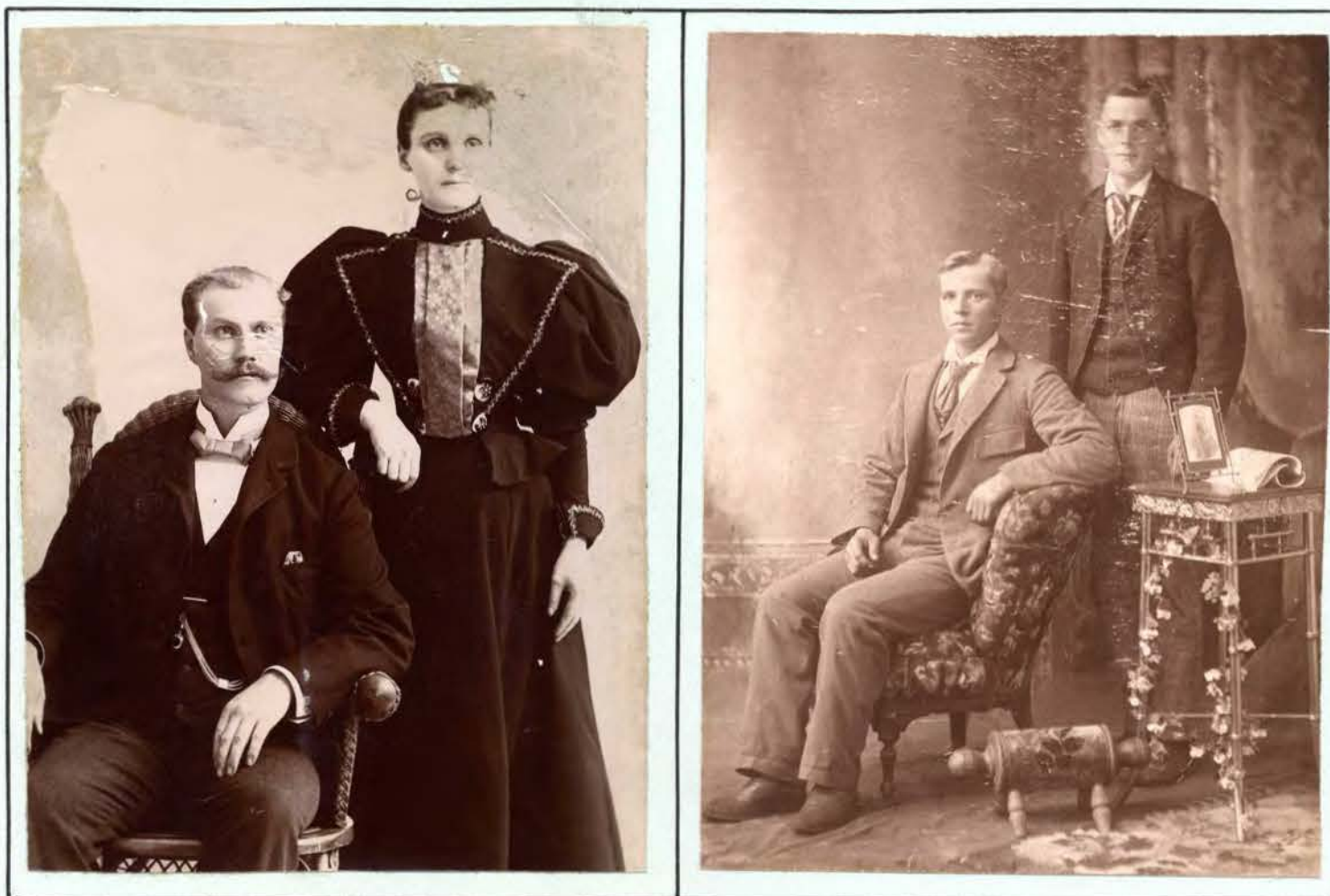


long lane as one approached the porch at the entrance which had huge fluted pillars supporting the second story balcony. The front door had narrow windows either side with a fan light overhead. The reproduction pictured in the Atlas of 1877 does not do this stately old home justice. The front door opened on a wide hall with one of the lovely old stairways, and a door at the back led to another porch. To the right was a parlour and bedroom, to the left a large sitting room with another bedroom to the front of the house. A dining room was to the rear with kitchen pantry and washroom. Upstairs there were four more bedrooms and in the rear was the usual shed-like building of those times.

