





1963 Mr. L. VanTright

1963 Mr. H. D. Harper







1963 Mr. J. VanMeppelenScheppink 1963 Mr. D. Binks

Lot 8 E. R. R.

Col. White, an Irishman lost his property in the old country and came to Ganada to get rich. He settled on the farm now owned by the late Miss Joyner and Mr. Page, her brother-in-law, and which her grandfather Mr. Olver had bought. The house on this farm was in those days down in the valley and a road was in front of it; in fact all of the houses on East River Road were first made in the valley but on account of so many hills this road was discarded and East River Road was made and all the houses were built anew on the high ground facing East River Road.

Col. White did not do much work but did a great deal of horse back riding about the farm. One of his favorite riding places was on the high ground along a projecting part of the land where he had made bridle paths. One time while he was riding his favorite haunts he lost his crest and seals that he had brought with him from Ireland. A long time after one of Mr. Olver's helpers found it and Mr. Olver wrote Col. White's son who had moved to the States and he came over and got it giving Mr. Olver a watch in return for his kindness. Col. White's son Newport White was one of the first teachers in the old grammar school, now Wellington St. School, St. Thomas.

Mr. Olver was an Englishman and was born in 1812.

During the American Civil War, Mr. Joyner, son-in-law of Mr. Olver, cared for 200 sheep for Cornelius and Richmond Paul. These men brought the sheep from Pennsylvania as they were afraid of them being seized for food. He only lost 2 sheep while he was caring for them. After the war was over the Paul brothers came and got them. Mr. Joyner kept the sheep in the gully north of their house and to help feed the sheep he cut off branches of the beech trees.

Mr. Sam Page now resides on this farm, his wife being the late Edith Joyner Page.

1961-

After Mrs. Pages death Mr. Mrs. R. Allison and their son Allan and wife Mavis came to live with Mrs. Page. Mrs. Allison Sr. being a niece of Mrs. Page. Allan and Mavis have 3 children, Ronald, Shirley and Patricia.

1963- Mr. and Mrs. R. Allison and Mrs. and Mrs. A. Allison and family moved to #L Highway opposit Ont. Hospital.

Mr. S. Page resided on the farm for a short time the sold the farm in 1964 to Mr. J.I. Coombes, and now lives with Allison's in St. Thomas. Sam Page died 1968.

Lot 8 E. R. R. continued

J. I. Coombs sold this farm in 1972 to Wolf Gang Hans and Ruth Caroline Fink and built a new home back in the woods, where he resides with his wife and family.



1963 Mr. S. Page



1983 Jim Coombs

Lot 40 Southwold Rd. (Bush Road)

In 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bradt bought 3/4 of an acre from Mrs. E. Silcox and moved a trailer on to it.

Farms - Cont'd

Lot 7 E. R. R.

This farm belonged to Pat Brady. Their barn and house was also in the flats. Their house had one room down stairs and one room up stairs at that time. They had a large family. Pat bought what is now known as the Axford farm giving his sons Pat Jr. and Jim the old farm. It was later sold to Jim Casey, and now belongs to James O'Brien.

1961

James O'Brien married Jean Yeandle and he passed away in 1956 and the farm was sold to Leendert Duynisveld. This farm is now occupied by L. Duynisveld's son, C. Duynisveld.

C. Duynisveld sold this farm in 1971 to lawyer Douglas W. Gunn. The old home was torn down in 1980. A new home was built by Mr. Gunn off highway 45 in 1975.

House on Lot 7 E. R. R.



Douglas Gunn

farms --- cont.

Part of Lot 7.

Mrs. and Mr. P. Loveday bought a portion of this farm from Mr. A. McIntyre, and a house has been erected on it, and Mr. and Mrs. Loveday reside there.

1966- Another new home has been built on this lot by Mr. and Mrs. Fritsch.

Mr. Ray Fritsch passed away in December, 1983.

1983 - Tenants occupy the P. Loveday home and Mrs. P. Loveday lives in Florida.

Dec. 31, 1985 - Mrs. Rose Fritsch sold her home to Mr. James Kellestine.





1963 Mr. L. Duynisveld

1963 Mr. P. Loveday



1966 Mr. R. Fritsch

Lot 6 E. R. R. ∈

The farm next to O'Briens was originally owned by an Englishman Sam Brimicombe, later by his relative Mr. Robins who afterwards sold it to Ernest Siple, who in turn sold to James Todd and Mr. Todd willed it to Mr. Hepburn the Transport Trucker. This farm was bought by the Shaw Brs. (dairy farm) in 1962.

There are no buildings on this piece of land.

Lot 6 E. R. R. W

Lawyer McLean's father and mother originally owned the small farm where Mrs. O'Brien, James O'Brien's mother, formerly lived. Mr. McLean was a gardener. This is the Great grandfather of Colonel Ian Cameron, now Sheriff of Elgin County.

