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MR. & MRS. HANS ANDERSON.

Lot 25, Con. 8, Bayham containing $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, was purchased by Wm. Roloson in 1918 and by Frank Porter in 1954 then by Hans Anderson in 1957. Taxes in 1960 were \$43.00. (Around \$150.00 in 1965)

A well had been drilled in 1955 and a Pressure system was added in 1959. A garage and back kitchen were also added in 1955. The telephone was installed in 1957 all adding up to provide a comfortable home for themselves and a family of six children. Then soon after a bath-room had been added not only the family but the whole community was shocked to learn that FIRE had destroyed it all leaving the family homeless on June 22, 1963. However, with no doubt considerable effort, a fine new home took it's place and things were progressing favorably when on a pleasant afternoon Aug. 15, 1965 Robert Norman aged 10 years lost his young life in Lake Erie. This, of course, was a drastic experience for the family. However being a Christian family one must take the bitter with the sweet and carry on.

Early ancestors of Mrs. Anderson were Pennsylvania Dutch and through the years their Church connexion was with the Methodist denomination which later became part of the United Church of Canada.

Bessie Gale was the first white child born in Muskoka. David Foreman's wife (like many many other ladies of her day) smoked a clay pipe but ... it was not so common she also chewed plug tobacco. In 1897 the price of butter was 16¢ lb. and eggs were 12¢ per dozen.

In 1898 a forest fire did considerable damage in New Leaskard and Haileybury burned later. Severe weather in 1905 was the cause of Wilford Foreman becoming stranded on Lake Temiskaming in Quebec. In 1944 he rowed across the same lake.

At New Leaskard the weather in 1908 was 50 degrees below zero for two weeks. It was necessary to walk $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to school down river. Wolves were so bad they had to close the school.

These are just a few of the experiences of the early settlers. We have mentioned Bessie Gale born 1870 - 1960 married John W. Foreman 1860-1920. To this union were born:

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| Bessie 1907 | Married Reg. Walker | Abi Fluelling | Married Elias Malcolm |
| Marie 1910 | " Harvey Goodhand | Their children were: | |
| Olive 1895 | " Harry Allen & John Simpson | Louise 1871 | Married Elias Palmer |
| Norman 1897 | " Vera Scott | Elias D. 1898 | Their family were: |
| Wesley 1891 | ... Died young 1900? | Grace 1900 | Bessie Urcell 1896 |
| Wilford 1893 | " <u>Bessie Urcell Palmer</u> | Malcolm 1901 | |
| | | Della 1906 | |
| | | Marie 1909 | |

Born

Bessie Urcell Palmer Married Wilford Foreman 1893.

Their children were:

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| Irene Berniece 1918 | " Hans Anderson 1947. who |
| Harold W. 1920 | Their family are: |
| John R. 1923 | Charles Edward 1948 |
| Wilford 1934 | Linda Berniece 1950 |
| | Nancy Marie 1952 |
| | Bonnie Jean 1954 |
| | Robert Norman 1955 |
| | Jenny Patricia 1957 |

came from Norway. His father was lost at Sea before Hans birth. His mother also raised three daughters and another son. He was able to visit them in Norway in 1962.

It took Jenny Stizacre (or Stizoker) seven weeks to come from England but she married David Palmer and their family were:

Albert
Allie (Mrs. White of Drayton)
Neva (Also a Mrs. White of Drayton)
Harry
Oliver
Elias - who married Louise Malcolm and was Mrs. Anderson's grand-mother.

Harold Foreman Married Jean Morgan in 1942

Their children are:

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| Elsie 1943 | married Fewster 1960 |
| Donna 1947 | Christopher born 1965 |
| Louise 1948 | |
| Betty 1949 | |

John R. Foreman Married Marjorie Moorehead 1953

Their children are:

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| Gregory 1954 |
| Brent 1956 |
| Lisa 1957 |

Thus the families of the first Muskoka white child grew. Bessie Gale Foreman White Hancock was the ancestral mother of them all

Wilford Foreman married Shirley Clark 1957

Their children are:

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| Sandra 1959 |
| Andria 1961 |

THE HOWEY FAMILY HISTORY.

(Copied from the Elgin Co. Atlas 1877)

If on the way from Straffordville to Eden, you turn off the Plank Road near a little white church and drive east a few rods, you come to the well cultivated farm and well kept residence of Samuel Howie, Esq. Mr. Howie is now 86 years old, (this was in 1877) is kind courteous, and clear-headed, was married in 1815 and in 1817 came alone to the farm where he now lives. Came alone, because there was no shape of a human habitation upon it and with husband-like devotion, he commenced work with his own hands to put up a comfortable cabin before inviting his wife who was with friends near Niagara, to share his forest home.