Now that some lovely memories have been recorded, it may be noted that heating the large, high ceilinged rooms was a task, we of today would fear to face. The installation of modern facilities was beginning to be a problem a long time ago.

Aunt Amy, whom I do not remember, was the mother of twelve children. Like her mother, Rebecca Jane Mills, she was said to be a beautiful woman. The picture at the beginning of this record shows a woman's face that has born children and lived and faced conditions more primitive than we know.



Jennie R. Smith and Fred Smith

Ernest and Arthur Smith

ANNA ISOBEL SMITH and BLANCHE SMITH LEWIS

daughters of Amy and Wesley Smith

Early in the twentieth century Anna and her father moved to the north part of their farm where there was a comfortable home, barn and sugar bush on the concession bordering their land. Ernest was planning to "go west" to Alberta, perhaps to remain, Arthur had married Minnie Moore and would stay in the old home.

Apparently well established, Wesley informed his daughter of his plan to marry again - Mrs. Bella Robb, a widow from Iona and her sister Mrs. Betsey Apel, would be coming to live with him.

Anna decided that she would apply for training in the Amasa Wood Hospital in St. Thomas. In spite of being ineligible as to age and education, she was accepted. Her aunt, Mrs. Dougald J. Lumley and family lived across the corner from the hospital, providing companionship for both and encouragement for Anna who graduated at the end of her training highly commended by the hospital staff.

Anna's sister Blanche was already a Registered Nurse, had married and was the mother of six children. Her husband was the brother of Mary Lewis (Mrs. Oliver Silcox, her mother's half brother) and their home was in Alberta. When a seventh child was born, the mother contracted septicemia and she and her child died. Her husband also became infected and died, leaving six orphaned children.

Arthur and his wife had persuaded their sister to leave one child with them when a mutual attachment had developed during a visit, and they gladly invited a second sister to come to them. Mr. Lewis' sister, also a nurse, employed in New York, gave up her work and made a home for the other four children in Belleville.

The two adopted children brought much happiness to their foster parents. Alberta, the elder, married Sherman Matson, who was in training in the R.C.A.F. at the Station in Fingal. She returned to Calgary with him after his discharge. Dorothy married Donald Hamilton, who lived nearby. They made their home in Sarnia. After the death of Mrs. Smith, Arthur was well cared for by these two young women. Each were desirous of having him share their home and were overjoyed when he returned from a stay with the other. It was at the home of the Matson's that he died and was buried in Calgary.

In the meantime, Anna had become a very popular nurse in association with Dr. Smith of Fingal. On a visit to her sister, she suffered an infection in her hand which affected the whole arm. Through medical care and great sufferings, she recovered to join her cousin Jennie M. Smith, who had nurse's training also - in the Massachusetts General Hospital with Mary, Anna's sister.

Circumstances seemed promising for a fine future when disaster struck again. She developed encephalitis with its accompanying high temperature to damage the brain. She became a helpless invalid and was brought back to St. Thomas to the home of her widowed sister Elizabeth Claus by her cousin Jennie M. Smith.

With occasional help from her eldest sister, Jennie Rebecca, who came from Nova Scotia to assist, Anna was given every possible care until the elder sister was forced to leave and Elizabeth herself died. Arthur and Minnie then moved this tragic invalid to their home where she received the same willing and loving care until she died. Of some help to these devoted people was the sick benefit insurance Anna received to the end of her illness which began in 1925.

Curator 1962-1968.



Left to Right:

Elizabeth Smith Claus
Minnie Moore Smith (Mrs. Arthur)
Blanche Lewis
Jennie R. (Mrs. Fred Smith)
Mary E. Smith
Anna Belle

About one hundred years ago, three pairs of twin sisters were born in Iona within throwing distance of each other.

Picture—courtesy Mrs. Carder of Ruthven.
Below Left:

Miss Jane and Miss Metta, were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Benoni McIntyre who lived on Lot 17, east side of the Iona Road, north end of the village.

Below Right: Picture courtesy Mabel Silcox.

