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Llew Paddon

HISTORY OF THE PADDON FARM

Lot 15, 1 R. N. E. R.

When the Township of Yarmouth, Elgin County, was being settled in 1831 and 1832 two families who had emigrated together from the small town of Holdsworth, Devon, England chose land in this township to make their future home. Colonel Talbot, having known of these families in England, gave them permission to pick their own land. Richard Gilbert and Simon Westlake decided on lots 12-13-14 north and south of the Bigware Road, with Simon Westlake settling on Lot 14, 1 R.N.E.R. The wisdom of their choice has been proven down through the years, and this land today is considered some of the best crop-producing land in the County.

For Lot 15, 1 R.N.E.R. records show that Richard Gilbert made a payment to Colonel Talbot on Jan. 17, 1833. This payment of fifteen pounds twelve shillings six pence currency was the first quarterly payment. Later receipts for payment on this property include one--Richard Gilbert dated January 1837, and others from Archibald McIntyre dated April 1844, 1847, and 1849. Sale price of this land was 12 shillings 6 pence per acre. A Crown Land Patent Deed with seal attached for Lot 15, 1 R.N.E.R. was received by George Westlake, son of Simon Westlake, on August 28, 1856. However, a letter from the Crown Land Office to George Westlake dated February 1856 states that this deed had been delayed on account of filing procedure from Gilbert to McIntyre, and intimates that 1853 was when he should have had the deed. This date of possession is further corroborated by the fact that George Westlake and Mary Ann Penhale were married this same year and started farming here.

The deed states that this land was set aside for Educational purposes and that the total sale price paid by the Westlakes was 62 pounds 10 shillings. Mr. Westlake died in 1865 at the age of 40, but Mrs. Westlake and her young family, James, Walter, Alice and George carried on farming



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 here until about 1878. Then Mrs. Westlake and her eldest son, James, bought the Donald Black farm, Lot 11, 1 R.N.E.R., on the other side on the Gilbert property and moved there. In 1883 Mrs. Westlake and her youngest son, George, and her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and William Paddon, moved to the original Simon Westlake homestead at Lot 14, 1 R.N.E.R. The two properties, Lots 14 and 15, were then farmed as one unit.

On Jan. 5, 1889 the east part of Lot 15 was deeded to Alice Ann Paddon by her mother, Mary Ann Westlake. At that time the Paddons built a large white brick house and with their 4-year-old son, Nervyn, moved here. In the following years they bought and moved from Lot 17, 1 R.S.E.R. a vacant pioneer Methodist church to become a unit in the rebuilding and improving of the barns already there. They planted evergreen trees for a windbreak, fruit trees and an apple orchard, bored a well to increase their water supply, put in many rods of clay tile to improve the productivity of the land, built fences first of split rails and later changed them to wire. This work was all done by hand, but by a great deal of hard labor and careful planning by both Mr. & Mrs. Paddon they made a real family home for their children, Nervyn, Myrtle and Andrew. In September 1901, the rest of Lot 15 became the property of Alice Ann Paddon.

After the deaths of Mrs. and Mrs. Paddon in 1936, their daughter, Myrtle Mary Paddon became the owner on June 10, 1937 and she carried on and managed the farm until her death July 3, 1970. Then it was acquired by her brother, Andrew E. Paddon and he sold it to the present owner, John C. Penhale on Jan. 22, 1974.

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Although this Century farm has passed from the Westlake descendants a family connection is still partially retained by the fact that <sup>M</sup>Mr. Penhale's grandfather was a brother of Mrs. Mary Ann (Penhale) Westlake. It would seem now that the Penhale family intend to take over from the Westlake family and keep this a family farm, since Mr. Penhale's daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Ronald Erickson are modernizing the house and are planning with their children, Kim and Scott, to make it their future home.



Times personality of the week

# Writes Shakespeare synopses

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Mrs. John F. Adamson (nee Elgiva Moore) of Huron St. had crowded quite a lot of varied experience into her life long before she was 21.

She passed her high school entrance examination at the tender age of 10 years, became a teacher at 16 years at a salary of \$300 (a year, not a month) and was a summer worker in the Student Mission Field when only 18 years of age.

Born in Mapleton, near St. Thomas, she was educated at Aylmer High School and at Queen's University, from which she graduated as a B.A.

