

THE GOODING FAMILY

The Gooding family was English and originally lived in Somersetshire somewhere near North Sutton. In 1660 at the time of Cromwell's defeat and the restoration of Charles II to the throne, two younger Gooding brothers, who were Roundheads, believing discretion to be the better part of valor, left their English home and sailed for America. One settled in Massachusetts, and the other brother in Virginia. Of the fifty-two Mayflower colonists who survived the first winter in the new world, only twenty-nine left descendants. The New England Goodings married into five of these families. In the war of the American Independence, they fought on the side of the Revolutionists, lending their name to the first American war song, "Yankee Doodle".

"Yankee Doodle came to town,

Along with Captain Gooding".

According to the "History of the Gooding Family" in the Cleveland Historical Library, a Captain Gooding fought in an American regiment with the English against the French at Louisburg and was killed there.

About 1798 Seth Crane Gooding moved his family westward into New York State and settled at Groton in the Finger Lake District. Here he built his home, which is still standing in excellent repair, and raised his family of seven boys and two girls. The family was brought up in the strict dode of Puritan New England. They were Episcopalians and Democrats, but in spite of their liberal political leanings, were none too tolerant of those outside their faith. A man's word was sacred and his pocketbook a personal possession to be well guarded. The seven boys were tall athletic men, measuring in aggregate, exactly forty-two feet. They were fine horsemen and excellent shots, well trained in the crafts of their day. When

they married they settled in several states. One lived in Idaho where his grandson, Frank R. Gooding, represented the state in the United States Senate for many years. A city and county in southern Idaho are named after him.

Only one of the brothers left the United States. That was David. At first he lived in Cortland, N.Y. and his three children, Sydney, Sarah, and David Henry were born there. David Henry always retained many memories of his early life in Cortland. He remembered the sleigh rides down along the long hills, the tunnels through the snow in the valleys, the riding horses and the large family gatherings at Christmas and New Years. There was the exciting day when a young Gooding girl and her colored mammy from Virginia arrived at their home to live with them for one summer during the Civil War while her father and brother were fighting in the Confederate army. He never forgot the day an uncle rushed his brother Sydney, barely fifteen years old on a horse across the country to escape being drafted into the Union Army.

David Gooding's mother, Emily Noyes, died when he was nine years old and the home was broken up. Sydney was already married and shortly afterwards Sarah married William Pendleton. David was placed in a boy's Academy at Groton and his father went west to Illinois with the Pendletons. David lived at the Academy and spent the summers with an aunt. He missed his family and as soon as he could he joined them in Illinois. Illinois was a prairie country in those days and he sadly missed the hilly lake country of New York. In a short time the Pendletons moved to Canada and settled on a farm two miles west of Aylmer in Ontario, just around the bend of the highway east of Orwell.

The South bereft of men in the post Civil War days urged young men from the North to come and manage the deserted plantations. David decided to accept a generous southern offer. Enroute to the South he came east through Ontario to visit his sister. When he arrived in Aylmer he found his brother-in-law ill and remained to help with the harvest. The summer passed into fall and the weeks into a year. He began to find excuses for staying for he had learned to like the country and the people. He felt at home. In time he became a citizen and he and his father purchased a dairy.

In 1881 David married Jennie Mills. She was the great granddaughter of John Mills, one of the founders of the Quaker settlement at Sparta. She, too, lost a parent, her father, when she was young and she and her mother, Mary Wilton Mills lived in St. Thomas. She was educated in music at the Ursuline Convent and taught piano in the city. She was one of the soloists at the opening of Alma College.

David Gooding owned the dairy and farmed the land where the Timken Co. now stands. Later he moved to Yarmouth Centre. He loved the farm, farm cattle and horses. He owned a large herd of pure-bred Jerseys and his thoroughbred horses took many prizes at the horse shows and fairs. He was an excellent rider and owned probably the first span of palomino horses in the country. He never sold an old horse that had worked for him for many years but turned him out on his farm at Sparta to live out his life.

True to his family tradition David Gooding was a staunch Liberal. He worked in the Liberal organizations and at one time was urged to let his name stand in the nomination for the Legislature.

In 1900 he was appointed Superintendent of the House of Industry, now the Elgin Manor, and lived there for twenty-six years. In 1926 his wife died and he retired from his position to live on his farm in the summers and at his daughter's and son-in-law's home in Middlemarch during the winters.

