

The old village on the Ridge Road:

June 22, 1973 : I have some loose items on people who lived on your old Eden e.g. when it was on your Ridge Road:

Leach: Zebulon d. June 17, 1834 age 63 years b. 1771 His son:
David d. Aug. 11, 1850 age 49 years. I have James, (likely a son of Zebulon) and Mary, his wife who died Jan. 6, 1835 age 82 years- born 1753 - yes, whose wife is she? James may have been the father of Zebulon.

Then there was Nehemiah. I think his first wife is in your Ridge Road cemetery and he and his second wife are in North Middleton. This cemetery wouldn't be too far back of you as the crow flies. Then I have a Joab b. 1805 but no information. They were likely all one family. What I have on these old families has to be compiled by someone who knows the families. Speaking of the Baptist Church that used to be ON THE LEACH FARM - well I think when the first Goshen Church split up and part went down to the present site of the Goshen church and the rest formed the church on the Leach farm. It held 300 people. I should get those old first minutes for that first Goshen church typed up as they contain both Middleton and Goshen names - even people from 'the street.' It took a long time to figure that what that meant - why of course the Talbot Road. I have always heard that the Buchners lived down street - meaning down the Talbot Road.

Beal : Minduit was an early Baptist b. 1803.

Phoebe Leach died 1834 in her 74th year. Settle there in 1823.

Andrew Ostrander d. Apr. 14, 1874. He and his wife Sarah Buchner dau. of Henry Jr. are buried Ridge Road cemetery but stone long since gone. A granddaughter, now since dead, said they built that stone house below Jessie's and they were just inside the cemetery gates. You could get in by going over a stile.

Died Bayham June 2, 1853 Phoebe Leach age. 74. Husband died 19 before settled there 30 years before. (Same as foregoing but gives the time of her husband's death - e.g. in 1834.)

Married:

Jan. 16, 1855 Benjamin Stilwell of Middleton - Eleanor Vincent of Bayham.

Jan. 29, 1855 Clinton Phelps - Mrs. E. Carty both of Bayham.

Dec. 31, 1879 A.N. Gray - Ida Allemand both of Eden.

Mar. 31, 1878 at Eden parsonage - Conrad Johnson - Catharine N. Ecker both of Middleton.

Dec. 29, 1880 Albert Malcolm of S. Norwich, twp. Mary Minerva Nethercott dau. of John, Eden post master.

Sarah Buchner, wife of Andrew Ostrander died May 29, 1883.

She was b. 1802 on Lot 5, Con4., Crowland township.

I wish I knew where James Buchner lived. He had a tavern. His wife was Amy Ostrander, dau. of John Ostrander and Christiana Ostrander. At one time the Ostranders lived on lot 6, Con. 4, Crowland, and that is how three Ostranders married three Buchners. Asa Ostrander married Mary Buchner.

Isn't Martin Hubbard buried in your Ridge Road cemetery? He was born 1799 in the U.S. and he had a saw mill run by water and capital invested \$250. It cut 320,000 feet a year. His wife was Maria b. 1801 and he had George (in 1851) age 19; Henry age 10 and Mary age 13. Likely Alfred Hubbard mentioned on the 1851 census age 26 (B. U.S.) was also a son. His wife was Mary then age 26, and children, Martin 3 and Amanda 1.

1851 Bayham:

William Hatch age 68 b. 1773. Wife: Leah 62 and children: John 21, Margaret 18, Candice 1 and Leah 6 (maybe Candice 11?).

Also Charles Leach age 16, Moses 13 and Zebulon 11. Joab Leach (millowner - b. U.S. Bapt. age 45 and wife Frances age 48 and son Noah 18.

Samuel Howey age 57; wife Rebecca (Buchner, dau. of Henry Jr.?) and children, Martin 22, Margaret 18, Robert 25 (Margaret maybe wife of Martin) Samuel 20, Sarah Ann 17 and Malissa 1 (likely child of Sam and Sarah)

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Robert Kidd b. 1792 d. Jan. 1863 age 71. Wife Nancy born Ireland 1811 died Jan. 31, 1888. Had sons Warren and Martin Kidd.

Cushman: Robert b. 1800 in England and died May 25, 1881 age 80. Wife Jane. b. 1820 in N. S. children: Martha A. 18, Maria age 13, Robert 12, and William J. 4. I think Robert Cushman had a 1st wife Sarah who died 1854 age 30. I have a Maria Cushman b. 1805 died 1848.

