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Lot 16  
Fred Beecroft Farm

A Crown Deed secured by Walter Preston for Lot 16 Con 3 in 1857. The price paid was \$400. He cleared the land for his log cabin, erected a good brick house still in good repair, later his son William took over. His wife a Miss McCallum of Southwold Gore Road. Remaining there till about 1906 when they had a sale and moved out Can West, ✓ Walter Miller Shedden, bought the farm. A Mr Burchman rented it for a short period, followed by Mr and Mrs Clark. In the spring of 1914 Fred Beecroft bought the farm for \$6000. from Miller and is still with his family an honoured man in the community. Leonard in B.C, Edith Mrs Ed Turner of Southwold, Fredrica teacher at Hamilton. Youngest son Ivan on 3 Con on the Joiner farm. Hydro is being installed in this home.

Lot 17  
Alfred Vine Farm

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Earliest settler was Angus Campbell, 1857 Farmer, corner Townline and 3 Con, one hundred acres, also a Crown Land Deed. The Campbell family three daughters, Mrs Duncan Patterson Dunwich, Aggie Mrs Miller Detroit Victoria Mrs Philpot Michigan, Spurgeon a Dr, his first wife Fanny Turner Southwold Twshp died in Winnipeg March 1906. Later Spurg married Ethel Ferguson Union Rd Southwold, continued in practice in Winnipeg until his death 1931. Doctor "C" was a veteran of the First World War. While in France he was in charge of a Medical station behind the enemy lines, going out to gather in the wounded. After heavy fighting found his own only son Kenneth who just before was killed in action. This was a shock Dr Campbell never got over. Two other brothers, James and Alex went to Ann Arbor, studied medicine. James went next to Spokane Wash. Alex practiced in Ann Arbor Mich. In Feb 1906, Mr Angus Campbell while returning from church at Iona Station was instantly killed at the M.C.R. crossing. Shortly after Mrs Campbell sold the home to Alex Kindree. He remained on it until the spring of 1932, when he had a clearing sale and Mr Alf Vine ✓ the present owner bought it. Alf Vine whose birthplace was England a talented Violinist, and he gets many calls to help out on programmes with his Violin. Two years ago he married Miss Harvey of Sparta. They have one little daughter Francis.

In the early Pioneer days, a log Church (Baptist) was erected and dedicated. The site was on this farm or the adjoining farm owned and now occupied by Mr Arthur Carroll, on or near the line fence facing the farm then owned by the Preston Family on the Townline on the southwest side. The only roads were blazed trails. Stout-hearted Christian men and women attended this Church from as far North in Middlesex County as Riverside. The mode of transportation then was to walk and when they reached the Thames River were taken across on a raft and on to the Church.

Lot 7 Con 4  
South Side

John Plain assessed for 100 acres in the early 50's by Amos Barnes. Lived there many years.

✓ In 1895 Mr and Mrs David Carroll of Dunwich bought it. Mr Carroll a native of Ireland, coming to Canada with his Mother brothers and sisters in 1885. Their family of two daughters and two sons, Jessie deceased 1936; Margaret Mrs M. McArthur, Alex of London and Campbell still on the farm with his wife (Alice Walsh) and two children, Mary Ellen and David pupils of S S No 3.



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The Carroll family always attended the Pres Church in McBrides, now the United Church.

✓ Mrs Carroll died in 1921. Mr Carroll 1926. They were buried in Cowal Cemetery.

Lot 8  
Robert Plain 100 acres.

James Plain 100 acres.

✓ These farms were the long hundred type and houses and barns front the Gore Road.

✓ Dugald McArthur property coming back to the 4th and house facing the Gore.

Lot 9  
A house on the 4th Con owners McLaws, living on the Gore. The house on the 4th Con seems to have been a section house, just a few rods east of the C.N.R. track, because today a few trees and evidence of where a house once was and occupied by Michael Kaines-1872 Gore. Johnsons and Uptons also a Campbell (Irishmen), his daughters attended S.S. No 17.

John McCormack property which is accounted for in the Gore Rd history.