For several weeks while building the cabin, his lodging-place was under a pine-root where he extemporized a bed of pine shavings. He slept soundly although there were many wolves and bears in the region. He killed many of these animals and described them as being very fond of mutton and pork. His first taste of bread from genuine flour was obtained by balancing two bushels of wheat across his ox-yoke and thus getting it with the help of his oxen to Jesse Smith's mill on Teal's Creek, a small stream near Vienna. The gullies were so steep that a load could not be drawn upon a wagon or sled. In reply to the question how he ground his grain before this "jammed it", said he, with a gesture that brought at once to mind the Stump-mill as described by Adoniram Davis, Esq.

Mr. Howie obtained his land of Colonel Talbot, helped to establish a school in the neighborhood in 1830 and has settled five sons on good farms near his own.

He served in the War of 1812 and gives a very graphic and accurate description of the Battle of Queenston Heights and the burials of Generals Brock and Macdonald.

The interview with Mr. Howie was an encouraging one to the writer of these notes.

GENUINE SECOND CLASS TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE. 1866.

Second Class.



Grade A.

This is to Certify, that *Nicholas Hillwell* of the *Protestant* Faith, having applied to the BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION for the County of Elgin, for a CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION, to teach a Common School, and having produced satisfactory proof of good moral character," the BOARD has carefully examined *him* in the several Branches of Study enumerated in the Qualifications of "SECOND CLASS TEACHERS," contained in the "PROGRAMME OF THE EXAMINATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF TEACHERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS, PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR UPPER CANADA," adopted the 3rd day of October, 1850; and having found the said *Nicholas Hillwell* well qualified to teach the several Branches therein named, the BOARD, as authorized by the 15th Section of the Act, 13th and 14th Victoria, Chap. 48, hereby licenses *him* to teach any Common School within the County.

