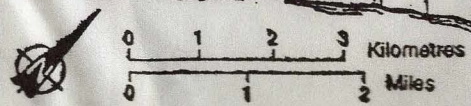
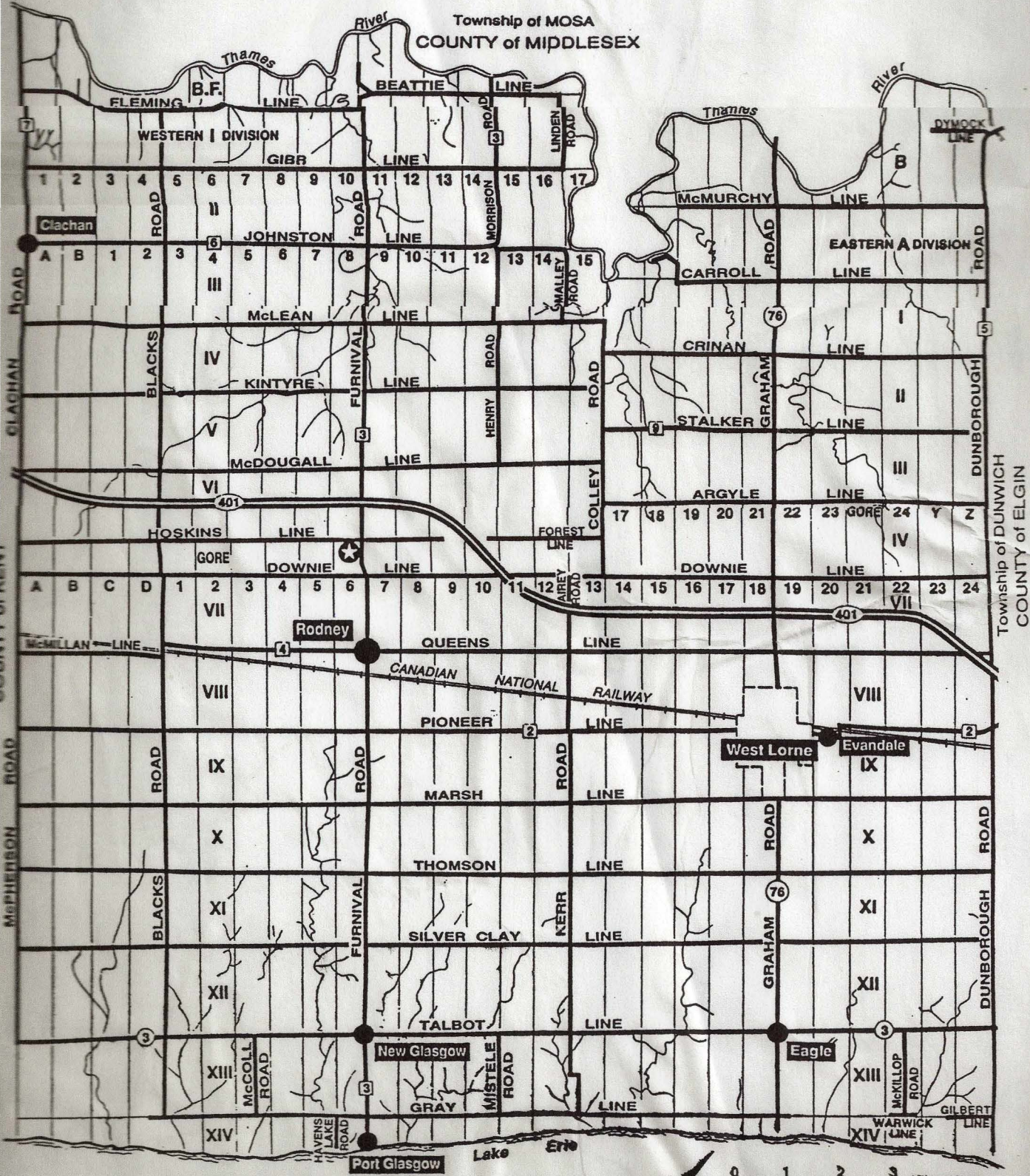


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DAKOTA LEGACY ALDBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

This polygonal, or many-sided, barn is a rarity in Southwestern Ontario. I have often wondered why this uniquely designed barn was built in Aldborough Township.

