

FRED CHANDLER & FAMILY (page 3)

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Jack Spencer was the section boss Isaiah Dougherty was an early store-keeper if not the first. Bob Roberts was the first grave in the present cemetery and Homer Lundy was the last grave in the old cemetery.

He (Fred C.) drew pipe for the dam for the Andrew Caswell mill which later was operated also by John Pygall, Sinden's and Murray Stenabaugh's father. Remains of this mill can still be seen in the yard of Mr. Chas. McDowell who lives near the Otter Creek west of Eden.

In the little 12 ft. square cabin previously mentioned the furniture included such items as a King stove with an oven on top, the fire-box opened at both ends and took 3 ft. wood. A spinning wheel and a cord bed with a straw-tick in place of springs and spring-filled mattresses as we have today. Fred's mother had been used to taking the family laundry down to the river where there was a little lake to do the washing which of course had to be rubbed on her hands and carried home. In her garden which provided a fair share of their living were the simple vegetables e.g. potatoes carrots, cabbage, and onions. They had a cow and a field of corn amongst the stubbs and stumps which provided them with corn-meal mush, buckwheat pancakes beans and their meat was entirely of pork. Cottage cheese, dark sugar (likely the raw brown molasses type) when they didn't use home-made maple sugar, as most families of that day did.

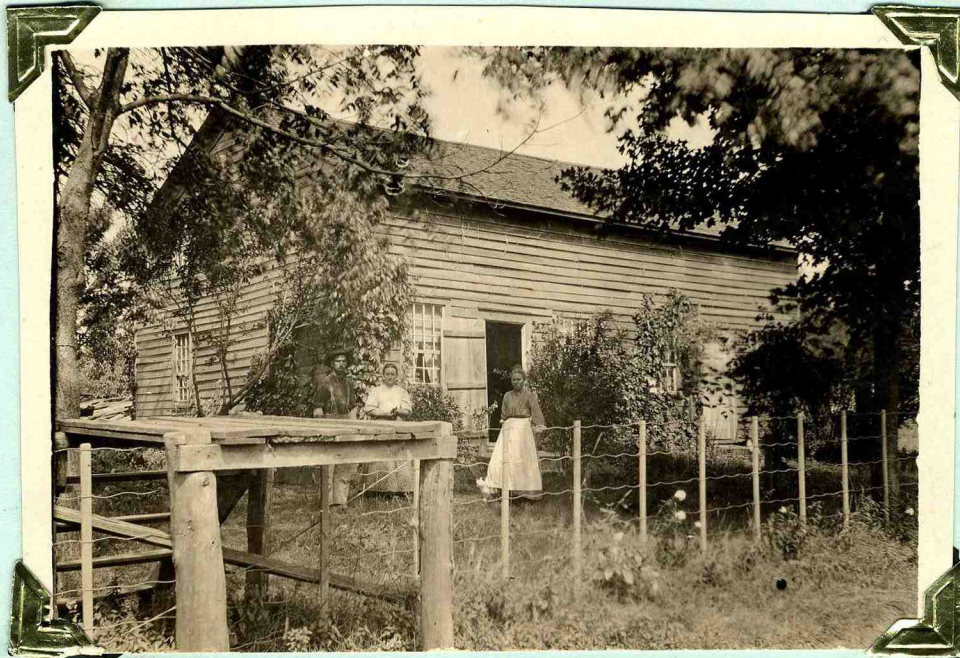
When Fred got on his own farm he is credited with having the first herd of Jersey cows in this area. On the old home place mother and son pulled fox-tail grass for the cow to feed on during the winter. Dresses were made of home-spun flannel and heavy sox hand knit of home-spun wool. Mrs. Min. Phelps made Fred his first suit which had leather on the knees and he wore leather top-boots with copper toes. Wool was bought and made into cloth and clothes were made by hand.

On his own farm, the original timber was cleared off and sold to Jas. Howey in 1917. Walter McDowell got the tops and Minnie and Beulah helped. He carried on dairy and mixed farming raising hay and alfalfa, wheat, corn and oats. (East field yielded 33 bus. per acre. Among the antiques one would expect to find there are old horse-drawn implements and andirons for a fire-place.

