

Lot 11 Con 3

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* John McIntyre next farm, also a long 100, married Mary Campbell of this township, began homesteading in 1853 beside his brother Malcolm. In this family were Sarah (Mrs Killins), Kate (Mrs R. Humphries), Mary (Mrs Campbell), Jennie and Duncan. John C. who married Edna Parker now of St. Thomas, Mack the only member of the family living resides with his nephew J. C. Humphrey and niece Mary Graham and daughters in Victoria B.C.

* Clearing this farm and usual work was accomplished by the family. Mr McIntyre had the misfortune by accident to loose the sight of his eye, shortly after another misfortune lost the sight of the other thus rendering him totally blind, however with his cane and faithful dog he was able to get around wonderfully well. He carried the sympathy and respect of a legion of friends. In religion the family were Baptist. Mr McIntyre passed away in 1872 at the age of 49. Mrs McIntyre in 1890 age 59. Both along with other members of the family rest in McIntyre Cemetery.

✓ In 1904 they built a lovely brick house. Oct 1920 Jack and Mack had a clearing sale, sold the farm to a Lorne Robinson of Windsor. The following spring they moved in, remaining a year, when James F. Oldham bought it. He with Mrs Oldham and family of three boys continue to reside there. *fill in here*

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* Malcolm McIntyre born in Scotland came to Canada early in 1844, settling on Lot 11 Con 3. Was a Justice of Peace. In religion he was a Baptist. He and his wife Catherine started in like their pioneer neighbours starting in a new world to fight as it were the "Stranger's Battle". They succeeded. Malcolm McIntyre proved to be a splendid type of citizen, useful to the community. His advice was sought on many occasions re financial matters, drawing up wills & etc. His word was as good as his bond. Any private transactions with his many friends who placed utmost confidence in him was a sealed book. One son "Sandy" as he was familiarly called, worked on the farm with his father. A nephew, Duncan Campbell from a small lad made his home with them all. He grew and settled near the Oneida Rd. His stewardship is recorded elsewhere. In the late 70's they purchased the Donald McArthur property, 3rd farm East, also 50 acres opposite the home place. Time passed, many fields now were workable,

✓ Sandy rather extravagant in some ideas, wanted to launch out with modern farming, bought a threshing outfit, built the first silo in North Southwold, represented this section on the Council Board, married Mary Milligan school teacher of Iona; They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. In 1881 the brick house was built. In April 15th, 1893 Mrs McIntyre passed away and six days later Malcolm dropped dead while engaged in spring seeding. Both were buried in McIntyre Cemetery.

As stated Mr McIntyre was very canny in his business deals, left his entire property, land and considerable cash to Sandy, only he was to have the use of it during his lifetime, then it was to go to Sandy's heirs. Well this state of affairs didn't prove satisfactory to Sandy.

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He soon got in touch with a lawyer cousin, a nephew of Malcolm and by a trick of fate along with another party declared the Will all wrong and out of order, thereby getting control of it all. Space forbids details, but in a brief time Sandy was down and out financially, had a monster clearing sale and moved away to Chicago, securing employment with Illionis Central R.R. Here he made good, was a successful Engineer for many years, till in fact he was superannuated. He was responsible for the formation of "The Maple Leaf Club", made up entirely of former Canadian Railway men a social club. He often visited the old scenes and his many friends. Both he and Mrs McIntyre passed away and were buried in Chicago. His remaining children are American Citizens.

After Sandy left many tenants came and went. We might mention Mr. Thomas Carrol and family for a number of years rented it. The Stovre family through Wm J. Evans, agent, 1904 Mr Chester Joiner Middlemarch bought it and moved in. A successful farmer, good neighbour he, Mrs Joiner and Lewis, Allison and Pearl lived here till Oct 1944 when they sold to Ivan Beecroft. He, Mrs Beecroft and four kiddies reside there.

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School

The first school of this community was on the McLean farm the Northeast corner of the 4th Con and side road in the late 40's or early 50's. The building in keeping with the settler's homes, was of log construction and built before nails were to be had. The roof was of clap boards laid on ribs which were small logs laid lengthwise of the building and held in place by long poles laid on top of the clap boards and tied down to the ribs with withes of blue beechwood.

The benches were of split basswood logs supported by legs fitted to holes bored in the slabs and secured by wooden pins. The desk was a long oak slab 3" thick across the side of the school and reaching from end to end. A large fire place and chimney filled one end. This was the building to which the children of the early settlers were sent to receive such training as the limited facilities of those days provided.