Miss Mable and Miss Minnie were the daughters of Thomas A. Silcox and Mrs. (Maggie) Silcox who lived in the family home, Lot 4, Iona, Southwold side of the Iona Road, south of the main corner.



Pictures courtesy Charles Hyde.

Miss Mae Belle and Miss Mary Mae McSherry, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McSherry, Lot 4, south side of the Iona Road (Dunwich).

Above Right

Mae Belle, who married Mr. George Hyde.

Lower Right

Mary Mae became Mrs. Hallum Keillor.

Curator 1962-68.



Mr. George Waite and Mrs. Hannah Waite, former owners of the Land and Fisheries at Port Talbot at the South West corner of the Lake Road and the Iona Road.

They and their daughter Sarah are seen outside their home in Dunwich, just north of Iona.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Waite passed away in 1903. Three succeeding generations are buried in Burwell Park Cemetery.

Mr. George Waite, Sr., came to Dunwich Township to Elgin County from England in company with pioneers of the Pincombe and Logg families of St. Thomas. He was one of the earliest if not the earliest fishermen at Port Talbot. Early maps show his title to a large area of land on the north shore of Lake Erie, just west of the Iona Road.

His son, Mr. George Waite of Iona, married LaDica Miller, who was born on the Miller farm on the Lake Road opposite the farm of Mr. John Steele (father of Jean, wife of Frank H. Silcox, and mother of Clifford and James of Iona). Mr. Waite, while employed in the saw mill owned by John Kerr of Iona Station, had the misfortune to lose a leg just above the knee. In those days little help was given to a workman who suffered such an injury.

His son Lloyd spoke of the hardship his family suffered as a result of this accident. To us of today who have become accustomed to all the benefits received by the less deserving, it seems almost beyond belief. The writer knew Mr. Waite, remembers his efforts to support his family in spite of his handicap, but had no knowledge of his constant pain from a leg that did not benefit even from the medical knowledge of the times. (Anyone with a knowledge of the pensions, care, etc., that Mr. Waite would have received today, would be appalled. Perhaps the retelling will serve to impress the reader, that in spite of war and worries of today, we are immeasurably better off. All honour to the stamina of the family who without complaint have come through successfully and honourably.

Mrs. George Waite's sisters, Maggie and Lizzie Miller came to Iona in the early days to sew for others and probably had their shop in a house between the B. Willsons and W.J. Keiths of today. They became well known leaders in their chosen career later in St. Thomas, beginning with a shop in what is now Anderson's Ltd. - then Northway and Andersons.

One of Mr. George Waite Jr.'s daughters, Mrs. Mary House, is still living in the village. Lloyd, who married Coral Vail of St. Thomas, suffered the loss of his house in a fire, in which his wife lost her life. He passed away in 1962.

We are indebted to Mrs. House for a list of members of the choir of the Baptist Church in Iona before it was moved to Iona Station: the twins Mable and Millie Silcox, Sarah Waite, Loretta Canfield, Mary Huff, Walter Currie, Joseph Canfield and Jerusho Hamilton (later Mrs. Oliver Silcox) organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite and daughter Sarah lived in a house on the small farm just north of the Morris house in Iona.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite are buried in Burwell Park Cemetary. Mr. Waite started the first fishery at Port Talbot and they were all members of the Iona Baptist Church.

Curator 1962-68.

Right:

Grandma Lizzy Quick
and her daughters. Standing:
Victoria and Maggie.

Sitting: Grandma with
Lorry.

Below:

Mr. Joseph Britton
1809-1893

Martha Waite (1846-1929)
(his second wife)



