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1902.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B.  
 Backhouse, purpose celebrating  
 the 25th anniversary of their  
 Wedding, at their home on Fri-  
 day, Aug. 29th.

The pleasure of your com-  
 pany is requested.

Dinner will be served at  
 twelve thirty, p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Minard Phelps  
 request the honor of your  
 presence at the marriage of their daughter,

Ida Pauline Meadows,

to

Mr. Frederick Gorvett,

at twelve o'clock noon, on

Tuesday, June the Twenty-third,

nineteen hundred and three,

At their residence, Eden, Ontario.

SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES 1964		WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SYMBOLS		
NEW YEAR'S DAY	WED. JAN. 1	FIRST . . . . . PAPER	FIFTEENTH . . . . . CRYSTAL	CRISTAL
VALENTINE'S DAY	FRI. FEB. 14	SECOND . . . . . COTTON	TWENTIETH . . . . . CHIN	CHIN
ST. PATRICK'S DAY	TUES. MAR. 17	THIRD . . . . . LEATHER	TWENTY-FIFTH . . . . . SILVER	SILVER
EASTER	SUN. MAR. 29	FOURTH . . . . . FRUIT, FLOWERS	THIRTIETH . . . . . PEARL	PEARL
MOTHER'S DAY	SUN. MAY 10	FIFTH . . . . . WOODEN	THIRTY-FIFTH . . . . . CORAL	CORAL
VICTORIA DAY	MON. MAY 18	SIXTH . . . . . SUGAR, CANDY	FORTIETH . . . . . RUBY	RUBY
FATHER'S DAY	SUN. JUNE 21	SEVENTH . . . . . WOOL	FORTY-FIFTH . . . . . SAPPHIRE	SAPPHIRE
DOMINION DAY	WED. JULY 1	EIGHTH . . . . . POTTERY	FIFTIETH . . . . . GOLDEN	GOLDEN
LABOUR DAY	MON. SEPT. 7	NINTH . . . . . WILLOW	FIFTY-FIFTH . . . . . EMERALD	EMERALD
JEWISH NEW YEAR	MON. SEPT. 7	TENTH . . . . . TIN	SIXTIETH . . . . . DIAMOND	DIAMOND
THANKSGIVING	MON. OCT. 12		SEVENTY-FIFTH . . . . . DIAMOND	
ILLOWE'EN	SAT. OCT. 31			
ANUKAH	MON. NOV. 30			
MAS DAY	FRI. DEC. 25			
MONTH		FLOWER	BIRTHSTONE	
JANUARY . . . . .	CARNATION . . . . .	GARNET . . . . .		
FEBRUARY . . . . .	VIOLET . . . . .	AMETHYST . . . . .		
MARCH . . . . .	JONQUIL . . . . .	AQUAMARINE . . . . .		
APRIL . . . . .	SWEET PEA . . . . .	DIAMOND . . . . .		
MAY . . . . .	LILY OF THE VALLEY . . . . .	EMERALD . . . . .		
JUNE . . . . .	ROSE . . . . .	PEARL . . . . .		
JULY . . . . .	LARKSPUR . . . . .	RUBY . . . . .		
AUGUST . . . . .	GLADIOLUS . . . . .	PERIDOT . . . . .		
SEPTEMBER . . . . .	ASTER . . . . .	SAPPHIRE . . . . .		
OCTOBER . . . . .	CALENDULA . . . . .	OPAL . . . . .		
NOVEMBER . . . . .	CHRYSANTHEMUM . . . . .	TOPAZ . . . . .		
DECEMBER . . . . .	NARCISSUS . . . . .	TURQUOISE . . . . .		

Mr. & Mrs.  
Harvey Caswell.



The Caswell Family History.

As far back as we can trace the family's history, the first ancestor to settle in Canada was Daniel Caswell and his wife Betsy, who came to Elgin County from the Mohawk Valley and originally from Holland descent.