Explaining her early qualification for high school, Mrs. Adamson said that in those days the pupils were advanced in accordance with their ability, and she and her sister sometimes advanced two grades in one year.

At 16 years of age she accepted a teaching appointment and taught for one year at Kinmount, followed by another year's teaching at a public school on Manitoulin Island. "There I had 60 pupils in all grades from one to eight and did not consider myself overworked," she remarked.

When 18 she quit teaching and continued her studies at Queen's University for three years, graduating as a Bachelor of Arts.

"I was at Queen's during World War One and many of the men students had gone away to the war and there were, in consequence, not enough men to preach in the summer mission fields", she said. "So I went to remote and isolated districts where there was no church at all during the winter, but only during the summer. These summer churches were in the charge of student ministers. I worked in the mission field for two summers for six month periods and preached at three different churches each Sunday. Usually the services were held in schoolhouses, but some places had a small church. The first year I was at Sault Ste. Marie and the second near Brandon, Manitoba."

Soon after graduating from Queen's Mrs. Adamson married, and in 1926 came to Stratford with her husband, who took up a teaching appointment at what was then the Stratford Collegiate as a science specialist and a



MRS. JOHN ADAMSON

teacher of chemistry. He was there for 35 years.

A member of the Knox Presbyterian Church here, Mrs. Adamson was president of the Stratford branch of the Canadian Club some years ago. An enthusiastic badminton player, she was the top woman player in the local club for some 10 years.

Mrs. Adamson has written some 30 booklets about the plays of Shakespeare. Explaining how this all started she said that one day Mrs. H. G. Martin 'phoned her and asked what she knew about the play Richard III. "When I answered 'nothing' Mrs. Martin suggested we should learn. We decided to tell our neighbors that we were holding Shakespeare readings and asked if they would like to come, and to our astonishment they all said they would."

Mrs. Adamson said this interest was aroused because of the start of the Festival here in 1953. "We had our first meeting in Mrs. Martin's home, and after that in the homes of other members. The idea caught on so much that soon four other groups were formed and later two more. We studied the plays to find the meanings and the dramatic significance and I did the lecturing", she said. She added that a knowledge of the historical background enabled one to know what the speeches meant.

"As a result of these study groups I started in 1954 writing booklets about the Shakespearean plays presented at the Festival, and have now written 30 of them", she said. "In the writing of them I have had the collaboration of my sister Miss Kathleen Moore, an English and history specialist from Queen's University. This collaboration is good from the point of view that it tends to eliminate all personalities and prejudices."

The booklets sell for 75 cents each. "I have given 6,000 copies to the World University Services of Canada, and they have distributed them to youth hostels, refugee camps and univer-

sities in Africa and Asia. In addition some high school students study the booklets, and a few ordered by U.S. universities."

Some 2,500 to 3,000 copies of each booklet are printed, and some of them, including Hamlet, have been reprinted twice.

"My friends tell me that they make the booklets available for paying guests, and I feel that on the average 12 people read every booklet that is bought."

She noted with a smile that she did not make any money out of the booklets, nor did she expect to, particularly after Michael Langham warned her that such a venture was not a money maker.

Mrs. Adamson gave Shakespeare talks at the YW for five years, and said that some people came to the classes every year.

She recalled that when the Festival started here there were not enough restaurants to serve the needs of the big influx of visitors. So Knox Church, together with several other churches began serving meals. Mrs. Adamson was the convener for this work at Knox, with the help of about 50 ladies, and approximately 2,200 meals a week were served.

She recalled that the work was no insecure and meant starting at 7 a.m. and continuing until 11 p.m. "We could serve 500 dinners in about 18 minutes—one every two seconds", she recalled rather proudly, paying tribute to the work of men and women, teen agers and children as well as elderly people which made the big feeding operation possible.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Elgiva Adamson *Oct. 15 '73*

Mrs. Elgiva Adamson, of RR 7, Aylmer, and formerly of 131 Huron Street, Stratford, passed away at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital on Monday after being in ailing health. She was in her 76th year.

Born in Mapleton, the daughter of the late Elizabeth Widen Moore and the late James Moore, Mrs. Adamson was a graduate of Queen's University and resided in Stratford for 50 years. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford.

