent: Melvin

Children of Warren and Lela Tupper

Gerald Willard Tupper & his wife Ella Margaret Nunn, Married on Oct. 16, 1954, have four children Ella Rose, Gerald Steven, Katherine Star, Diana Lynn. They live at R.R. 1 Burgessville and he works as Foreman at Timberlins in Woodstock.

James William Tupper and his wife Irene Betty Safranka. Married Nov. 17, 1956 have three children Julie Annette, Karen Irene, James. Best. They live on Lot 20 & 21 Concession 11, R.R. 3 Tillsonburg.

Wayne Emery Tupper and his wife Mary Lee Gregg. Married March 24, 1962 have three children Cindy Lee, Kathie Bell, Candy Lynn. They live on Lot 20 & 21, Concession 11 R. R. 3, Tillsonburg.

Betty Yvonne Tupper and her husband William Richard Douglas. Married Sept. 18, 1964 have two sons James Richard and Mickel William. They live at 744 Oakdale Dr., Sarnia Ont.

Bonnie Rosalie Tupper lives at home at R.R. 3, Tillsonburg.

Melvin Warren Tupper lives at home at R.R. 3, Tillsonburg.

Lorna Doreen a Foster daughter married March 26, 1954 to James Edward Hale has one son, Jasen Edward. They live at 453 Spencer St., Woodstock, Ont.

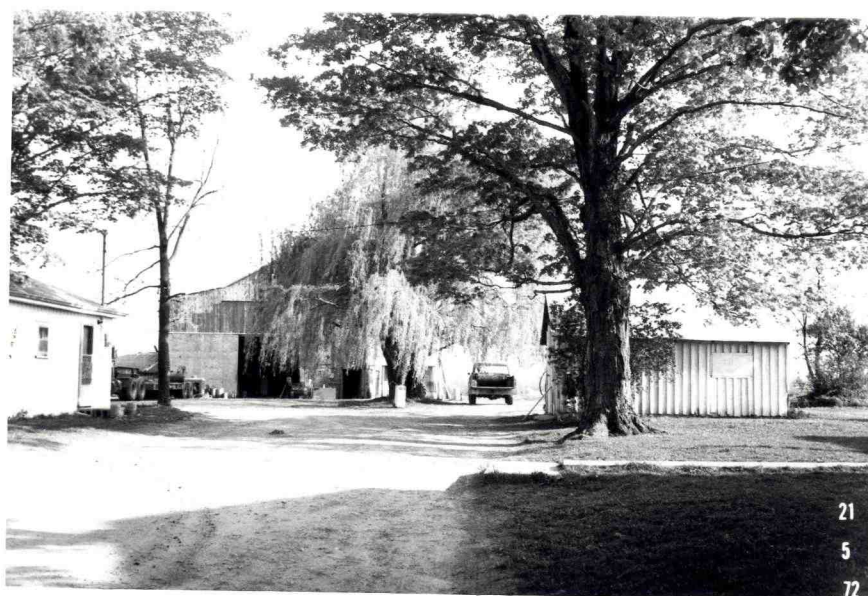
THE GOODHAND FARM

In October 1823, lot 14, Concession 10, consisting of two hundred acres was deeded from the Crown to Hiram McDonell. In 1831 McDonell sold the south half to John A. Bowlby. In 1858 John Bowlby left the farm to his daughter Martha Ann who was the wife of Colonel Andrew Dobbie. They had been married in 1828, and some time before that Colonel Dobbie had obtained from the Crown the two hundred acres of Lot 15, Concession 10, although his deed to the land was not registered until 1841. Thus, when they acquired the south half of lot 14, Colonel and Mrs. Dobbie owned a three-hundred acre farm. Their son, Thomas W. Dobbie inherited this land on the death of his father. It was this Thomas W. Dobbie who was Reeve of Bayham for several years and was the member of Parliament for East Elgin in the first parliament after Confederation. T.W. Dobbie had only one child, a daughter, who went to Toronto to live. When he died in 1894, he left the farm to his second wife, Mary. In 1909 Mary Dobbie sold the farm to James Hay Goodhand.

In 1934 John B. Goodhand inherited the farm from his father. In January, 1947 Edna Goodhand, John Goodhand's widow, sold 60 acres of the farm to James F. Murray, through the V.L.A. (Veterans' Land Act). Five years later James Murray, who was English, decided to return to England to live and sold the 60 acres to John Ross, who sold it in the same year to Nick Socholotiuk.

Several plots for houses were sold off the main farm in the late 1940's also.

In 1955 Nick Socholotiuk sold the 60 acres to Peter Elkeer and in 1957 Peter Elkeer sold it to Leendert Verkuil. Peter Elkeer had to take back this 60 acre farm and at his death it passed to his son, Gordon Elkeer, who is in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Force. He still owns it in 1972 and has it rented.



SOME PROPERTIES THAT WERE ONCE PART OF THE GOODHAND FARM



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Redvers Conod



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gagnon and their home



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Norm Byerlay



Home of E. Pollock



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Stubbs



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pottelberg

THE JAMES RACE FARM

In 1847 George Dobbie received a deed from the Crown for the 200 acres of Lot 15, Concession 9, Bayham, though he had apparently been living on the land for some years before because he was married in 1825 to Miss Ann Maria Allan of Philadelphia, and they settled on this farm or Lot 14 soon after. They received the deed to the north half of Lot 14 from the Crown in 1852.

George Dobbie and his wife built their first log cabin somewhere near the Otter. Later after the Forge Road was constructed they built a large, low, white-plastered cottage back a long lane from the new road. Mrs. George Dobbie was fond of gardening and their home was noted for its many varieties of fruit and flowers.

In 1865 George Dobbie purchased the north half of Lot 16, Concession 9 from Abiather Joy. It had been obtained from the Crown by Thomas Segrave in 1829, and owned in turn by Daniel Ross, John Blayney and Joab Leach before Abiather Joy owned it. Apparently George Dobbie bought this farm for his son Charles because later that same year it was deeded to Charles Dobbie.

Charles Dobbie inherited the rest of his father's farm and sold the south half of Lot 15 to Ada Ann Burwell in 1896. In 1904 he sold the 300 acres, consisting of the north halves of lots 14, 15 and 16 to James D. Eichenberg, who sold the farm the next year to James W. Howey. It was owned by James W. Howey until his death. He willed it to his daughter Gracena, and her husband, James Race and they received title to it in 1941. They began growing tobacco on part of the farm. However the main crops grown were hay, corn, oats, and other grains. A new house was built nearer to the road and the old house was torn down. Gracena died in December, 1966. The next year the farm was sold to Jeffrey Clarke Phillips. In 1971 it became part of the incorporated farm business of C.D. Phillips Ltd.



New house built by James Race



Old Dobbie house in background

Loretta, Jim Jr, Gracena, Dolores, Judith Nan
Race



Judith Nan in front of old Dobbie house



Back - Loretta, Dolores, Jim Sr., Gracena
Front- Judith Nan, Jim Jr.

The James Race Family