In the days before refrigerators and Deep-freezers neighbors Walter Mc Dowell, Stanley Backus, Tom Craven and Russell McDowell cut ice and drew it on sleighs which was packed in saw-dust in an ice-house and used to cool milk and butter etc..

Fred was a Conservative in politics and served as Councilman for Bayham Twp. His name is mentioned among others in a Tillsonburg paper in 1923.

He was also a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M. and of the Canadian Order of Foresters.



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER CHANDLER

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chandler were married November 5, 1905 at Corinth by Rev. Lloyd of the Corinth Methodist Church. They took the train from Corinth to Yale, Michigan, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chandler (Mrs. Chandler was the former Clara Kennedy, sister of the bride).

Mrs. Chandler was the former Ida May Kennedy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kennedy and Mr. Chandler was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler and a brother to Fred Chandler.

The Chandlers returned to take up housekeeping with Mr. Chandler's mother Lot 24, Concession 9 in Bayham Township. Here Mr. Chandler farmed, sending milk to the factory.

Taking Mrs. Wm. Chandler with them they moved to a farm west of Eden (Lot 18, Con. 8 a farm cleared by another pioneer of this community, Albert McDowell). Here they engaged in mixed farming. Their neighbours to the east was the family of Walter McDowell, youngest son of Albert.

Giving up farming, the next move for a few months, was to a house and lot east of Eden (lot 25 Con. 8). This place was sold to Mrs. Sarah Saunders and the Chandlers moved West of Eden again, buying a place, on top of the hill, from Arthur Cornwall. From there, they moved to Eden, Gray St. and them to the house where Mrs. Chandler now lives (April, 1966). This house was lived in for a while by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hodgson and the Chandlers moved back. This house (Lot 22, Con. 9) was built by the Bowes family and was situated on a road, now closed, which went from the 'Fred Bowes' farm through to 'Grover Ketchabaw' farm. The building was moved to Eden by Mrs. Archie Kennedy for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy and family to live in.

Mr. Chandler worked for J. Harley Howey for some years but was forced to give up truck driving when his left eye was injured so badly that it had to be removed. He, then, took up salesmanship for Rankin Tea. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler were caretakers of the Eden Public School for a number of years.

Mrs. Chandler is never idle as she has a hobby of quilt and rug making. Mr. Chandler loved to fix old clocks and the house now has the pleasant sound of "The Collection" tick-tocking the minutes away.

In 1955 the couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary very quietly. They never mentioned the occasion. Mr. Chandler was not well and he passed away Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1956 in Tillsonburg Hospital and was buried in Eden Cemetery, Sept. 8. He was born Aug. 3, 1883.

THE BURWELL FAMILY.

Among the pioneers of Eden district was Joseph Norton. He was born in Boston Mass. and came as a young man, after the death of his parents, to these parts and lived with the Dobie's for some time. From them, he bought land which he cleared and built up into the old homestead on which his great-grandson Wilford Burwell now resides, west of Eden about 2 miles.

He married a young Highland Scottish maiden named Mary Younglove who was at Simcoe. He, taking among other provisions for the journey, bread baked by Mrs. Dobie and going by ox-team and sled down the Talbot road which had been surveyed out by Col. Thomas Talbot and Col. Mahlon Burwell. He brought his bride back to this farm home and farmed successfully for many years. He died in 1895, at the age of 90 being pre-deceased by his wife in 1888.

The couple had two daughters, Melissa Jane and Ada Ann. Melissa married William David Stilwell. To this union were born four children, Joseph Norton Stilwell, Mary Helen, Agnes and Rachel. The first two died very young. Agnes married Charles Moore and Rachael died suddenly and was buried on her 18th birthday.

Across the road from the Norton's lived Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston the latter nee-Maria Burwell whose brother Hercules while visiting them, became acquainted with Ada Ann Norton. and in course of time the two married, he being the son of Lewis Mahlon Burwell and Levonia Williams, sister of the Thomas Williams who founded the Thomas Williams Home in St. Thomas. Lewis Mahlon was first cousin to the above mentioned Col. Mahlon Burwell.