Some of the pupils in those days attending were, Alex McIntyre McKillop, McLean, McArthur, McLellan, Henry Miller and from the Gore Rd, Mrs Wm Dean. (Mary & Alex McIntosh) recalled the days when a Mr. McQueen came from Fingal Monday mornings, taught the three "R"s that was to qualify them for citizenship. The teacher boarded at the different homes with the scholars.

Later a more pretentious log school was built on Alex McIntyre's farm, just west of the Cemetery. A large number of the older boys & girls, as many as 70 or 80 in the winter from the Lawrence way This road and the Gore got their junior Matriculation under *such* teachers as D. McMillan, Christy Patterson, N. McKillop. (Rev Alex McIntyre brother of Malcolm) preached and held Sunday School there. Their salary ranging from \$125. to \$200. a year. They too secured board and lodging around the pupils homes. Those were the days teachers ruled with an iron will and strap and in many cases discouraged the pupil so they on the slightest pretext quit school before they scarcely started. The parents allowed them to quit for their help at home both inside & out, was very acceptable. Many regrets in later years were expressed regarding their meagre education and even held a grudge against their teachers.

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In 1878 the Log School was torn down, a new brick one on the side road near Lawrence corner built, this location being more central, is situated on James Oldham's farm.

Since its operating many excellent teachers have had their first experience as full fledged teachers all of whom the names are not available, but a few such as Lottie Killins (Mrs McLellan) Allison Turner, Thomas White, Misses Auckland, F. Campbell, B. Hunter, A. Sutherland W. McCallum, E. Fritz, V. Squires (Mrs T. Howe), M. McIntyre, A. Coutts, E. McLean, Mr Moore, F. O'Neil, I. Jefford and Mrs Campbell our present teacher.

One high light of this 3rd Con was it had from the earliest beginning was two schools and a Cemetery.

McIntyre Cemetery.

Something like an acre and a half of land on a high knoll overlooking the farms for a considerable distance around was donated by Malcolm McIntyre for a resting place for the early settlers. This property was at the line fence between his farm then next to the school grounds and the Alex McIntyre farm. This was in the Spring of 1861 or 62.

The first burials a double funeral took place July 8th, 1862, when two young men were drowned - James Parker 23 years old and Alex McNicol 19 years old, back in the Thames River July 6th 1862. Since then a great many of the early settlers are buried there. Some time ago a board of trustees secured donations from lot owners and engaged WM. Manchan as caretaker. He has it in splendid shape, the grass is kept cut close, no weeds seen. The late Alex Campbell, St. Thomas put a fine fence around it, it is kept painted and presents a pleasing resting place.

The present trustees are Clayton Chamberlain, Kenneth McIntyre M.D. McCormack Secy-Treas. The annual business meetings ~~once a year~~, is and has always been held at the School House the same day as the Annual School business meeting is held and follows immediately after the School Meeting is adjourned.

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Lot 12 Con 3
Alexander McIntyre born 1805, Flora Gilchrist McIntyre born 1822 natives of Craignish parish Argyleshire Scotland, came to Canada landing at Pt Stanley early summer of 1842 with their family Archie, Jane (Mrs John Turner), Mary (Mrs Dean), Anne (Mrs Dugald Campbell). They like the other early settlers secured the Crown Deed for their 100 acres, a long hundred Lot 12 Con 3. a solid bush farm. They built a log cabin a little back of the blazed trail now 4th Con on a rising knoll. The task of clearing was soon taken over. Mrs McIntyre has been quoted often for her wonderful personality and force of character, no work was too hard to tackle. The first lots of wheat they secured she would take a bushel or perhaps another half in a long bolster sack on her shoulders and walk to Pt Stanley, get it ground and walk back home carrying the flour. This fete was accomplished by her many times.

Another son Hohnie Alex born 1855, four daughters Isabelle (Mrs Abe Crosson) Kate (Mrs Hugh McIntyre), Sarah and Flora two young daughters who died in infancy. Her brother Peter Gilchrist a bachelor, spent the later part of his days with the McIntyre family.

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They acquired more land on the townline near the river early in the 70's, the modern two story brick house was built, this time near the roadway. Mrs Dean at home 1905 had beautiful flowers around the house and after the house was sold and torn down in 1945 remains of the terraced flower bed could be seen. MrIntyre passed away in Dec 1890-85. Mrs McIntyre in Dec 1908-86. John remained on the homestead till April 1942 when it was sold to Mr Henry Oldham. In religion they all were Presbyterians, and are buried just across the field in the McIntyre Cemetery. John was the last in Oct 1945.