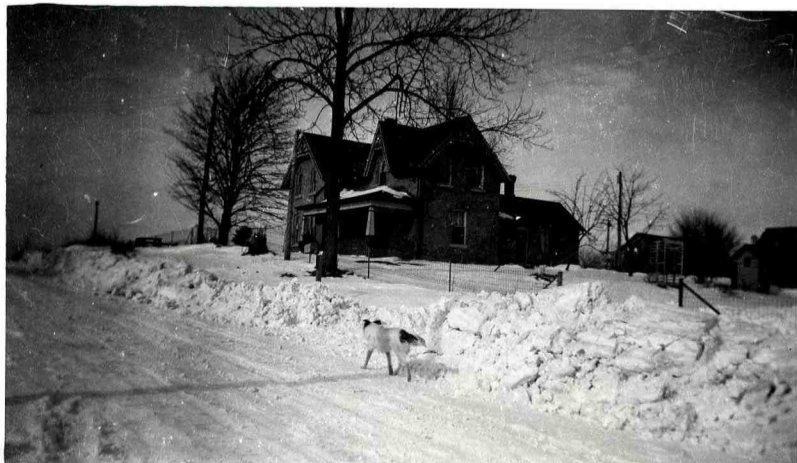
Tradition has preserved the story that the old gun and bayonet, now in possession of the Caswell Estate, belonged to Daniel Caswell who acquired it by teaming supplies during the War of 1812, which would also account for his settling in Bayham.

A search of the Archives, Toronto, reveals Crown Land was granted to a Caswell whose first name is definitely misspelled but believed to be Daniel as early as 1828 and 1835 and through the course of years he added to this so that he owned Lots 16, 17, 20 & 21 Con. 8, Bayham Tp.

He died Oct. 10, 1860 leaving a family which included Seth and Warren who remained bachelors all their lives, Andrew, the great-grand-father of Wilford Burwell, Maranda (Mrs. Chas. (Boodle) Hubbard) Sybil (Mrs. John Pygall) and Harvey Caswell who was born March 5, 1829.

In 1865 Harvey sold the timber off Lot 19, Con. 8, to Andrew & Alfred Patton and Chas. Draselle, Lumber Merchants, Vienna, for \$ 1200.00. Then, in the same year, on Dec. 30, 1865 he bought a farm, S $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 18, Con. 9, (the present home of the Caswell descendants.) for \$ 1400.00 from Edwin Gray. This farm now 94 years later (in 1959) is still occupied by his descendants. Having purchased the farm in Dec. he married Jane Stillwell, the daughter of another pioneer family, on Jan. 10, 1866. He was 37 yrs. old and she was 32. She was born in New Brunswick, May 26, 1834. To this union was born one only child, Ira, born Nov. 15, 1873. When he was about 12 years old the brick house was built which would be about the year 1885 or about 74 years ago.

The Crown Deed was granted to Sidney Webb May 15, 1848 and early papers still in the possession of the Estate show quite a struggle had been experienced with mortgages at 12% and the sale of the farm to Chas. Allen Price, a carpenter of Straffordville in 1865 for \$ 500.00 then to Edwin Gray who paid up the mortgages and sold free and clear to Harvey Caswell all in the year 1865.





*Tom Vaichun (grower 11 yrs.) Nelson Castien (cureman 6 yrs.)*

Ira Caswell was married to Agnes Backhouse, his next door neighbor, Dec. 15, 1897 and continued to operate his father's farm as a dairy business as all farms in the community were then, until about 1937 the growing of tobacco was still young, he obtained 27 acres rights from the Marketing Board and built buildings and equipped the farm with machinery for both dairy and tobacco growing.

In 1865 the Taxes were \$6.38, In 1937- \$77.95, In 1942- \$112.00  
In 1948- \$157.32, In 1950- \$ 188.14, and in 1959- \$386.74

Ira Caswell suffered a stroke in Jan. 1950 and died Jan. 22, 1951 at the age of 79 years. To them had been born one only child, Blake March 18, 1899, who died April 28, 1957. He was married to Jessie Herron, Courtland, Ont. on Good Friday April 11, 1941. They became the parents of Kenneth Lloyd (Ted) and Marjorie Elaine (Marie who later became Mrs. Albert Schulz. Ted married Shirley McQuiggan, Calton Dec. 15, 1956 and to this union was born Kenneth Blake Sept. 15, 1957 presently called Kenney. Marie married Albert Schulz, July 28, 1957 and have one little girl, Esther Marie.

Blake's widow operates the farm as Administratrix of the Caswell Estate and Mrs. Ira Caswell (Blake's mother) is still in pretty fair health at the age of 88 and also resides on the farm.

There's no point in tracing your ancestry if you don't even know where your kids were last night.