Lot 10  
Old Sideroad

Neil McLean family, North half Lot 10, first settler lived there for many years with his family. Older members attending the log school on his farm, later to the 2nd school at McIntyres. In 1871 McLeans sold to Jas Doyle and family of Burford, for \$2650. Two sons John and Timothy, three daughters, Elizabeth Margaret (Mrs Hatton) Dunwich, Sarah Mrs Cassidy StThomas. They remained on this farm until 1917 when they sold to Frank Coutts and family of Northern Ont. During Mr Coutts ownership he served on the Council Board, serving several years, then moving to Toronto 1938. Dexter Lampman bought and moved in. Mr and Mrs Lampman, one son John, three daughters, Jean, Flossie and Laura.

Lot 11  
Next Farm West

The Donaldson family shortly after coming to Canada from the Orkney Islands Scotland, lived on the East fifty for a period of years.

✓ They then moved to Fingal. Archie McLachlin owned it and with his wife remained there for a number of years. Malcolm McIntyre bought it. The 50 acres joining on the West, owned by Arch McAlpine whose home was on the Gore Rd. This property 100 acres, later was purchased by Duncan Turner and his son Angus, who lived on the Gore.

Lot 12  
Duncan McLellan Estate.

The McLellan farm 100 acres Northwest Half Lot 12 Con 4. The first known owner in the 1846's was Edward Warren, a shoemaker whose original home was at Fingal. He spent a few years on the farm erected a log cabin, did some clearing and later rented it to Edward Kayson from 1867-77. The assessment value was \$700. During that time a story and half house and a barn were built.

✓ In 1880, Dugald Campbell whose former home was on the Oneida Rd bought the farm, moved in with his wife and a family of two boys and two girls. Flora ann now Mrs Wilfred Nicholl R.R.1 St Thomas.



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Dugald E. Jr. R.R. Southwold Oneida Rd; Alex deceased M.C.R. Engur St Thomas, died May 1939, buried in McIntyre Cemetery; Sara Bell, Mrs Lindsay deceased, buried in McArthur Cemetery. All attended S.S. No 17. Mrs Campbell then Mother was Ann McIntyre whose farm was just across the way. In 1894 Campbell moved back to the old homestead Oneida Rd turning this farm over to a Real Estate Agent I.W. McPherson, St Thomas. Then in Feb 23rd 1895 Duncan McLellan bought it. I came to live here (Mrs McLellan) Oct 1910. The barns were destroyed by an electrical storm, from then on all winter, I lived in a state of horrible nightmare trying to plan meals for square-timber men for the new barn, erected June 8th 1911, where as before I was used to getting up and going down town to City Hall or Journal Office, and my Mother getting my breakfast ready or any other needs I might have. However the farm life was different. I'll never forget the early rising before daylight. John C. McIntyre and Clifford Killins going by with sleighs or lumber wagons drawing gravel, lumber and other material for these barns were put on cement walls. I got so well initiated that I am still the watch dog for early rising. Duncan McLellan passed away suddenly New Years Day Jan 1st 1943 and is buried at McArthurs Cemetery. I have one son and one daughter, Margaret at home, also James who lives at home but is presently employed by the CNR at Lawrence.

*Lot 13*  
John McLellan Farm

Corner 4th and Sideroad, 75 acres. This property was the North half of 150 acres purchased from the Crown in 1852 by Arch McLellan of Loch Gillops Scotland. The House and bldgs were erected on the Gore and is accounted for in the Gore Rd history, but this farm was all woodland for many years before it was logged and cleared. A barn was built in 1870, a house built in 1894 and John McLellan second son of Arch and Nancy McL. In Nov 1894 married Maggie Duncanson Dutton, and lived continuously till his death in 1938. Mrs McL. died July 1946. Their daughter Pearl Mrs H. Kestle and husband continue to live there. About 1945 Harold Kestle bought the 50 acres, a pasture farm joining the McLellan property, for many years the early owner was Dan McLachlin Gore Rd.

*Lot 14*  
The next 100 acres is divided between A.J. McLellan Estate 25 acres and Vernon Holborne 75 acres.

*Lot 15*  
3rd. another pasture farm. In June 1949 Mr and Mrs Nehemiah Oldham moved a house onto it and are now living there on the 50 acres. John McWilliams 50 acres.

*Lot 16*  
Former owners pasture farms, Geo Carr, now Mrs Smith 40 acres, J. McCallum now owned by Fred Beecroft Family 60 acres.