This Certificate of Qualification, to remain in force *Three years.*

Dated this *35th* day of *June* 186*6*

C. Sheppard Local Superintendent.

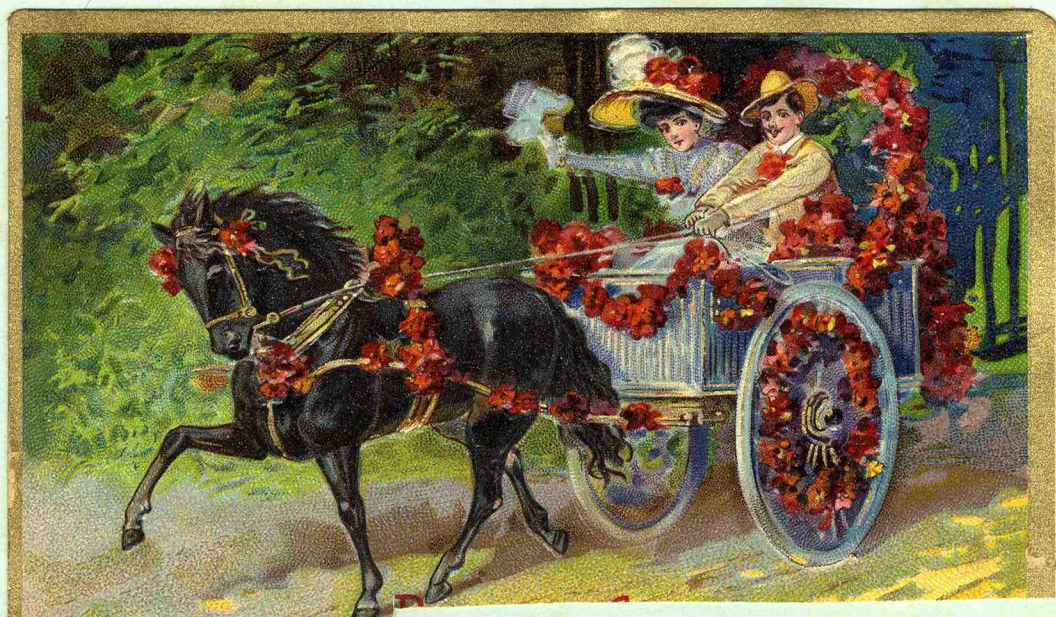
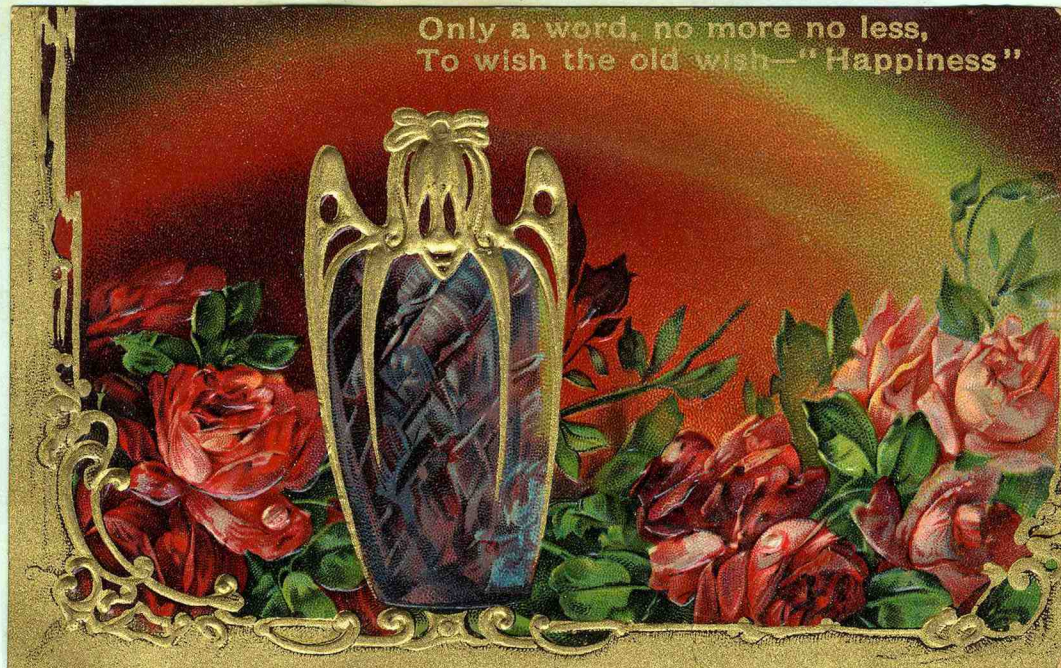
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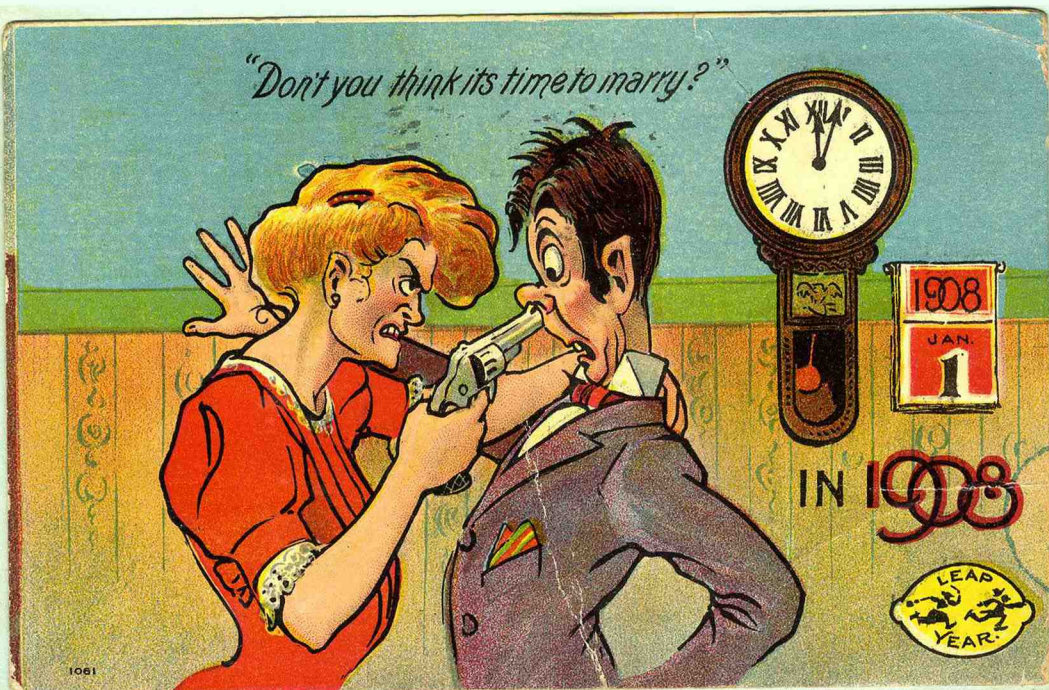
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| Reading, | 4 |
| Spelling, | 1 |
| Writing, | 2 |
| Neatness, | 2 |
| Grammar, | 3 |
| Arithmetic, | 3 |
| Geography, | 6 |
| History, | 3 |
| Book Keeping, | 5 |
| School Organization, | 4 |

The numbers on the margin indicate the proficiency of the Candidate in each branch, on a scale of which one is the highest and nine the lowest degree of merit.