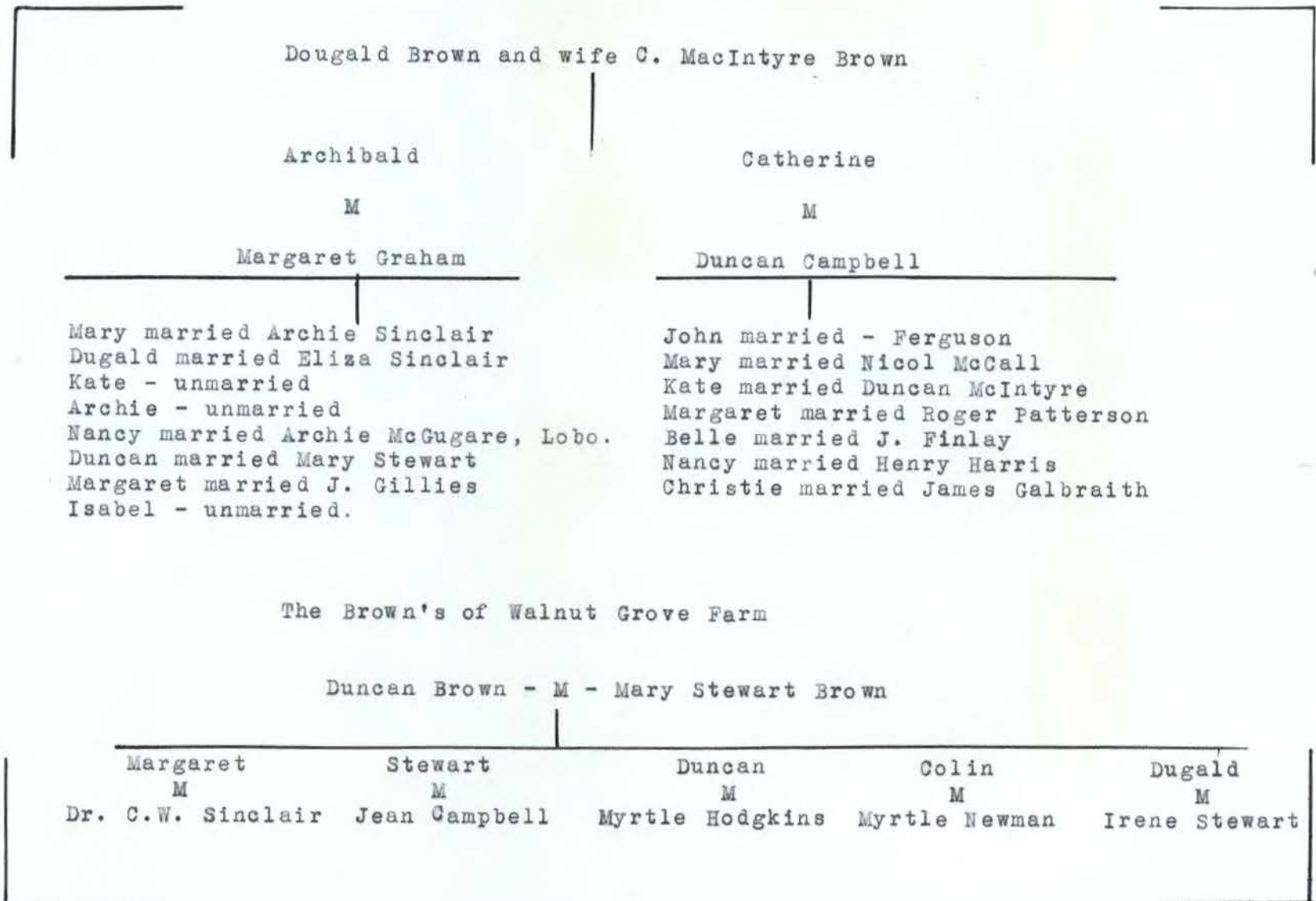
Mr. Britton, formerly of Port Stanley, bought the mill in the "Jonah Clark Hollow" and brought it to the village of Iona. It was located in the mill yard, Lots 4 to 11, west of an unnamed street.

A large pond was supplied with water from a creek immediately behind and curving to cross the road in front of this yard. A culvert remains, but drainage has replaced the creek.

