

In 1981 --Mrs Francis Blackman--President of the Women's Institute at Paynes Mills thought it would be a good idea for the group to make a tour of the different districts in southwold. This is a very historic Township and over the years, like all places many changes have taken place. So in preparation for the tour--a sketch was drawn up.

This was the tour that was followed.----

As we leave the hall we pass the old Paynes Mills school property now a house owned by Ivan Taylor. The first P.M. school was on the south side of the road. Go west on #3 highway and turn right on the Smoke Road. The first house in the woods is owned by Floyd Humphries - you can't see much at this time of year; second house now owned by Greenville.

At the end of the road turn left at Eric Kinstenis, go past Steve Blackmans on the right and look across the fields there to see 2 new houses on the other road - one next to Sadie Williams and one across the road. On the left is Wush Brown's new house. Next place on the left is Bob & Marie Calhoun - she drives one of the school buses.

Looking right at this corner we see the farm buildings of Jim Beharrell and across the road the new house of Eugene Bogart.

Turn left on the base line road past Roy Browns on the right. Turn right on the first road. At the end of this road on the right is the Carder farm.

Looking left at the corner we see the farm of Charlie McMullen on the west side of the road and the new house next door built for his mother-in-law Mary Storey.

As we go over these roads we pass many places that I didn't put names on - some I didn't know and some were only names to me with no connection or interest. If someone knows some points of interest please add them.

Turn right at the next corner. There is a new house in the corner lot on the left. This land was township property with the improvements on the road a few years ago. Clarence Morrow's new house is on the right and he is well known to almost everyone as a high school bus driver for years, Archie McKillip's are next door - he is a school bus driver for Southwold school.

Turn left right here onto the Gore road. Gary Montooth's farm is on the left - house on the right is a Holborn boy, then Ron Silcox's big new house - Clayton Silcox on the old McCormick farm and Currie Silcox in the other new house. The Verne Holborn farm is next.

John Beharrell is next on the right - farm once owned by a Mr McCormick who used to plough in all the matches & won a silver plough.

A man from London is building the new house next to this.

Lawrence McIntyre is on the left and the new house we see to the left on the

side road is Jim McIntyres. On at the end of that road is May Emery.

On the right is the farm once owned by Alvy Turner - his father at one time was reeve of Southwold, warden of Elgin and inspector of the House of Refuge - now Elgin manor. which he visits regularly at 3:15 every Saturday. Byron & June Ellis now live there and work for Quality Swine.

Just past the next corner on the left is the property of Don Kirby - built on the corner of his father's farm. He flies the little blue airplane from Chas Oldham's place - he built it himself. His daughter married Don Lawdy.

Next on the left is Mrs Duncan Turner and her son and next door her son wife & family. On the right the home of Ron Margaret Lyle - built a few years ago by Bob Cooke who played hockey for the New York Islanders. On the left is Ian McLellan - his mother MAG R.H. McLellan was a great W.I. worker and a talented writer of skits and papers. On the right 2 new houses - the first one is the son of Mrs Haddesey across the road. The next one is a lovely home. The name Leyen means nothing to the three of us in the car.

On the next corner is supposed to be the

highest spot in Elgin County. There used to be a large wooden tower here that they used for surveying the county. Mrs John Kyle can remember climbing this tower.

Turn right on the townline between Southwood & Dunwick. Go past the highway garage on the left and the Quality Swine buildings on the right. cross #01 highway and on the right is the Union school SS# 8920. now a residence

Further on we pass the home of Wilma Mc Adams on the left. Turn right at the next corner. If we went straight through we would very soon come to the bridge over the Thamist river and into the Muncey reserve. On the left is the old Free Methodist church. At one time this congregation used to hold big revival meetings in a tent on the property across the road. Many now tell stories of attending these meetings. This area was poor sandy land until the introduction of tobacco farming. Van Colins & Guests are family names here.

Turn left just over the tracks and where the CN Railroad sign is now, there used to stand a big water tower for the trains and a large stock yards. There used to be a large settlement here at one time and the first time after they were married and

ment told Katherine he was going to Muskoka  
she thought she would pack her suitcase  
and go with him. The home now with  
Fish on the mail box used to be SS# 21  
Muskoka. White frame house next used  
to be owned by a Mr. Douglas and for some  
years there were no other children but  
Douglas in the school. It had the distinction  
of being one of the smallest schools in the  
township when they were all moved to  
Southwold Central. The new house on down  
on the left is Allan Plair - she teaches at  
Southwold. Straight ahead the road goes  
through a gravel pit used by the township  
and leased from Mac Watson. Straight  
ahead is the Thames River. Turn in the  
pit and go back. We have come to the tip  
of Southwold township. Turn left past a  
Foster home, used to be Livingstones - gas  
one time exploded and burned them out. At  
the curve there is a road allowance that  
would lead through to Harold Hutchings  
but it was never put through.

At the yield sign turn left. Duncan  
McKillop owns land on the left. The P.M.  
Campbell place is next and that name is  
familiar to many. A large market garden  
is on the right. Away down the road on  
the right a new house built by a Mr. Brown