Only a word, no more no less,
To wish the old wish—"Happiness"



"Don't you think its time to marry?"



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MR. & MRS. JAMES BENTLEY

On April 28, 1958, Mr. & Mrs. James Bentley celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married April 28, 1908 by the Rev. J.W. Silcox, Eden Baptist minister, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ulric Bentley. The late Mrs. John Weeks (Miss Lena Smith) Mt. Elgin and Erville Fleming, brother of the bride, were the attendants.

Until six years ago, when he retired Mr. Bentley was a dairy farmer in the Eden vicinity. Mrs. Bentley is still a busy woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley have two children, Mrs. Emery Lilly (Evelyn) of Toronto and Howard of Eden. There are nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

On Sunday, a family dinner was enjoyed by 30 guests at Mil-Mar Manor. Relatives were present from Detroit, Mich., Windsor, Toronto, London, Woodstock, Ingersoll Mt. Elgin, Dereham Centre, Ostrander and Eden.

At their home, 30 Pearl St. Tillsonburg on Monday afternoon and evening, friends and neighbors from Eden as well as Tillsonburg called to offer their congratulations.

The tea table was centred by a beautiful 50-year anniversary cake. It was decorated with gold leaves and yellow roses.

Many lovely gifts and a hundred congratulatory cards were received by the happy couple.

Mr. Bentley was born March 7, 1883, Yarmouth Twp.

died Nov. 15, 1960 Tillsonburg.

married Sarah M. Fleming, April 28, 1908

son of Ulric Bentley and Sarah M. (Stilwell)

He had 1 brother Lewis of Eden

2 sisters Mrs. Alberta Dumeah, Windsor

Mrs. Flossie Chute, Springfield

In 1960 - 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. CARMON BALL

On Wednesday March 14 (1956) Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Ball celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their winter home in Orange Grove Park at Lakeworth, Florida. They were both surprised and delighted to receive over 70 cards and letters of congratulations a wedding cake, flowers, and other gifts from relatives and friends in Florida and Ontario.

On March 14, 1906 Bertha McKim only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKim of North Road Houghton was united in marriage to Carmon Ball son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball of Guysboro at the home of the brides parents. Rev. A. W. Dever of Straffordville performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The wedding March was played by Mrs. Percy Spence of Brantford a sister of the groom. The bridesmaid was Miss Sophia Ball another sister of the groom and bestman was Charles McKim, brother of the bride.

After the wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Ball left for Wisconsin where Mr. Ball was employed as a cheesemaker. Later they returned to the Guysboro district where they were engaged in dairy and tobacco farming until their retirement in 1958. Mr. and Mrs. Ball spend their summers at home in Eden and each winter in Lakeworth Florida.

They have 3 sons, Robert of North Bayham, and Cecil and Mack of Eden and seven grandchildren.



50th
Ella and Wallie
1916 - 1966

MR. AND MRS. WALLIE STILWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Stilwell of Eden were honored at a community celebration Wednesday on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The event was held at the Eden Baptist Church. The couple were married at Eden on February 16, 1916. She was the former Ella Hotchkiss of Guysboro. They farmed near the village until five years ago when they moved into Eden. Pouring tea at the celebration were Mrs. Fred Cousins, Mrs. George Hotchkiss and Mrs. Edith Hotchkiss in the afternoon and Mrs. Max Alton and Mrs. Roy Sinden in the evening. Waitresses were Mrs. Ray Roloson and Mrs. Mack Ball in the afternoon and Mrs. Colin Marr and Mrs. Robert Soper in the evening. Hostesses were Mrs. George Jenkins and Mrs. Hans Anderson. Kitchen helpers included Mrs. Acel Langohr, Mrs. Harry Beaman, Mrs. Charles Cowan, Mrs. George Backus. The tea table was attractively arranged with a silver service, three-tier wedding cake and tapers. Flowers were given by Mrs. Morley Hotchkiss and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Porter and the Eden Ladies' Aid. Gift to the couple from relatives and the community was a hide-a-bed sofa.