*Lot 17*  
In the late 50's J.C. Shipley is assessed by Dugald Brown as owner of the 100 acres on the southeast corner of Con-4 and Townline. Mrs Shipley was a sister of Angus Campbell. For many years Eligah Lock was owner and lived on this farm till he retired in 1932, when Mack Milligan purchased it, married Miss Ella McLeod of Frome. In their home are three little girls.



Lots 6, 7, 8.

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Clarence

Bill

Carolyn

Bruce & Beth

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June 8.

Con. 2 Lot 6  
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Lot 13 Con 3

✓ The 100 acre farm Lot 13 Con 3 since 1850 has changed ownership different times, but no white man ever lived on this place. It has been used for a pasture farm and since it was cleared has been cultivated to some extent. The first owner who secured a Crown Deed was Preston Brothers, Walter and William being in the late 40's. A solid almost dense wood lot. Prestons partially cleared it, then sold the East 50 acres to Angus Turner. Sometime later William Cade a resident of Lawrence Village bought the other 50 acres. Mr Cade later sold his holdings to Alex Campbell who built a small barn and did some towards clearing and had cattle wintered there. A number of years later Alex Campbell sold to Neil McLachlin then he later bought the 50 acres from Angus Turner. This farm remained in the McLachlin family until Dec 1941 when Miss Minnie McLachlin sold to James Oldham the present owner.

In 1878 the Trustees for S.S.No 17 bought one acre, the Southeast corner and erected the brick school that serves the Section.

Lot 14  
See Harry  
McIntyre  
Early records of the township, tells a Dugald Turner a native of Scotland, purchased the farm of 100 acres Lot 14 Con 3. The price in the neighbourhood of \$400. in 1857. In 1860 Mr Turner married Nancy Campbell whose home was on the Oneida Rd, here Mr and Mrs Turner cleared the farm, raised a family of six sons, Peter, Archie, Alex, Neil Dugald all deceased, also two young sons in infancy. Hugh now a retired operator, lives in Detroit, two daughters, Mary, Mrs Vansickle, Cochrane Ont; Isobel, Mrs Teeple, Mich. In 1947 Mrs Teeple sold the home to Victor Martin and is used as a pasture farm. Mr and Mrs Turner and several members of their family rest in McIntyre Cemetery Con 4.

✓ After Turners moved to their home across the way, no one lived there for many years. About 8 years ago Neil Turner built a one story snug cabin for a native of Belgium, Gus Smith. He lived very happy and contented there. He worked out among the neighbours when not engaged with Turners. So far removed from his own old home in Europe he seldom heard from his own folk, no doubt spent lonely hours. At different times he expressed a desire when his days work was done, that he be laid to rest with the Turner family. His passing came suddenly in Oct 1947, and his wishes were fully carried out and he too rests in the McIntyre Cemetery - Turner Plot.

Lot 15  
✓ In 1850 Colin Campbell a native of Argyleshire Scotland purchased Lot 15, 100 acres for \$300. He and his wife Mary McLean, a daughter of pioneers in Dunwich Township, cleared and made a home for their three sons, Archie, Malcolm and Peter; three daughters, Mary, Ester and Cassie all deceased. Arch and Mack farmed the homestead then bought the joining farm. Peter went West in the 80's. He and his sister Cassie spent the remainder of their life out West, but were brought home and are buried in Cowal Cemetery.

At the turn of the Century Mr and Mrs Colin Campbell and daughter Mary, moved to Lawrence retired. Malcolm remained on the homestead until he sold to Carl Bogart in the fall of 1945. He moved across the road where he and Jessie his daughter lived. His death in Aug 1947. In the meantime Ivan Beecroft rented farm from Carl Bogart. Ivan rented to B. Dawdy who remained on it till Clarence Bogart and wife moved in and still live there.



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North Half Lot 16- 100 acres.

✓ Earliest records states that in 1849 or 50, a Mr Haywood secured his Crown Deed for 40 acres, joining the Preston property, solid bush and 60 acres to a Mr McKenzie. His widow later married a Jas McDougal, a brother of Mrs J. Preston. Both these men cleared considerable portions. A log house was erected by McDougal and today evidence is still found of an orchard planted by him. After a number of years Colin Campbell purchased both the 60 acre and 40 acres and here his eldest son Archie moved, and made his home. He married Flora McCallum of North Dorchester, and raised three children. Colin a member of Hephurn Government, Annie R.N. of Toronto, Mary Jean teacher in Northern Ont.