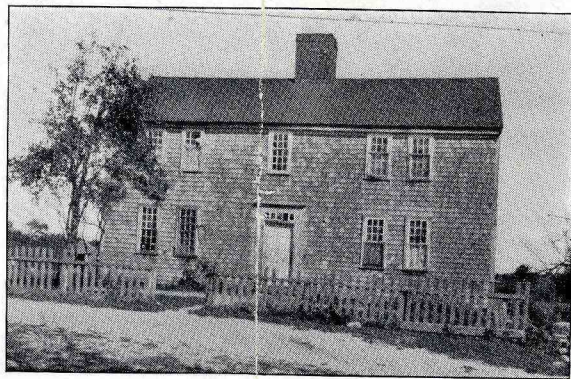
To Hercules and Ada were born James Silas, Ada Larreau, Levonia (Mrs. Chancy Clark), Lewis Mahlon, Charles Hercules, Merritt Lee, Frederick William (Wilford's father) Wilson Gadfield, Peter Dwight and a baby not named. Ada Larreau, Lewis Mahlon and the baby died very young.

Their parents settled on a farm about a mile west of Eden, in fact next farm west of the Fred Chandler place. They cleared it and built buildings and set out fruit trees, making it into a nice, comfortable home. Then when the great epidemic of influenza swept the country in 1890 he died of Pneumonia on Feb. 14th at the age of 41 leaving his wife with five young children to raise alone. This she faithfully did, and when the boys were grown they decided to move the buildings out to the front of the place. They had been back on the side-road before, and the place never looked so homey afterward. Their mother died from Diabetes in July 1912, in her 64th year. This family of 8 children are now all passed on.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston lived many years on the farm across from the Norton's or where Grover Ketchabaw lives now. The sold it to Silas Burwell, who was then a young man. They moved to Fingal where Mr. Johnston died. Then Mrs. Johnston came back to Eden again and lived with her daughter Mrs. Charles Allemand, south of Eden, until her death in her 103rd year.

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TUPPER HOUSE, SANDWICH, MASS. ERECTED 1637
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THOMAS first of the name in America. Came 1637.
 THOMAS ONLY SON of the above. married Martha Mayhew.
 ELIAKIM sixth son of Thomas (2) married Joanna Gibbs.

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| ELIAKIM B. 1711 | ELIAS B. 1715 | Brothers → | NATHANIEL B. 1726. |
| | M. Jerusha Sprague | | WILLIAM |
| CHARLES Ist Cousins → | ELIAS M. Rachel Porter | | |
| REV. CHARLES II Cousins | ELIAS M. Ann Beckswith | | WILLIAM RILEY. |
| SIR CHARLES III | JEREMIAH Matilda Pettit | | FRANCIS W. |
| SIR HIBBERT IIII | SARAH JANE John Albert Graham | | FRANKLIN W. OF Hollywood. |

Eliakim and Elias, eldest sons of Eliakim (3), with their families removed from Lebanon, Conn. to Cornwallis N.S. in 1760.

SANDWICH Mass., and the PIONEER HOMESTEAD.

Thomas Tupper first left England, the land of his forefathers about 1621. There is a tradition among the Tupper's of Guernsey, England that their ancestors emigrated from Hesse-Cassel, Germany and settled in England previous to 1522. However, somewhat more recent research makes it appear that the Tupper's have had a continuous residence in Sussex, England for more than 800 years. It is said that an old Tupper House in Sussex displays over a mantel-piece a Tupper Coat-of-Arms.

In the days of the early 17th century, it took courage and nerve to cross the wide expanse of ocean in what we now consider frail ships, and to withstand for many weeks the precarious riding of the sea before he landed on New England shores.

It was not his first trip across the Atlantic when Thomas Tupper, "of substantial stature and rather extraordinary figure" landed in Boston, Mass. on the Abigail in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, October 8, 1635 and records indicate that he settled in Saugus, Mass. (Later that part of Saugus became Lynn.)