Her husband, the late John

Frederick Adamson, died previously. A daughter, the late Miss Annie Adamson, died in 1952.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Morrison, and Miss Kathleen Moore, both of Windsor; a niece, Mrs. Donald Johnson, of Aylmer; two nephews, Hugh Moore, of RR 7, Aylmer and Max Moore, of RR 2, Aylmer.

A brother, the late James Moore, died previously.

Mrs. Adamson's remains were donated to medical science.



# World - wide recognition for local play synopsis

A Stratford author's fame has spread half way around the world to Kyoto, Japan.

Mrs. Elgiva M. Adamson, 131 Huron St., received a letter from Toshio Kimura, who is the professor of the English department at Doshisha University, Kamikyoku, Kyoto.

Mr. Kimura said in his letter that he had the copies of Mrs. Adamson's notes on eight of Shakespeare's plays and would like to have the rest of her series.

When the Stratford Festival opened its first season in 1953, Mrs. Adamson gave lectures on the plays performed that year. Starting in 1954, she wrote a book of notes covering the plays which were done at the Festival each year.

Mrs. Adamson has written 30 booklets in all. The last series she did for the 1967 season. Her sister, Miss Kathleen Moore, London, collaborated with her. Miss Moore was an English and history specialist University graduate.

Mrs. Adamson's husband,

the late J. F. Adamson who was vice-principal of Central secondary school, drew the maps used in Mrs. Adamson's booklets.

"I have given 8,000 of my booklets to the World University Service of Canada for distribution to various countries," Mrs. Adamson said.

She has never charged people from Asia, Africa or Europe for her booklets. "I give these people the booklets for good will," she said.

Mrs. Adamson said, "I have found that if people get busy and do something, they can accomplish more than they ever dreamed possible."



MRS. E. M. ADAMSON



Prepared and Typed by Mrs. J.F. Adamson (Elgiva Moore)

October, 1968.

Who held the Crown Deed for the 107 acres, more or less, the westerly half of Lot 23 in the 12th concession of South Dorchester, where Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore now live, I do not know. But I have the following details.

On Sept. 10, 1833, Stephen Tuttle bought 200 acres, comprising Lot 23 in the 12th. concession of South Dorchester, from George Sloan and Samuel Mc Murray for £150.

On June 22, 1838, my grandfather, James Moore, bought 100 acres, more or less, comprising the westerly half of Lot 23 in the 12th. concession of South Dorchester, from Stephen and Louisa Tuttle for £87, 10 s.

On June 16, 1885, my father, James Moore, bought this land from my grandfather, James Moore, for \$8000.

Also, the following are the details which I know concerning the 37 1/2 acres, more or less, comprising the south-west corner of Lot 24 in the 11 th. concession of South Dorchester, where Mr. and Mrs. (Lela Moore) D.M. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson now live.

On Oct. 11, 1853, my grandfather, James Moore, bought this land from David and Charlotte Brooks for £225.

Davis Brooks had purchased 23 acres of this land on March 25, 1848, from Amos and Phebe Jeffrey for £75. How he had acquired the other 14 1/2 acres, I do not know.

On Sept. 25, 1874, my father, James Moore, bought the afore said 37 1/2 acres from his father and mother, James and Jane Moore for \$1500.

On Sept. 20, 1916, my brother, James Moore, bought both these pieces of land from his father and mother, James and Lizzie E. Moore for \$5000. He paid cash which he had saved from the yearly wages that his parents had paid him for staying home and working on the farm.

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Sarah Moore, the second daughter of James and Lizzie E. Moore, obtained her M.A. in Mathematics. For a time she was engaged in actuarial work in Hartford, Connecticut. Upon returning to Canada, she taught in Secondary Schools. She married Neil F. Morrison, M.A., Ph.D., a collegiate teacher in Windsor. He was also a writer of geography and local history. Sarah Morrison's mathematical mind proved invaluable in expressing her husband's research facts, simply, exactly, and briefly. His Economic Geography, first published in 1929, was, in its third edition, authorized in the schools of British Columbia in 1966. His Garden Gateway vividly recounts the century preceding Windsor's Centenary celebration in 1954.





*New fair queen accepts crown*

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Aylmer fair Queen

Bonnie Shackleton was named the 1977 fair Queen with the fair's opening ceremonies Wed. Aug. 17, 1977 Miss Shackleton was sponsored by the Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.