In 1930 he died leaving three children, Myrtle, Hazel, and Rhea. Hazel, who at one time taught school at Middlemarch, married Dr. Neil A. Munro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Munro of North Yarmouth. Dr. Munro practiced medicine in Cleveland for over thirty years. Their two daughters, Jane, and Mary were born there and were educated in Canadian Universities. Jane married Norman Brock McElheran, son of Archdeacon R.B. McElheran, Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto and Mrs. Irene McElheran. Mary married Dr. John H. Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hare of Newcastle, Ontario. They have two children, Susan Jane, and Sally Munro. Rhea Gooding married William G. Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lyle. She, too, taught school at Middlemarch and later violin at Alma College. Myrtle Gooding lives with the Lyles at Middlemarch.

With the death of David Gooding the family name in his branch of the family has died out.

Hazel Gooding Munro

Note - Myrtle Gooding died March 1970.

THE DOWLER FAMILY 1912-1971

Thomas Thompson Dowler and his wife (the former Mary Anne McWilliam), their three sons and four daughters and a sister, Sarah Jane Dowler, came to Middlemarch, Southwold Township from Drumgeaglom, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, on October 1st, 1912. They settled on Lot 30 S.T.R.

1. Francis John Dowler married Dora Madeline Fatcher, R.N., daughter of James and Sarah Fatcher of Fovant Farm, R. R. #1, Talbot Street, St. Thomas. Francis and Dora bought the James Fatcher Farm and farmed there until they moved to Farmville, Virginia in 1926 where they still reside. Francis managed a 1600 acre estate for the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunnington of Poplar Hill, Virginia. They have one daughter and one son.

Virginia Dowler married Carl William Dickhoff, Jr. They have two daughters, Dora Anna and Elizabeth, and one son, Carl III. They reside and farm near Farmville, Virginia.

Thomas Fatcher Dowler married Jewel Covington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Covington, Farmville. They have one son, Michael, and one daughter, Darlene. Thomas is with the Telephone Co. of Farmville and they reside close to Farmville.

2. Phoebe Florence Dowler married Harold Wesley Glover of Fingal. They have two sons and three daughters. Harold died in October 1956. Phoebe Florence presently resides on the Glover Farm of Fingal.

William Thomas Glover married Jean Currie McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean of Dutton. They have four daughters and one son--Jean Anne, B.M., Elizabeth Jessie (teacher), Deborah Florence, Thomas William and Susan Elaine. They live south of Fingal.

Mary Kathleen Glover married Stanley George Smith of Wilton Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. They farmed at Belmont until Stanley's death from Hodgkins Disease in 1953, when Kathleen and three small daughters moved to London where they still reside. Kathleen Mary Alice, B.A., Marilyn Florence, B.A., and Lila Margaret, B.A. Kathleen Mary Alice married Raymond William Imbeau of Enderby, British Columbia and lives there. Mary Kathleen Smith later married Robert Sutherland Hunt of Dorchester.

Florence Elizabeth Glover married Charles Edwin George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest George of Belmont. They live on the George Farm at Belmont and have two daughters and one son--Karen Elizabeth, R.N., Garvey Ernest and Melanie.

John Harold Glover married Ruby Isobel Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Anderson of Sarnia. They have three sons and three daughters--Ruby Florence, George Harold, James Douglas, Evelyn Isobel, Robert William, and Patricia Lynne. They live on the Glover Farm just west of Fingal.

Lorna Lillian Maudie Glover married William Collard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Collard, R.R. #3, Shedden, and live on the Collard farm near Frome. They have three sons and two daughters--Hardy William, Timothy Harold, Phoebe Lillian, Lori Louise, and Jonathan Alfred.

3. Robert Henry Dowler married Ella Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Patrick of R.R. #1 Port Stanley. One son died shortly after birth. Ella died in 1967 and Robert Henry married Mrs. Margaret Palmer, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly, R.R. #5 St. Thomas. They reside on the original Dowler Farm (lot 30 S.T.R.) R.R.#1, Talbot Street, St. Thomas.

4. Lily Dowler married Ernest ~~Marvin~~ Nethercott, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nethercott of R.R. #1, Talbot Street, St. Thomas. They farm at R.R. #1 Arkona. They have three sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, Evelyn, died at three years of age.

Jack Beverly Nethercott married Vivian McChesney of Arkona. They have two sons and two daughters, Anna, Allan, Donna Marie, and Douglas. They farm at R.R. #1 Arkona.

Glenn Ernest Nethercott married Florence McDougall--a year later she died of brain tumor. He married Charlotte Frazer and they have two daughters and one son, Cathy, Lily Ann and Gary. They live in Parkhill, where Glenn is a machinist.