David Hatch: in 1871 age 60, wife Ellenor age 58 and children: Ann 33, Levi 28, Isaac 22, David 19 and John 17.

Thomas G. Hatch in 1871 age 30, Mary his wife 24 and child Edwin age 4.

Joseph Hatch in 1871 age 29, wife Miranda 31 and children: Marion 8, Margaret 5, Milton 2.

Levi Hatch age 57 in 1871 and wife Mary Ann 52 and ch. Mary #. 18

Levi Hatch in 1871 age 26, wife Mary J. 26 and children: Allen E. 4, Matton 2, and George Irvin 8 mo. born in May.

(Merton)

Albert McDowell age 30 wife Maria 31 and children Mary 8, Alice Jane 5, William James 2.

John Howey in 1871 age 30, wife Maria age 28, children Jeremiah 13 and Sam 4.

Samuel Howey in 1871 age 80 b. U.S. living with Samuel Jr. age 36, wife Mary 26, Arthur 7, Charles 5, Henry 3 and Mary Ann 3 months,

Henry Howey age 50, wife Phebe A. age 44, children Samuel 18, Miranda 14, Rebecca 9, William H. 7.

Ford, James born England 1819 wife Mirria b. 1829, Must have been brother to John Ford b. England 1816.

Thomas Vincent b. 1797 d. Feb. 18, 1871 age 80. Wife Chloe Dell b. 1801 died 1878.

Nathan Gray b. U.S. 1795 d. Mar. 17, 1864 age 71 yr. 11 da. Wife Eunice b. 1799 d. Aug. 17, 1854 age 55 yrs. Children Alford, L. Ann, Franklin and Abraham.

John Ketchabaw (spelled Hatchaback) b. Williamsburg, Dundas County. Ont. 1811 and died Feb. 23, 1895. m. Abigail Ammerman 1839 and had tannery on Big Otter Creek in Bayham.

I think Abigail Ammerman was a daughter of the Vincent/Burns mixup- e.g. those buried in the Old Maple Grove cemetery. I will have to work it all out as the Vincents, Ammermans came to Bayham from the Niagara area.

I think Abigail Vincent married 1st an Ammerman and 2nd Thomas Burns. She had a daughter Abigail Ammerman.

In 1871 William Kennedy (spelled Canady) b. Ireland 1815, Wife: Martha 49 in 1871 and children: Archibald age 19, Liza 17, Sam, 15, a male unreadable 13 and Josephine W. 10 and William 3. (Cecil²Zaccheus)

Isaac White: 1861 Bayham census

b. 1804 wife Mary b. 1809 d. Jan. 14, 1863 age 52.

married Sept. 20, 1857 Catharine Buchner dau. of James and Amy of Bayham age 21 to James Simmons, Middleton.

She died Feb. 23, 1914, They moved to Mescosta County, Mich. and had 11 children. He died at Altona Mar. 13, 1922 age 92.

In case you don't have the children of James Buchner and Amy Ostrander

1 Henry b. 1827 m. Margaret Simmons, dau. of George & Sarah (Johnson) Simmons

2 John b. 1828 m. Naomi Stilwell, dau. of David and Rebecca Ellsworth Stilwell

3 Mary b. 1829 m. John Stilwell bro. of Naomi.

4 Ebenezer b. 1830 m. Adeline Cook children Sylvia Josephine died young and Ida.

5 James

6 Martin

7 Elsie Ann m. John Smoke

8 Catharine m. James Simmons brother to above Margaret.

I have tons of data from the census but it would take a months of Sundays to copy. Maybe you wouldn't be interested in it. But it is on the first Bayham families. I wish I could get a good Caswell history but don't expect to get it from Jessie as she couldn't care less. Several brothers were born in the States but some got in Middleton Township. The best thing would be for you to see this stack of stuff and pick out what you want.

I think your old farm was a Stringer farm. Am I right? Do you have the history of it?

Personal Sketches

Leonidas Burwell

Edwin Gray, Esq.

Stephen Backue in 1886 to Miss Burgess

T.W. Dobbie defeated Leonidas Burwell

Mr. John S. Marr - U.E.L.