When I was painting the original, I researched the barn's history and found a possible explanation for Herbert and Charlotte Baker to have chosen to build a polygonal barn here in the late 1890's.

The Bakers bought the Aldborough farm in the 1880's. They had a young daughter and their son Frank was born in 1890. When Frank was a baby the family moved west to the Dakotas. They did not enjoy the Dakota climate and soon returned to their Aldborough farm. Shortly after their return they chose to build an octagonal barn for their Holstein dairy herd. I believe their decision to build an octagonal barn was influenced by barns that were being built in the Dakotas at that time.

Polygonal barns were becoming popular in certain areas of North America in the mid to late 1800's. By 1880 farm publications were encouraging dairy farmers to build round or polygonal barns. Many farmers in Western United States and Canada took this advice. Round and polygonal barns built during this time still remain in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas.

The polygonal barn provided shelter for the animals, their food, and equipment until the Bakers needed more space. In 1905 they added the rectangular portion to the barn. The Bakers farmed this land until it was sold to the Savik family in 1958. This family still lives there and in 1989 they removed the rectangular section and planned to restore the polygonal barn.

These unique barns were well designed. The lower level has animal stalls built in a radial design. They feed in the centre of the barn. Hay is pitched down from the loft to this central location. There are no support beams to clutter either level and most of the space inside the barn is useable. This unique design has made the barn a landmark in an area where agricultural buildings are commonplace.

The original painting is one of four oil paintings commissioned by Aldborough Township Council to celebrate their local heritage. The original measures 18" by 24" and hangs in the Aldborough Township Office near Rodney, Ontario.

Marie Spence



Present owner: John & Evelyn Gardiner
Location: South half of Lot 7, Concession 3
Date: July, 2009
Type of farming: Cash crop & livestock
Owners:
1800s- John Scott purchased the land
from the Crown
-land passed on to son John Scott
1900s- John Gardiner & Evelyn Gardiner
purchased the land here in
West Elgin County