Doreen Lillian Nethercott married Gerald Dymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dymond of Kerwood, and they have two daughters and one son--Ronald, Sherri and Lynda. They farm at R.R. #1 Kerwood.

Robert William Nethercott hopes to be married to Patricia Loomis in October 1971 and is presently building a home on the home farm at Arkona.

5. Annie Maud Victoria Dowler married William Lawrence Kruppe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kruppe, R.R. #1, St. Thomas. They have one son. Lawrence and Maudie built a new home and reside on the Kruppe farm.

John William Kruppe married Lois Doreen Webber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber, Wallacetwon. They have one son, Stuart Andrew. John resides on the Kruppe farm, R.R. #1 St. Thomas.

6. George William Dowler married Winnifred Cecilia Harrison of St. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison. They have one daughter and one son--Barbara Joyce and Robert Albert. George built up a large Imperial Oil Business in St. Thomas before his death in 1970. The business is now operated by his son Robert Dowler and son-in-law Jack Karn under the name of Dowler and Karn.

Barbara Joyce Dowler married John Hubert Karn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Karn, St. Thomas. They have two sons and one daughter--John Malcolm, Barbara Ann, and David Brian.

Robert Albert Dowler married Priscilla Louise Freeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Freeland, St. Thomas. They have two sons, Jeffery Scott and Jason Robert.

7. Elizabeth Ida Jane Dowler married Harold Gordon Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke of Wallacetown. They have one son Harold Dowler.

Harold Dowler Clarke married Mary Jane Guthrie, Ph.D., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Guthrie of Port Elgin, Ontario. Harold Dowler is a Professor at the University of Windsor. Dr. Clarke is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A.

On the twenty-fifth day of May 1896, George Edgar Bowlby, youngest son of John Nelson Bowlby and Caroline Smith Bowlby, residents of Talbotville, was united in marriage to Fannie Ellen Smoke, youngest daughter of Peter Smoke and Rebecca House Smoke residents of the village of Middlemarch. They settled in Middlemarch and later in 1913 purchased the family farm consisting of 48 acres on the north east branch of the Talbot road Southwold township. The southeast quarter of Lot 32 from Mr. Isaac Welter. Mr. Bowlby was also a carpenter. They were blessed with 14 children. Two boys died in infancy, leaving 6 boys and 6 girls. There was one set of twins. Harry married, resided in Fingal, passed away March 1955. No family.

William married, lived in St. Thomas, had 11 children and passed away in June 1967. Lawrence married, lives in St. Thomas, 2 daughters and 1 son. Albert married, lives in St. Thomas. No family. Dora Robilliard, Warren, Michigan. 2 sons. Daisy Branton, Paynes Mill, no family. Ada Walker lived in St. Thomas. 1 son.

She passed away in December 1954. Myrtle Pettit lives in St. Thomas, 1 son. Alberta Merritt lives in St. Thomas 1 daughter. Hazel DeGraw, Rodney, 1 son. Nelson served 2 years in the army from November 1941 and in November 1943 was discharged. Their grandson Harold, son of Ada Walker, joined the Air Force in 1943 at the age of 15 and graduated as an air gunner. He went to England and was discharged in 1945. In 1950 he joined the Army P.P.C.I and in 1951 went to Korea for 14 months. He was wounded there and returned to Canada and later was chosen as one of two men from St. Thomas district by Ottawa to

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represent the army at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

Mr. Bowlby passed away in March 1955, Mrs. Bowlby having died in June 1950. After his death the farm was sold. It was purchased by Mr. James Carroll of Middlemarch.

Mrs. Myrtle Pettit
Mrs. Daisy Branton

March 1971

THE ISAAC W. WELTER FARM

Isaac W. Welter of Southwold, one of ten children of Isaac Welter Sr. and Margaret Watterworth and Alberta Garner of Malahide, only daughter of George A. Garner and Mary Ann Ferguson were married in 1882.

There were three children - Pearl (Mrs. E. H. Lindsay, Toronto); Milford, deceased, late of Toronto; and Edgar of St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Welter and family and Mrs. Garner lived at Copenhagen, and in 1897 purchased the farm of Elijah Mann, Talbot Str. making Mr. Welter the third owner, in that Col Talbot district.

Mrs. Garner passed away in 1916. Later Mr. Welter bought the Isaac Welter farm - Middlemarch.

Around 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Welter sold the farm and retired to the city on Balaclava St. In 1936, Mr. Welter passed away, followed by Mrs. Welter nine months later.