Miss Betty Jenkins

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jenkins had the honour of opening the 1977 Aylmer Fair, and also crowned our new Fair Queen Bonnie Shackleton Aug. 17, 1977. 121st fair.

Aproximately June 19, 1977 Betty being the Ontario Dairy Princess went on her official visit to England. At Woburn Abbey near London Betty assisted a member of the Royal family in the crowning She also attended the Royal Livestock Show near Birmingham and toured parts of England and several farms.

At the 1976 Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Betty was presented with this Ayshire calf, Spruce Grove Man.

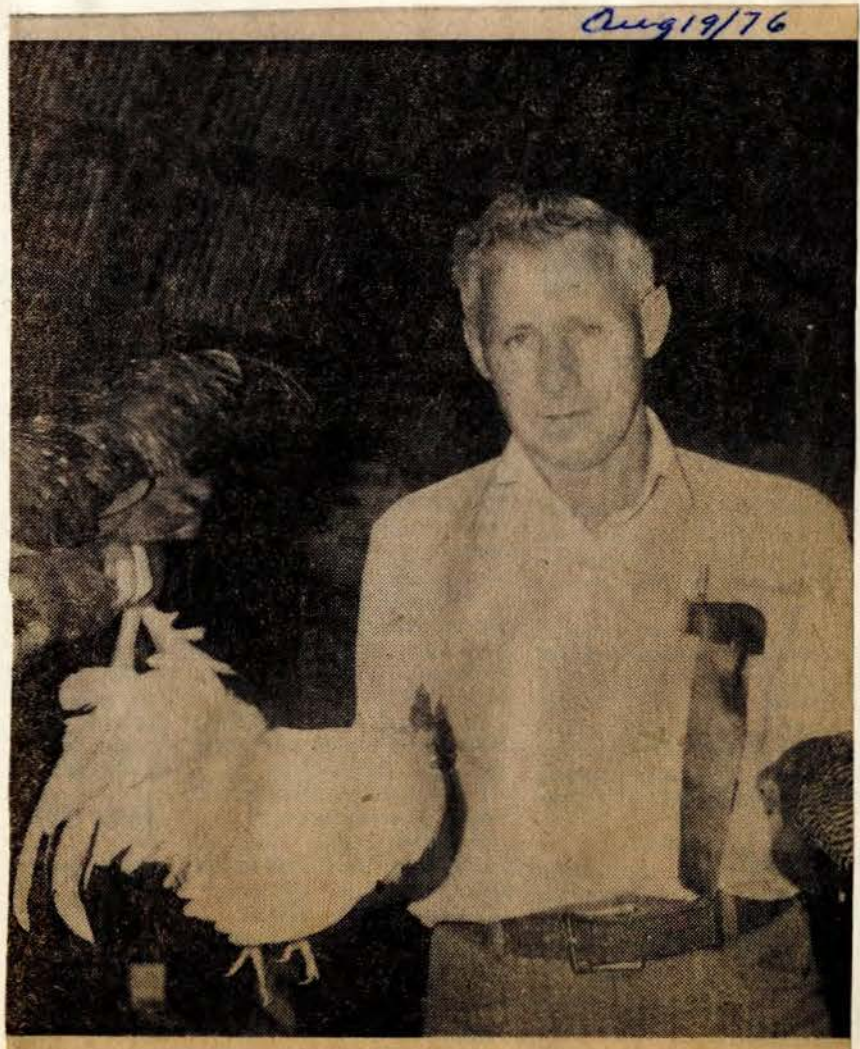
On Aug. 18, 1977 at Aylmer Fair the calf was chosen the top Junior yearling and top Junior Champion female.





Betty Jenkins, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Jenkins RR 1 Belmont, Ontario newly crowned Dairy Princess at C.N.E. Friday Sept. 3, 1976. Her history contained in Scrap Book, page 6.

Hiram Jenken of Belmont, a fair director, holds a White Leghorn Cock belonging to Mrs. John McCart of Newbury, and the Champion Bantam of the show.





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1971 Elgin County Dairy Princess

Held at Locks Community Fair. in July 1971. Miss Jean Jenkins Miss Dairy Princess for the past 2 yrs. left, officially places the ribbon of office on Miss Nancy VanPatter, the new princess for 1971. Miss Vanpatter is a 17-yr. old Grade 13 student of Arthur Voaden Secondary School and resides with her parents at R. 8 St. Thomas.