Lot 12 7 1/4 Con. 3

The McLellan Farm

Way back in the early days 1843's Duncan Mc Cormick was the first settler to take over West North half Lot 12 Con 3. A long hundred ^{foot} length from Lawrence Corner to 4th Con. Here he and his family lived till 1872 then it is assessed as Archie McLellan owner, property valued assessment \$3800. His wife was Kate Campbell a sister of Mrs John McIntyre who lived 3rd farm east. When McLellans bought this farm a good 1 1/2 story frame house had been erected, replacing the log house. The McLellan family consisted of two girls, Katie living on the place 92. Janet afterwards Mrs Wm Leslie, 6 sons, Dugald, John, Malcolm, Duncan (now deceased) Archie and Dan live at the old home. In Feb 1876 Archie McLellan died and in Jan 1880 his wife Nancy Black McLellan passed away buried at Fingal. In 1875 Malcolm met with a serious accident at school playing hockey (in those days known as shinney) he was struck on the head with a shinney stick in the hands of Charlie Turver. The cut bled freely and the youngsters not knowing what should be done took him to the pump and poured lots of ice cold water on it. In a few days he seemed to have no ill effects, Drs were not plentiful and for some time no Dr was consulted. A couple months later Mack began to feel he was loosing the use of his limbs, then a Dr was called, it was too late the spine was paralyzed, that ended his school days, he was confined to a wheel chair for the next 35 years when he passed away in Oct 1910. An accident of that nature now a days can be successfully treated by electric massage Etc. However he made life pleasant for himself and all he came in contact with, he did countless things in the house, getting vegetables fruits mending, enjoyed his friends and did a lot of visiting among his friends and relations. This farm was and is noted for its Maple bush, tons of syrup and sugar have been made. Now over 900 trees could be used for syrup. The old shanty in the woods is gone and equipment worn out. Many family and community picnics have been held in the woods.

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Lot 13.
Crossing the side road still on the 3rd Con, early records record a James Casey tenant. Hugh Osborne owner 1863, other tenants residing there were The McCloy's, a family just out from Ireland. Following them 1879 till 1885, Ephraim Leslie and family. In 1900 Donald Campbell bought the farm, built a fine new house, married Jessie Buchan and continued to live there till Mrs Campbell's death Oct 1938. Mr Campbell's health failing had his nephew helping him till Dec 1943 when he passed on. Now Donald Buchan is there married to Janet McNaughton Oct 1944 and their young son John Kenneth and daughter Catherine Janet reside there. Donald Campbell was noted as an expert plowman, won many prizes at the County Plowing Matches.

Lot 14 Con 3.
John Rinn

With the majority of native Scots a few good Irishmen drifted in among the early settlers on the 3 Con Lot 14 more the less. Then John Rinn and his wife Mary McCully from Ireland and settled on 50 acres next to Hugh Osbourne, part of Lot 11 Con 3. He secured his Crown Deed and proved for many years an honoured upright man that every one respected, and to this day this road East of the Townline to the first road, is known as "Rinn Road". The log home he built and was so comfortable till 1916 it was torn down. Their family Ellen (Mrs S Lackey) Bad Axe, William and John deceased, Geo R. retired merchant St. Thomas.

Mr Rinn passed away June 1901; Mrs Rinn April 1901 and rest in the McIntyre Cemetery.

The Rinn family belonged to the Methodist Church.

Alex Buchan Lawrence, is the present owner.

In 1857 it was assessed for \$300. by Colin Munroe and John Silcox.

Lot 14.
The next farm 50 acres, Dugald Turner enjoyed ownership of this farm over 80 years, always used as pasture farm. His daughter Mrs Belle Teeple sold it a short time ago to a Victor Martin of Talbotville.

Lot 15.
1850
Duncan Campbell another native of Argyle landed at Pt Stanley early in 1850, secured his Crown Deed for 100 acres, West half Lot 11 Con 3. He and his wife Margaret McCormack eked out a home on this farm where they spent their whole life. In 1863-64 records tell us he was the township accessor. The family, one son Donald, two daughters, Catherine died Dec 48 age 94 in St Thomas. Margaret deceased. After the death of Mr Campbell the Mother and daughter lived on the farm, the girls were clever dressmakers. The farm for many years was worked by their cousins Peter and Pat Campbell. Mrs Campbell passed away March 1911. In April 1913 the Campbell girls sold their farm to Nehemiah Oldham for \$5500. They moved to St Thomas. Mr and Mrs Oldham and family are still residents. Charlie a busy garage man, Aubrey in Insurance in Sarnia, Stella Mrs Thompson Sarnia, Chrystal wife of Rev Proctor Grand Valley, Evelyn teacher. In May 1949 Charlie married Miss Pearce Wallacetown, and have taken residence here, his parents moving across the road.

The value of land was on the up grade in 1860. This farm was valued at \$2000.-100 acre farm