Mrs. Welter will be remembered for her activities in the neighbourhood church, and as organist for many years.

Mrs. Pearl Lindsay (May 1965)

Note

Elijah Mann farm - East part of Lot 36 - Talbot Road - South side.

CARROLL FAMILY

Thomas Carroll came to Canada in 1878 from the County of Tyrone in Ireland at the age of 23. He worked for his two older brothers John and William at Cowal and was married in 1882 to Margaret Reid who came from Ireland to be his bride. They took up farming near Ridgetown where they lived for nine years. All their children were born there, three boys and three girls. They moved from Ridgetown to the McIntyre farm near Lawrence Station, from here to a farm near Boxall, and in 1900 purchased Lot 37 Talbot Road from George Potticary, whose family had received the farm from the Crown. Mrs. Carroll died in 1917 and Thomas Carroll died in 1944.

Arthur Carroll, the eldest son of Thomas Carroll was married in 1913 to Jean Whyte, and they moved to a farm west of Middlemarch, part lot 32, which had been purchased in 1910 from Oscar Welter. They had five children, two sons and three daughters. Arthur was killed in 1943 when a team of horses ran away with the corn binder pinning him underneath. Jean continued to live on the home farm for as long as she was able, and died in 1970. The two sons, James the oldest of the family, and Harold the youngest, continued to farm the homestead, adding to it in 1950 part of lot 34 purchased from Isabel Thorpe, niece of the former owner George Monteith. In 1955, they purchased the Bowlby farm across from the home farm - lot 32. In May 1965 James was killed in an automobile accident at Dexter, south of Sparta. Harold was married in 1960 to Margaret Fisher of Ottawa, who was a dietician at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital before their marriage. They live on the farm on county road 45 south of Middlemarch, and farm the other two farms also. Marion the eldest girl, married Oscar Temple of St. Thomas. They have three boys and two girls. The second daughter, Margaret had one daughter Patricia who was raised by her grandmother. Patricia married John Zegars and they have three girls, Ileen, Sharon and Connie. They are presently living on the home farm, lot 32. Dorothy, the youngest daughter, married Roy McNea and they have one girl and three boys.

Elizabeth, the second eldest of Thomas Carroll's children, married Alex Alexander of St. Thomas, and they had seven children. She died in 1959.

Carrie married George Carr and they farmed near Belmont for a number of years. They had six children. Carrie died in 1966.

George married Ethel Potticary (no relation to the original owner) and they had one son Ernest, who married Audrey Lewis. They

had one son and a daughter and live in London, Ontario. George continued to farm the original homestead, Part lot 37 and added another 50 acres, part lot 28 S.T.R.E. He is presently residing at Elgin Manor and enjoying reasonably good health and in his 83rd year. Ethel died in 1968.

Part of lot 34 STRE, on the south-east corner of Talbot Road (now County Road 16) and the Smoke Side Road (now County Road 45) was owned by John Book. After passing through several other owners, it was purchased by Thos. Casey who divided the part facing Talbot Road into three small lots then owned by John Hatherly, George Stanton and George House.

The western half acre was purchased by John Hatherly from Thomas Casey on March 5, 1872 for \$220.00. August 27th, 1912 Albert Stinchcombe purchased this lot for \$575.00. On June 5, 1936 title was passed to Rome Trevor Stinchcombe and his wife Mabel. On Sept. 22, 1945 Edgar Joseph Thomas purchased the lot and sold it on April 30th, 1946 to Harold and Greta Chase. June 16, 1948 Mr. and Mrs. Sid Spence bought the property and sold it on November 1, 1948 to Stanley Daugharty and his wife A. Maxine Daugharty. Their son Franklin Barry - born April 9, 1943 - attended the school S. S. #14. In 1959 Stanley and A. Maxine wer divorced and the property is now owned by Stanley Daugharty. Barry married Marilyn Anne Minty on October 8th, 1965. They have three children - Jamie Lee - born Aug. 8, 1967, Lisa Kathleen- born July 13, 1971 and Kara Anne - born May 15, 1975. Barry is a school teacher with his M. A. and in Sept. 1977 was appointed principal of Myrtle St.School in St. Thomas.

On October 14, 1961, Stanley Daugharty married Margaret Elizabeth Campbell and they have a daughter Anne Elizabeth born January 17, 1963.

When the property was purchased in 1948, there was a barn on the sideroad and the west part of the lot was a field. A verandah was on the front of the house along Talbot Road. During the past few years an addition was added to the south side of the house, a gargge added, and the house is in the process of being modernized.

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