**Wins Dairy Princess Preliminary**

Dianne Gunning (left), 18, of R. R. 1 Tweed, in Hastings County, emerged the winner in the 5th night of preliminary eliminations for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Miss Gunning will now enter the semi-finals for the Ontario title which begin tonight. The "Princess" will be selected Thursday. Shown above with Dianne are her rivals in the preliminary Friday night. L. To R. Jean Jenkins, Belmont, Elgin. Jane Dickinson, Stayner (Simcoe), Linda Wolfe, Mitchell (Perth), Kay Shaftley, Wellandport (Welland). The eventual winner will depart for Great Britain to tour the dairy industry there and on her return she will enter a one-year series of visits to Ontario dairy events and county fairs. August 28, 1970.



July - 24th & 25th, 1970



Dairy Princess School, Alma College St. Thomas

Eight young ladies representing eight Southwestern Ontario counties arrived at Alma College last night. sponsored by the Elgin County Committee. Points in Grooming, Public speaking, Beauty care, etc. Leader Mrs Nancy Wood is seen with (front row) Miss Anne Campbell, Lambton County, Miss Sharon McMorran, Haldimand, Miss Joanne Judd, Norfolk, (back row) Miss Jeannie Reid, Bruce, Miss Phyllis McKague, Huron, Miss Linda Wolfe, Perth and Miss Jean Jenkins, Elgin.

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JEAN JENKINS



PAT PINEO



SHIRLEY VAN DEN DRIES



CONNIE JENKEN

# Jean Jenkins to defend Dairy Princess title against three others

*Tuesday July 7/70*

Jean Jenkins, 21, of RR 1, Belmont will defend her title as Elgin County Dairy Princess this year at Locke's 22nd annual fair, against three other contestants Tuesday night.

Miss Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, represented Elgin County last year at the Ontario finals held at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. She advanced to the semi-finals before being eliminated.

Entering her third year of competition, Miss Jenkins teaches at Aldborough Public School and is editor of the Elgin County Junior Farmer publication *Elco Fain*. She is also a member of the West Elgin Junior Farmers.

Also back for a second year is Pat Pineo, a 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pineo of RR 2, Aylmer. Pat placed as a runner-up last year. She has lived all her life on a dairy farm and graduated from Grade 13 at East Elgin Secondary School this year. She

plans to attend Conestoga College this fall.

Making her debut in the competition will be Shirley Van den Dries a member of the local 4-H Homemaking club. The 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ada Hagalessey, of RR 4, Iona Station, graduated from Central Elgin Collegiate Institute this year and will be attending Centralia School of Agriculture and Economics this fall.

Also making her first appearance will be Connie Jenken of RR 1, Belmont, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jenken Jr., is a member of the Belmont Junior Farmers Club and was a member of the Belmont 4-H Calf club for four years.

Miss Jenken has her county and provincial honors in 4-H activities. This year she graduated with first class honors from the four-year business and commercial courses at Arthur Voaden Secondary School.

## 1970 Dairy Princess Contestants.

4 girls entered the competition on July 7, 1970. Miss Jean Jenkins won and was in the final at Toronto but was defeated. Diane Gunning of Hastings County was the winner.





Mapleton School Closed 1963

Teachers-- between the yrs. 1945- 1963

1945 - 1950 Mrs. Lorne Taylor and through illness resigned  
at the beginning of the 1950-1951 term

1950 Sept. & Oct. Mrs. Wm, Crawford

1950-1 Nov. & Dec. Mrs. Chris. Pearson.

1951 Miss Teresa Dunn (Ruddy) till Dec. 51.

1952-56 Mrs. Violet Brown Jan. 52, to June 56.

1956-1958 Mrs. Ronald Wipperman

1958-1959 Mrs. Lavoie

1959-1961 Mrs. Vaughan Robbins

1961-1962 Mrs. Ivan Heidt

1962-1963 Miss Francis Davis (Wainwright)

### TENDERS

Tenders will be received up to July 15, 1946, for painting the interior of Mapleton School. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Details from the Secretary-Treasurer, Lenora Free, R. R. No. 3, Belmont.



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