During his years as farmer A.C. was a carpenter of note, building many barns throughout the district, was assessor for some years also tax collector and served on the township board.

Mahlon In Oct Mrs A.C. Campbell met with a tragic death from burns and A.C. passed away in Nov 1930. Both are buried in McArthur Cemetery. In the spring of 30, Mr Campbell sold his farm to Mrs Mizen, St Thomas. Malcolm McCallum and family resided there three years. Mr and Mrs Neil McDonald and family one year, then Mr Wilbur Smith and family of Wellington Rd Southwold bought the farm. The Smith family are still owners. Mr Smith passed away in 1940. Mrs Smith and sons Melville and Hugh are active in the life of the 3rd Con.

North half Lot 17 Con 3-100 acres .

✓ James Preston more than a century ago secured the Crown Deed in 1849. He like other pioneers, toiled faithfully, cleared and cultivated it for many years. He sold to Bray McLellan of Ekfried, how long he owner we have no records, but in 1906 Mr Arthur Carrol of Dunwich bought it and with Mrs Carrol and son Joseph, are the present occupants. This farm is modern with hydro and up to date in every respect. The Carrol family enjoy the esteem and high respect of their neighbours and community.



Lots 3 & 4 Con. 4

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Donald Crawford came to Canada from Paisley Scotland in the year 1843 In Scotland he worked for \$3.00 pr week, and when he arrived in Pt. Stanley to work for Archie Brown a relative he hired for \$100. a year.. When he had saved \$200. he sent \$100. of it back home. He attended Baptist May meeting and there met his bride Margaret Graham whom he married some six months later. In 1845 he bought the farm Lot 3 & 4 Con 4, now owned by Art Carder for \$400. He built a log house on this farm. Mr Crawford's wife died after 12 years married leaving six children the oldest one eleven years, Geo McLay's mother and the youngest twins, the late Dougald Crawford and Mrs Barbara Gillies. of Duart. In 1860 he purchased the farm west, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Lot 4 now owned by Geo McLay for \$1800. from Neil Graham his brother in law. He moved over and worked the two farms until his son Archie Crawford married Bella McPherson, daughter of J. McPherson of Dunwich and moved over to the old home in 1880. At Archie Campbell's death in 1917 the farm was passed on to D.D. Crawford now of Delaware. In 1885 the brick house which stands on the farm was built. D.D. Crawford lived on the farm for years, then Harry Lewis followed by Lyle Bogart In 1927 E. Walch rented until 1947 when Arthur Carder purchased from D.D. Crawford.

1948 from fire

Jimmie

Con 4 South part of Lot 5.

This land is owned now by Mrs Sarah Morrow and her son Clarence. It changed hands many times between the years 1845 and when it was bought by Robert Morrow from Hedley Pow. When Mr Morrow passed away it passed on to his son Clarence.

Con 4 Part of Lot 6 25 acres

Several people owned or worked this land, Abel Spence, Robert Baird Walt Cole, Robert Morrow, W. Hepburn, Milson Stafford, Morley Stafford and now by Wm McMullen.

Con 3 Part of Lot 6-100 acres

Con 4 Part of Lot 6 50 acres.

Three generations of McKillops owned this land and Archie McKillop still farms here. It was cleared by the McKillops about 80 or 85 years ago. The land originally belonged to a McKillop in West Lorne.

Con 3 Part of Lot 5- 100 acres.

The first owners are not known but about 70 years ago a Mr John Cameron bought it. Later on it was bought by Robert Turner then Wm Turner, Carl Bogart and Clarence Hunter the present owner bought from Carl Bogart. Clarence and his wife the former Ruth Brown and their son Bruce live there.

Lot 4

The farm where Arthur Bogart lives now, was owned by Dan Manroe in 1863 then by Sandy and later Nancy Monroe.

Con 3 Part Lot 4. E 1/2

In 1857 this land was bought by Richard Norman presumably from the Crown, sold to Colin Monroe and it was in the Monroe name when it was bought by Mac Hunter.