Edward Burwell (one of sons of Col. Burwell)

H. Caulfield - 1856 Cabinet maker

Darius Dean 1857 p farmer

James Ford - 1850 - farmer

Franklin Gray - 1848 - farmer & mill owner

H.W. Gilbert - 1857 Wagon & carriage maker

A. Gray - 1822 - farmer

S. Howey - 1834 - farmer

David Hatch N.T. St. Lot 120-1814

Levi Hatch Con. 7 Lot 119 - 1814 farmer

Wm. Howey N. Gore Lot 18 - 1818 - farmer

Wm. Kennedy Con. 8, Lot 15, 1854 (Ireland) - farmer

John Ketchabaw - Con. 8 Lot 15, 1841 - farmer & tanner

Homer Lundy - Con. 8 Lot 22 - 1839 farmer

Archibald Lamond Con. 8 Lot 23 - 1838 - farmer

Joseph Norton 9th Lot 16, 1833 - farmer

John Wilson Con. 8 Zlot 16 - 1861 (England) - farmer



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STORY OF BUILDING OF ORIGINAL HOUSE ON EDEN FARM ('GRAYCROFT')
beginning of cemetery, church and parsonage as they now stand
in Eden

78
by N.H.Gray

An American having come to Canada with the intention of making his home here purchased from the Canada Company Lot 22 in the 8th Concession of the Township of Bayham, Upper Canada, containing by admeasurement 100 acres more or less, the N.W. corner of said lot being the cemetery and church property on which we are assembled today. The paper I hold in my hand purports to be and is the original Deed conveying the ownership of this Lot 22 from the Canada Company to Martin Hubbard, the American referred to above.

The Canada Company is a body of British business men to whom his Majesty, King George the 4th, granted large tracts of land in Upper Canada now the Province of Ontario on settlement and other conditions.

Hubbard being a lumberman cut the large majestic pine trees into logs transported them to his water powered saw mill located on the Little Otter flats now owned by Mr. Anderson where portions of the dam are quite in evidence.

Mr. Hubbard first built a log house on what is the Gray Homestead which in my early childhood served as a machine shed for my father's machinery. Later Mr. Hubbard brought bricks across Lake Erie and built the first brick house in the neighbourhood. He did not live long to enjoy it and is buried in the Ridge Road cemetery, the tall spire being the monument that marks his grave.

By Martin Hubbard's will ownership of Lot 22 passed to his son, George Hubbard, who in turn exchanged the 100 acres for 200 acres in the State of Michigan with my father, Edwin Gray, who made a proposition to the 2nd Regular Baptist Church in Bayham that he would give a clear title to the sand hill for cemetery purposes and the level land below for the church and parsonage; and move the church building at his own expense to the new location. The offer was accepted, the building moved and placed on a foundation suitable with veneering with brick. The cemetery hill was quite uneven, and many large pine stumps lay scattered about as the stump machine pulling them left them. Bees were organized to remove the stumps and level the hill surface. Horses and slush scrapers were used for this purpose. As the teams of horses pulled on the stumps discussions arose as to which was the best drawing team. Tom and Plato, the property of Isaac Stilwell appeared to be the choice. About the third day, they were hitched to a stump they could not move. Absalom Gray, a brother of my father, was the only man with courage enough to try it.

One of his whiffletrees broke and being very close behind his horses, he was hit by the doubletree and his leg broken. Two good drawing pairs of horses were then used and the stump removed. After the surface was leveled, Jesse P. Ball, PLS, being the nearest Provincial Land Surveyor, was engaged and the cemetery legally surveyed into plots 12 x 16 feet.

Israel Stilwell was timekeeper for the job and a definite amount of work entitled the person to a plot in the cemetery. Others wishing to buy could do so for the small sum of \$10.00. The first two persons buried in the cemetery were the Roberts brothers. Jonas dying first was buried in the old cemetery on Ridge Road. His brother dying a short time later was the first buried in the new cemetery and Jonas' body was moved from the old cemetery and placed beside his brother.

Many years the new cemetery continued in an uncared for condition. About 1946 perpetual care was introduced and thanks to Mr. Wilfred Nelson, who dug a deep well, installed a pressure system, laid the pipe, we now have a splendid water system. Others who might be mentioned as taking an active part in cemetery improvement are Messrs. C.C. Travis, Cecil Ball and many others.

Text of speech given by Mr. Nathan Henry Gray on the occasion of Decoration Day at the Eden Cemetery shortly after Perpetual Care was begun.



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