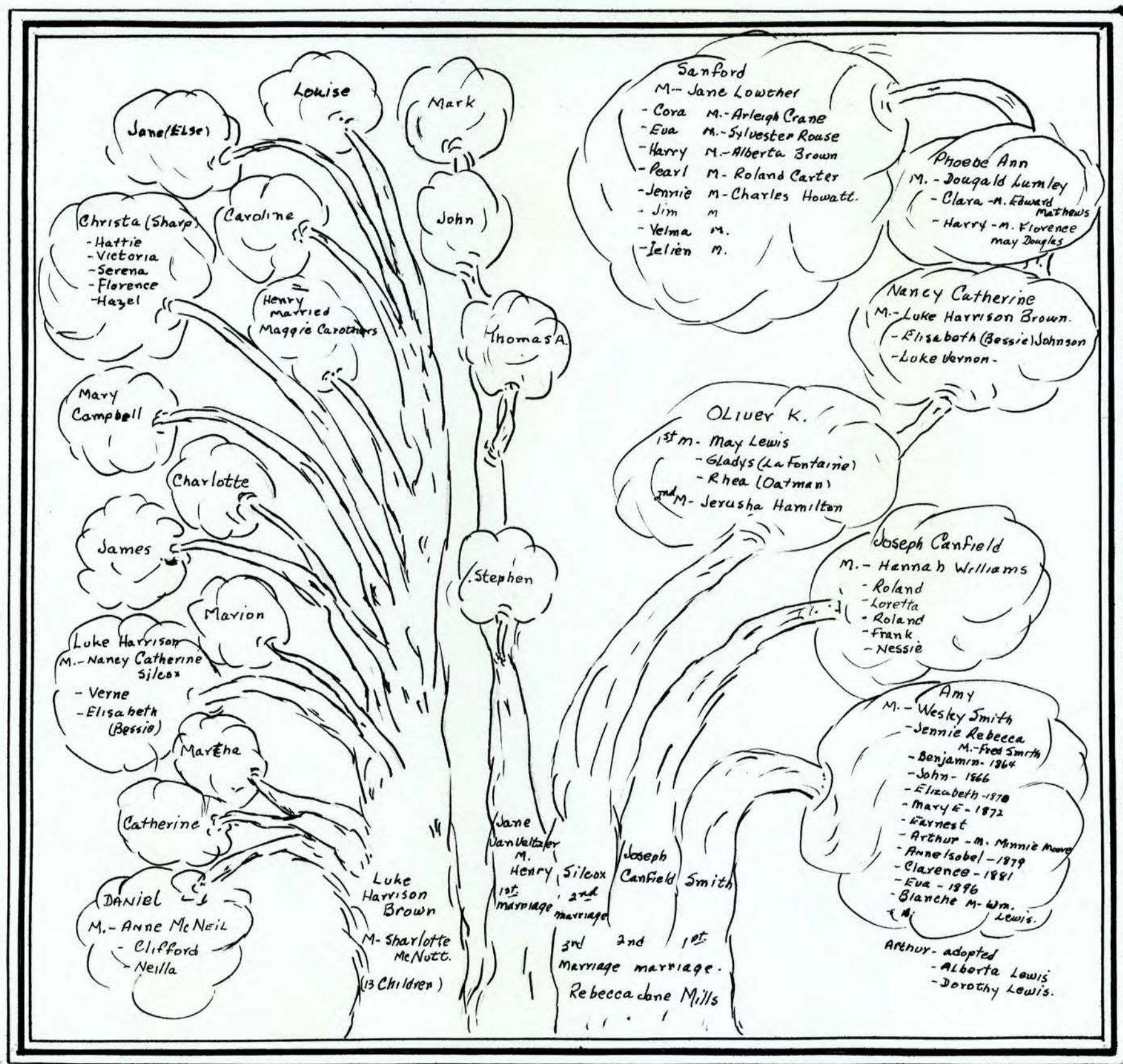
This water from the pond and creek was diverted to supply water power for the mill. It also provided pleasure for the skaters throughout the winter.

Pictures courtesy Mrs. George Waite

FAMILY TREE



Curator



Courtesy Mrs. Wilhelmine Jackson, Fingal.

Family Tree
of

Luke Harrison Brown, Senior,
Wesley Smith - Joseph Canfield,
Henry Silcox.

"MacAlpine Clan"

Family of
Alexander and
Christina MacAlpine

Data collected in
1924 possibly by
Sam. D. Campbell

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

231

1st.