Mr. Edmund Freeman also had come over from England on the ship Abigail. He had lived in Saugus in 1635, in Duxbury in 1637 and with his nine associates-which included Thomas Tupper were admitted as freeman at Plymouth. To become a freeman, church membership was a requisite. As a freeman one could vote in the corporation or the governing body of a colony. Although the colony was a voluntary association ruled by the majority, the power of the Church was in effect superior to civil power. The trip down was really a march. Since there were no roads, these homeseekers followed an old Indian trail. Women and children rode horses. Men and sturdy boys walked and herded their cattle on the way. That journey through virgin forest was an endurance test. Weary but charged with hope, the little company finally reached their destination.

In the Sandwich Town Hall, a placque can be seen setting forth the names of these ten men. Coming over on the same boat with Thomas Tupper was a 15-year old boy, Benjamin Nye and who accompanied these ten men.

On October 19, 1640, the formal ties between the Nyes and the Tupper's were strengthened by the marriage of Katherine Tupper the elder daughter of Thomas Tupper by a previous marriage in England, to Benjamin Nye. Her half-brother Thomas Tupper (2) married Martha Mayhew, the daughter of an Island Governor and after five years of marriage became a wealthy heiress.

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During the troubled years of 1655 to 1658, the Church in Sandwich was split by internal dissention. Certain objectors of Church rule over civic law turned some to worship with the Quakers later known as the Society of Friends. Following the departure of Mr. Leveridge, Thomas Tupper (2) and his sons, of whom there were six, was turned to missionary work among the Indians. He established a Church near Herring River and for several generations this church was supplied by a succession of ministers by the name of Tupper. In the succeeding generations the Tupper Family has furnished many notable characters in all walks of life and has spread to all parts of North America.

Since the first Thomas had only one son, Thomas (2), each and every one of the very large family of Tupper relatives ⁽²³²⁸⁾ derives his life from one of the six sons of this Thomas of the second generation and his wealthy wife Martha (Mayhew) viz: Thomas (3) Israel, Ichabod, Eldad, Medad, and Eliakim. It was the tribe of Eliakim that found it's way to Nova Scotia in 1760 producing on that far Northern soil a century later, the famous premier, Conservative Premier of Canada, SIR CHARLES TUPPER who had just won in these days of Confederation a well-deserved baronetcy, perhaps the greatest man of all the name.

He was the sixth Prime Minister of Canada, serving a short term from May 1, 1896 to July 8, 1896 having been preceded by Sir Mackenzie Bowell Dec. 21, 1894 to April 27, 1896 and followed by Sir Wilfred Laurier July 11, 1896 to Oct. 6, 1911.

Mrs. George Walter (Helen) Norman of Vienna, Ont. who has supplied the information for this genealogy is a grand-daughter of Jeremiah who was married to Matilda Pettit and whose daughter Sarah Jane Tupper married John Albert Graham were the parents of Mrs. Norman. Also her sister Mrs. E. Kiddell, 52 Elmwood Road, Oakville, Ont. and two brothers, Fred Graham, Thamesford, Ont. and Welby Graham Mattawa, New Ontario. She has four sons and three daughters viz: James, Neil, Robert and Chas, Corinth, Ont. Mrs. Eva Williams, Fairground, Mrs. Edna Williams, Detroit, and Mrs. Doris Robbins, Fairground, Ont.

The family of Mrs. Geo. Tupper, Elgin County Manor, St. Thomas, Ont. are also direct descendants. Mrs. Bruce Ball, Brownsville, Mrs. Chas Irwin, Sweaburg, and Warren Tupper North Bayham.

The headquarters of The Tupper Family Association of America Inc. is: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 9 Ashburton Place. Boston. Massachusetts.

The following books are available.....

- 1- Frederick Freeman "The History of Cape Cod, The Annals of Barnstable County and of it's Several Towns, Rand and Avery 1858- Volume 1.
- 2- Tercentenary Dedicatory Volume of the Tupper Family Association of America Incorporated 1921.
- 3- Thomas Tupper and his Descendants, Franklin W. Tupper published by Tupper Family Association of America Inc., 1945.