*AGNES IRA*



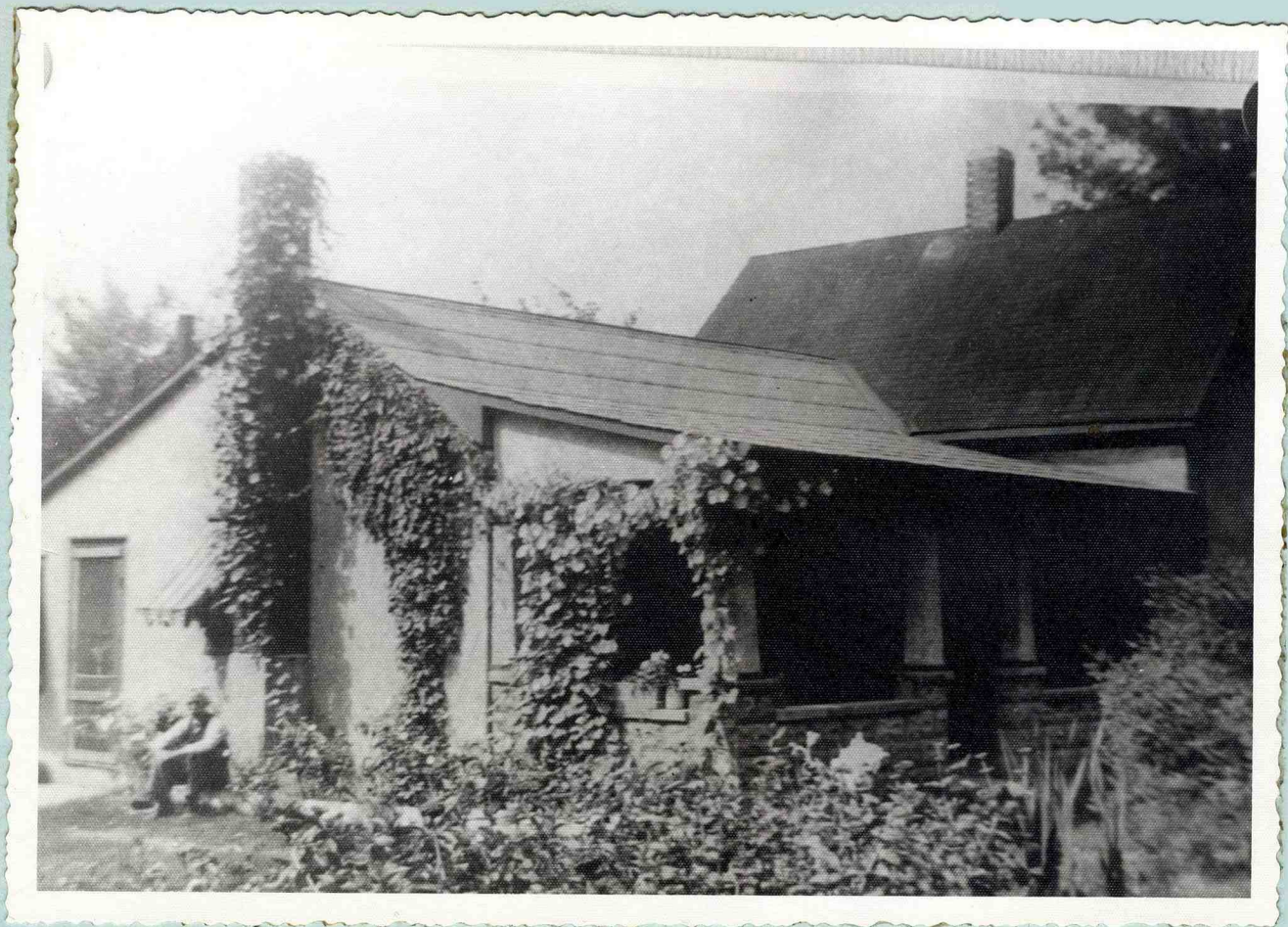
*Kenneth*



*Esther*



*BLAKE JESSIE*



Mrs. & Mrs. Fred Chandler.



Daughter Minnie Mae  
died 1965.



FRED CHANDLER & FAMILY.

(Contributed by  
Miss Catharine Mc Dowell )

William Chandler (father of Fred) came as a young man from England to Paris, Ont. or Upper Canada. He was married to Susan Shrubsole, Lakeside, Ont who eloped with him by rowing across the river to John Chandler's home. They came to the Walter Weeks farm, north of Eden which may have been called Manchester at that time, where they lived for 13 years.

