



Lot 38 S.T.R.E.
Mr. John McNiven

1983

LOT 38 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

October 21, 1824 - Stephen Cornwall - patent - 200 acres

WEST HALF

1842 - Abraham Mandeville
1851 - Abraham Mandeville
1861 - Abraham Mandeville
William Mandeville
Frank Hunt
A. F. McNiven
John McNiven
1983 - Bruce and Hugh Lyle

EAST HALF

Simon Nicholl
Charles Begg
Tyrell Begg
Sept. 1, 1971 - John Maynard

Lot 38
East half owned
by John & Elizabeth
Herkvliet

Timothy Tyrell Begg, son of Charles, married (1) Frankie Futcher
(2) Meta McCallum

Children by Frankie

1. Futcher married *KAY HANAGAN*
Jane
Jacqueline
Joan married Kenneth Hill
Margaret md McPherson
John md
 Brian
 Margaret
2. Catherine - md Norman Smith - ¹⁹⁹² St. Thomas
 Kevin
 Sharon
3. Franklin - (Mike) md. Helen Neave
 Franklin md Marilyn Sutherland
 Cynthia
 Lorrie
 Gary md Mary Clark
 Jodie
 Shane
 Judy md Stanley Linkovitch
 Sherre

*clued 1986
d - 1992*

Children by Meta

1. Arta
2. John Stewart md Elizabeth Cromwell
 Rennie
 David Stewart
 Timothy John

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The McNiven farm front 39 acres was purchased in the spring of 1983. The house was partially renovated and is the home of Donald (Sandy) Lyle.

In 1972 the south west corner of this farm was purchased from John McNiven by Robert S. Curtis and incorporated into the original home farm. (1983)

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In September 1971, John and Barbara Maynard purchased the farm from T. Begg. The farm was separated at the railroad tracks at the time of the sale. John and Barbara Maynard have two children David and Laurie.



Lot 39 S.T.R.E.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knight
1983

LOT 39 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

March 15, 1822 - Isaac Morse - patent - 200 acres
John Dyer
Robert Blackwood
John Walker - 150 acres
George Lawton

1946 Tom Dubber
Harry Dubber (grandson of George Lawton)
Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Dubber
Roy Knight

EAST PART

April 7, 1964 - purchased from Harry Dubber for Southwold
School. Built 5 room school - Nov. 27, 1965
May 1, 1968 or 9 - Purchased 2nd tract of land to build an
addition to the school. (25 room)

Between this farm and the next farm east was a swamp covered
with willows which was very difficult to clear.

PRINCIPALS OF SOUTHWOLD SCHOOL

Mr. Gordon Sims 1964-1965
Mr. Clarence Horton 1965-1969
Mr. W. S. Robinson 1969-1973
Mr. G. V. Fleming 1973-



Lot 40 S.T.R.E.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Dedecker
1983



Lot 40 S.T.R.E.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shepherd
1983



Lot 40 S.T.R.E.
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Phoenix
1983

Constant Frank de Deckere was born near Clinge in the province of Zeeland, the Netherlands on January 21, 1929.

Not far from there, in the same province, Maria Matilda Kerchhaert was born near Hengstdyk on April 15, 1931.

On April 4, 1956 they were wed in a double wedding which included Constant's sister, Josephine and Albert Ferket.

Constant, better known as Stan, had previously worked in Canada and by the end of April 1956 the newlyweds along with Josephine and Albert set sail for new opportunities in "America". This event was said to be done over the protest of Maria's father.

The Dutch immigrants settled in Southwestern Ontario.

Stan and Mary moved from Blenheim where Stan was a farm labourer to Strathroy where they were sharecroppers and finally in the spring of 1964 they purchased Lot 40, a farm near the City of St. Thomas from Edna Silcox. Thereafter they engaged in raising hogs and growing corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables.

They have four children:

Constaninus (Stan Jr.) Franciscus born December 27, 1956 who is a graduate of the University of Windsor Law School.

Rosemarie Josephine born July 17, 1958 who is a Registered Nurse.

Dorothy Pauline born June 21, 1961 a hairdresser who is currently studying at the University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio. U.S.A.

Mary Ann born August 2, 1966 who is a student at St. Joseph's High School in St. Thomas.

Mary Ann was the only child born in St. Thomas.

On April 17, 1982, Rosemarie fled the family's farm nest and married Anthony de Corte of Yarmouth Township.

In 1964, the de Deckere farmstead consisted of the remnants of goat sheds, an old barn and a storey and a half brick home. In the old barn, the de Deckere's unloaded a cow which they had kept in Strathroy. It would be an understatement to say that the house was rundown. In fact, Stan had bought the farm without Mary really inspecting the dilapidated condition of the house's interior and when Mary viewed at last the inside of the house she knew it would take years to clean and remodel the old house. Meanwhile, Stan thought it was far more important for a farmer to concentrate on a barn. The old barn was torn down and eventually two other barns were erected, one for the pigs and one for the machinery. Also demolished, was an old garage attached to the house. It covered a well which was filled in because the hook-up to "city water" had made it redundant. A new two car garage was built on the same spot. The house has become very cosy with the improvements made through the years.

Stan and Mary now ponder the future and hope that grandchildren may come some day to visit their farm.