Alexander & Christina
MacAlpine
Alexander - Born 1814
Died Aug. 26, 1857
Age 43
Christina - Born 1812
Died Oct. 11, 1894
Age 82
Came to Iona
in 1840 from
Yarmouth Heights
Buried at New Glasgow

Rebecca
Sister to Alex.
Born 1830 - Died 1906
Buried - New Glasgow

Daniel D. Born 1837
Died —
Wife; Jane Ester Campbell
Now dead
Honerch Pa. (Philadelphia)

Duncan Born 1846 - 1916
Wife - Catherine Graham
of Lobo (in 1874)
Died 1919
Iona Buried - Fairview

Henrietta
Born - 1842
Died - 1863
Age 21
Buried - New Glasgow

John
Born - 1844
Died - 1860
Age 16
Buried - New Glasgow

Mary 1847 - 1925
Wife of
William McAndress
Buried - Black's
Dutton

Alexander —, 1899
Wife Nancy Sinclair
Nancy remarried
Robert Bowie - Buffalo
St. Thomas

Nancy — —
Wife of
Matthew Silcox
Iona

Elizabeth — —
Wife of
Donald McTaggart
St. Thomas

Peter — —
Wife, Mary Campbell
Mary died 1876
2nd. wife - Cora Brooks
Los Angeles, Calif.

Christina H. Born 1865
Wife of Lewis Sylvester
Kalamazoo, Mich.

John Campbell, 1868
Wife Lilla B. Moore
Philadelphia

Henrietta, Catherine, Donald (Dan)
Dougald, Christina, Duncan } see
next
Page

Llewellyn McAndress
Wife C. Hill - Died 1919
2nd. wife - Maud McLung
Canadian West.

Carl - 1900
Llewellyn - 1909

James A. McAndress
Wife - Minnie Walters
St. Thomas

William - 1902
James - 1906
Velma - 1907
Isabella - 1914
Mack - 1917

Christina
Wife of John Galbraith
Canadian North-West

John - 1900
Mary - 1903
Donald - 1905
Stewart - 1908
Malcolm - 1917

J. Herschel McAndress
Wife - Effie Kerr
Dutton

Kenneth - 1907

Minnie
Wife Colin Campbell
Manitoba

Colin - 1907
Mildred - 1910

John Hilliard
Wife - Helen Galloway
Toronto

Helen Beatrice - 1901
Aileen Euphemia - 1905
David Alexander - 1907
Evelyn Harriet - 1910

Wilson
Wife - Mary Hardy
Anaconda, Montana

Robert - 1913
Jean - 1916

Beatrice
Wife of Wilford Steinhoff
St. Thomas

Jean - 1915
Eugene - 1915
Madeline - 1916

Alexander Silcox
Wife - Minnie Graham
St. Thomas

George - 1908
Gladys - 1910

Christina
Wife of Fred Little
St. Thomas

B. Jack Little - 1912
Died - 1949
Wife - Elizabeth McCleary

John D. McTaggart
Born 1882
Wife — Canadian West

Christina
Jean
Donald

"McAlpine"

Duncan &
Catherine

Data Collected
in 1967.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

Donald Malcolm - 1928
Wife - Virginia Clarke
Dearborn, Mich.

Richard Malcolm - 1953
Deborah Anne - 1957

Valerie Jane - 1930
Wife of Wallace Temple
Reed City, Mich.

Mark Walter - 1953
Kim Lou - 1956
Susan Victoria - 1960

David Colley - 1939

232

Henrietta Luella - 1875
Wife of Samuel Campbell
Married in 1899
Sam. died 1958
Buried Black's
London

Malcolm Duncan - 1900
Wife - Helen Mansell
Detroit - U.S.A.

Jean Henrietta - Born 1910
London - Never Married
Katherine Victoria - Born 1904
London - Never Married

Katherine May
1878 - 1949
Wife of Alexander Pollard
Married in 1907
Alex. died 1960
Buried in Toronto
Toronto

Clifford Campbell - 1911
Wife - Rhea Cunningham
Toronto

Joan Marie - 1935
Wife of Armand Cormier
St. Catharines

Carol Anne -
Wife of - Reed
St. Catharines

Gerald Joseph - 1941
Wife -
St. Catharines

Andrew John 1979

Duncan William - 1915
Wife - Barbara McKay
Toronto

Scott Duncan - 1963

Duncan Smith - 1919
Wife - Catherine Larson
(Milligan)
Iona

Daniel Alexander -
1966

David Donald - 1954

John (Jack) Corneil - 1924
Wife - Margaret Pyatt
Original Farm - Iona

Terry Garfield
- 1958

Tammy Jean - 1961

William Duncan - 1915
Wife - Thelma Bradford
Toronto

Catherine Joanne
- 1949

William James
- 1946

Catherine Jane - 1926
Wife of John Hrutka
Toronto

Anne Mary - 1960

Barbara Jane - 1965

Katherine Amy - 1914
Wife of Russell Teeple
St. Catharines

Diane Lynn
- 1949

Marjorie Elizabeth - 1915
Wife of John Dundas
John died 1954
La Crescenta, Calif.