1961This small farm is now owned by Miss Gowdy.

1983 -

The house on this piece of land burned down years ago and the barn was torn down later.

Lot 5 E. R. R.

Mr. Morley's farm originally belonged to Mr. Doan, was then conveyed to Ernest Siple then to Mr. G. Morley.

In 1964 this farm was bought by Mr. G. Shaw.



1963 Mr. G. Morley

Part of Lot 5 E. R. R. W

Negro George originally had the Powers farm then Mr. James Casey and now Mr. Powers. Negro George was buried in the old graveyard on the Mellor Farm.

1961-

Mr. J. Powers and wife Jean and their 2 married sons James and Louis and families reside there.

Mr. D. McIntyre, brother of Mrs. J. Powers Sr. built a home on the corner of this lot.

James Powers Jr. has also built a home on this lot.

Louis Powers has also built a home on this lot.

Mr. D. McIntyre died with cancer 1968.

1983 Tenants now live in the J. Powers Sr. house and Mrs. J. Powers Sr.
lives at 35 Scott St., St. Thomas.



1963 Mr. J. Povers Sr.

1963 Mr. D. McIntyre



Mr. J. Powers Jr. 1970 Mr. L. Powers 1970







1963 Mr. A. Cummings

1963 Mr. J. Hasiwar



MR. TOM CLARK



Dick Greenway

Lot 3

The farm now occupied by Mr. Tack, the Mr. Poc was first occupied by Geo. Lawton's father, then by John Nelson and Nelson sold to Jonathan Jackson in 1883, then to Mr. McCandless who sold it for a tobacco farm to a Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Geo. Lawton moved from that farm to the farm now occupied by the W. Coleman family and then to Talbot Street.

1961-

Mr. Gregory sold the farm to Mr. Mrs. Malik. They built a new home, and tenants reside in the original house.

1963 - Mrs. Malik's daughter and husband Mr. & Mrs. G. Lewis are now working this farm.

Houses on Lot 3



1983 Glen Lewis



Mrs. Malik

farms ---- cont.

Part of lot 3.

This lot was bought from D.B. McPherson by his son J. H. McPherson, who erected a house on it and who still resides there with his wife Jean (Metler) and son Hugh, and daughter Karen, another son David is married and lives in Toronto.

House on Part of Lot 3



J. McPherson

Part of Lot 3

In 1853 Robert Nickol bought the farm now called the Trickett farm. Mr. Nickol was the first market gardener who sold vegetables in St. Thomas. A story is told that Mr. Nickol's predecessor had a hired man who died and when he sold the farm to Mr. Nickol he made him promise not to plough over the plot he had fencedoff for 7 years because his hired man was buried there. Mr. Nickol kept his promise.

1961-

The farm is now owned by Mr. Mrs. Cyril Reid. They have 4 children, Joyce, Barbara, Morley, Clarence.

In 1962 Mr. C. Reid sold this farm to Mr. Lester Wallace and brother of Strathroy and it is now occupied by tenants.

1983 This house is now unoccupied.

House's on part of lot 3.





1970 Mr. Lester Wallace



M. S. Esseltine



Thomas Kostendt

Farms - cont'd.

Lot 4 - Range 1

This farm was owned by the Meillor family who sold it to Mr. Alf Cummings.

1962 - Mr. Eeuwe Wymenga purchased the land.

1978 - Mr. Wilco Wymenga, son of Mr. E. Wymenga, bought the farm. He and his wife have 3 children: Mark, Becky, and Joel.



Wilco Wymenga Home

Farms - cont'd.

Lot 4 - West River Road

The farm now owned by S. A. Fulton was first owned by John Preffer who got the Crown Deed in 1837 and sold to James Davis an Irishman in 1839, for 200 pounds. James Davis was married to Elsie World, they having no children of their own, brought up William Davis, a nephew, a son of John Davis, and a niece Mary Davis, daughter of Henry Davis. She later married John Curtis of Middlemarch. William Davis inherited the farm from his Uncle James and sold the farm to John Parker in 1900. John Parker gave the farm to his daughter Edna Parker McIntyre in 1918 and she sold to S. A. Fulton and his wife Clara Wismer Fulton who now reside there with their three sons Murray, Donald, and Keith.

1961 - Keith Fulton married Ruth Earnshaw and they have 2 sons; Stephen and James.

Donald Fulton married Patricia Allman and lives in St. Thomas. They have two sons.

Mr. S. A. Fulton passed away in December 1962.

Mrs. S. A. Fulton passed away on December 6, 1969.

1970 - This farm is now owned by Keith Fulton.

May 9, 1972 - Keith Fulton sold the property across from the house to Mr. D. Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. Somerville own and live in the house on the main farm.



1963 Mrs. S.A. Fulton