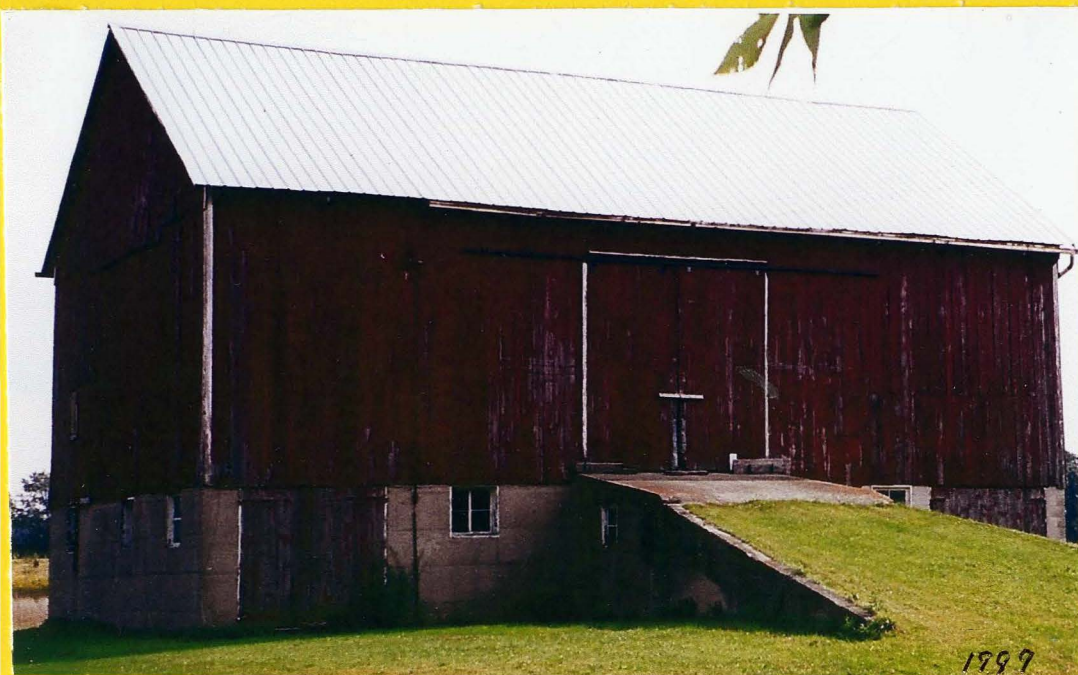
Present owner: Willa Johnston (h. Nelson Johnston deceased July 20, 2008)
 Location: South half of Lot 5, Concession 3 & S.E. 1/4 of Lot 4
 Date: June 2009
 Type of farming: Mixed-livestock, corn, beans, wheat, hay etc.
 Owners:
 In 1830, the crown sold the land to James Strachan
 In 1848 Strachan sold it to the Trustees of the University of Kingston
 In 1856 Queen's College sold it to Donald Mc Lean
 In 1863 Donald Mc Lean sold it to Dugald Mc Lean
 In 1883 Andrew Allan bought the land for \$6000.00
 In 1913 John Allan bought the land. He also owned the other 50 acres now with
 farm (S.E. 1/4 of Lot 4) since 1910.
 In 1924, the owner was Bill Scott
 In 1950, Nelson & Willa Johnston bought the farm.
 This farm is in (West) Elgin County





Present owner: Richard & Rodger Hadash
Location: North half of Lot 11, Concession 4
Date June, 2009
Type of farming: Cash crop & livestock
Owners:
-1927, Albert H. & Hannah M. Howe
1927-1929, Fred C. Eberhardt
1929-1932, Benjamin B. Graham
1932-1990, Frank & Greta Quinton
1990-2004, George & Janet Quinton
2004-----Richard & Rodger Hadash
West Elgin County

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1999



1999

Present owner: Allan & Lois Wollner
Location: South half of Lot , Concession 2
July, 2009

Type of farming: Cash crop & livestock
cattle, pigs, chickens

Owners:

1867-Henry Ross Archer purchased
this land from the Crown
Owned for a short period by Duncan
McColl and then Railton Smith
1877-Jacob Woolner bought the property
1890-Martin Woolner took over
1942-Gordon Woolner became owner
1980-Allan & Lois Woolner became
the owners



Present owner: Lyle & Norma Mann

Location: Lot 3, Concession 1

Date: July 2009

Type of farming: Cash crop & livestock

Owners:

1894- Henry & Agnes Mann purchased
the land from Al Campbell. They
raised 10 boys & 1 girl here.

1921- Firmin & Rebecca (Willich)Mann
took over. They had 2 children Ruth
& Lyle

1995- Alan Mc Intyre bought the farm





Present owners: Kevin & Marguerite Alderton

Location: Concession 1, Lot 6

Date : July 2009

Type of farming: Cash crop & livestock

Owners:

1793- James Fleming-likely Elgins's 1 st.
European settler on the south bank
of the Thames River.

----- Taylor sisters

----- Roy & Betty Alderton

----- Kevin & Marguerite Alderton



Spence Farm



Graham Farm

Location: South half of Lot 3, Concession 4





Corson Hernal Farm



Alex James Farm



Carson Graham Farm

Barn

Photo

Info

1. How many barns on property?
 2. 911 address with name, conc ,county
 3. Original owner of land and all owners up until now.
 4. Present barn - age year built
 5. Each barn and its size and description
e.g. wood,colour
 6. Type of farming - livestock, hay, etc
 7. Have there ever been any problems e.g fire and this barn has been rebuilt
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