Patricia Anne - 1941
Wife of Malcolm Niles
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Donna Louise
- 1964

Jane Catherine
- 1947

John Peter - 1952

Archibald Duncan - 1918
Wife - Stacia Brooks
Aylmer

John Archibald
- 1942

Christina Margaret Anne
1885 -
Wife of Peter MacPherson
Married in 1913
Peter died 1945
Buried at Cowal

Duncan Graham
1888 - 1930
Wife Lillie McGowan
Married in 1910
Lillie died 1958
Buried at Poplar Hill
Poplar Hill

Dougald Graham - 1919
Wife - Margaret Wyatt
Port Credit

Shelly

John M. - 1921
Wife Marjorie Giles
Windsor

William

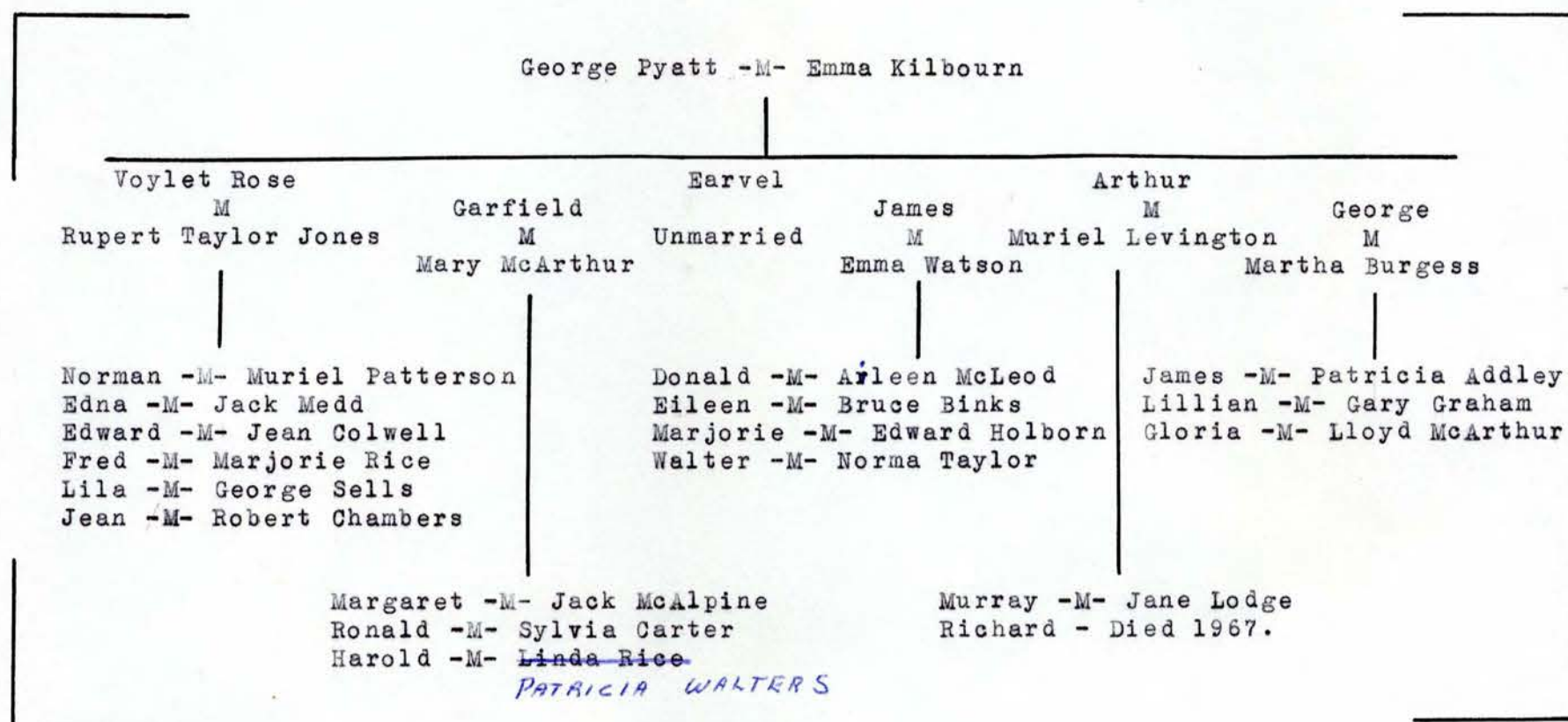
Donna

Irene - 1928
Wife of Ernest Gordon
Peterborough

Ian

Calvin

FAMILY TREE



Curator

1914 - 1918

CLARK - Louis Reid,

Son of Hermon Clark and Sarah Margaret Norton. He was born November 23, 1894 on the old Clark farm south of Iona. He attended the Iona Methodist Church. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters. In 1916 he enlisted in the 91st Battalion "C" Company, was killed in action in the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9 at the age of 24 years. He was buried in France in the Canadian Cemetery C D 20.

LUMLEY - Bartley G., Sgt. M.N.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Lumley of Iona, Ontario, killed in action in a Hun air raid over London, England, September 4, 1915. He was 27 years of age.

Sgt. Lumley enlisted in London, Ontario with the 34th Battalion, and on arriving overseas was transferred to the First Canadian French Motor Battery in which he served two years. He won rapid promotion, rising from private's rank and winning his stripes and Military Medal. He came through the terrible conflict at Vimy Ridge unscathed. He spent two years in the front line trenches, then was granted his furlough, went to London, England with his chum Albert Bond of Woodstock, where they had previously been mates, at Bramshott Camp. They had finished their leave and were waiting for the train to take them back to France when a bomb dropped on the building, killing them both instantly. The bomb was aimed for the hospital across the street.