LOT 40 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

February 24, 1831 - Abraham King - patent - 200 acres
David King

Mrs. Edna Silcox
1964 - Mr. Constance DeDecker - bought the farm

LOTS ALONG TALBOT ROAD EAST

EAST LOT

Archie Gauthier
1956 - Gerald Shepherd

EAST MIDDLE LOT

George Harold Silcox
Mr. Vern Tales
Sept. 13, 1968 - Herbert Millman

WEST MIDDLE LOT

Mrs. Blanche Lunn
Mr. Larry Chamberlain
Nov. 1974 - Irwin Phoenix

WEST LOT

Franklin Begg - who made a house out of a barn
Bill Richardson
1949 - Mr. William Hough

LOT 40 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

In 1964 on February 20th, Herbert and Shirley Millman rented the house on part of Lot 40 from Verne and Dorothy Tales. We have five sons: Gary married Linda Dignan (divorced) and then married Sandy . They have two children Joshua and Nathan.

Bill married Jachqueline Proulx and they have two children David and Dawn.

Gerald married Diane Lampman and they have Sherrie, RaeAnne and Danielle

Clayton married Linda Allen and they have a son Christopher

Richard married Linda Dignam and they have Jason and Jonathan.

In 1965 our daughter Debbie was born.

On September 13th, 1968 we purchased the house from George Harold Silcox and Verne and Dorothy Tales.

LOT 40 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

In November 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Phoenix (Evalyn) purchased part of lot 40 from Mr. Larry Chamberlain. (1 acre)

After farming for 14 years near Elginfield in Middlesex County, the Phoenix's purchased this property and moved there April 1, 1975.

1983



Lot 41 S.T.R.E.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fodor
1983

LOT 41 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

September 14, 1830 - John Rolph - patent - 200 acres
Settled by Dr. Thos. Rolph from Gloucestershire,
England. He cleared the farm, front half, and
built a large square log house on a small sand
hill near Talbot Road. About 1815. In 1820,
Dr. Thomas Rolph died and left his son,
Dr. John Rolph as owner. Thomas was buried
in the woods about 80 rods from Talbot Road
on a slight elevation of land.

1832 - Jas. Innes
George Brewer
T. Treadwell
George Lawton - built a frame cottage
Mr. Jack Ferguson

1958 - Mr. William E. Marshall (frame cottage)

BRICK HOME

Stuart Brown
1963 - Mr. Louis Fodor

The farm was purchased from Stewart Archibald Brown in
March of 1963 by Louis Fodor Jr. and family of London, Ontario.
They moved from London to the farm at the end of June 1964.
The family included Louis Fodor and his wife Frances with three
girls : Sharon Lynn born Nov. 14, 1955

Cathryn Esther born Mar. 8, 1958

Margaret Anne born June 1, 1961

A son John Louis Richard was born that fall on October 1964.

Sharon graduated from Victoria Hospital Nursing in 1976, was
married to Daniel Buchanan of Belmont May 12, 1979 and is
presently living at R. R. #1, Belmont.

Cathryn graduated from U. W. O. in June 1982.

Anne is presently attending the University of Alberta.

John had finished High School and is working at home.



LOT 42 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
Robert Lyle (rented) 1983

LOT 42 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

July 20, 1833 - Leonard Freeman - patent - 200 acres

1851 - James Begg - 90 acres

1861 - James Begg - 92½ acres

Stanley Lyle and Sons

George Ponsford

1943 - Robert Lyle

Harmsen - Lyle's hired man
house rented



LOT 43 S.T.R.E.
Mrs. Don Begg

1983



LOT 43 S.T.R.E.
Mrs. Don Begg - rented house
1983

LOT 43 SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

May 27, 1825 - John Ellison - patent - 200 acres

1842 - Thomas Nicholls - 340 acres

1851 - Simon Nichols

1861 - Simon Nichols

1915 - Chas. Siple
Begg

Don Begg

Ileae Begg

SMALL BRICK HOUSE

Don Begg
House rented.

Lot 44, Talbot Road - South Side

1811 - Settled by David Mandeville, the first settler of this section - who came with his family from the Long Point Settlement. David Mandeville kept a hotel at the foot of the hill, south side, where the gravel road intersects the street.

1896 - owned by Richard Nicholl

1939 - owned by C. S. Butler

Lot 44 - Talbot Road E. South

Settled 1811 - David Mandeville - first owner

1896 - Richard Nicholl

At the demonstration lectures given by Miss Gray in the Grange Hall, Middlemarch, Mrs. Whiting, the District President, was present on February 26, 1918 and organized the Middlemarch Women's Institute when the following officers were elected: President - Mrs. Charles Butler, 1 Vice-President - Mrs. E. E. Luton, Sect. Treasure - Mrs. N. F. Tufford.

Soc. Com. - Mrs. McNiven, Mrs. S. Curtis, Dora Futcher, Mrs. A. Lonsberry, Clara Humphries.

Work Com. - Mrs. T. Dubber, Mrs. James Futcher, Mrs. E. Burton,

Knitting Com. - Mrs. T. Stinchcombe, Sarah Humphries, Jessie Tufford

Directors - Mrs. McNiven, Mrs. T. Dubber, Jessie Tufford,

The meetings to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The first meeting to be held at the home of the President, Mrs. Charles Butler.

(signed) Mrs. C. S. Butler

The following are a list of members -

Mrs. McNiven	Sarah Humphries
Mrs. S. Curtis	Viola Lipsey
Mrs. Charles Butler	Jessie Futcher
Mrs. E. E. Luton	Dora Futcher
Mrs. James Futcher	Carrie Futcher
Mrs. T. Dubber	Jessie Tufford
Mrs. E. Burton	Mrs. F. Joiner
Mrs. W. Wright	Mrs. N. F. Tufford
Mrs. A. Lonsberry	Dora Bowlby
Mrs. T. Stinchcombe	Mrs. C. P. Welter
Mrs. John Futcher	Rhea Gooding
Clara Humphries	Margaret Lyle
Pearl Gray	R. Boughner
Mrs. T. Begg	Bertha King
Alice King	Mrs. James Begg
Mrs. Ross Tufford	