Fred was born there May 17, 1870. They lived in a log shanty 12 x 12 ft. which had a hole cut 2 ft. long for a window with no glass. A lumber door with latch of wood with a stringthrough the door. Lumber laid on the ground for a floor and...believe it or not... it was plastered inside and out with fresh cow-manure. A far cry from the beautiful structures we call our homes today. However these were among the experiences of our early pioneers.

In 1896, Fred was married to Alma Jones who was born in 1874 and died March 8, 1948. To this union were born, Minnie May July 28, 1896 and died Oct. 8, 1965 and Beulah Grass, wife of George Grass who was born in 1898 and died March 19, 1955.

Mrs. Chandler was the daughter of Michael Jones. Alfred and George were her brothers. They lived at the top of the west hill (known a few years ago as the Ed. Kethabaw house. Alf. Jones kept the Post-Office here where Harold Chrysler's live today. Mrs. Alf. Jones photo is with the Stillwell genealogy, in this book as she was the daughter of Isaac Stillwell. She continued to keep Post-Office for some years following the death of her husband who met with a fatal accident when he fell from the roof of Chris Reader's barn while shingling. He had the misfortune to break most of the bones in his whole body and died about 2 weeks later. He was a member of the Methodist church choir of which Julia Allemand was the organist and choir leader. George Jones and Edna Delaney, Courtland, Ont. were the "Attendants" at the wedding of Walter McDowell and Anna Adams, Courtland, Ont.

Now "The Fred Chandler "farm- Lot 20 Con. 8 Bayham Township Elgin Co. was purchased from the Crown by the Canada Co. in 1841 To the west of the farm there was a side-road which through the years has been closed. The house and barn originally were south on this side-road. It was a plank house, hand hewn with two rooms and the barn was about 30 x 50 ft. These buildings were moved to their present position and it is thought they could have been about 80 yrs. old. The farm contained 50 acres- 20 acres of wood and blow-sand. It was bought for \$700.00 with a down payment of \$14.00 & \$20.00 per month payable to the Wm. Wilson Estate.

Improvements were added which include:- A well 70 ft. with a point to take the place of hauling water from a spring on the creek in the gully on the farm with a horse and stone-boat.

They used to cool the milk over Sunday in this spring. The remains of the box is still back there. a bathroom came in later years along with electricity and telephone Buildings were added-a drive barn- garage- hog-pen -hen-house and shed. In 1924 the barn was put on a cement foundation. During the World War 1 the house had been made into kitchen bath, 3 bedrooms and living room and dining room. In 1917, Alexander McKie and George Jones helped with additions to the house.

An orchard of apples and peaches was grafted in 1940. Mr. Chandler grafted 45 fruit trees himself, mostly peaches.

Reforestation- 200 red and Jack Pines were planted in all the gullies and part of the woods. 100 or more Maples were set like a park. These he got from the Wilson Burwell woods in Goshen. Maples along the front of the farm were set out about 55 years ago some of which are still standing.

Their first live-stock consisted of 2 chickens (cross-bred, possibly wild) 1 horse and 1 cow. However, through the years they established a market for their produce by having regular customers in Tillsonburg for eggs, butter, apples, vegetables and fowl also sold Hickory nuts and Chest-nuts.

They never did run the farm on a very large scale as he was employed elsewhere as noted in a conversation with Mrs. Ira Caswell when they had both reached their golden years of about 85. I (Mrs. Blake Caswell wrote) Fred Chandler remembers when-- The old cemetery on the Ridge Road served both the Methodist and Baptist churches. The Methodist church was on the Ridge road by Offa Davis' farm and the Baptist church by Mrs. Saunders' (now Wayne Shepherd's) East of Eden. The children went barefoot to church. The C.N.R. was put through the year he was born 1870. To skip the two gullies the road ran by the New England Hotel where Bert Kennedy lives and where Len Beaman farmed- the road turned into the Weeks farm. Two wooden bridges were by the yard and mill. Rev. Cripps was the watchman on the bridge before he came to preach. There was no road at this time where #19 Highway now is. Fred Chandler rode over T.L.E.&P rail-road on it's first trip with a load of steel. He was one of the first section men on the line with Barney O'Neil as the other. (over)