A memorial Service was held in the Methodist Church, Iona, September 17, which was beautifully decorated with flowers and flags. Rev. W.J. Kilpatrick, resident minister, conducted the service. His sermon was descriptive of a soldier's life in the trenches and of the courage and valor shown by those who had gone to War and also of the pride of the relatives at home. He said "Everyone should honor those who are offering their lives for the Empire."

LUMLEY - David A.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lumley, (nee McKillop), Born in Iona, Ontario.

LUMLEY - Ray

Son of William Henry Lumley and Elizebeth Fletcher, born October 13, 1895. Left May 9 for London, Ontario, to report to Duty, then on to Hamilton, and Niagara-on-the-Lake. He left Montreal on June 30 for overseas. Was stationed at Stockport. Returned from England March 21, 1919, after serving in France with the 1st Canadian Railway Troopers as Spr.

(Note: Deceased May 6, 1960).

1914 - 1918

LODGE - Gordon, W.

Son of William and Mary Piper, born in Iona, Ontario.

LODGE - William H.

Son of Herschel Lodge and Gertrude Henderson, born October 6, 1897, near Iona, Ontario.

At 19 years of age he enlisted in the Army in 1916. He trained in the 91st Battalion in St. Thomas, went overseas in 1916, returned to Canada in the spring of 1919, and was discharged in London, Ontario.

He is now a resident of Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. (1967).

LYONS - Roy

Son of Thomas Lyons and Arminta Keillor, born on the 10th Concession of Dunwich, near Port Talbot.

Deceased May 28, 1967.

MC CALLUM - Donald, (Dan); Private.

Son of Donald and Margaret McCallum, born July 1, 1977[?] in Iona, Ontario. Enlisted with the 91st Battalion, St. Thomas, February 24, 1916. He proceeded overseas to England on June 28, 1916, and to France September 15, 1916. While in France he served with the 2nd Battalion and was attached to General Headquarters 3rd Echelon as temporary clerk (he was with the post office department).

He was discharged in Toronto on June 16, 1919 with the British War and Victory Medals. He also served with the Army of Occupation in Germany.